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NEWS**






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**HAPPY
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2023**

Weather Outlook

Wed April 5	-3	
Windy		
Thurs April 6	-2	
Mix of Sun/Clouds		
Fri. April 7	-1	
Mainly Sunny		
Sat. April 8	10	
Cloudy w/Sunny Break		
Sun. April 9	14	
Mainly Sunny		

This is a long read, but it explains why our Medical First Response services in MB are in jeopardy and what we're doing to try and save it. We encourage you to share this article and to speak out & voice your concerns by contacting your MLA and local government. After all, it's the public's safety and emergency medical care that's at stake here.

HOW DID WE GET TO WHERE WE ARE

- The College of Paramedics of Manitoba (CPMB) decided to make changes to the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course which now sees the required training hours go from 120 to 312. These changes were made and approved by the College without any feasibility study or consultation with Medical First Response (MFR) agencies or the Municipalities that fully fund these MFR agencies.

- Once hearing of this news, MFR representatives tried to reason with the College and to get them to understand what the negative impact these changes would make in regards to sustaining our services, but it all fell over deaf ears and they went ahead and continued on their path without considering any of our concerns.

- Many resolutions from Municipalities that were apposed of these changes were sent to Provincial Ministers. Association of MB Municipalities (AMM) also passed a resolution to lobby the MB Government against these changes. Completed petitions were sent to AMM. The media also published stories of what was transpiring and how it would effect MFR services.

- Deputy Health Minister, Karen Herd, set up a working group comprised of Shared Health, MB Health, AMM, Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC), Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC),



CPMB, and MFR reps. to try and come up with a satisfactory and reasonable solution that would meet everyone's needs.

- Shared Health came up with a proposal that did not include any involvement by MFR representatives. This proposal outlined three choices for Municipalities to adopt.

1. Remain as Medical First Response
2. Provide a Fire First Response service
3. Provide no service at all.

- The MFR group was not satisfied with the proposal for the following main reasons:

1. Remaining as a MFR agency would not be sustainable for most in the province because the new training requirements for EMRs makes it close to impossible to recruit new students. MFRs are volunteer based so the EMRs that make up this service have other full time jobs and/or are raising families and cannot commit to the almost tripling of hours required to be trained as an EMR.
 2. Fire First Response would not work without the affiliation and dispatching of MTCC.
- The skills that have been outlined with this service

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is not sufficient. We need to be able to continue performing delegated acts or skills such as ASA, Acetaminophen, Salbutamol, Nitroglycerin, Glucometry, Oximetry & a full set of Vitals including blood pressure.

- Shared Health has decided to hold a one-day Municipal Medical First Response planning workshop on April 25. Their objectives are to inform Municipal Governments by providing in-person forums, clarify legislative and regulatory requirements, provide information on first-aid and medical first response training options. They will not be presenting any other proposals or inviting any more ideas at this event.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The 2012 Emergency Medical Services review found many areas of concern with all levels of service, including MFR. Go to the following link to view the entire report. <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/documents/ems.pdf>

- EMS (ambulance) services continue to get worse in rural MB in regards to response times which makes MFR services even more important than ever before.

- The new EMR training requirements implemented by the College of Paramedics will force MFRs to discontinue their services and either adopt a lower level of service or not provide the service at all.

- The current proposed Fire First Response service would not allow us to carry or administer Aspirin, Tylenol, Salbutamol (inhalers) and Nitroglycerine. Meanwhile, any member of the public can get these over the counter, excluding Salbutamol. We would also not be able to check a patient's blood sugar level or blood oxygen level. These are simple procedures that trained personnel can perform and when they are done early enough, can drastically change a patient's outcome. It makes no sense to take these away from First Responders and we have not gotten an explanation as to why this has been done.

- The public in which MFR agencies are present sees our services as crucial in rural MB and support our cause.

- All MFR agencies are funded by local taxpayers through the municipal tax base. There is no cost to the province.

