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### **Birtle & District Foundation: A DECADE OF COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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Fast forward to 2023, and the impact of this Foundation speaks volumes. From its humble beginnings, the Foundation has grown into a pillar of support for the community, thanks to the unwavering generosity of its donors.

The journey began in 2011 with the first grant of \$964.00 to the Park Playground Committee. Since then, the Foundation has gone from strength to strength. This past granting year, an astounding \$25,450.00 was distributed to various community projects and organizations, showcasing the Foundation's commitment to enhancing every aspect of life in Birtle and its neighboring areas.

Among the beneficiaries of the Foundation's generosity in 2023 were the Birdtail Country Museum, Birtle Agriculture Society, Birtle Elementary



School, Foxwarren Leisure Centre, Foxwarren Arena, and Prairie View Gymnastics. These grants serve as a testament to the Foundation's diverse interests, supporting initiatives ranging from education and culture to sports and recreation.

One standout contribution in 2023 was the Francis William Crew Community Volunteer Award, totaling \$9360.00, awarded to Serena Stainer & Rebecca Cheasley. This award underscores the Foundation's recognition of individuals who go above and beyond to make a difference in their community, embodying the spirit of generosity and service.

Looking ahead, the Foundation remains dedicated to fostering community-based projects that enrich the lives of Birtle & district (former Town & RM of Birtle) residents. Grant applications are welcomed

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year-round, with a deadline of November 1st for the upcoming granting cycle. Interested parties are encouraged to submit detailed project proposals outlining the intended impact on the community, along with financial projections and organizational statements.

At the helm of the Foundation are esteemed board members including Roger Wilson, Liz Finch, Susanne Burdett, Fred Haun, Mandy Lee, Kaitlyn Salmon, Edith Galloway, and Eleanor Dnistransky. Their leadership and dedication have been instrumental in guiding the Foundation towards its mission of enriching the community.

Central to the Foundation's sustainability model is the Community Fund, where donations are pooled and invested to generate annual returns. A percentage of these earnings is then granted out each year, ensuring a perpetual cycle of giving. Foundation members note that their community fund has been made by many small donations over the years however donors have the option to establish named funds within the Community Fund, with contributions of \$5000 or more. These named funds serve as a lasting legacy, honoring the donor's commitment to community philanthropy.

To date, several named funds have been established, including the Russell Redi-Mix Concrete Fund, Vanguard Credit Union Fund, Lawson & Shonda Ashcroft Family Fund, Mort & Joyce Cooley Fund, Ray & Margie Howard fund, Pat & Hector Robert fund, Garry Workman fund, David & Branwen Bicknell fund and the Francis William Crew Fund, among others. Each named fund represents a unique contribution to the collective prosperity of Birtle and its surrounding districts.



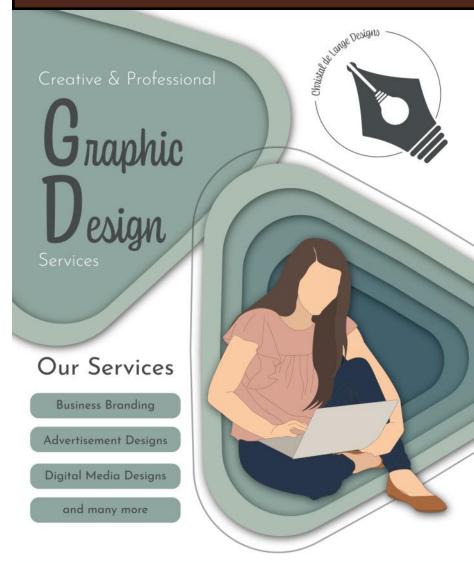
Importantly, all donations to the Foundation are tax -deductible, providing an added incentive for individuals and businesses to support the community's growth and development.

As we celebrate a decade of impact, the Birtle and Dis-Foundation trict stands as a beacon of hope and possibility for generations to come. Through the collective efforts of dovolunteers. nors. community and



partners, we continue to build a brighter future for all who call Birtle & Area home.





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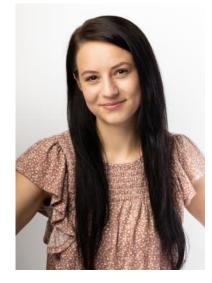
#### Hi, I am Christal!

Growing up in a small town, I have always been passionate about photography, designing and drawing. I love exploring new challenges, experiences and learning new skills.

I pursued my dream and started my education as a graphic designer to expand my knowledge in the design industry.

Recently, we moved to the beautiful town of Birtle, and I am very excited to start up my small Graphic Designing business, Christal de Lange Designs, and to meet new people in the community.

