

Welcome to Prairie View Municipality

Come to Prairie View and enjoy Scenery, Serenity and Safety.

Prairie View Municipality is a thriving region in the prairies of south western Manitoba with an approximate population of 2167. Our large municipality covers approx. 648 sq. miles. This newly amalgamated municipality is made up of the communities of Arrow River, Beulah, Birtle, Crandall, Foxwarren, Isabella, Miniota and Solgirth. It is situated amongst the beautiful Birdtail and Assiniboine Valley regions and has an array of recreational and work opportunities, as well as all the necessary amenities for a family to enjoy. The uniqueness, natural beauty and safety of our region makes Prairie View an attractive place to live.

Prairie View traditionally is an agricultural service centre for the prosperous farming community in the area. Our innovative farmers, rich soil and stable climate will encourage further diversification and continued health for agriculture and related businesses. Crops such as wheat, oats, barley, soybeans, flax and canola are grown extensively. Cattle and hogs as well as the PMU industry are increasingly important to the local economy. With the increase in oil production and potash mining in the area new opportunities are becoming more available. A half to one hour drive to PCS Potash Mine or various oil field companies from communities within the municipality allows people the chance to buy or build affordable housing while still being within driving distance to competitive career opportunities.

With elementary schools and daycares in both Birtle and Miniota, a safe and modern childcare and education system is thriving and available to all residents in the municipality.

The beautiful Birdtail and Assiniboine Valley region has to be seen to be truly appreciated. The many trails, gardens and historic sites offer visitors and locals alike plenty to see. Local arts and recreation opportunities provide plenty to do. Golfing, hiking, quadding, hunting, tennis, fishing, cross-country skiing, disc golf, hockey, curling, baseball, swimming and soccer are just a few of the many activities enjoyed by residents within the Prairie View Municipality.



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MINIOTA PRAIRIE VIEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:

Birtle Value Shoppe-701 Main Street, Birtle, MB. Since its inception in 2005, the Mission has remained the same, namely, to run an independent organization, not affiliated with any other group in the community; to provide a service to the community where clothes and other goods are donated for resale at an affordable price; run entirely by volunteers for the betterment of the community. The Value Shoppe offers a source of very reasonably priced, gently used clothing and household goods. All profits are returned to the community at large through the sponsorship of various non-profit organizations and projects. All goods are donated; all services (administrative and labor) are provided by volunteers. The Value Shoppe will hold a special 'Canada 150 Sale from June 26 to July 7, 2017 featuring a host of goods specially priced at \$1.50. The Shoppe will be decorated in a red and white, 'all Canadian' theme. The Birtle Lions - work at The Value Shoppe every Thursday. This offers a place for people to bring a wide variety of items that probably would have gone to the landfill. Their trash is someone's treasure!



Manitoba Habitat Heritage Donation - Frank Crew donated two parcels (400 acres) of land to the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC). The property had been part of his family's farm for half a century. "It was for the love of nature. We've re-requested no hunting on our land for years. I like wildlife and wanted to provide them with a safe home and protect them as much as possible," said Crew. The land is situated along the Birdtail River Valley, west of Birtle. It is available to the general public for walking, hiking, bird watching and for the enjoyment of the great outdoors. As per Mr. Crew's desire to maintain this land as a refuge for wildlife, the property will be closed to hunting. The land is rich in wild-life and is home to a variety of species including bear, elk and deer; smaller animals such as coyotes, rabbits, skunks, raccoons, squirrels and a large variety of birds. It's a great personal commitment to what he (Frank Crew) believes in and it is so important for our biodiversity and the work that MHHC does. A permanent cairn was erected that recognizes the donation from three generations of the Crew family.

Birtle Riverside Park Fish Ladder – The Fish ladder allows movement of fish species above and below the Birtle Dam. It is maintained by the Snake Creek Wildlife Association which pays for all maintenance and work done. The Fish Ladder is one of the examples of Sustainable practices and commitment to nature by the community.



Assiniboine Riparian Forest- Located along the Assiniboine River South of Miniota, MB just off Highway 83

As part of a multi-year project beginning in 2008, Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District created the Riparian Forest. This educational site spans across 5.14 acres of native grassland along the river and consists of over 900 trees- complete with a walking trail and picnic area for visitors to enjoy. It



has become a great place for school groups, tourists and locals alike and is enjoyed by many throughout the year.

Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District - (UARCD) is a large area of which Prairie View Municipality is part of. The district was organized to manage all natural interrelated resources within the area such as soil, water, forests and wildlife. Altering any one of these may directly or indirectly affect another. The UARCD Board of Directors states their vision as “to see a landscape (water, soil, and wildlife) that is capable of supporting our environmental, economic and social wellbeing for today and for future generations. 75% support is provided by Manitoba Sustainable Development and 25% by member municipalities. Watershed management -The Assiniboine-Birdtail Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP), received Provincial Recognition in 2011. Watershed Vision: To have in our watershed the best possible water for all people, the environment, and our economy. Several dams and waterways have been upgraded. Reforestation

Beautification - With help from Birtle Collegiate Institute students, UARCD supervised tree planting on the Birtle Cross Country Ski Trail in 2010. To date the trees have grown well. The 15km loop trail, starting and ending in Birtle Riverside Park, is an all season trail that promotes outdoor physical activity and appreciation of nature. The trail, open to the public at all times, crosses private property and is groomed, maintained and financed by volunteers. Several other tree plantings include private, school and municipal wind breaks and ground cover including Miniota playground, Morningstar Daycare, and Birtle Elementary school 2017.



#Soil Your Undies - Partnering with Soil Conservation Council of Canada Investigating soil biology in farm fields or backyards by burying a pair of 100% white cotton briefs for two

months! This will check the level of decomposition similar to the breakdown of plant materials in various soil types. UARCD has “cultivated” the study!





Birtle River Walkway - the Walkway was created by a group of volunteers in the early 80's and they and the town maintained it for many years. After a few wet years, building dikes and other interruptions, it became overgrown. It was restored and is being maintained in one area by a local citizen, Sid, and the remainder is being restored and maintained in stages by the BCI Nature Studies class. A nice walk away from traffic and where people can enjoy the river and nature. The walkway also provides a short cut to the park avoiding walking too far along the highway.

Birdtail Cross Country Ski Trail – The trail head is located in the Birtle Riverside Park. It is a gorgeous 15km loop trail designed for the Birdtail Valley. In the winter the trail is groomed and track set for classic cross country skiing while during the summer months the trail is maintained for hiking and mountain biking. The community/municipality is provided with a year round recreational multi use trail system. The use of which promotes outdoor physical activity and appreciation of nature. The grooming, track setting and trail maintenance are volunteer labour.



Birtle Elementary School - For many years, the students and staff at Birtle



Elementary School have rolled up their sleeves and pulled out their gardening tools to do their part to make our community a beautiful place to live. Each Spring the students are active with many volunteer opportunities such as Town Wide Clean Up picking up garbage around the school yard and surrounding streets as well as planting flowers along main street with the lovely ladies from the Birtle in Bloom Committee. Our grade 4 students have also displayed great leadership skills by running our school recycling program. Every week they collect all recycling items out of the classrooms as well as from the Park West School Division office and bag it up so it is ready to be picked up and taken to the recycling depot. We are also excited to start a new program in 2017-2018 school year, the “Bag Up Manitoba Challenge” where we will be collecting grocery style plastic bags to

send into Take Pride Winnipeg where we not only are doing are part to reduce litter and garbage but also the possibility of earning items for our playground such as park benches or bird houses that are made out of recycled plastic bags!