- Municipalities can't afford to pay yearly fees of \$695 per EMR or to train new EMRs at a cost of over \$10,000 per EMR.

- Those few that are looking at becoming an EMR, cannot get enrolled with any of the educators because there is not enough enrollment so the courses keep getting canceled. This means, even if wanted to become a volunteer or full time EMR, you can't get trained.

- When dispatched alongside EMS, MFRs play a important roll in pre-hospital care by closing that gap in the response and providing professional medical care within our jurisdic-

tions. We can be with a patient up to 30 minutes prior to EMS arriving.

- MFRs take pride in the service they can provide to their local residents and those that visit our communities. They are knowledgeable of the area and know what is expected from the public. They are also committed to helping others by dedicating volunteer time and sacrificing time away from their families.

- MFRs didn't ask for change. Everything was working well the way it was. We have now been forced to fight for our survival and to be able to provide a high level of emergency medical care in our communities.

- We will not back down until we are satisfied with the level of service we can provide.

- We have the support of the public, Municipalities, AMM, EMS, MLAs and other organizations. Besides the College of Paramedics, there is no one that we know of, that is in support of what the College has done.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

-Our current MFR group is willing to adopt a Fire First Response based system that was proposed by Shared Health in Nov, 2022. Saying that, the model of the proposed Fire First Response has to change. We are asking for two very important aspects to be added to make this an efficient and acceptable level of service.

1.Continue to be dispatched by MTCC for these reasons:

A-To limit any delays in being paged out (within 45 seconds of EMS being paged)

B-Having direct communication with MTCC dispatchers who are EMRs to relay critical information back and forth.

C-Having the ability for MTCC dispatchers to get us and the incoming EMS personnel to communicate via radio to be able to rely updated patient reports, location details, additional resources required, ETA, etc.

D-If we are not affiliated with MTCC, there is no way for them to know which Fire Departments provide Fire First Response services. They would have no way of knowing when to have a Fire Dept. paged out.

2.Allow additional skills to the service, even if it requires changes in legislation and regulations. These skills include carrying and administering ASA, Acetaminophen, Salbutamol & Nitroglycerine. Also, to be able to check a patient's blood sugar level, blood oxygen level and full set of vitals, including blood pressure.

- We need to sit down with the personal who have the ability to make these changes and can explain, in their opinion, why this can or cannot be done.

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Ladies NIGHT

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

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April 29, 2023 10am-3pm

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Last year was a great success and we thank you all for joining us!

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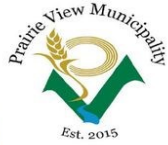


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(North of Hamiota on Highway 21, turn West on Road 355)



NOTICE OF CLOSURES

Miniota Landfill Changes

Curbside pickup will be on Thursday, April 6th.

CLOSED April 7th & 8th

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Happy **Easter!**

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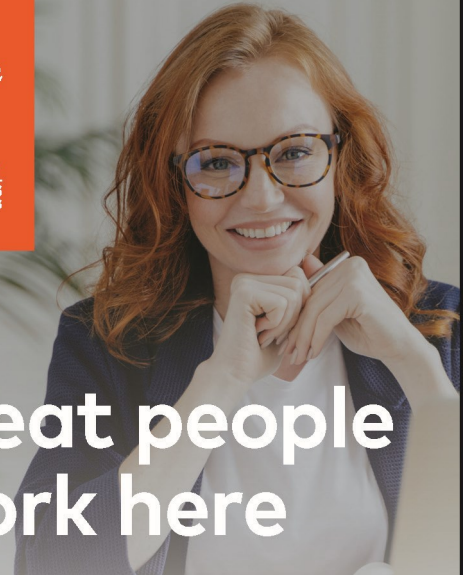
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BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

March 21 2023

Condolences to the family and friends of June Brau who passed away on March 12 at the age of 91. June was predeceased by her husband Heinz and sons Donald and Douglas and is survived by her son Fred and daughters Lynette (Wayne) Snow and Janie (Mark) Snow, Donald's partner Patricia and their children and their families. Heinz and June operated the Birtle IGA before building and operating the Birtle Abattoir until 1979 when they moved to Winnipeg but returned to be closer to family in 2017.