For more information, reach out or follow me on Instagram & Facebook @christaldelangedesigns





#### Birtle Camps

Week #1 July 8th to 12th Week #2 July 15th to 19th Week #3 July 22nd to 26th Week #4 July 29th to Aug 2nd Week #5 Aug 6th to Aug 9th

Miniota Comp Week #6 Aug 12th to 16th

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Review the items in your kit every 6 months and replace any items that have been used, expired, or compromised due to extreme heat or extreme cold.

### Birtle Lab Hours

8:30-3:00

#### Wednesday, June 19 2024



Birtle Fire department's Deputy Chief Andy Brydon and Captain Tom Cottingham (pictured above) received their 35 years of service bars of recognition from the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs. The bars are presented in 10 year increments after the 25 year medal has been awarded for their continued dedication to the fire service.





### **BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury**

#### May 28 2024

The Birtle Collegiate Falcons boys baseball team played in the inter-zone playoff against Vincent Massey of Brandon at Miniota on May 22nd but were not successful in defeating the opposition. Vincent Massey now advances to the Provincials. Congratulations on a great season Falcons!

In the May 17th edition of Crossroads it was noted in the "Paper Clips" an article from the Russell Banner stated that 13 year old Leah van den Heuvel took home a gold medal at the Canadian National Dance Championship and she and the rest of her troupe qualifies to represent Canada at the World dance competitions. Leah is the daughter of Nikki and Gary van den Heuvel of Birtle. Congratulations Leah!

Sympathy of the Birtle Community is extended to the family and friends of Jim Snow who passed away in Souris on May 20th at the age of 72.

Also extending condolences to the family and friends of Christopher Mercer who passed away on May 21st at the age of 31.

A successful "Smile Cookie" campaign has been completed for another year with the local Tim Hortons allowing Expanding Community Cancer to benefit from the sales. A total of \$18990.00 was raised from the sale of 12.660 cookies and was supported by Russell and surrounding communities including Birtle.

Last weekend the weather was not at all like spring or summer. I (Jan) was in Brandon on Friday for an appointment and witnessed first hand the wrath of mother nature with almost blizzard conditions with wet snow falling most of the day. From there I had to travel to Winnipeg and witnessed the snowplows

#### Isabella News

Sympathy is extended to Hazel Wall and her family on the death of her brother-in-law Don Sherwin of Brandon. We extend sympathy also to Louise Wall Sherwin, and her sons Greg and Cory

and their families on the loss of her dear husband, their dad and grandpa.



out to clear the roads which were wet with slush. Eventually ran out of it and there was only rain in Winnipeg. Hoping



the weather will continue to improve and the farmers can get finished with seeding.

#### June 4 2024

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family and friends of Jennifer (Jenn) Hutsal of Birtle who passed away on May 28th at the Russell Health Center at the age of 48.

Saturday, June 1st was a busy day in town as several yard sales were taking place for the annual Town Wide Yard Sales event. The weather cooperated with clear skies and sunshine.

If you have news for this column please call 204-842-5227.



### LEARN THE ART OF RAKU

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Last day to register is July 12 so you have time to prepare your pieces.









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## **Unpacking a decision for MAiD**

A Miniota man opted for medical assistance in dying. Here's why and how

Brenda Hunter Apr 24, 2024

It's been nearly three years since Ken Armitage of Miniota made the last decision of his 72-year-old life. That choice was to ask for and receive, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

It was a decision that he made almost immediately after receiving the diagnosis of glioblastoma (brain cancer) early in 2021, a condition with a poor prognosis.

Ken's whole family was supportive of his decision. However, the ability to act on the individual's behalf should they behad they known then what they know now, it would have enabled them to navigate the process with a little less. The patient is asked throughout the process if they still wish stress and a lot less worry, making Ken's last days on earth a deliberate choice instead of a race against the clock.

Their message to others facing a similar dilemma and considering MAiD as an option?

"Don't wait until it's too late," said Trevor Armitage of factor in whether a candidate is approved for and can ulti-Miniota on his father's decision, the process, and what they mately receive MAiD, or not. went through as a family. "Plan ahead, do your homework, "I consider them angels," said Armitage, of the MAiD team talk to the MAiD people so when it's time to execute it, eve- and the accommodating, compassionate and organized aprything is lined up and you're not fighting against time."

What he means is that even though his dad had made his cess and ultimately, his provision. wishes known right from the time of his diagnosis and his "Dad had his interview on a Monday morning," said medical team was well aware, MAiD wasn't something that Armitage, vividly recalling the whole ordeal. Due to Ken's automatically kicked in once all other avenues had been rapidly declining health, Trevor said, "They were able to exhausted. They didn't realize then, all the steps involved have two doctors meet him at the same time via Telehealth with accessing MAiD.

