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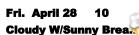
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### MINIOTA WELCOME NIGHT & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

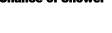


Weather Outlook Wed April 26 **Light Rain** 





Sat. April 29 **Chance of Shower** 



**Twin Valley** 





The annual Welcome Evening 2023 was held on Tuesday, April 18th at the Miniota Community Centre with a full house, numbering nearly 190 people in attendance. Following a delicious potluck supper, the Miniota School choir with approximately 60 students under the supervision of their music teacher Tricia Lelond, performed two songs. The Valley Rec director, Martyn Lambe then offered a movie in the rink complete with popcorn courtesy of Twin Valley Co-op and drinks for the children while the program continued. Mac Lelond and Linda Clark acted as chairpersons for the evening. Greetings were brought from Prairie View Council by Reeve Roger Wilson. Eleven new individuals/ households were welcomed and presented with gift bags arranged by the Birtle-Miniota CDC officer Eleanor Dnistransky. The Bill Clark Memorial Volunteer Certificates were presented to the following for their years of volunteer service in their respective communities: Arrow River - Bruce and Linda Mitchell, Beulah-Mary Spanics, Crandall- The Late Anne Ariss, Isabella- The Late June Still and The Late Joanne Huberdeau, Miniota - The Late Edwin and Hazel Wadham and Larry Walker and The Late Janet Walker. Fire Department awards were presented as follows: 15 years Shelley Gardham and Ross Priestley, 20 years Luke Lelond, 25 years Darryl Brown, 30 years Rodney Gardham and 35 years Darcy Oliver. Our Miniota is grateful for the many services provided by our volunteers and fire fighters. Congratulations to all who received awards! Well deserved!

The Late Edwin and Hazel Wadham nominated by Miniota Community

Ed and Hazel Wadham with their children Gilbert, Noreen, Ken and Glen became part of the Miniota Community in 1963 when Ed found work at the Fred Bryant Garage, they both took leadership roles in several organizations as their children became involved in many activities. Ed was involved with the Cubs and Scouts locally as well as regionally, receiving a 25 year award from the Oak River District Cub and Scout organization, with the last few years as their District Commissioner. He also taught small engines in the 4-H program. Ed received the Good Citizen Award from the Governor General of Canada in 1978. Hazel was a leader of the Explorers and a 4-H leader for 27 years giving instruction in cooking and sewing. She served as head leader of the 4-H program for many years. Hazel was a member of the Women's Association. Ed and Hazel were faithful members of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Ed served as Lay reader for over 50 years and was also a Warden of the church. When Anglican churches were without a minister, Ed not only led services here in Miniota but in other surrounding towns. Hazel was an active ACW member and served as president of Holy Trinity ACW, President of Agassiz Deanery; Vice-President of the Brandon Deanery. Edwin was musical and entertained at the personal care homes for many years. Edwin and Hazel enjoyed old time dancing. Ed and Hazel lived and worked as a strong unit

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through over 70 years of marriage. They retired to Virden in 2005, however made many trips home to Miniota to attend Sunday services at Holy Trinity, ACW Meetings, community events, suppers and to visit their family. We are grateful as a community for all they have given to the youth of this community through many many years and for their faithful attendance and work at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