Congratulations to Tatum Amy whose Mount Royal Cougar Hockey team won the U Sports Women's Hockey National Championship held in Montreal last week. Her parents Kurt and Deena Amy and Aunt Gail McMillan and Aunt Cheryl Krauss were there to cheer her on.

Also sending congratulations out to the Bruiskies U18 women's hockey team who won the Rural Manitoba Female Hockey League Championship by defeating Grand Plains Ice Dogs in double overtime in game 5. What a great season these girls have had. They won provincials in Elkhorn earlier and now the league in the best of five series.

March 28 2023

Sympathy of the community is extended to Debbie and Leonard Jensen on the passing of Debbie's mom, Anges Bender on March 23 at the age of 81. She will also be missed by her son Randy (Maria) Bender and her daughter Gwen (Brad) Sparvier, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Anges was predeceased by her husband Lawrence. They moved to Birtle to operate the McLeod's Hardware store.

Also sending condolences to the family and friends of Donna Brown who passed away on March 27 at the age of 88. Donna was predeceased by her husband Jim. They moved to Birtle as Jim was the Manitoba Pool Elevator manager and raised their family of Scott (Janette), Loree (deceased) Howe, Holly (Dwight) Titterton, Shauna Sauk and Dean Brown. Donna worked as the librarian at Birtle Collegiate and also taught driver's-ed for several years.

Word has also been received of the passing of Beth (Ball) Kondratuk's husband Bruce in Winnipeg at the age of 80. Our thoughts are with the Kondatuk and Ball families.

Our snow birds are slowly returning home after spending the winter in warmer climates. I hope they will bring some warmer weather with them.

I (Jan) spent a few days in Brandon last weekend enjoying time with my sister Bev Elchuk of Vancouver, BC as well as the Urbanovich family. Janine, Janessa, Bev and

myself enjoyed our annual girls night out on the 17th to celebrate Janine and my birthdays.

April 4 2023

The Birtle Rink Committee hosted a Car Rally on April 1st. Congratulations to Eleanor Dnistransky and Dale Zurbyk who partnered with Darlene and Marty Fleury (pic below) to win top prize with the most points. The rally took approximately an hour and a half and participants gathered at the arena afterwards for food and refreshments.



Congratulations to local residents Debbie and Leonard Jensen and Ellie and Harry Sotas on their awards they received from the Manitoba Good Roads Association for the 2022 Competition. The Jensen's received the Fort Distributors Ltd. Shield for the Best Country Non-Farm Home Grounds in District 4. The Sotas' received the WSP Shield for the Best Farm Home Grounds in District 4. They received their awards at a banquet held in Winnipeg on April 3.

Long time Birtle resident, Hazel Torrie, passed away on April 2 at the age of 97. Hazel worked at the Birtle Hospital for many years. Our thoughts are with friends and acquaintances.

Several locals attended the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon last week.

The Birtle Donor's Choice 2023 campaign is underway with pledge sheets in the mail.

Easter greetings to everyone. Enjoy a safe and happy Easter!



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NEWS FROM THE FOX

March 18 2023

The sun is shining, the wind is not blowing and it is also not snowing. It's a nice slow melt. For now. We are in the Spring Equinox now so there is no longer any excuse for the winter blues. They are behind us now so onwards and upwards we will go.

And on our way upwards, as we come out of our shells or holes, or whatever you have been huddled up in, something to remember and please, feel free to "write this down". 'What an interesting little prison we build from the invisible bricks of other people's opinions' Jacob Nordby.