Miniota Solar - Welcome to Miniota Signs – this project was started with the LUD of Miniota Committee in 2007 and included placement of concrete slabs from Midwestern Concrete out of Virden at North and South entrance of Miniota. Specialized lettering received from Ontario was placed on the Welcome signs. Miniota was one the first communities to place solar operated panels to light up the signs at night. Funded by Home Town Manitoba Grants.



Nature Studies - This semester, Birtle Collegiate introduced a nature studies class, a full time one semester vocational program open to students in the Park West division. Thirteen students are in the class developed by Birtle teacher, Alan Wilson with a large waiting list for next year. Students focus on outdoor education, resource and habitat management, wildlife management and tourism. Students kayak, backpack, plant trees, work with GPS programs, track habitat populations and promote local habitats like a tourism official. They are developing an appreciation for and understanding of the outdoors and nature.



The class has assisted the municipality in clean up of the Birtle Riverside Park after the flood and the redevelopment of trails. They have started by working on those in the Birtle Area. This class has been a big asset to assist in beautifying the community. The municipality looks forward to 2017/2018 school year to continue with this program in other areas in the Municipality.

The class has partnered with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, a non profit land conservation organization. The students spend time each week volunteering on the Fort Ellice land managed by the conservancy and home to a number of endangered or threatened species. The data they collect is analyzed to provide insight into how wildlife use various habitats.

Through workshops and field work, students are being trained as citizen scientists and developing an appreciation and understanding of nature. Being a vocational option, students can delve into the subject matter, essentially providing hands-on training towards a future employment. For example, one student who hopes to pursue study in environmental engineering has had the chance to team up with former biologists and engineers.

Prairie View Municipality Waste Management – Birtle Foxwarren & Miniota have operational landfill sites. Landfills also collect automotive batteries, tires (passenger & agricultural) E-waste (TVs, computers, keyboards, mouse, laptops, scanners, copiers, fax machines, telephones, cell phones, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, microwaves, rechargeable batteries) fridges/freezers, propane tanks and paint cans. Miniota has recycling sheds that are available to the public outside of the landfill site. Curbside pickup is available in all communities with dumpsters & recycling bins located in Arrow River, Crandall, Beulah, Isabella & Solgirth. Composting sites are available in Miniota & Birtle.



HERITAGE CONSERVATION



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History Books of Prairie View Municipality - There are many History Books, stories, diaries and newspaper articles relating to the last 150 years that preserve Prairie View Municipality past. Copies can be found in the many museums, libraries, municipal offices and homes.

- Birtle Passing it On 2009 RM of Birtle
- A View of the Birdtail 1974 RM of Birtle
- A Fox's Tale 1985 Foxwarren
- Minnewashta Memories 1970 and 1995 Beulah
- Rural Reflections Volume 1 and Volume 2 1982 Isabella
- Bridging the Years Volumes 1, 2, and 3 1994 RM of Miniota (**An update is in progress as a Canada 150 project 2017**)
- Crandall History Book 2000 Crandall

Birtle History Website - The Birdtail Country Museum has recently applied for a grant from Manitoba Culture and Heritage for a Birtle and Area History Website. Birtle was encouraged to apply because it was recognized for its active Museum as well as a History Committee that just recently completed several projects initiated by Manitoba Culture and Heritage: Birtle Begins, Notable Events in Birtle and an inventory of people who came to the area from 1880-1920.

Churches of Birtle & Solsgirth – Early settlers to this area needed sustenance of mind body and soul. Soon after food and supplies were established thoughts turned to church and schools. These often went hand in hand using any suitable home or building.

St. George's, Birtle is one of four original Anglican Churches was built in 1884 and following a fire was rebuilt in 1953 on the same site. With the work and donations of many faithful volunteers this church and its basement Parish Hall is kept in immaculate condition. St. George's also cares for the artifacts from closed St. Albans and maintains the nearby cemetery.



St. James is another Anglican Church and Cemetery built on the edge of the picturesque Birdtail Valley north of the village Solsgirth. Volunteers and donations keep this church ready for special summer and Thanksgiving services.

Birtle United Church is the original Presbyterian Church built in 1887 and with its added Fellowship Hall continues to operate for weekly services and weddings, baptisms and funerals.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and St. Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church also continue to serve on a regular basis.

All the churches are maintained by donations and volunteers, providing for the spiritual health of many people. Presently St. George's and Birtle United are trying combined services once a month in an attempt to remain more financially secure.

Birtle History Books - A very valuable written history of Birtle and surrounding areas, chronicled and preserved in Birdtail Country Museum, includes several editions of history books and complete issues of local newspapers The Observer and Birtle Eye Witness from 1881. Early settlers' diaries, small booklets by local writers, and early memories of Solsgirth and "Wandering in Wattsview" are available. The most recent production is Passing it On 1894 - 2009 written for Birtle's 125th anniversary using volunteer labor and municipal financial assistance.



Special History Book Project – The Birtle History Project Committee is presently writing Birtle Begins - the stories of "special" Birtle people who were among the first pioneers and how they impacted our community. This volunteer group received financial aid from a heritage grant and assistance from the Museum summer student and BCI student.

Birtle Heritage Walking Tour - The Bloom committee did some research on our heritage as part of an early bloom project. They decided to create the heritage walking tour to share this information and raise awareness to people in the community or visiting. Over the years a few storyboards were put up at a time and are linked by the walking tour. Bloom volunteers created the tour and put up the signs, PVM helps by funding the annual activities which pay for the storyboards. The CDC and PVM print and distribute the walking tour brochures. The Bloom Committee also coordinated the painting of the Drop-In Mural.



Beulah Community Chapel - The present Beulah Community Chapel, once the United Church, was built in 1921 after the original church was burned. With heroic effort at the time of the fire citizens responded and saved several valued pieces of church furniture and pews which are still in use. The Chapel continues to provide a place for special worship services and celebrations such as weddings, baptisms and funerals. Ringing the Chapel bell brings a true sense of joy to any occasion. With the annual Christmas service Memory Tree Angels can be purchased in recognition of past loved ones. Maintenance of the building and grounds is provided by community volunteers with the help of family financial donations and work "in kind", fundraisers and government grants. Work bees bring people together for a

common cause and build community pride. Beulah Cemetery on a scenic hillside is a beautiful site to visit, reminisce and say goodbye to loved ones. With financial help from the municipality and volunteer work in kind the grounds are kept tidy and green. A cairn dedicated to the pioneers and proudly flying the Canadian flag sits at the entrance to the village and welcomes any passerby to stop and rest and reflect at a picnic table. Care of this area is again volunteer.



Beulah Community Hall - Beulah Community Hall was built in the mid 30's by local citizens determined to have a place for meetings and social gatherings. This determination continues today with the Hall being a major centre for various meetings and gatherings. Regular weekly seniors meetings for games and cards is a valued activity. Municipal/government business meetings, many concerts, music jams, socials and fundraisers such as snow mobile/ATV Derbies and the annual Buck Night. War veterans are



recognized in an Honour Roll and numerous photo displays in the hall. Recycling is embraced with containers in the hall and the community transfer container in the parking lot. The hall is also home to Beulah Post Office which aids in upkeep and maintains continual traffic to the building. Local volunteers getting together with work in kind, donations, fundraisers and government grants ensure the facility remains up to date with a clean, tidy surrounding.