#### **Mary Spanics**

Nominated by Beulah Community

Currently Beulah's oldest resident, may no longer be as active in the community as she once was, but her previous years of volunteerism certainly deserves recognition. Mary simply enjoy serving her community, although she was humble about it and often did things quietly and without fanfare. Mary and her late husband, Steve, quickly became friends with Lilian Derlago and Wilma Sterling, among others, and she was famous for her pies and cakes she donated to various events at the Hall. She especially enjoyed helping Mrs. Chisholm at the Chapel, and enjoyed serving Strawberry Teas, which were originally served out of the Chapel basement kitchen. She would even bring these tasty donut-like goodies to all the planning meetings for events! Back in the day when Beulah maintained a skating rink, Mary often donated time and food in the kitchen and took part skipping for the Beulah Ladies Curling Club. She could even be found helping out in the cook shack at Hoopers' Lake sports days. Mary loved providing daycare for neighbouring families, loving all the local children; she especially anticipated their arrival on Halloween night, all of whom received handfuls of treats. Many of these children still refer to her as "Grandma Mary" In 2017, for the MB 150th July 1st celebration, Mary who was honoured to ride on the Beulah float, although it was a toss-up as to who was the oldest resident of Beulah at the time, Mary or Percy Pierce! Neither let on who was, and we're still not sure! In her later years, Mary spend time playing cards with the Beulah Fun Club and attending the old-time Music Jams when they were held at the hall. Supporting her community was important to Mary, contributing as she could, when she could, and felt bledded to celebrate her and Steve's 40th, 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries at the Beulah Community Hall. She can't imagine and does not wish to live anywhere else than Beulah. Congratulations Mary, and thank you for all the years of love, help and service to your community.

#### **Bruce and Linda Mitchell**

nominated by Arrow River Community

Bruce and Linda are always willing workers and through the years have served on several community committees in both Arrow River and Miniota communities. Both Bruce and Linda gave their time and talents as they volunteered for the Miniota Fire Department. Bruce served 10 years with seven of them in the position of Fire Chief. Linda, who graduated as a nurse joined the Miniota Fire Department as an Emergency Medical Technician - a very important and valuable part of our Fire Department. They both supported Arrow River Community Centre, the Miniota Community Centre and the Miniota United Church and were always willing to help in many

capacities. Whether it was helping plan sporting events, work on building projects, plan suppers, donate food (they are both excellent cooks) or work in kitchens in the rink or hall, they could always be counted on to do their part. Bruce was a member of the CDC committee for many years as the committee worked to support and encourage projects in our municipality. Bruce and Linda were actively involved in their children, Alethea, Colleen and Micheal's activities. They assisted with many organizations their children participated in such as hockey, ball, school events and figure skating, Linda was active as a parent and an instructor. Bruce and Linda's support of their community and family has had a positive effect on the organizations within our area. We at Arrow River are please to nominated Bruce and Linda as the recipients of the Bill Clark Volunteer Award in

#### the Late June Still

nominated by Isabella Community

June became a part of our Isabella community in 1957 when her family moved to Isabella as her dad, Tony Rittaler, was principal of the Isabella school. Although her family moved on when her dad secured a different teaching position, June remained and was a part of our lives and community from that time on. June married a local farmer Dale Still and together they raised their three daughters; Karen, Terry Lyn and Lucinda. June was never scared of work, and helped in all aspects of the farm and then June took an off the farm job as Activity Director at Sunnyside Manor in Birtle for several years. No matter how busy farm life nor her job was, June always had time for community and friends. She was an avid seamstress and sewed and crocheted for many. She was a member of our Isabella United Church Women and always could be counted on to bring a ton of food and to work at all our events including our annual turkey suppers. June loved to curl and was part of our bonspiel meals and fun. She also loved to playball and for many years was a member of the Isabella Ladies team. One never had to ask June twice to help out - she was an integral part of all our activities and she loved to be a part of it all, including many a card game or off to bingo with her friends. The Isabella Community was home and most important to June and we miss her friendship, her smile and her quick remarks keeping us all in line. June retired to Shoal Lake for a few years, but still loved to bring her girls and grandchildren home for our annual Christmas supper and evening. She then was a resident at the Elkview Lodge in Elkhorn. We are grateful for all of the memories June has gifted our community with and for the topnotch volunteer she was.