Armitage advised that the onus is on the patient and their at all; he had been unable to sleep or relax, was restless, family to initiate contact with the MAiD team or ensure that had involuntary finger tapping and couldn't open his eyes their medical team has, well in advance of a potential re- really. But Dad wanted this so bad that he was able to anquest for services.

"MAID is not an emergency service. The process takes time of the park." to go through," cautioned Jason Permanand, senior media relations and communications specialist for Shared Health. he told the doctors during that Monday morning interview," "The MAiD team aims to return calls within one week, and recalled Armitage. "Then, when they asked him when he'd the assessment process usually takes two to four weeks or like to schedule the provision, without hesitation Dad longer to complete.

And sometimes, time, clarity and patience are things that Although MAiD wasn't able to be coordinated quite that folks don't have a lot of near the end. At the very least, quickly, the provision was scheduled for Thursday. Howevthose precious moments might be better spent enjoying each other's company while lucid and pain-free if a well-laid plan is initiated in advance.

Many safeguards are in place for obvious reasons. A strict Deciding his own fate was the last gift he gave to his family. screening process is required for individuals requesting He was finally at peace knowing everything was in order. MAID. An intake and triage process is administered by a The MAiD team was dispatched from Winnipeg and the procentralized intake service located in Winnipeg. To be eligi- vision took place, taking less than an hour from start to finble, a person must have a "grievous and irremediable medical condition," be over 18 years and be mentally competent. The ability for individuals to choose MAiD as an end-of-life The patient must make the application themselves and be health care option is relatively new legislation for Canada, able to give consent.

A grievous and irremediable medical condition is not neces- passed in June of 2016. However, assisted death is not a sarily a terminal one. However, candidates for the proce- new concept. dure must meet all of the criteria: a serious illness (not a It is a contentious issue to say the least. So much so in fact, mental illness), be in an advanced state of decline that is that many doctors and nurses may not even suggest it let irreversible, and experience unbearable physical and/or alone endorse it, and some hospitals in the province may mental suffering as a result of the condition which cannot not support patients wishing to pursue the MAiD option. It be relieved.

Those requesting MAiD must be assessed by two independ- pledge to save lives, not end them. ent physicians through the program and deemed compe- in 2023, Manitoba recorded 236 MAiD deaths, up from only tent of making their end-of-life decision. In addition, the 24 in 2016. The number one reason people report seeking recipient of MAiD must be able to give verbal consent im- MAiD services is terminal cancer, resulting in the loss of mediately prior to the service being carried out or sign a



Waiver of Final Consent shortly before, granting the family come incapacitated.

to proceed and, in some cases, individuals decide not to go through with it. However, in some situations, like Ken's, health status can decline very rapidly and if those steps have not already been completed, it can be the determining

proach with which they assisted Ken's family with the pro-

and conduct a combined interview. He wasn't in good shape swer all of their questions really well – he literally hit it out

"There's nothing for me anymore, I'll never be myself again," asked, 'What are you doing tomorrow?'."

er, by early Thursday morning, Ken had lost consciousness. But he had signed a waiver of final consent on Monday, the day of his interview, allowing his family to act on his behalf. ish.

with changes to the Criminal Code of Canada originally

is still new and doctors, by virtue of the Hippocratic Oath,

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ability to engage in meaningful life activities and perform activities of daily living independently.

"Like the rest of Canada, Manitoba has generally seen a steady increase in demand for MAiD since the service became legal in Canada," reported Permanand. "On average there are approximately five MAiD deaths per week in the province. There are more MAiD approvals each year than there are MAiD deaths, mainly due to voluntarily withdrawn requests or individuals dying prior to receiving MAiD.

Choosing a MAiD option does not disqualify any pension or insurance benefits for survivors.

In Canada, there are two MAiD options although only one is available to Manitoba residents, clinically-administered medical assistance in dying. The other, self-administered MAiD or assisted suicide is not an option. MAiD can be performed outside of a hospital setting, although in-hospital is generally the most common. It cannot be made by advanced request (non-imminent death) or directive. It is not allowed via Power of Attorney or substitute decisionmaker.

"The patient is the only person who can consent to MAiD, and they must meet all the eligibility criteria at the time of their request. Patients wanting MAiD for dementia can only receive MAiD while they can still provide consent," said Permanand on the strict adherence to policy to safeguard against misuse. "The new 2021 legislation allows for a waiver of final consent under strict circumstances. The waiver cannot be used as an advance directive or by a substitute decision-maker."