Silver Bend Trail- Located 2 KM NW of Miniota. A part of the history of the Assiniboine Valley- the Silver Bend Hiking Trail offers many trail options for hikers of all levels with a beautiful view of the Valley along the way. What was once used by steamboats and their crew to drop off supplies to surrounding communities, is now a fun outing for people of all ages. There are historic gravesites, as well as, an old homestead where a family of ten was raised in the early 1900's. A natural activity for locals and tourists alike, it provides a tourist attraction to our municipality. The

Silver Bend Trail was started and was created by the Miniota Economic Committee with the help of a grant from Brandon Univeristy. The Economic group hired students for multiple years to maintain the trails. Now the trail is maintained by PVM Public Works, though has not been fully functioning the past year due to overland flooding.

Birtle In Bloom Heritage Walking Sites – Walker Park, Spring & Lime Kilns - Bloom planted the trees and gardens at Walker Park.

We have tried to support the heritage theme of the park by planting heritage plants or improved varieties of heritage plants that early pioneers had in their gardens or sought out in native stands. Very hardy perennials, fruiting trees and shrubs. A local volunteer made the ox cart which has no metal parts. Our volunteers assisted with making the arbor, placing the pump and putting up the signs (made from recycled sign posts and trim which mimics the original trim on the verandah of the historic stone home next door)



The Lime kilns were found by a local citizen and incorporated into the original river walk by the volunteers at that time. Bloom put up the heritage signs and the school students now trim the trail.

Wakpa Tanka Interpretive Lookout- Located 2 KM NW of Miniota. Thousands of years ago aboriginal people used this site as a winter camp. It is believed that the spirit of the people rest here and that when people go to visit they honour



and respect them- which in turn shows

respect to the Dakota Nations. It is a world class single component site and is the only one of its kind in all of Canada. It provides a glimpse into aboriginal heritage and culture from 700-110 years ago, and offers a scenic view of the beautiful Assiniboine Valley. Tours can be arranged through the Miniota CDC who will make arrangements with Birdtail Sioux. The Wakpa Tanka Lookout is maintained by PVM Public Works and is overseen by a volunteer board. They have received grants from various

levels of government, as well as, private organizations to maintain its heritage and beauty.



Bridging the Years History Book Project - Covering the histories of the Former RM of Miniota- Ward I Prairie View Municipality. All former Bridging the Years History Books are being updated to the current year for the communities that made up the former RM of Miniota- Miniota, Beulah, Isabella, Arrow River and Crandall. This update will allow people for generations to come to know and understand who lived in these communities at this time and what all there was to offer. It will give the future residents of these communities a glimpse into what our communities were all about and who was involved in what- it will allow them a trip into the past so they know where they came from. A volunteer board has been created for this project until it is completed.

Miniota Municipal Museum- Located at 110 Sarah Avenue, Miniota. The Miniota Museum consist of two small houses filled with over 1200 different artifacts from all time periods. Our biggest and most fascinating display is made up of native artifacts found in the area. Its location on the 83 Highway attracts many visitors and allows us the ability to showcase the history of our area.

The Museum is run by a volunteer board, and each summer a summer student is hired to run the museum, including story time for children weekly.



Village of Isabella - Isabella was established after early pioneers saw the need for a school by 1905 and named it after the oldest living resident of the time: Isabella Taylor. The community continued to thrive with agriculture and related enterprises however by 1995, after the school, railroad and grain elevators had come and gone, the last store closed. Like all prairie folk Isabella has some very faithful people determined to preserve what is left in their community.



The Isabella Community Centre is the present umbrella organization caring for the Community Hall, Community

Church, Ball Diamonds and village landscape. The Community Centre with two women groups, the Isabella Women's Group and the 95 year old Isabella Women's Institute are the driving force behind any community activities.



Bernice Still Volunteers her time maintaining the grounds

Preserving the Past for the Future is a collection of five remaining buildings housing wonderful museums. The collection is augmented by a 2015 National Women's Institute award winning Picture History



and two editions of Rural Reflections history books. The third edition is in progress as part of an updated history of Miniota Municipality in recognition of Canada's 150.

Tours of the museums can be organized and church services arranged in the 106 year old Community Church. Coming events celebrating Canada 150 include:

Heritage Day at the Museums June 10 with Butter and Biscuit making, lunch and tours. Homecoming Days July 9, 10 with church service, tours, music, meals and sports - all work completed by community volunteers. The Cemetery is maintained by a board, an annual volunteer work bee and a municipal grant to hire a young person for grass maintenance. Several local historical markers around the area can be visited at any time. The Ball Diamonds are also part of the village upkeep by volunteers and although there are no longer Sports Day events the fields are always ready for any groups who wish to have a game. An up to date Community Hall continues to manage many activities with awesome hospitality and also houses Isabella Post Office. Photos of over 70 local men and women who joined the Forces in World War II hang in prominent position in the hall. The museums are totally cared for by volunteers with help of grants for major repairs. Volunteers maintain the village landscape ensuring it is always attractive, neat and tidy. Several fundraisers such as the annual Fowl Supper as well as donations contribute to all Community Centre functions and operations.



Foxwarren Historical Society – Foxwarren Museum: To date our displays have focused primarily on



Pioneer Women, featuring different aspects of the home and home life, as well as the contributions of women to our community. This year, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Consolidation of Foxwarren School District #525, our displays will focus on the history of Foxwarren School and the various artifacts accumulated. As with any museum we strive to offer the opportunity to explore the past through an informal, yet educational experience.

All artifacts are donated. All services are volunteer. Operational costs are funded through the proceeds from fund raising activities and events, as well as with the help of a small grant (\$500.00) from the Prairie View Municipality. A student is hired for approximately 12 weeks during the summer with wages being funded through the federal student grant program. Our Historical Society is planning to celebrate two historical events this summer - Canada's 150 anniversary along with the 100th anniversary of the Consolidation of Foxwarren School District #525. We plan a 3 day 'All-Ages Reunion' beginning on July 21 with a street music jam, a bonfire and wiener roast, culminating with a fireworks finale. On Saturday July 22 we will continue the celebration with a pancake breakfast, a parade and a dinner and dance. Sunday July 23 will begin with a Chapel Service and end with a brunch and farewell.



Birdtail Country Museum - Originally established in 1983 the museum consists of two building situated side by side on Main Street in Birtle. The main building, a former Union Bank, is arranged as a bank manager's residence from the 1900's. The museum houses approximately 5000 artifacts of every kind which are well displayed throughout both buildings. Included is a huge variety of house hold items as well as military, archaeological and aboriginal artifacts.

The museum is considered to be a major tourist attraction. A small but dedicated group of volunteers strive to keep the museum open and accessible to the general public as much as possible. Usually a summer student is hired to assist with tours.



Birtle Agriculture Society - The Birtle Ag Society is itself a heritage organization. It was established in 1881, three years prior to incorporation of the Town of Birtle.

The 2 day draft horse show and Friday light horse shows are favourite events for spectators. These events bring back memories for some and for others it is an impressive show of the teamwork of horses and the skilled drivers/riders.

The antique tractor pull is a popular event for both competitors and spectators. These vintage working machines from the past are put to the test as are the skilled people who look after them and keep them running.