#### Larry Walker and the Late Janet Walker

nominated by Miniota Community

Larry Walker married an Isabella girl, Janet White, in 1960 and they began their farming career on the home farm at Miniota. They farmed first with Larry's brother and his mother, and they began farming on their own with the purchase of more land plus maintaining a cattle herd, which was the beginning of Black Meadows Angus Farm. Larry and Janet raised two sons, Bill and Alan, who also farmed with their parents. Their family, farm and community were their life, as well as being involved in many many organizations. Larry served 23 consecutive years as a director for the Manitoba Angus Association, and showed cattle at various levels. He became involved with the registered seed cleaners organization when they operated their own seed cleaning plant. Larry served terms on the Miniota Consumer Co-op, and

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Larry Walker (on behalf of himself and his wife the late Janet Walker), Noreen Stowe, Krista Brown, (on behalf of Noreen's parents, Krista's grandparents, The late Edwin and Hazel Wadham) Bruce and Linda Mitchell, Jamie and Ron Huberdeau (on behalf of the late Joanne Huberdeau), Karen Matiation and Lucinda Still (on behalf of their mother the Late June Still)

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also when it became Twin Valley Co-op. He was a board member of the Miniota Community Centre and then later chairperson when the first rodeo was organized. He also served as a leader of the Miniota 4-H Beef Club for many years, and coached both hockey and baseball when the boys became involved in sports. Larry became a councillor for the RM of Miniota in 1980 and in 1989 he took on the position of Reeve. He also served at the provincial level of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities, first as Director and then as Vice President. Many aspects of rural life benefitted from Larry's time as a municipal representative. Larry was awarded the Queens Golden Jubilee award in 2003 as well as becoming an honorary member of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. Janet, a busy farm wife and hockey and ball Mom, also gave of her time for the betterment of our community. She loved to curl, she was a faithful member of the Holy Trinity Anglican church as a member of their vestry, their Wider Parish council, and treasurer for the ACW. She was a willing and able member cooking and catering at church and community centre events. She also sewed and baked many items for the Anglican bazaar each fall. Janet was a devoted wife and spent much time travelling with Larry to his many meetings and municipal functions. Larry and Janet have given hours of time to the many changes made at the Miniota Golf Course through the years, enjoying many retirement hours golfing and camping there. They also enjoyed and supported the Miniota Drop In Centre and I hear Larry has learned to make a mean cup of morning coffee for all. Our Miniota Community has benefitted from the many hours of work, volunteered by both Larry and Janet and we are the better for all they have worked towards. Thank you Larry and I believe Janet is watching over you tonight as you accept this recognition on behalf of you both.

#### the Late Joanne Huberdeau

Nominated by Isabella Community

Joanne was the oldest daughter of Archie and Jean Norrie, and raised at Isabella, attended school there and participated in all the youth activities. Joanne's career led her to become a registered psychiatric nurse. She married Ron Huberdeau and shortly thereafter they moved home to Isabella where they raised their four sons; Leigh, Joel, Daniel and Jamie. With four son's Joanne's life became very busy as she was not only involved in the Isabella activities but also in the Birtle community where the boys attended school, played hockey, and participated in many school community activities. Joanne was a member of our young Women's group, she taught Sunday school, and was a member of the Isabella United Church Women cooking, baking and volunteering her time at our many functions, both at the church, hall and the rink. Joanne became school trustee for the Birdtail River School Division and served as chairperson for several years. As Joanne's health failed, she became a resident of Birch Lodge in Hamiota. Our Isabella Community is grateful for all Joanne gave to our Isabella Community - her home nearly her whole life.

#### The Late Anne Ariss

Nominated by the Crandall Community and as a close family friend of Anne's

I also would like to claim her as an Isabella person, for when Anne Kohuch of Rossburn married George Ariss of Isabella in 1941, they began their married life on the farm at Isabella where their 4 oldest children were born and where the children began their schooling. Anne was a community minded person and a wonderful neighbour, and she told me often of how she babysat the Clark children.

George and Anne then purchased a farm north of Crandall in 1952, and Anne became involved in the Crandall community and as all women of that era did, she cooked and helped at community functions at the church and the hall. Their fifth child was born at Crandall.

Upon retirement to Virden and then to Brandon, Anne remained interested in both the Crandall and the Isabella communities, and returned to as many functions as she could whether that would be reunions, church services, then the closing of the churches, the Father's Day brunches at Crandall and the turkey suppers at Isabella. She loved to come home and visit.

