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- Wed April 10 -11**  **Mix Sun/Clouds**
- Thurs April 11 -9**  **Cloudy w/Sunny Breaks**
- Fri. April 12 -11**  **Mix Sun/Clouds**
- Sat. April 13 -10**  **Mainly Sunny**
- Sun. April 14 -9**  **Cloudy w/Sunny Breaks**

MUSEUM RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

A new look for the Birdtail Country Museum's main floor will bring a light, bright and airy feel to the former space. The museum committee is encouraging the exhibition room to join the 21st century while keeping the integrity of the building's past. Protecting, conserving and restoring is the theme for both the building (designated a heritage building in 1991) and the artifacts for display.

The artifact committee has been uncovering, delving and discovering items of local and regional interest which along with enlarged photos and newly compiled storyboards will enlighten and delight visitors whether serious history buff or curious casual drop in.

A collection of artifacts connecting to Birdtail Sioux First Nation will be shared at a specially planned gathering at the Land base in the Birdtail valley. This partnership brings into focus our shared history and promises to increase our understanding of



Indigenous history and culture. Amidst these busy activities the expectation remains that the museum will open this spring/summer and that it will be a GRAND opening. And, the museum committee plans to reinstate a Country/ Farmer's Market at the museum site taking over from Birtle Centre for the Arts, who took it over from the museum! Full circle



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ISABELLA NEWS - By Linda Clark

March 26 2024

The Isabella Community Women's group met at the home of Bernice Still on March 20 for their annual meeting. Reports were accepted and catering prices and the budget set for 2024. The Special Project donation for 2024 will go to the Preserving the Past for the Future Museum committee for ongoing projects. We will now work as one group with four leaders. The only fundraiser set for October 27th will be a roast beef supper. The executive remains as: Chairperson Linda Clark, Secretary Hazel Wall, Treasurer Diana Brydon and MMSS Rep Marilyn Schick.

Happy Easter to all!



April 2 2024

Kendall and Angie Heise enjoyed having their grandchildren Max and Mckenna Winters from Brandon for the spring break. As well their daughter Jessica Heise and friend, Joel Turner joined them and all went skiing.

Kendal and Angie Heise have just returned from a holiday to Florida where they visited with Angie's aunt Regina Taylor and cousins Sieg Deedrian and Mackenzie Taylor of Freeport Florida. They spent several days relaxing on different beaches along the Emerald Coastline in the Panhandle, looking for shark teeth and seashells. Another highlight was all the delicious foods they discovered and boating along the Choctawhatchee River. Houseboats line the shoreline in some areas and fishing derbies are popular where the fresh water mixes with the sea water from the Gulf of Mexico.

Hazel Wall spent several days with Curtis and Kim Bell and family at Russell for the Easter celebration.

Our community extends sympathy to Tana and Jamie, Acadia and Deon Huberdeau on the death of Tana's maternal grandpa at Morley House in Shoal Lake.

After School Open gym Night
Miniota Elementary
Wed March 6th
Wed April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
3:30 to 5pm
Open to all students age 10 and up.
No cost and no registration needed.
Please bring indoor shoes.

Birtle Centre for the Arts
— Creating Community —

2024 Annual General Meeting

April 19, 1:00 p.m

Location: BCA - 671 Main St., Birtle

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Obituary of

Garry Workman

August 24, 1938 ~ March 31, 2024 (age 85)

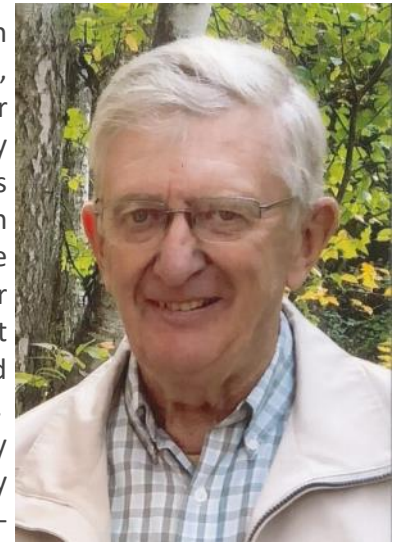
With family at his side, Garry Workman passed away at Morley House Personal Care Home on March 31, 2024, at the age of 85.