Inside the arena, a large display of home-living entries celebrates skills often learned by being passed down through the generations. Quilting, sewing, needlework, baking, garden produce, flowers, and woodworking as well as crafts, photography, school work and other talents are judged for prizes but more importantly they are on display for all to appreciate.

All events are well supported through sponsorship by both businesses and individuals. A full list of events and sponsors of the fair book can be accessed online at www.myprairieview.ca > living here > community organizations > Birtle Ag Society



Snow's Heritage Collection - For over three decades Rodney and Anna Snow have worked tirelessly alongside friends and family tending their yard site. Their almost 100 year old home is surrounded by incredible gardens and inviting atmosphere.

Tucked away from sight they have a log cabin that has been almost 10 years in the making. Every part of the cabin is crafted to try and meet the

standards of our ancestors. A small collection of antique farm machinery rests outside of the log cabin. Their place is truly something special to behold.

July 1st Celebrations – PVM and community volunteers continue to support the efforts of traditionally hosting July 1st celebrations in Birtle and Arrow River





Kent Hotel – This Iconic family friendly tourist destination is a must see. It houses an amazing collection of sports memorabilia.

Whoo's That Costume Barn - We purchased our farm in 1993. It included a 1922 barn in need of some repair. In 1998 I opened "Whoo's That?" a costume rental business in the loft of this barn. Now we were able to justify the cost of repairs, first we replaced the roof and a few years later we were able to do the outside walls covered in metal. Since then I have created a western village in the bottom of the barn. Visitors can choose a costume up stairs and have the old time photo taken downstairs in the setting of their choice. I am so thrilled to have saved this landmark and all of the history it holds within its walls.



One Of The Many Historic Stone Homes In Birtle



TIDINESS EFFORT



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Birtle In Bloom – Birtle in Bloom started in 1999 by cleaning up a lot on the corner of 7th and Main where the Memory Garden is now located. When they quit creating gardens, their projects included coordinating painting of the Info Building and the front of what is now the Value Shoppe (when it was a vacant building). Their volunteers have repaired and painted the fence at Walker Park. From early spring till fall volunteers meet on Wednesdays for weeding and maintaining gardens.



Miniota Merry 4H- Located in Miniota, MB Every year near the end of May we clean sections of the highway as one of our fundraisers. 4-H allows kids to try things they would never get to do otherwise and expands their knowledge and makes them well rounded individuals. By having the 4H club do highway clean-up it shows the students the importance of keeping our planet and our community clean for future generations to come. It also allows them to pitch in as a volunteer- which is the basis of keeping small communities going.

Our parents and 4-H leaders are the biggest contributors as they supply everything that is needed for project completion. Manitoba 4-H council contributes to 4-H tokens for special events throughout the year. Canada 4-H Council is involved with sponsoring exchange programs and other larger, country wide or international events.

Miniota Elementary School Recycling Program - Our recycling program has been going on for a long time in our school. Each classroom has a recycling container in their classrooms where they collect items throughout the week. Then at the end of every week, each classroom assigns a student to sort the recycling into our larger collection bins which are at the front of the school. The sorted recycling is put out onto the curb and is collected by our town workers as part of their waste and recycling collection process. We recycle any and all materials but our largest inputs are paper, cardboard, plastics and glass. Composting Program - In conjunction with our recycling program, we also have a composting program. Again, each classroom has a collection container where the students put composting materials from their lunches into the containers each day. Then at the end of the week, each classroom assigns a student to put their compost into the larger collection bin outside. We use

the compost material for our flower beds at the front of the school. Town Beautification - Each year, a group of students helps plant flower pots that are put around town in front of various store locations. We do this as part of our “working with seniors” program so students are paired up with a senior from the community to plant the flowers so they can beautify our town. Town Clean-up - Each Spring, after the snow melts, our school always does a town clean-up. The students are divided into 4 or 5 groups and



each take a section of the town. They walk around picking up garbage that has accumulated over the winter. The materials are then sorted into garbage and recycling so they are taken care of in the appropriate manner.

Birtle Elementary Beautification Squad - This year at Birtle Elementary School, Mrs. Lyndsay Kyle the principal along with 6 amazing Grade 4 students helped form the Beautification Squad whose mission and goal was to help start the process of turning our playground into a beautiful place to live and learn! Through the students' leadership some of their projects



included adding positive message signs, painting of the existing metal play structures, soccer and basketball nets, and planting flowers. They recognized how making the playground a better place would not only help our



students and school, but classes to come in the future and also other community members who use the school grounds on evenings and weekends. They noticed our school is a huge focal point when you

first arrive in our community and it is one of the first impressions Birtle makes on its' visitors. Many of our projects were funded thanks to a student citizenship grant that we applied for through Park West School Division and were awarded! We are also very thankful to Sandra of Hilltop Greenhouse in Birtle for her donation of flowers as well as Taylor Gyselink of The Flower Child Riverside at Selkirk Greenhouse. We look forward to adding to this project for years to come! We also need to mention that our Lions members help the high school students with highway cleanup.

Municipality – PVM has by-laws in place to deal with unsightly private property. They have also hired a dedicated Park & Pool maintenance employee this summer. PVM has a weekly garbage and recycling program in Birtle, Miniota & Beulah. Once a year they also have a large item curb side pickup program to assist residents. This spring (2017) the municipality removed an unsightly condemned building on Main street, levelled the lot and rented it out to a local large business



Skateboard Park – A group of young male students identified a lot (former pink school) in the Birtle community that has a cement pad on it and is no longer being used as a great place to have a skateboard park. They made a delegation to the Park West School Division who own the property and who support the idea. The youth are now in the process of testing the feasibility of the project and coming up with a viable plan.

Residents - Along with the annual town clean up, several active Birtle citizens are committed walkers/hikers and while out and about regularly pick up garbage along the way. These volunteers contribute a huge part to keeping the town of Birtle neat and tidy while also adding to the recycling effort.



Main Street Buildings – Owners of the buildings/businesses in Birtle continually strive to update and maintain their properties.

From painting, installing new windows, planters, siding to complete renovations and constructing new

buildings. The Community Development Corporation ensures that these minor and sometimes major upgrades are mentioned at the annual Welcome to Birtle and Community Family Dance evening.



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Birtle Arboretum - on the east side of the road just north of the centre street bridge. The Arboretum was a Birtle in Bloom project in 2002 when individuals, students and businesses volunteered and all came on a specified day to plant trees. Since then, trees have been added or replaced when necessary. This site is considered to be part of a flood plain and so will not be developed. The “Town of Birtle” at the time agreed that it could be used as an arboretum. Different species are planted and labelled. They will provide mature examples of trees suited to the area. A kiosk shows who donated to the

project and on the back of the kiosk is information about each of the tree species. Bloom volunteers assist with pruning of the young trees. Volunteers and town staff maintain the grass.

This is a green space enjoyed by the community and serves as an educational tool for people to see trees in a mature state and learn about its characteristics from info on the kiosk. They can use this information to help decide which tree will suit their yard or other planting spot instead of trying to decide based on the small plant they see in the garden centre. Volunteers assist with maintenance of trees and grass. Town staff also mows the grass. Town and volunteers have pruned and planted and continue to maintain the arboretum and the info on the kiosk.

Birtle In Bloom – This progressive group has planted over 300 trees during their 20 years.