At one of the Crandall brunches, a miniature replica of the Crandall church made by Melanie Ellis, was being auctioned off to raise funds. Now Anne having lived through many rough times when she had to be very frugal, told me she so wanted that replica of the church she had attended for so many years, and so she spent much more than she should have. Just a year ago as Anne's health started to decline, she made the decision to have the church replica come closer to Crandall and the Miniota Museum committee gratefully accepted it, where you may view it now, and for that Anne was grateful. As well Anne placed several articles in the Isabella museum.

Anne celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday in July of 2022, and she died this past March. Her family were honoured to hear she was being nominated for this award which speaks to her nature of giving back to others for so many years. Her family live in Winnipeg and Alberta and are gathering this Saturday for their Mother's Celebration of life service so are unable to be here tonight. I will take this certificate of honour to them on Saturday. We give thanks for Anne Ariss's generous spirit and friendship. In David Lawrence's words, Anne was a truly lovely lady.

# IN THE NEXT EDITION WE WILL SHARE PICTURES OF ALL THE MINIOTA FIRE FIGHTER SERVICE AWARDS

## **ISABELLA NEWS - By Linda Clark**

April 11 2023

David Irwin and Derry Ashcroft flew across the 'pond' to London UK' for some sightseeing and to attend the wedding of Sarah Harrison, daughter of Marcie Harrison and Cal Harrison, to Nicholas Clark Bryan. What a beautiful bride Sarah was in a stunning gown and her groom Nick dressed in his military dress uniform. The wedding was held at Brympton House, Yeovil, a 600 year old estate, a venue complete with rooms for the guests, a ballroom for the reception, St. Andrew's church on the grounds for the ceremony,



the old large farmhouse kitchen for breakfasts, a beautiful terrace and lawns for a barbecue Friday evening for all the guests and for strolling to take in the spring weather complete with flowers and green grass and foliage starting to show on all the trees, and rooms for dancing. What a wonderful weekend it was to be a part of Sarah's special day! Dave did us proud wearing a kilt for this most special occasion. Our Isabella contingent for the weekend included Dave, Derry, Cal and Cam Harrison, Linda Clark and Julie Clark-Halipchuk.

### April 18 2023

Our Isabella community extends deepest sympathy to Brenda and Robert Still and their family on the death of Brenda's mother, Freida Radlinsky, of Beulah. Our thoughts are with you all on the loss of your mother and grandmother.

Abby and Heidi Clark enjoyed a warm holiday to Belize, taking in the sights and the culture of the area.

Congratulations to our Isabella dancers who are members of the MidWest School of Dance on their wonderful energetic performances with such beautiful costumes at the windup recital at the Hamiota Collegiate on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Our dancers are Amanda Gregory, Zoey Knight, Acadia Huberdeau, Avery Clark and Heidi Clark. Congratulations to Heidi Clark who was one of the graduating members of the dance club.

Tana and Acadia Huberdeau were a part of the Strathclair Drama club this year, performing in The Addams Family. Congratulations Ladies!

### April 24 2023

The Isabella community nominated the Late June Still and the Late Joanne Huberdeau for the Bill Clark Memorial Volunteer award for all their volunteer work through the years at our hall, church and rink. June's daughters Karen Matiation, Shoal Lake and Lucinda Still were present to receive the award on behalf of their mother, and Ron and Jamie Huberdeau were present to receive the award on behalf of Ron's wife Joanne, and Jamie's Mom. Trevor and Linda Clark presented on behalf of the Clark family. Well deserved recognition for both of these deserving Isabella ladies

### ISABELLA MB

### **GARAGE, CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

April 29, 2023 10am-3pm

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

April 11 2023

Condolences from the community are being sent to the family and friends of Wanda (Irwin) Keam who passed away March 29 after a brief illness at the age of 66. Wanda was predeceased by her husband Richard and only son Michael. She will be remembered by her grandchildren Charlie, Damien and Calleigh as well as her siblings and their families.

Sympathy of the Birtle community is being expressed to the family and friends of Marge Cloake who passed away last week. Many will remember Marge for the 25 years that she worked in the Birtle branch of the RBC Royal Bank. He husband Greg and their daughters Joanne, Carla and Sandra and their families will truly miss her.