Garry was born in Birtle Hospital on August 24, 1938. He was raised in Solsgirth, MB, on the family farm. Garry attended school in Solsgirth until Grade 11 and completed Grade 12 in Birtle. After high school, he attended the University of Manitoba where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. It was during this time that Garry met the love of his life, Shirley, whom he married in June of 1962.

After working for the Department of Agriculture briefly, he returned to Solsgirth to pursue a farming career and raise a family. In 1964, Garry and Shirley were blessed with their son, Kent. Two years later, they were blessed with their daughter, Sheri.

As well as farming, Garry had many interests. He enjoyed curling, camping, traveling, spending time with family and friends, and especially, singing with the Strathclair Theatre Chorus and Foxwarren Ensemble, to name a few. Garry volunteered with many organizations and was always actively involved in the community. He was a delegate for the Manitoba Pool Elevators, head leader for the Foxwarren-Solsgirth 4-H club, a member of Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), committee member for Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame, volunteer at Austin's Thresherman's Reunion, and a rectors warden for St. James and St. Stephens Anglican Church.

After retiring from farming in 2006, and renting his land, Garry had more time for travel and singing. Garry spent many winter months in Arizona and would often find a choir to sing with. He also joined the Strathclair Old Iron Club and spent many hours working on, and restoring antique machinery. In the fall of 2021, Garry moved into the Morley House, and then the Personal Care Home in Shoal Lake, where he resided until his passing. Garry was predeceased by his wife, Shirley, and two infant children, Ian and Lisa; his parents Osmar and Honorah; parents-in-law Robert and Natalie Taylor; and brother-in-law Roy (Donna) Taylor. He leaves to mourn his passing, his son Kent (Rosemarie) Workman, grandson Robert (Christina), great-grandsons Jaxson and Ryker Workman, and grandson Derek (Madison) Workman; his daughter Sheri (Drake) Kotelo, granddaughter Taylor Kotelo, and grandson Gage (Angelique) Kotelo.



The family wants to thank the staff at the Morley House Personal Care Home for their excellent care and support Garry received while he was a resident there. Rae's Funeral Home for the arrangements and support. Reverends Elaine Dixon and Lorraine Bonnell and lay reader Betty-Anne Copping for officiating. Special thanks to the Strathclair Theatre Chorus and Drama Club for singing. Thank you to the Prairie Mountain Museum for the wonderful lunch.



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Miniota Moms & Tots Group

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Coffee and snacks provided as well as art supplies.

Each Wed from 9:30am to 11am in the Community Hall.

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Weekly Activities

Tuesday 9-10 Walking
10-11 Exercises
11 Coffee

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Wednesday 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Saturday 10:30 PM - 2:30 PM



HOUSING COOPERATIVE MEETING



April 10 7:00pm
Prairie View Office Board Room
678 Main St., Birtle

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BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

April 2 2024

Congratulations to Cody and Kendra (Graham) Nolan of Cypress River on the arrival of their twins, Cash John Graham Nolan and Oaklynn Irene Jacey Nolan born on March 25. They are welcomed by their big sister Ellie. Proud Birtle grandparents are Tammy and Harold Graham.

Easter visitors with Nancy Evans and family were Kylie, Graeme, Maisie and Charles Matheson of Stonewall.

Shauna Sauk had her son Master Sailor C.J. Sauk here to celebrate Easter with her. C.J. is with the Royal Canadian Navy and is currently stationed in Winnipeg.

Several locals took in the winter fair in Brandon during the school spring break. As well, the Birtle Collegiate travel club spent their Spring Break in Europe visiting Rome, Paris, Lisbon and Madrid.

The Birtle Curling Club sold the Birtle Lions Club 200 Club tickets recently with the draws being made March 9. Winners of the \$50 draws were Kyler Bray, David Collier, Flo Grabauskas, Cecelia Horitchie, Jean Fouillard, Robin Scantlebury, Shannon Stainer, Grayson Lane, Mordie Miller, Natalie Lane, Blake Atchison and Amber Yaskiw. The \$500 draw winners were Lainey Koroscil and Keith Bartram.

April 9 2024

Congratulations to Brendan Bowley who recently obtained his private pilot's license.