Birtle Elementary School - Birtle Elementary School has been working hard this year to make their playground a better place for students to live, learn and enjoy for years to come. With the hard work and help of Ryan Canart from the Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District, the school applied for a grant in the Fall with Manitoba Hydro to add trees to our playground. Part of this application process was to demonstrate a need to naturally beautify our playground but also to have an educational component for the students. We were very fortunate to have obtained a grant for approximately \$7,000 worth of trees for our playground that the students helped to plant! These trees include a wide variety of species and the students will be creating a walking path in the future with stepping stones along with signs to mark each unique tree on our school ground. A huge thank you to Ryan Canart, Janet Sandstrom and Jeff Howard; along with the amazing student summer workers that came out to help plant these trees with the kids. They learned about caring for trees, how to plant them properly and the new species within the playground. We would also like to give a huge thank-you to the Upper Assiniboine Conservation District for volunteering their time and donation of adding irrigation to our playground around the trees to help make sure they grow big and beautiful for years to come. Thank you to Manitoba Hydro for helping us to reach our goal of adding some beauty to our playground as well! We are forever grateful for everyone’s kindness and generosity! The next step of our project will be to add signs to label each species of tree and create a walking path with student created stepping stones.



Hoopers Lake (recreational area) - Beulah, MB 3 miles west on 355 and 2 miles north. Hooper's Lake has been a gathering place for locals for picnics, ball games, swimming, boating, fishing (and ice-fishing), camping, weddings and birthday parties since it was established in the early 1900s. In 2000, a Buck Night celebration was started to mark the end of the deer hunting season. This year will mark the 18th annual Buck Night. Many people gather at the Beulah Hall to see all the deer heads and share in good food and company with old and new friends. Hooper's Lake has worked with



Manitoba Fisheries for a number of years to stock the Lake with Northern Pike. The Miniota Fire Department has held an ice-fishing derby at the Lake in March for 6 years. The derby has grown every year and brings many locals and avid fisherman from other areas.



Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District has been fundamental with tree planting and fencing over the years. In 2016, the UARCD thru the MB Hydro Forest Enhancement Program with assistance from the Birtle Collegiate, Prairie View Municipality and Hooper's Lake committee members planted a community belt of poplar and spruce trees. Hooper's Lake has provided swimming lessons to many area children over the years, provided seasonal employment for local students either hired by the Committee itself, or partnered with the Municipal Green Team, is a 4

season recreational destination for locals to enjoy nature in our own backyard and is a natural habitat for migrating birds, beavers and other wildlife. Committee members from the Beulah and Miniota areas have contributed many volunteer hours over the decades to make Hooper's Lake a recreational hub. Grass cutting, tree trimming and general maintenance are some of the everyday tasks attended to. Volunteers and the Prairie View Municipality also contribute in kind by use of tractors, skid steers, snow blowers, waste disposal, and lawn mowers to move sand for the beach area, gravel for the parking driveways and grass cutting on the ball diamonds. Docks, boat launch, water slide, camping areas, and the sand box are maintained by committee members to ensure safety for users. Grants have been provided thru the Prairie View Municipality, 1970 Centennial, Community Places, and UARCD. Current and past fundraisers are the annual Buck Night, Poker Derbies, Sports days, Family Days and ball tournaments. Camping fees and private donations also



assist our committee. These fundraisers bring out more volunteers from the Beulah community to help with kitchen and door shifts for events and providing food.

Miniota Elementary School CN Ecoconnections Tree Project In the Spring of 2014, we worked in conjunction with UARCD and CN to plant trees along the west side of our soccer field. The purpose was 2-fold. The trees will provide a wind break for that open area but it was also for the purpose of beautification on our playground. When they were planted, UARCD prepared the holes and then all the students in the school went out and planted the trees. There were 40 trees planted in all. Afterwards, UARCD continued a water drip line that is hooked to the school water system that allows for continual watering of the trees during dry periods. This is the most recent example of the work we have done with UARCD. In the past, we have also went into our community to plant trees as part of a conservation project. This is also the second time we have planted trees on our playground. The first time, we planted the trees along the north and west side of the playground and developed the watering system that was referred to earlier



The Classic Garden - A Manitoba Hydro grant has provided trees to landscape the property around The Centre. Once the ground is prepared, the trees will be planted. Hazardous trees on the property were removed and two large maples were extensively pruned to improve their appearance, safety and longevity. There is a long term plan to landscape the area with a pergola, outdoor classroom and raised planting beds when funds allow.



New Trees Planted on St. Clare Street in Birtle



Trees Planted By the Boy Scouts Near The Park Were Transplanted In 2000 By The Bloom Committee

LANDSCAPED AREAS



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Birtle Playground Initiative - In the spring of 2011 a small group of 6 women, young and old, got together at a “Drink and Think” to brainstorm for ways to improve the town of Birtle. This informal gathering was a forum to get thoughts out about what needed improving to make our community one to be proud of. First and foremost was the importance of replacing the old and rusting playground structure at Birtle Riverside Park. Phone calls were then made to parents of young families to get their support and to invite them to an information meeting.



A Miniota group had just installed a new playground a few years before and a representative attended the meeting to share their expertise on how to best to proceed. From that initial meeting a subcommittee was formed with a handful of women volunteering to take on the fundraising and equipment selection. It was a very ambitious project, one that would require an estimated \$130,000 to get the playground they had in mind. What was truly remarkable was that the vision became a reality in just one year due, in part, to the creative ways in which the committee sought to raise the money.



This included entering the Manitobaville competition, which was no small undertaking! The deadline was only weeks away and the requirement was the submission of a convincing video on why the Birtle Playground Project should be chosen to win the cash prize of \$25,000. The Manitobaville competition is all about which town can demonstrate the most community pride. Winning also depended on which community project received the most votes. It was absolutely amazing to see the whole town come on board to vote. More than one vote was allowed per person and the word spread to friends and family to

vote as many times as they could. Anyone with a computer could vote no matter where they lived. Many Birtle residents spent the whole day on their computers voting. Through a tremendous town effort Birtle was declared Manitobaville for 2012!



In June 2012 the Birtle Playground was installed with the help of many volunteers, young and old. In addition, equipment, sand and welding services were also donated by local businesses. Installation was no easy job given the challenges of Birtle's rocky ground. Today the Birtle Riverside Park Playground is one to be proud of and is enjoyed by children of all ages. Visitors to our town have remarked on how wonderful the playground is and express their amazement that a little town like Birtle has such a first-class playground, one of its caliber hard to find in the large cities they come from.



Birtle in Bloom - It has created projects such as the Memory Garden, Brian Salmon Memorial Pocket Park, the Birtle Arboretum, and has planted and maintained these gardens as well as the Info Building, the sign at the Birtle Cemetery, Walker Park, the Welcome Sign at the East entrance to Birtle on Hwy 42, and at the Fire Hall. On occasion they have assisted with maintenance at the beach garden and golf course.

Miniota Ball Diamonds- There are currently 5 ball diamonds at the Miniota Sports Grounds- 3 of which are regularly used for minor ball and slo-pitch league games, with the other two being used when needed for various tournaments throughout the year. By having functioning and well-maintained ball diamonds it allows local kids and adults the opportunity to play ball and enjoy the outdoors in our community, as well as, allows MCC to host tournaments and games to bring other people into our community and therefore use other amenities. The ball diamonds are maintained by PVM Public Works for mowing and by volunteers for clean up each year.