Also extending community condolences to the family and friends of Freda (Lindenbach) Radlinsky who also passed away last week. Predeceased by her husband Joe Radlinsky, she will be remembered by her children Debbie Malchuk, Brenda Still, Joanne Ireland, and Wayne Radlinsky along with their families and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and other extended Lindenbach and Radlinsky family relatives.

Easter visitors with Olga Melnyk were Sydney Melnyk and Taylor and Xander Melnyk of Wadena, SK as well as Marg and Kim Melnyk of Brandon.

I think spring has finally sprung! With temperatures in the double digits the last few days, the snow is disappearing quickly causing some flooding of some properties. Hopefully



we have seen the last of the white stuff but it is April and it is Manitoba.

April 18 2023

Easter visitors with Pat Koroscil were Cathy, Chris and Kaylee Powell of Winnipeg.

Nancy Evans Easter visitors were Kylie, Graeme, Maisie and Charles Matheson of Stonewall with Marg Ashcroft joining them for Easter supper.

Word has been received on the passing of Raymond Tymkiw of Souris and formerly of the Solsgirth/Birtle area. Extending condolences to his family and friends.

Kevin and Joanne Hickman have returned from spending 10 days in Bucerias, Mexico and report a great time with good weather.

Derry Ashcroft along with David Irwin of Isabella as well as several other Isabella/Miniota friends and family attended the wedding of Sarah Harrison in England, an event of Easter weekend.





Tickets go on sale March 29, 2023 at The Birtle pharmacy \$25.00 each.

Birtle & Area Palliative Care Fundraiser April 29, 2023.

Birtle Community Hall. 5:30 p.m. Cocktails 6:30 Supper 7:30 Fashion Show

There will be a variety of lovely items raffled off through the course of the evening, thanks to the many generous donors.

After a three year hiatus, it's time to get together again!

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### **NEWS FROM THE FOX**

April 10 2023.

We will start this column with a piece written on www.texasstars.com

The Texas Stars, American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's Dallas Stars, announced today that defenseman Dawson Barteaux has been recalled from loan to the ECHL's Idaho Steelheads and reassigned to Texas.

Barteaux, 23, has compiled 24 points (2-22—24) and a plusfive rating in 62 games for the Steelheads this season. The third-year pro ranks fourth on the team with 12 power play assists and shares fourth among defensemen with 24 points, helping Idaho lock up the best record in the ECHL.

He skated in 30 games for Texas last season, posting one goal and two assists, while added eight assists in 11 games for the Steelheads in 2021-22. Barteaux also had two points (1-1—2) in 25 games as a rookie for the Stars in 2020-21.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound native of Foxwarren, Manitoba was originally selected by Dallas in the sixth round (168th overall) of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft."

Wonderful news for Dawson and his parents Jacki and David and Dawson's sister Maddi who is forging her own hockey career on the coaching side.

One more hockey note before we move on. Cass Lyttle, Jen and Kevin's daughter, has wrapped up her hockey career with the NAIT Ooks. Northern Alberta Institute of Technology where Cassidy earned a scholarship to and took full advantage of by graduating with a Degree in Human Resources. Always nice to see a person's dedication to a sport they love see them off to a nice start in life and good job to your support system. Those are a must have so well done to all of you.

Our Canadian world curling men, the Goosh and team, gave it their all yet they fell short in the finals after a thrilling semi final win against Sweden. We lost to the team out of Scotland where the TSN announcers said, "Scotland, where the game was born and grew up in Canada". Fairly accurate I would say. Listening to the announcers, Canada, by far, is all of the world wide curlers favourite place to play. It's like a rock star atmosphere for them over here and if you have never been to a Scotties, a Brier or a World's, check them out. If you are a fan, you will not be disappointed and even if you are not a fan, you should go anyway just to see what all the fuss is about. I have been to both a Brier and a World's, so a Scottie's is no doubt in my future.