What he is referring to is Audrey's Amendment, a change to the legislation in 2021 initiated by the late Audrey Parker of Nova Scotia, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. Of course, no one fights harder for change than those who are personally affected, and she could see that this was an important piece. She was instrumental in lobbying for the waiver of final consent to be included.

For the Armitage family, this amendment came into effect on March 17, 2021, just a few short months before they would ultimately need it, allowing Ken to be granted his final wish.

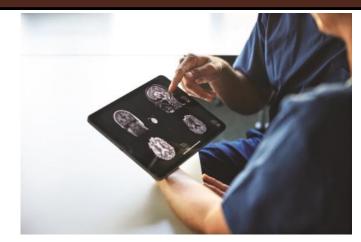
Death is part of the spectrum of life and education about incurable conditions, irreversible degradation of health and about this service is key to making informed decisions regarding one's end-of-life care. "People need to know about their options for all types of

"People need to know about their options for all types of care, which may include MAiD. Making decisions requires clarity, energy, and commitment and all of those things are compromised in the 11th hour," said Christine Cross, who has helped countless people make informed choices when faced with a serious illness or declining health. "MAiD gives people the opportunity to live until they are ready to die."

Both she, and Cathy Coulter, also an advocate for people's right to make their own choices surrounding death and dying, say the feeling of helping people fulfill their last wishes in making it happen is indescribable. But, they caution, people need to get informed sooner, rather than later. They encourage families to have open, honest conversations about death and dying, and ask and answer the really hard questions that seem to be taboo in today's society.

Coulter said, "Education, communication and documentation are vital. When those who will look after you at the end of life see your wishes and plan in writing, it reduces the stress and pressure during one of your most difficult life experiences."

So why choose MAiD if you're going to die anyways?



A diagnosis of glioblastoma (brain cancer) is a condition with a poor prognosis.

"To me, that service was invaluable," said Armitage, the memory of his father tormented by the final stages of an illness still a vivid recollection. "My father's life for the next one day or three weeks... he could have laid like that in pain. We don't put an animal through that, so why would we do that to our people?"

"People think they know, but they don't understand what is required, with regard to legalities, signed documentation and how much time each process consumes," said Coulter. "To ensure that services, resources and options are in place when needed, people need to engage in difficult conversations about dying and learning what their loved one's wishes are."



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## MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

#### May 28 2024

Congratulations to Ted and Anna Oliver on the birth of their daughter, Millie Elizabeth, on May 22nd in Brandon. A tiny little sister for James and Sam, and a new grandchild for Jim and Susan Allen, Darcy Oliver, Noreen Oliver, and a great grandchild for Don and Jan Robertson and Sheila Norman.

Miniota Minor Ball day was held this past Saturday despite the cold windy temps, with teams coming from St. Lazare, Hamiota, Elkhorn, Strathclair, Birtle, Virden and Miniota. Then on Sunday the U11's hosted a tournament. The 50/50 winner for the Miniota Minor Ball fundraiser was Lisa Zurbyk. Congratulations Lisa!

Miniota Town Wide Yard Sales were held on the 25th as well. A nasty day for it, but people were out and about hunting for those bargains.

Congratulations to Blair and Sadie-Jo Gardham on the birth of their daughter, Georgia-Mae Marie, on May 26th at Brandon. Georgia-Mae is also welcomed by her grandparents, Frank Gardham, Lisa Gardham, and Sadie's family, the Luba family.

A Miniota Turkey shoot was held on May 26th, hosted by the Gurr family in conjunction with the Miniota Gun Club. It is the hope that this will become an annual event as the last old fashioned turkey shoot was in 1978. The day was a huge success with 29 shooters, with 104 targets shot at. Nine grand prizes and 34 mini prizes were awarded. Best shots of the day were Kalvin Lamb, Rivers and Terry DeMontigny, Minnedosa, both with a perfect 30x score. Top Junior shooter was Callum Priestley, Miniota and Spencer Bell, Isabella. Top ladies was Ashlee Gurr, Miniota and Becky Gardham, Miniota. Appreciation to Wolverine Supplies, Safety Source, Virden, Brandon Home Hardware, MacDonald's Sporting Goods, Still's Septic Service, and Dushnicky Farms, Isabella. All the proceeds from this day will go towards improvements at the Miniota Gun Club site.

"It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of importance." Thomas Huxley

#### June 5 2024

Miniota School hosted the grade 5-6 Park West Division Soccer tournament on a lovely sunny day and the Miniota grade 7-8's attended the division soccer tournament on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Strathclair School playing through the rain, which didn't seem to dampen their enthusiasm. The grade 7/8 team won two out of three of their first round, however were defeated by Inglis in the final. Watch for the dates for the K-4 Track and Field day at Miniota, while the Grade 5-8's will attend their track and field competition on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Shoal Lake.