Birtle Ball Diamonds - We currently have three very active ball diamonds and volunteers are busy getting a fourth one ready. We have 90 children in Minor Ball this year plus a High school team and a Girls High school Softball team. We are also in the process of starting a minor girls softball team. This very active group of volunteers are now busy replacing boards on the bleachers and painting them and dealing with a major gopher problem on the diamonds very successfully. This past year our Birtle Collegiate construction class built

us 2 new dugouts and we are just begin raising funds for 2 new batting cages. We have been very fortunate to receive financial assistance from the Birtle Foundation, Tundra Oil & Gas and Potash Corporation Sask. Our grass is kept in great condition by the PVM public works & green team employees and on occasion by volunteers. Exciting things are happening in Ball!!

Miniota Golf Course/Campground- 2 KM South of Miniota, turn East off 83 highway. With a beautiful 9-Hole grass green golf course and 32 serviced lot campground, the Miniota Golf Course and Campground is a hot spot all summer long for locals and tourists alike. The campground is often full with both seasonal lot holders, and weekend guests and the golf course is steady all summer long with mens and ladies night, various tournaments and weekly fun golf. It is not uncommon to hear that people come try out the course for its beautiful, natural scenery tucked back amidst the rolling valley hills. In the winter, the golf course cart path is also utilized as a cross country ski trail by many who rave about the view. The Golf Club/Campground is owned by Miniota Community Center and is run by a volunteer board. Each season staff is hired to man the clubhouse and campground registrations. This past year we were able to renovate and expand our clubhouse to allow for more space for our golfers. We were able to do-so through fundraising efforts, yearly tournaments, green fees, grants and donations.



Foxwarren Arena, Campground & Playground - The primary function of the arena is to provide a facility for hockey and figure skating but in addition to providing a facility for ice sports, the arena has hosted bingos, an annual 'Fat Stock' Cattle show, as well as Rummage Sales, Trade Fair, Household Auctions, and Fall Suppers. Many of these functions are fundraising opportunities for FDRC as well as services



to the community. We also

accommodate large crowds and therefore large weddings, anniversaries and funerals. It cannot be over-emphasized how essential the arena is to our community, both from a recreational and social standpoint. The community is very fortunate to have a green space situated right next to the Foxwarren District Rec Centre. The community and visitors enjoy the ball diamond, wonderful playground, and 10 camp sites which offer 15 amp service.

The camp sites, ball diamond and playground are managed by FDRC. FDRC is operated by a volunteer board and strives to generate revenue to cover expenses. FDRC appreciates the government grants, donations and RM support for special projects.



These recreational spaces are imperative to rural communities. They provide young families, citizens and tourists with green space and outdoor areas to gather, be active and explore.

In February we held a family fun day including a pancake breakfast and all day hockey action to celebrate Canada's 150th.



Miniota Playground – The Miniota Playground Committee was a group of volunteers lead by Tracy Lelond-Young to develop the playground along Main Street Miniota. The project was started in 2007 and completed over a two year period with about \$60,000 in funding from grants and donations to provide a playground safe for children in the community. It has been a big attraction to Miniota. Funded by Home Town Manitoba Grants

Birtle Riverside Park and Campground - Our Park is a lush picturesque area located along the Birdtail River. It offers a variety of attractions and events; camping, 9 hole golf course, tennis courts, a beach, swimming lessons, new playground, fishing, kayaking, hiking/biking trails, dog-park, music jamboree festival plus so much more to appease young and old, nature lovers and sports seekers alike! The Park has 31 campsites with water and electricity and 4 tenting sites if you're looking for an overnight getaway or a seasonal camping site. There are several picnic areas and a main cook out area that are free to the public to use anytime. Washrooms & showers, garbage/recycling and wood are located east of the camping sites. There is an off leash dog park located just north of the park.



The Birtle Riverside Golf Course - is located in Birtle Manitoba nestled near the park, river, fishing and campgrounds. It is a beautiful and challenging nine-hole course with watered fairways, grass greens and sand traps. Each hole provides a unique and beautiful view of the surroundings such as the river and the valley. The golf course is run by a board and managed by a greens keeper as well as local volunteers who from time to time help to adopt specific holes to plant flowers around tee-off boxes. It is definitely a hidden gem and a place for all avid golfers to come and visit.

Birtle Lions Club - is made up of 36 ordinary people who want to help others. They grew a canola cash crop as a successful fundraiser which allowed them to help out several organizations and projects including assistance to Minor Ball to build a new diamond. The Lions have supported several projects in our beautiful Birtle Riverside Park over the years. This includes the new play structure and they built and care for a large flower bed in the picnic area. They are currently waiting for approval for a new gazebo in the park! As a club member recently said, "We do the best we can to serve our community." The Birtle Lions also got the Dog Park set up and available for use and the municipality planted trees along the road outside the fence.



Birtle Agriculture Grounds - The Birtle Ag grounds (around open and closed barns and the draft horse show rings) is kept mowed by volunteers for the Birtle Agricultural Society. Prior to the Ag Fair, volunteers work up the light horse rink and the PVM Public Works mows the surrounding area. Work bees are held when needed to paint ring posts or other upkeep.