Our slow melt continues to carry on. I was speaking with Lisa Crerar (Foster) who is now living in Shelburne, Ont quite happily with her husband Jim and their 2 grown sons Dallas and Dylan. Lisa was saying how happy she was to have finally raked all the grass and gravel off of their front yard. I kept my end polite with a "yah....we're in a slow melt right now...." as my gaze fell upon the snow that is going away, yet at a snail's pace. Better than the alternative I tell myself. Flash floods are no fun so a nice slow melt is ok by me.

By Lori Falloon

April 17 2023

As I write this, the big tractors are out and about pulling their wares behind them, so now is the time for remembering to "mind the men!" my Grandma Falloon would say. Give them a big berth elsewise



you may have a cultivator shovel take out your window or leave a big gash on the side of your vehicle.

Here is some exciting news for you, as written on the MJHL Hockey site."Waywayseecappo Wolverines goaltender, Tresor Wotton was named one of thirteen, MJHL – RBC Community Ambassadors earlier this season. Each ambassador has displayed outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship both on and off the ice and a commitment to volunteerism. RBC Community Ambassadors are recognized for making a difference and giving back to their communities where they play. "I remember being the little kid excited to meet all of the players on my favourite home team and want to help inspire them to follow their dreams," Wotton shared. "Getting the chance to experience the excitement on all the kids faces is amazing. "A donation was made by RBC on Tresor's behalf that will go towards Birtle Collegiate. "There are many other players on the team that put in many hours in our community that are deserving. It's a huge honour to be recognized as an RBC Community Ambassador. "During the MJHL Turnbull Cup Finals, one RBC – MJHL Community Ambassador will be named as the recipient of the RBC Community Award, which comes with a further donation from RBC in the player's name to a school in their local community." Tressor is the son of Scott and Melanie Wotton and the grandson of Bev and the late Lloyd Wotton of Foxwarren. Excellent work Tressor family. We are all pulling for you to be the recipient of a fabulous award.

The Birtle and Area Grief Support will be gathering at the Birtle Centre for the Arts building for an evening of sharing and caring at 7pm, Thursday April 27th. All are welcome and you can contact Linda Clarke at 204-567-3847 for more information, or Linda will answer questions that you may have.

The Brandon Bear Clan are on the lookout for spring wear for the people that they serve. They are specifically looking for hoodies, shorts, and shoes. Especially the larger men's shoe sizes. So whilst you are spring cleaning your closet, please set them aside and I feel Bev Wotton will not mind if you contact her to make arrangements for your donation to reach its intended destination. People can drop off their Bear Clan donations at the Leisure Centre.

The Foxwarren Leisure Centre is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 23rd. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea or juice will be whipped up for you to sit down and enjoy at a bargain basement price. The breakfast will run from 10am to 1:30pm.

Speaking of food, the other day I was traveling home to Foxwarren via 16 highway from the Binscarth/Russell area, and as I am approaching the curve, almost home, in the distance, I see 3 identical vans, clearly in a procession, and they are all

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mint green. As I get closer it is the food service that you order from online where they will deliver your meals to you for prepping and cooking. I could not help but wonder what my beloved Grandmother, either of them for that matter, would say about this had they both lived long enough to see. I will let you to your imagination on that! one!

#### April 22 2023

The Foxwarren community sends condolences to Scott and Heather (Ferris) Falloon and their families on the recent passing of their Mother, Kathy. Kathy was my (Lori) relative, my neighbour, my 4 H arts and crafts leader and one of my biggest writing fans. Kathy is the very first person to really drive my confidence when it comes to writing and I will never forget that. Rest easy Kathy.

Saturday April 29th sees our Foxwarren Rink hosting an event reminiscent of my golden days as a child here in Foxwarren. The Foxwarren-Solsgirth 4-H Beef Club is having a garage sale with lunch served between 11 and 3. I remember garage sales, or "rummage sales" as we used to call

them, being an annual event. It was at these sales my very own "tickle trunk" got filled up! Wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, tiara's, diamonds and pearls, gloves, shoes, suits, even a wig or 2 made it in there! I have photos of my first "wedding" as a teenager. I was the groom, and Judy (McCrindle), was our preacher, and Lisa (Crerar) or Jacki (Pizzey), one of them was my bride and bridesmaid. We spent hours and hours with that tickle trunk, which was actually (Great Aunt) Hazel Falloon's steamer trunk. Upcycling at its finest!