Sympathy of the Birtle community is extended to the family and friends of Garry Workman who passed away at age 85 at Morley House PCH in Shoal Lake. Garry will be missed by his son Kent (Rosemarie) and family and daughter Sheri (Drake) Kotelo and family.

Another successful Ladies Night was held on April 6th at the Birtle Community Hall. Once again the committee worked hard to have the Hall tastefully decorated, the delicious meal prepared and served and the entertainment organized. The proceeds of this event are dedicated to the Palliative Care Unit at the Birtle Health Centre and are used to buy new furnishings and equipment.

Welcome home to Iris Bamford who has been visiting with her daughter Donna and husband Rick in Florida. She arrived in Winnipeg and her daughter Lorraine Davidson of Gimli met her and drove her to Birtle.



Bev Lee had her son Kelly from Winnipeg staying with her last week and he was helping her with some chores around the house and yard. His wife Shannon and daughter Anastasia came on the weekend and they all returned home to Winnipeg on Sunday.

Ties That Bind 2024 FIBRE ART SYMPOSIUM



JUNE 1st & 2nd in BIRTLE, MB



Shibori Dyeing with Indigo Workshop
with Tamara Klassen

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

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CATHIE UGRIN

SHELLY NICOLLE -PHILLIPS
THERESA SHAW

EXHIBITS

• TFAM's "TEXTURAL DIMENSION" exhibit

• Preview of TFAM's 2024 exhibit "DUAL IMPRESSIONS"

"52 YARNS OF LYME - The Lyme Dis-Ease Series" exhibit by Susan Griffin



REGISTRATION:

April 1st, 2024 or earlier: \$220

After April 1st, \$250 /person

Includes: All event speakers • Indigo Dye Workshop • Pre-event Meet and Greet • Several demos • All meals (2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, and Saturday banquet)

Online registration, event details, and accommodation options at www.birtlearts.ca/fibreart

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11:30-5:30

womens clothing
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clothing
baking
womens accessories
permanent jewelry
sunset gourmet
& more....

Prairie View Gymnastics lunch
fundraiser 11:30-1:30
\$15 Dine in or take out
Chili & a bun with your choice of
beverage and dessert

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)
Need a hand with your taxes?
See if you qualify for this **FREE** program

Can I get my income tax done through this FREE program?
Yes... if you are one of the following listed below:

- ▶ One person with income under \$35,000
- ▶ Two persons with income under \$45,000
- ▶ Three persons with income under \$47,500 plus add \$2,500 for each additional dependent

When should this program **NOT** be used?
When there is income from:
A business | farming | rental property | capital gains
or if someone is bankrupt or deceased.

When and where can I drop off my information?
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663 Main St. | Birtle, MB | Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:30am to 3:30pm
Drop Off: March 6 to April 30

What do I bring?
T3, T4, T4a, T5, T5007 forms
Receipts for: daycare expenses, charitable donations, rent, tuition, medical expenses (not paid by insurance company.)
If you can not reach/access the site(s) please contact 204-578-4800 or email BTurner2@pmh-mb.ca to discuss other options.

This program is approved by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), Coordinated by Prairie Mountain Health and ran by CRA trained community volunteers.



Birtle Riverside Golf

BIRTLE RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB

We are seeking energetic, enthusiastic, outgoing individuals to join our Team for the 2024 Golf Season.

The following positions are available:

Club House Attendants (full & part time for 18 yrs. and older)

Club House Attendants (Three part time positions for under 18)

Grounds Workers (1 full time / 1 part time)

These positions are from May to October.

All applicants must be willing to work weekends and shift work.

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Greetings from the Birtle Breakfast Group in Brandon. We meet at Smitty's (north hill) first Tuesday of each month. 9 am

Come join us for some great reminiscing.



MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

March 26 2024

The Grade 5-6 curling rink of Katie Howard, Gracie Muir, Myelle Priestley, Riley Lelond, and Brisden McLennan won the 'A' side event of the Park West School Division 2023/24 curling bonspiel held at Hamiota.

Kevin and Carol Bonner have just returned from a warm holiday to La Romana, Dominican Republic and report it was beautiful.