Robyn, Traci and Brae McKean travelled to Bozeman, Montana this past weekend to compete in the Spartan race event. Robyn won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his age division for the 10K, Traci placed 5<sup>th</sup> in her age division for the 10K

#### From the desk of Linda Clark

and Brae did her first ever Spartan Kids race. Congratulations to you all!

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

#### June 11 2024

Levi Maurice, son of Taryn



and Grady Delmaire, was baptized at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on June 2nd. Following the service, a family celebration was held at Brent and Cindy Soder's, Levi's grandparents home.

Congratulations to Derrick Reid, son of Lee and Mardelle Reid and Andrea Graham, daughter of Roy and Heather Graham of Foxwarren, on their marriage on May 6th at Brandon. The couple with their daughter Isla Grace reside at Wawanesa.

A bridal shower was held on June 8th at the Miniota DropIn Centre to honour Kerrie Gurr, bride elect of Tanner Williams. Bridesmaids Tamra Fenty, Ashlee Gurr, Justine Kingdon of Minnedosa and Mary Jane Robinson of Lacombe AB were hostesses for the afternoon. The bride received many lovely gifts, with the community gifts being two solar lights, a 'Welcome to our Home' picture, plant and pot, and a gift certificate to Studio 83. Congratulations Kerrie!

The Miniota Golf Course Board sponsored a fundraising tournament on Saturday, June 8th with a total of 23 teams of 4 participating. The lowest overall score was a three way tie with Rodney Frederick's team of Dale O'Greysik, Stan Bryant and Ross Howard being the winning team after a countback. Winning ladies team was Sharon McKenzie, Cheryl Foster, Rita Armitage and Noreen Oliver. A delicious pork supper open to the public completed the day.

Holy Trinity – Miniota United Shared Ministry held a service on Sunday, June 9th to celebrate with our Miniota grads Ty McKenzie and Jaxon Lelond. Congratulations Ty and Jaxon on your graduation!

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine – And shadows will fall behind you." Walt Whitman

**Birtle Library Hours** 

Monday4:30 PM - 7:30PMTuesday1:30 PM - 6:00PMWednesday4:30 PM - 7:30 PMSaturday10:30 PM - 2:30 PM



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June 19th, 2024

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In the General Store there will be a demonstration of the old printing press at 2:30. Our curator, Bernice Still has created a scavenger hunt which includes unique objects in all the 5 museum buildings. Committee members will be in the houses to answer questions or chat.

Cold plate supper at 5pm Adults-\$20.00, 6-10-\$8.00 and under 6 free

#### **Birdtail Country Museum**

will be open on **July 1** in the afternoon. Grand opening later in the summer.

Farmers' Market to be held on Wednesday July 3rd 11 until 2 and every second Wednesday east of the museum.



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June 3, 2024 mike.csversko@fusioncu.com

## FUSION CREDIT UNION PRESENTS COMMUNITY INFUSION.

For a fourth consecutive year, Fusion Credit Union is proud to present "Community Infusion", the business idea competition that infuses economic growth and prosperity into our local communities. Past winners of Community Infusion include Dusty's Butcher Shop from Dauphin, Fierce Female Hockey from Brandon, and Danielle's Studio 12 from Rivers.



Entrepreneurs with a new business idea or an existing business they are looking to grow, or purchase, are asked to submit an application by Sunday, June 16, 2024, at midnight. Selected applicants will move to the next phase of the competition which will require a business plan submission. Up to five finalists will then be selected to pitch their idea to a panel of judges on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, for a chance to share in up to \$30,000.00 in financial grants.

"At Fusion, we are Here for Good, and to us, that means we are committed to our communities today and for the long term," says CEO Darwin Johns. "We are proud to offer Community Infusion for a fourth year as a tangible means of sparking ongoing economic development in our communities across the province."

Mike Csversko, Business Development Manager for Fusion notes that, "Community impact is a foundational pillar for our organization. As a locally based financial institution in the Parkland and Southwestern Manitoba, we consider community impact and contribution to be at the core of our DNA. The Community Infusion initiative is one more way in which Fusion will play a role in supporting job creation, entrepreneurial support, community engagement, and business development in our trading area." Full details regarding the competition can be found at www.fusioncu.com.





can be issued up to one week before the class. E-transfer to info@birtlearts.ca and note what you are paying for in the message area or mail cheques payable to "Birtle Centre for the Arts" Box 460, Birtle, MB ROMOCO

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