It has been brought to my attention that along with the pie you can win at the Leisure Centre, there will for a limited time be a wooden pen fashioned by our own Derry Moulson. As the town reporter, I am more than excited to try one of these bad boys out. I have seen photos of them and they are stunning! So Derry, I am on my way to collect mine!



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## MINIOTA HAPPENINGS Fro

April 11 2023

Our Miniota community extends deepest sympathy to Greg Cloake on the death of his wife Marge, and to their family Joanne, Carla and Sandra on the loss of their mother and grandmother. Marge was a staunch Beulah community supporter all her life and I don't think one could attend a Beulah event and not see Marge working in the kitchen. Our thoughts are with the Cloake family.

Stan and Bonnie Bryant, our Miniota snowbirds, arrived home from Apache Junction, AZ on April 5th, where they spent the winter months in much warmer conditions. Time to catch up with family and friends, they enjoyed an Easter celebration with Ron and Susanne Burdett, and then to sons Sean and to Dean's for family meals and visits and to enjoy their four great grandchildren. Welcome home.

LInda Clark travelled to Ottawa to begin a wonderful trip of a lifetime, first spending time with Kevin and Julie Halipchuk and grandchildren Aidan, Reese and Carley. Ruth Thomas, Birtle joined us at Ottawa for a night and then flew with us to London UK where Ruth was met by her family and then Julie and I were off to see the sights of England. Travelling by plane, train and automobile we managed a lot in a few days taking in the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, a ride on the London Eye to see the city from above, Westminster Cathedral and Big Ben, London Bridge, Tower Bridge, shopping at Harrod's??(well maybe some sightseeing there as well), Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament and the Canadian Embassy, the theatre for an evening, a few pubs to check out their English cuisine, drinks and more. By bus we visited Windsor Castle, the Stonehenge and the city of Bath where we attended a beautiful abbey for their Maundy Thursday service with a wonderful choir, the Roman baths, their market area and more architecture. Travelling by train we then moved to Brympton House at Yeovil to attend the wedding of Sarah Harrison and Nicholas Clark Bryan. What a wonderful celebration at a 600 year old estate with beautiful architecture, spring flowers and green grass everywhere! A taste of spring for us! For further wedding details check the Isabella news. To end my epic adventure as Julie put it, back to Ottawa for some more family time.

I am going to end this weeks' news with words my daughter Julie wrote on one of her Facebook posts to

From the desk of Linda Clark

accompany some of our adventures. 'Because life is short and the world is wide.' I feel so blessed to have shared this epic adventure with Julie



and I want to offer belated Easter greetings to all our readers. I hope everyone's weekend was filled with family and good food - making more memories. Linda

#### April 18 2023

Our sympathy is extended to Donna and Bob Gardham and Irene and Ken McFarlin and their families on the death of their aunt Rena Horner. Rena, wife of the late Stan Horner, was a resident at the West-Man Nursing Home in Virden.

Brenda Lelond accompanied her sister Barb Gnutel on a trip west, with a stop at Invermere AB to spend time with Barb's son, Christopher Gnutel and his family, and then on to British Columbia with stops along the way for visiting family and sightseeing.

Sheila Kokorudz enjoyed a getaway to Calgary, first to spend time with her daughter Amanda and Rob Arran and grandchildren Cagney and Ryken. She then travelled with her daughter Angela Kokorudz and grandson Yusef to Banff for a holiday of beautiful sights.