Claire Armitage, Baker Bryant, Avery Clark, Addison Cousins, Brandi Couvier, and Aiden Lewis left for parts of Europe for their spring vacation with the Birtle Collegiate Travel Club. Cities to be visited are Rome, Paris, Lisbon and Madrid. Parents accompanying them were Michelle Bryant and Jody Couvier. What a wonderful experience!

School spring break and the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair are synonymous. Once again many families enjoyed this as an outing.

With the cooler temperatures, our skating rink remains open and skating/hockey enthusiasts will enjoy this until the end of this month.

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter!

"I began learning long ago that those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." Booker T. Washington

April 2 2024

Jeff and Tricia Lelond, Reese, Jaxon and Dawson Lelond and Robin Collier enjoyed the spring break at Cocoa Beach, to Key Largo and Key West and then back to Miami.

Raymond and Laurie Sheane are home from a warm holiday at the Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

Congratulations are in order to the Miniota Elkhorn CHawks on their win against Killarney in the Tiger Hills Hockey League, taking the trophy for this division. We now wish them the best of luck as they take on St. Anne for the provincials.

One of our own, Alma Stowe, is turning 100 years on May 9th. Family is inviting friends to send cards with the hope that Alma will receive 100 cards to mark this marvellous milestone. They can be mailed to Hillcrest Personal Care Home, 960-26th Street, Brandon MB R7B 2B8.

We are all ready for spring and eagerly await the arrival of the pussy willows and our provincial crocuses with the warmer weather on the horizon.

"Whenever I see someone with an abundance of empathy I want to ask what heartbreak they have endured, for compassion is often birthed in the valley of despair." Zoe Clark-Coates

April 9 2024

Word has been received of the death of Rev. Elinor Johns, Winnipeg on March 30th. Elinor was raised at Miniota, the daughter of the late Charles and Kay Armitage, along with her sisters. She went on to become a diaconal minister with the United Church of Canada. From the Prairie to Pine United Church website, this quote was included from Elinor upon her retirement: "Beyond my formal work in our church, my life and ministry have included being a partner in marriage, a parent, a writer, a feminist, a singer, a confidant, and a caregiver and friend alongside those for whom life's challenges press too hard." Elinor was predeceased by her husband Rev. Rob Johns. Our sympathy is extended to her children, her siblings and her many Armitage cousins.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Sylvia Rollo's daughters, Kayla and Courtney on their mothers death and also to Sylvia's grandchild. We are also thinking of Sylvia's siblings at this time and send our condolences to Richie Rollo, Donna Rollo, Barry and Dianne Clark, Bob and Doris Clark, and Ross and Brenda Rowan and their families.

Our community also extends sympathy to Barry and

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Classy Chassis Car Show

Car Show 'N Shine: June 23, 2024; 12Noon to 5PM Find us on Facebook

Location: Star Fire Farms - Beulah, MB
 Directions: 2 Miles South of Beulah, on Hwy 83N - Lane # 83115
 Registration Starts at 11:00 AM
 Music - Bounce Castle - Potluck Lunch(12PM) - Raffle Draws
 Best of Show Awards
 Contact Us: ClassyChassisHQ@gmail.com

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Lynne Cornish and their family on the death of Lynne's sister at Winnipeg.

From Don and Sandra Armitage: We have returned home after enjoying three months in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. We stayed in Llano Grande Resort in Mercedes in a small cottage. This park has 12 pickleball courts, 4 swimming pools, a golf course, shuffleboard courts, etc. While there, we participated in many of the activities, including pickleball, line dancing, ping pong, yoga, Mah-jong, and Don participated in the music jams. We also did a tour to Boca Chica to see the Space Ex site that Elon Musk owns and does his rocket launches from. We were there just a few days before the last launch. Other excursions were to Padre Island, and to Progreso, Mexico for some shopping and fun, as well as to the Weslaco Onion Festival. It was a great winter with mostly good weather and people from all parts of Canada and the US to get to know. We are planning to go back again next year.

The Miniota Welcoming Committee is gearing up for our annual event to welcome newcomers as we welcome 12 new families to Ward 1 of the Prairie View municipality. Watch for posters about town.

"Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world...would do this, it would change the earth." William Faulkner



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Miniota & Area

Annual WELCOME NIGHT
 Wednesday
 APRIL 17 2024
 Miniota Community Hall

Happy Hour 6:00 PM
Potluck Supper 6:30 PM
Newcomers Welcome 7:00
Volunteer & Firefighter Awards

Entertainment for the Children while awards are being presented
 PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME YOU AND OTHER NEWCOMERS TO
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 COME AND SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024
9AM - 2PM

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The Birdtail Country Museum committee would like to express its gratitude for the donation made by all the branches of the Fusion Credit Union. The Birtle branch selected the museum as this month's "Jean Day" recipient and we're absolutely thrilled. This donation will go toward the renovations now underway in the main floor exhibition room in preparation for a grand opening later this spring/summer.



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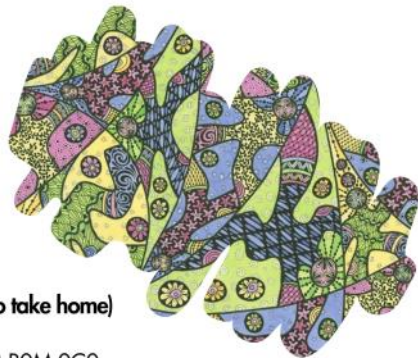
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Birtle Centre for the Arts
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Zen Doodling

Part 1

Learn to create artwork through the use of repetitive patterning.



Instructor: Jan Jenkins

Date: April 14th

from 1 - 4:30pm

Registration fee: \$55

(this includes \$20 for supplies to take home)

15 years and up

Where: 671 Main St, Birtle, MB ROM OCO

To register: Register online at www.birtlearts.ca/current-classes.

Click on the class poster and the registrations form will pop up. You can also call Pat at 204-842-3846 or email info@birtlearts.ca.

The registration fee must be paid to secure your spot. Refunds can be issued up to one week before the class.

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Creating Community

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Functional and Fantastic (reversible)

*Demos

*Technique tricks

*Mini trunk show



Sat. April 20th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Using the Log Cabin block as a base, we will design, sew and finish a quilted centrepiece that embraces flow, movement and colour design elements

Registration Fee: \$90 (supply list available) A limited number of sewing machines can be booked.

Instructor: Cathie Ugrin, Fibre Artist, Winnipeg

Where: 671 Main Street, Birtle, MB

To register, please visit us online at

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*Free motion quilting

*Binding vs Facing

*Principles of Design



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WATERCOLOR

workshop



Instructor: Teresa Wareham

Date: May 4th from 9am to 4pm

Registration fee: \$70

Age groups: 15 years to Adult *Suitable for beginners*

Where: 671 Main St, Birtle, MB ROM OCO

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with Zoey Jebb

APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30

Only \$40

Drop In \$13/Class

7pm to 8pm Birtle

Contact Valley Rec to register

Bring indoor shoes & a water bottle

Shake your way into shape



Wild Pigs in Manitoba – an invasive species threat

by Dr Wayne Lees, Coordinator for Squeal on Pigs Manitoba

Wild pigs are defined as any pig living outside of the control of people, including Eurasian wild boar and their hybrids, and feral domestic pigs now living in the wild. The biggest threat however, is posed by Eurasian wild boar, which have adapted to our climate and have become a very destructive invasive species. They have been described as an “ecological train wreck” because:

They are omnivorous and will eat anything. This includes ground nesting bird eggs, small marsh animals, acorns, forages and grain crops, as well as stored feeds. Their rooting behavior removes grubs and insects that are food for other wildlife, and destroys planted crops, pastures and green spaces. Their wallowing behavior sullies waterways. Having wild pigs on the landscape has significant negative impacts on native species, such as deer, turkeys, geese, ducks, upland birds and endangered small animals, like skinks.

Their home ranges can expand quickly. They can travel several hundred kilometers in search of food, shelter and breeding opportunities, or in response to recreational hunting pressure. There have been sightings throughout most of southern Manitoba, with most being reported from the Spruce Woods area, southeast of Brandon, where a known breeding population exists. It is important to identify the locations of wild pigs to begin the process of control and removal.

They reproduce at an alarming, exponential rate. A female pig can become sexually mature at one year of age and subsequently can have two litters per year of 4-8 piglets. Breeding can occur year-round. Because they reproduce so quickly, **at least 70% of the animals must be removed each year** just to avoid population expansion. This means that early and aggressive intervention is essential to making headway.