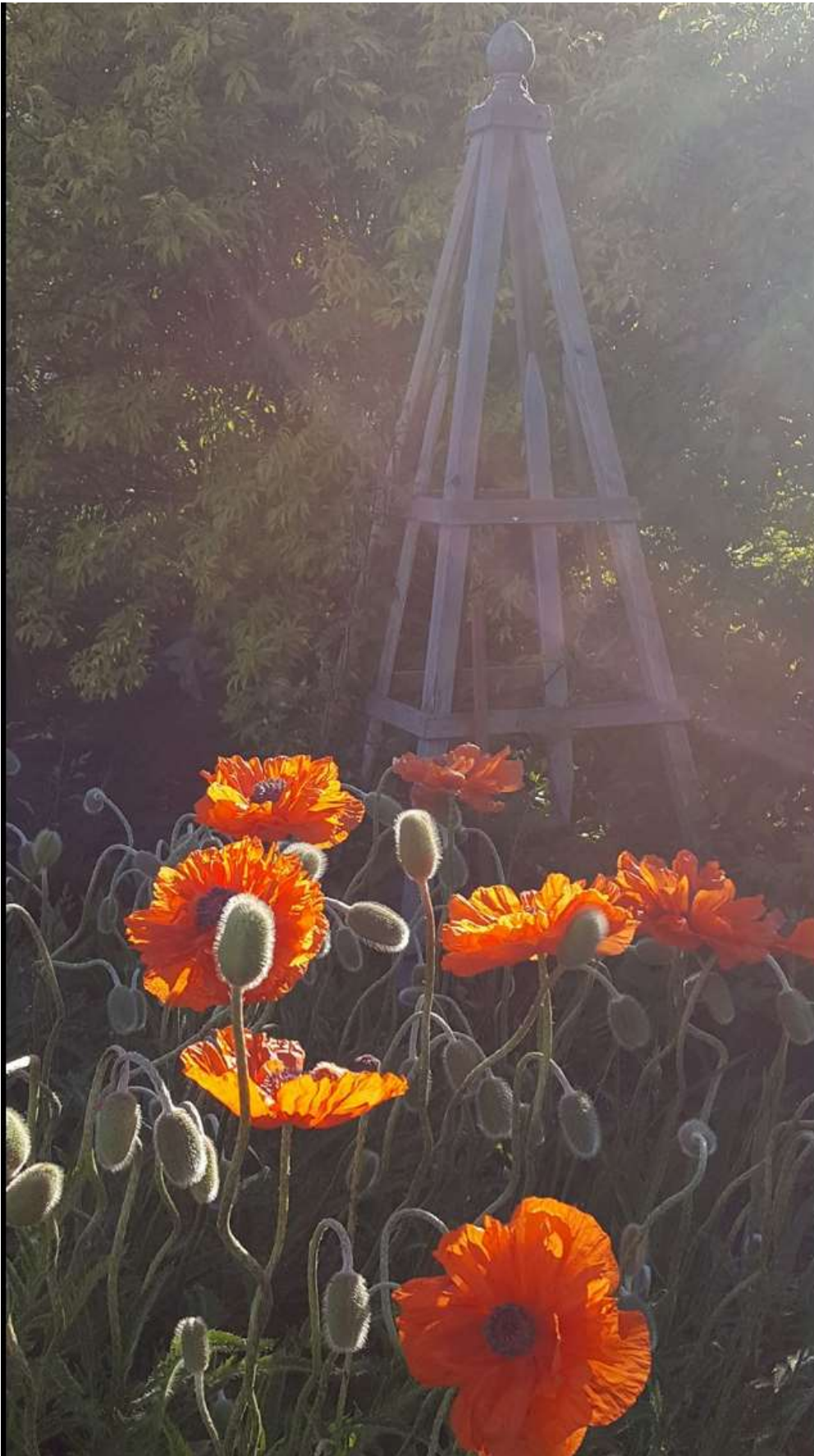


Barb Moncur, ag society volunteer, took on painting the bleachers last summer. The new low maintenance shade structure for above the bleachers was put up last year in memory of Ethel Lane. This provides welcome relief from the hot sun for those watching two long days of draft horse events. Also new last year, several picnic tables were purchased to provide a comfortable spot for the public to enjoy while watching events or stopping for lunch. They are also stored in the closed barn. Of course ample waste and recycling bins are strategically placed during the event.

Cemeteries – Prairie View Municipality has Cemeteries located in Arrow River, Beulah, Birtle, Crandall, Foxwarren, Isabella, Miniota & Solsgirth. Birtle & Foxwarren caretaking is contracted through the Prairie View Municipality while all others are by volunteers / community groups which is subsidized by a municipal grant and private donations. Prairie View Municipality was pleased to announce the addition of a Columbarium to the Birtle Cemetery in 2017. This will give families another option for the final resting place of their loved one.



FLORAL DISPLAYS



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Birtle In Bloom - This group acquired the reservoir planters for Main Street and annually recommends to the municipality a selection of plants. They coordinate planting day when all annuals on Main Street and at The Cemetery are planted. BES students plant all of the Main Street planters each year – usually in less than an hour. They also have planted perennials and flowering shrubs in the landscaped areas they maintain.



Foxwarren Memory Garden - The Memory Garden was initially a beautification project, spearheaded by 4 local women, in an effort to reclaim an overgrown and dilapidated area of 'downtown Foxwarren' and turn it into something attractive. Today it is a myriad of flowers and shrubs and pathways lined with over 800 'Memory Stones', honoring organizations, businesses, events, as well as individual citizens of Foxwarren and area. The Memory Garden serves as a serene spot in Foxwarren to remember our Pioneers and all community members and builders who have shared in Foxwarren's history. It is often the chosen spot for grad, reunion or wedding photos. Volunteers are 100% responsible for the care and maintenance of the garden. The Prairie View Municipality provides assistance through a \$500 annual grant which is put towards the modest operational expenses including gas for the mower, small tools, porta potty maintenance, weed and pest control, paint and stain, etc. To celebrate Canada's 150th we will host a stone making day in August.



Miniota Memory Garden- North Railway Avenue, Miniota, MB
The Miniota Memory Garden is owned and run by the municipality, and upkept on a volunteer basis, or with the help of the Summer Green Team staff. A gazebo is housed here with plaques in memory of loved ones year round, in the summer flowers are added to brighten it up and in the winter a “Memory Tree” is planted- its lights honouring those we have lost. It is maintained by both PVM Public Works, as well as, local volunteers

Val Thomsons' & Other Private Gardens - Val's garden is a feature garden in the area that always welcomes visitors, tours, etc. Because it is an exceptional example of good gardening practises, design, etc. it inspires others and attracts gardeners from near and far to see it. Val shares her gardening experience with others by answering any questions, generously sharing plants and contributing to activities of The Classic Garden. Many other gardens in the area are of a very high quality and serve as examples of good gardening practises and design. Use of colour, texture, appropriate plants, etc. are wonderful for enjoyment and are educational at the same time. Mixing vegetables, floral displays, colourful and flowering shrubs and trees, etc. show many ways to enhance the landscapes. The



many local gardeners that have shared their landscapes during tours or to host events. Val Thomson, Pat Farquhar, Shirley Barteaux, Brenda Evans, Loree Osudar, Judy Duke, Elly Sotas, Donna Cyrenne, Sally Donald, Anna Marie Snow, Nancy Evans, Shonda Ashcroft, Margaret Ashcroft, Roberta Hutchison, Stan Yaskiw, Calvin & Tara Matiowsky and Anna Snow. The Classic Garden promotes visiting these gardens through its activities. Twin Valley Coop provides all promotional and catalogue colour printing services at no charge.



The Classic Garden - The Classic Garden hosts garden tours and on alternate years, Gallery in the Garden. These serve as gardening inspiration as well as a fundraiser. At the Centre, classes are provided to teach and encourage new skills to all ages. In addition to arts and trades, we also teach gardening skills. We have had classes and/or speakers on container gardening, landscape design, creating hypertufa, stepping stones and birdbaths, we held a series of gardening DIY classes, and children have made planters for mother's day. More people will have skills and knowledge regarding gardening best practises. Garden tours



provide inspiration and ideas as well as interaction with the garden owners and those on the tour provide valuable information.

150th CELEBRATIONS



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Arrow River 150 Celebration- Arrow River, MB

On July 1st, Arrow River celebrated its annual Canada Day festivities a little bit bigger to commemorate 150 years. There will be a parade, activities for kids, local live entertainment, a baseball game, BBQ, community supper and fireworks. There will be flags and tattoos being handed out and Arrow River t-shirts for sale. It will encourage people to get out to Arrow River, as there are not usually many tourists visiting. It will also allow everyone to celebrate this huge



milestone together and to reminisce about celebrations of the past. The Arrow River Community Center volunteer board, the Miniota CDC and many other volunteers will contribute to the celebration. A grant from provincial and federal government was received, as well as, donations for the fireworks show and financial support from the PVM government will help to cover costs associated.

Birtle 150 Celebration - Canada's 150 July 1, 2017 in Birtle. A volunteer committee was formed to organize some usual activities and some special activities for Canada Day. Some activities include a Parade, Jr Fishing derby, Canada themed homemade boat races on the fish ladder, Fireworks!! , Find the Flag Scavenger Hunt and an all denominational Church and Pot Luck Lunch in the Park. The municipality finances the fireworks and a Government of Canada grant covers other expenses. All organizing and labor is volunteer to run the events. Businesses and community organizations are encouraged to enter a float in the parade and to do Canada 150 displays.