Welcome home to snowbirds Don and Sandra Sandra writes of their winter: Three Armitage. months later, after driving south to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, then west to New Mexico, and Arizona, we have arrived back home with many new memories and knowledge about new places. motor home in Llano Grande RV Park, in Mercedes, Texas, was our home for 5 weeks. We enjoyed the very Hispanic area here, the sunshine, and the Palm trees before packing up and moving on to the "Chile State" of New Mexico. Here we saw a lot of old history, and explored Billy the Kid country, walked on the white sands west of Alamagorda, as well as ate some of the Chile stews common there! Then west to Arizona where we spent time in Mesa, Lake Havasu, and Cottonwoood/Sedona. A highlight in this area was the "superbloom" of the desert. Flowers blanketed parts of the desert, and the orange (Continued from page 10)

California poppies hugged the Mojave desert mountains. We hiked in the Mesa/Apache junction area with our son Lyle and family, enjoying the Saguaran cactus and brittlebrush blossoms. Throughout our trip we were able to find Pickleball courts to play on and met many great people. Hiking was also available everywhere so we took some of this in also, giving us close-up views of the beautiful landscapes. Our trip home included driving along the favour Route 66 and we "took it easy" past Winslow, Arizona! It was a good winter and we hope to continue our travels again next year!

Sonya Cameron and Leona Joseph enjoyed their holiday to Dallas Texas, despite some airline delays. They visited with Sonya's mother and sister and other family members and friends.

Congratulations to Kasey Fouillard, daughter of Melissa and Mike Mitchell, for a most successful first year of hockey with the Assiniboine Community College Cougars Women's Squad! The Cougars travelled to Marlborough, Massachusettes, making it all the way to the semifinals of the American collegiate Hockey Association Division tournament.

The Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks won game 2 in this final series played at Virden Tundra Place. They play again in Winnipeg on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Good luck C-Hawks!

Group 1 of the Miniota UCW catered a delicious roast beef supper on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> · On such a beautiful day, much fellowship was enjoyed as many from surrounding communities supported this event and took the time for a visit.

The MidWest School of Dance held their recital at the Hamiota Collegiate on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our Miniota dancers for their wonderful performances. Our dancers are Jemma Sheane, Blair Howard, Katie Howard, Lexi Brown, and Tiffany Brown.

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." Albert Einstein April 24 2023

Stan and Bonnie Bryant are proud to announce the arrival of their 5th great grandchild, Ivy Rose, born on April 21st to Claudia Bryant and Lance Brown, a little sister for Scarlett and Sadie, and a new granddaughter for Dean and Denise Bryant. Congratulations to all!

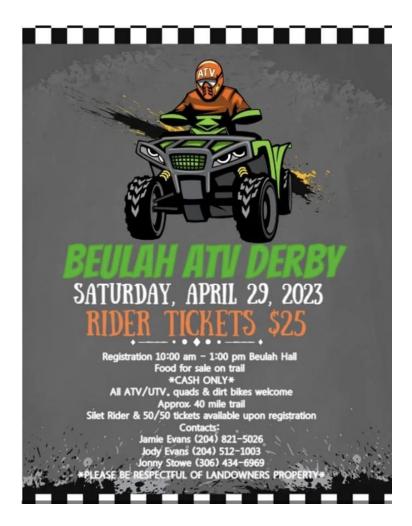
The Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks are the Provincial Champions following defeating the Ste. Anne Senior

Aces on Sunday evening in Winnipeg with a score of 7-3. Many travelled in to cheer on the team while here at home at the Miniota Community Centre many gathered for a Watch Party, complete with pizza for all catered by Little Kitchen on the Prairie. Congratulations to the C-Hawks on a most successful hockey season!

Adrianna Cousins of the Prairie View Gymnastics club received Gold for her Level 3 performance at the Provincials competition held in Brandon this past weekend. This marks Adrianna's second year to receive the Gold medal. Congratulations Adrianna! Ryder Fenty, with his team the Redneck Ryders consisting of family and friends, participated in the Cerebral Palsey Stationary Bike Race on April 22nd at the Keystone in Brandon. Ryder's team raised over \$5000 for the Cerebral Palsy Association and family are grateful for all the donations he received. Well done Ryder and Team!

Congratulations to one of our own, a Miniota native Julia Schettler ne Oliver on the launching of her children's book 'For As Long As Zebras Are Striped'. Her first children's book was entitled "Fir Is Only Fur Deep'.

"Continue to allow humour to lighten the burden of your tender heart." Maya Angelou





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