They can be the vector for dozens of diseases. If exposed, wild pigs will contract and spread foreign animal diseases such as African Swine Fever, Classical Swine Fever, and Foot-and-Mouth Disease, putting at risk Manitoba’s domestic swine herd. They can also be a vector for diseases, such as tuberculosis or brucellosis that could threaten beef cattle herds or human health. Because they can be very aggressive when threatened, encounters with wild pigs present a significant risk to human safety.

They are an invasive species and have no natural predators.

Wild pigs congregate in groups called sounders, consisting of breeding and adolescent females and their offspring. Mature boars often travel long distances in search of females.

There are no natural predators that will confront a sounder of females who will aggressively defend their young, and their large tusks can inflict severe wounds on any animal or person that threatens them.

Squeal on Pigs Manitoba was launched in January 2022 to raise public awareness about the threat of wild pigs; to identify where wild pigs are in Manitoba; to first control and then eventually eliminate the wild pig population in Manitoba.

Squeal on Pigs Manitoba is supported by funds from the federal and provincial governments and Manitoba Pork Council. We partner with many other conservation organizations in Manitoba to increase public awareness, coordinate surveillance and control activities, and share new research and best practices. In 2022, 127 sightings were reported and 122 wild pigs were removed. In 2023, 156 sightings were reported and 127 wild pigs were removed.

One of the biggest challenges to controlling wild pigs is finding them. We rely on public awareness to report sightings using our website www.squealonthepigsmb.org or our toll-free phone line 1-833-SPOT-PIG. These reports give us the opportunity to interview local landowners, and scout areas using trail cameras and thermal imaging drones. If wild pigs are found, landowner collaboration is established to create a baiting site and set capture traps. Our goal is to capture the whole group. Lessons learned from other jurisdictions have demonstrated that recreational hunting might remove one or two pigs but it will scatter the rest, making control efforts much, much more difficult. Therefore, we encourage the public to report any sighting, so we can eventually eliminate this destructive, invasive species from Manitoba. For more information, visit our website to view photos, maps and annual reports.



Birtle Donor's Choice – 2024

Donor's Choice was organized several years ago. In the past, each charity would go door to door during the year to request money to help their organization. Some people met and thought there was a better way to do this. It was decided that one campaign during one time in the year would be better. The area (example - Birtle Postal Area) was divided up into sections where one canvasser would be assigned to each section (a list of people to be canvassed). People would have one canvasser only at their door and the campaign would be done once a year. With ours, it is done during April and May. Several places throughout the province adopted this system. Here in the Birtle Postal Area, people choose which health-related charities they wish to support. Thus we have Birtle Donor's Choice.

Due to Covid-19 and some other factors, there will be changes as to how we are conducting the campaign for Birtle Donor's Choice during April and May. These were approved at a Zoom meeting held on November 23, 2021. Again this year, we are not canvassing door to door as in the past. We are doing a blanket mail out through the Birtle Post Office. As this does not cover everyone in the Birtle Postal area, we will be leaving copies of the Appeal Sheet at **Birtle Pharmacy**. If you wish to donate, please fill out the Appeal Sheet and make your cheque payable to **Birtle Donor's Choice** or e-transfer to birtledonorschoice@gmail.com.

Place the Appeal Sheet in an envelope and mail to:

Birtle Donor's Choice, c/o Jan Fleury, Box 575, Birtle, MB R0M 0C0 or take the addressed envelope with the Appeal Sheet and give to Alison Desjardins at the back of the Birtle Pharmacy.

Receipts will not be put in the mail, but will be available at the Birtle Pharmacy front desk. Please allow about 10 days after making your donation before picking up your receipt.

Members of the executive for Birtle Donor's Choice for 2024 are: Chairperson – Sherrie Juba, Vice-Chair – Dorelle Fulton, Secretary – Alison Desjardins, and Treasurer – Debbie Jensen.

If you have any questions, please call Jan Fleury 204-842-5227 or email ajfleury@mymts.net. Also, Alison Desjardins would be happy to answer any questions.

Jan Fleury – Birtle Donor's Choice Canvass Co-ordinator



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The Rink Committee will use funds raised for general maintenance and upkeep of the rink including eaves-trough, furnace maintenance and some electrical work.