Bridging the Years History Book - A Canada 150 Project - Covering the histories of the Former RM of Miniota- Ward I Prairie View Municipality. All former Bridging the Years History Books are being updated to the current year for the communities that made up the former RM of Miniota- Miniota, Beulah, Isabella, Arrow River and Crandall. This update will allow people for generations to come to know and understand who lived in these communities at this time and what all there was to offer. It will give the future residents of these communities a glimpse into what our communities were all about and who was involved in what- it will allow them a trip into the past so they know where they came from. A volunteer board has been created for this project until it is completed.



Foxwarren 150 Celebrations - Our Historical Society is planning to celebrate two historical events this summer - Canada's 150 anniversary along with the 100th anniversary of the Consolidation of Foxwarren



School District #525.

We plan

a 3 day "All-Ages Reunion" beginning on July 21 with a street music jam, a bonfire and wiener roast, culminating with a fireworks finale. On Saturday July 22 we will continue the celebration with a pancake breakfast, a parade and a dinner and dance. Sunday July 23 will begin with a Chapel Service and end with a brunch and farewell.



Birtle Agricultural Society - has created several special classes in every category with very generous prizes in honour of Canada's 150. The Ag Society will have horse entries in the 150 Canada Day parade.



Hockey Day in Foxwarren – Community Breakfast and Hockey to Celebrate Canada's 150th.



MINIOTA FIREFIGHTERS CELEBRATE CANADAS 150th IN THEIR NEW FIRE TRUCK AT ARROW RIVER PARADE

Birtle Skating Club presents



Happy Birthday
Canada



CANADA



ICE SHOW

BIRTLE ARENA
MARCH 12, 2017
2-4PM
Silver Collection



Silent
Auction

50/50

Arrow River
CANADA
DAY 150

July 1, 2017

10 AM: PARADE LINE-UP
11 AM: CANADA DAY PARADE
NOON: BBQ LUNCH
1 PM: BALL GAME
AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT BY LEONA JOSEPH & FRIENDS
3 PM: SUPPER @ ARROW RIVER HALL
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT BY VICTORIA LEON & JOHN PAYNE
DUSK: FIREWORKS SHOW

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ISABELLA
HOMECOMING

10:30 AM- Church Service

NOON- BBQ Lunch

Cemetery Walk, Museum
Tours, Entertainment &
Ball Game to follow

SUPPER: Cold Plate Supper

JULY 9th, 2017

CANADA'S 150TH BIRTLE
CELEBRATIONS



Sat. July 1

- 8:30-10:00am Pancake Breakfast @ Birtle Riverside Golf Course
- 11:00 PARADE (floats pre-register with Municipal Office 204-842-3234 or email ifalter@myprairievillage.ca)
- 11:30 Face Painting @ Town Square
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch @ Town Square
- 12:00-1:30 FREE Cake & Ice Tea @ Town Square
- 12:00-1:30 Show and Shine (Cars & Tractors welcome)
- 1:00-3:30 Youth Fishing Derby (12 & under) @ Birtle Riverside Park, Snake Creek Wildlife Assoc.
- 1-30pm Jr. Firefighters' Challenge @ Birtle Riverside Park
- 1:30-3:30 Museum Open
- 4:00-7:00 Auntie Petri's Bannock Casserole @ Birtle Riverside Park Cook Shack
- 7:00pm Shoot The Rapids Boat Races @ Fish Ladder Birtle Riverside Park. Home-made Boats must be 25cm-50cm, and display a Canada theme. \$2 per entry. Categories for all ages.
- 7:00pm Ice cream Floats @ Birtle Riverside Park Beach. \$3 each.
- Dusk Fireworks

Bring your own chairs

Sun. July 2

- 11:00am Interdenominational Church Service @ The Birtle Riverside Park followed by a Bar Luck lunch. Bring food to share and your own lawn chairs, cutlery, plates, cups and beverage.
- 2:00 Canada Flag Hunt @ Birtle Riverside Park
- 2:00 - 4:00 Bouncy Inflatables @ Birtle Riverside Park. Sponsored by Twin Valley Co-op Parents are responsible for their own children.

Sat. July 8

Gallery in the Garden hosted by The Classic Garden. More details to come.

Show and Shine @ Store & Dances Yesterday.

Visit the Birtle Tourist Bazaar!
Take a bike on the Riverwalkway!

JULY 1ST VALLEY REG. WILL BE IN THE TOWN SQUARE OF BIRTLE WITH SOME OF OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF AND INSTRUCTORS FROM 12-2PM. THERE WILL BE FACE PAINTING, BUBBLES, FREEZIES AND GAMES.

Enter the Parade
Enter a float/vehicle/group in Birtle's Canada Day Parade (starts 12 am)
Entry forms available at the Municipal Office. Call for more information.
204-842-3234 (Office)



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Foxwarren Rink

FEB 4, 2017

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Includes: Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, juice!

Birtle & District Foundation Grant &

Community Fund for Canada's 150th Presentation to FDRC @ 9:00 am

(Funds utilized to purchase replacement tables & chairs for facility)

HOCKEY DAY IN FOXWARREN FEB 4, 2017

- Lunch & Supper Specials Available for Purchase
- HOCKEY ADMISSION \$5 / day (adults) Mixed Hockey Games
- 9:00 Pre-Novice (6 & under) vs: Elkhorn
- 10:15 Novice (8 & under) vs: Elkhorn
- 12:00 Atoms (10 & under) vs: Elkhorn
- 1:45 PeeWee Foxes (12 & under) vs: Souris
- 3:30 PeeWee Boys (12 & under) vs: Neepawa
- 5:00 Bantam Boys (14 & under) game

Followed by:

7:30 Sr Falcons vs Elkhorn/Miniota



FOXWARREN ALL-AGES SCHOOL REUNION IN CONJUNCTION WITH CANADA 150

JULY 21, 22, & 23, 2017

FRIDAY - THE FUN STARTS AT 7 P.M. - BONFIRE, STREET MUSIC, WIENER ROAST, FIREWORKS

SATURDAY - ALL DAY ACTION - PANCAKE BREAKFAST (8 - 10:30 A.M.), PARADE (11:30), DINNER (6 P.M.), DANCE (9 P.M.)

SUNDAY - CHAPEL SERVICE (9:30 A.M.), BRUNCH (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.)

CALL LINDA AT 847 2185 OR LIZ AT 847 2263 FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER.

2017 CHALLENGES



TOUR ITINERARY

July 13, 2017:

- 8:00 a.m. Meet with judges at Birtle District CDC with tour guides, Shonda Ashcroft and Nancy Evans, (volunteers of Prairie View Growing Together committee) for Introductions.
Coffee and muffins available.
- 8:10 a.m. Depart for Foxwarren.
Meet Liz Finch and tour community of Foxwarren
- 9:45 a.m. Depart for Birtle via Snows Heritage collection and Birtle waste disposal site
- 10:15 a.m. Tour Birtle community
- 12:00 p.m. Austi dog BBQ at Town Square for lunch where Reeve, Linda Clark will join us for remainder of tour.
- 12:30 p.m. Complete Birtle tour and depart for Isabella
Tour Isabella museums.
- 1:45 p.m. Depart for Miniota (via Beulah)
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee and Cookies at Miniota Community Centre
- 3:30 p.m. Depart for Birtle
- 4:00 p.m. Private time for Judges
- 7:00 p.m. Supper with committee, municipal reps and other invited guests

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