It takes a whole lot of volunteers to keep a wonderful facility like this running so we would like to thank all those that are on the committee and those that lend a hand whenever they can.

What is BMDDC?

Birtle Miniota & District Development Corporation is a community based not for profit organization designed to promote economic and community development to enrich our local communities. We promote strong rural values and a positive lifestyle within Prairie View Municipality to ensure growth and a sense of pride for all residents.

To achieve the BMDDC vision and fulfill our mission, decisions are guided by principles that reflect the values of the organization.

They are:

- To consider the greater good of the communities;
- To act as professionals with integrity and honesty;
- To attract people who will invest in the community; and
- To be financially responsible by carefully considering risks and benefits.

BMDDC now has two Development Officers!
Get in touch with Eleanor or Zoey!

Phone: 204-842-3602
684 Main St. Birtle
cdc@myprairieview.ca
myprairieview.ca



Administration



PROCEDURE

- Students will apply for the award with an annual deadline of May 30th. The BCI office will be collecting applications then forwarding them to the Birtle & District Foundation who will choose the recipient.
- Students will be advised in June at Graduation that they have been chosen as the recipients of the award.
- They must show proof of enrolment and a copy of the paid tuition receipt. One half of the award would be paid in the first term and the second half in the second term when the student provides the proof of enrolment and paid tuition for the second term.

DEADLINE
MAY 30 2024

For as long as we have known Frank, He has been helping people. This gift that he has left the community will continue this legacy. For the Students...ease to further their academic dreams and acknowledgment that helping others pays off. For the Organizations of Birtle...Assistance in ensuring that someone is always there to help.

**FRANCIS
WILLIAM CREW**



**Community
Volunteer
Award**



Established 2022

The Award

The Francis William Crew Community Volunteer Award: Awarded to a graduating student or students who will be attending post-secondary education after high school graduation who has resided in the Town or Rural Municipality of Birtle, and has been an active volunteer in community organizations during their senior years of high school. Preference will be given to students who are enrolling in the fields of agriculture, carpentry, communications, photography, or welding. The recipient will have accumulated an average of 2 hours per month volunteering to projects, activities, and organizations in the community during their senior years of high school. The recipient will be required to provide proof of payment and registration prior to receiving the award in their first year of studies.

Requirements

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Graduate of Birtle Collegiate who has volunteered a minimum of 2 hours a month in their senior years of high school. Everything that a student could volunteer their time for that would contribute to the betterment of the residents and community of Birtle would qualify including volunteer work at schools, fire department, local rink, local organizations, fair, etc.

POST SECONDARY

Students must be enrolling full time to further their post-secondary education. Preference would go to a student who was furthering their studies in agriculture, carpentry, mechanics, welding, communications, and photography. If there are no students entering post-secondary education in the preferred fields then the scholarship will be awarded to another student entering post-secondary education that has volunteered in the community.

TOWN OR RM OF BIRTLE RESIDENT

Students must be a resident of the former Town or RM of Birtle within the boundaries identified as
SOUTH OF ROAD 108N
NORTH OF ROAD 90N
EAST OF ROAD 162W
WEST OF ROAD 144W

APPLICATION

NAME:

OUTLINE of all the VOLUNTEER HOURS that have been completed during senior years at high school (must average two hours per month). Must include name of organization, org. contact and hours. Note that organizations may be contacted for verification.

PHYSICAL RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

FUTURE EDUCATION STUDY PLANS. Name of School and Course

Please attach an additional sheet if more room is required.

Birtle Lab Hours

8:30-3:00

Wednesday, April 3 2024

Monday, April 8 2024

Monday, April 15 2024

Monday, April 22 2024

Monday, April 29 2024

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These beautiful magnets from various locations throughout Prairie View Municipality are for sale through the Birtle Miniota CDC. \$2 each or \$3 if you would like us to mail them out to you. Available at RM Offices or give us a call 204-842-3602.



CANADA DAY COMMITTEE

HELP US PLAN EVENTS IN BIRTLE

If you would like to see July 1st activities in Birtle please join us. Volunteers are needed or we will not be able to hold celebrations.

FOR MORE INFO CALL OR TEXT ELEANOR 204-847-0117 OR TRACEY 431-761-8727

Wed. MAY 1/24 @ 7PM cdc bldg



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