So with this firmly in mind, since I am low on news, I will say that myself (Lori) and my son Grant (Austin) traveled to Winnipeg last week for a live televised show of professional wrestling. I have loved wrestling since I was a child unabashedly and it has taken me years to get over the stigma associated with it so, opinions to yourself. We had the absolute time of our lives! A hotel room on the 18th floor is always good for some incredible views and a 50 foot walk across Portage to the show of the year that Canada One Centre has hosted. It was a massive homecoming for 2 of the best to ever do it, and none of the wrestlers disappointed that night. They absolutely tore the house down to a "hot crowd" they would call us. Along with the homeboys, there were also 2 active legends still throwing down and oh my goodness.....Jeff Jarrett is an absolute gem! He took that fight right into the crowd in front of us and up the steps and a garbage can was thrown for good measure. Hysterical fun if you're into this kind of thing and we are. Dustin Rhodes is in his "Final Rodeo" and he also did not disappoint. A little more tame, but that's just their wrestling styles. A grand time was had by all.

The MC of the evening gave the obligatory "I have no idea how you guys live in this tundra" (the crowd erupted with glee) and the ring announcer gave us all the rare honor of a live social media video on his account. Tremendous fun and a great way to exercise that mental health self care I am always banging on about.

The Women's World Curling Championship is on this week so I plan on tucking in for some curling and as always, taking care of the all important nucleus that is me. Go Team Canada!

March 27 2023

This is a little tardy, however I was waiting for the right seg-way to write about the recent passing of Foxwarren's Lloyd Tibbatts.—Sir Lloyd Clifford Tibbatts Feb 22 1924 March 1 2023

Sympathy and nationwide gratitude is sent to Lloyd and his family. "Lloyd Tibbatts, a veteran of the Second World War who fought with the Regina Rifles and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, and who was part of the invasion force on D-Day, was honored with the government of France's highest honor recently. French Consul Bruno Burnichon travelled to Russell,

Manitoba where Tibbatts, 97, now lives, to present the French Legion of Honor—the highest honor the government of France can give. Lloyd Tibbatts, served with the Canadian army during the Second World War from April 13, 1943 to March 30, 1946. He enlisted and served with the Winnipeg Rifles and then transferred to the Regina Rifles with the Canadian Infantry while in France in July of 1944. Lloyd participated in Operation Overlord, landing at 7:45 am on the sixth of June, 1944. He served in the liberation of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany, and was nominated for the French National Order of the Legion of Honour for his involvement in the

By Lori Falloon landings at Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. Following his honourable discharge from the Canadian Infantry in 1946, Lloyd returned to his home at Foxwarren, Manitoba. Tibbatts has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 71 years, having joined in 1950. During his 71 years of service to the Royal Canadian Legion he served at the Foxwarren branch and then he transferred to Russell when he moved to Russell." Kevin Weedmark, The World-Spectator.



I (Lori) traveled to the Royal Canadian Legion MB and NWO Command District #2 Annual Convention in Virden with Comrades Jean Fouillard and Roger Wilson. In Virden we met up with fellow Comrades and Life time Royal Canadian Legion Lifetime Member John Stowe and wife Noreen Stowe of Miniota I only joined up a few years ago and the big C put an abrupt halt to any traveling for a bit and now we are back in full swing and the number of members is super alarming as it is at a very low number. In Zone 26 which encompasses Birtle Branch #55, Elkhorn #58, Kenton #118, Rossburn #40, Russell #159 and Virden #8, the total members comes to 501. Not great. So I will share what I learned in my excellent outing and socializing with my fellow comrades.

April 9th is "Legion Week" All federal, provincial and municipal flags are to be lowered in honour of this much overlooked piece of our society. Please do your part and lower our flags out of respect. There was a guest speaker and she is the wife of an active army member who after experiencing the traumas of Afghanistan, he along with probably 100% of our returning soldiers experiences PTSD. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. His wife Melina related a story they were at a football game, the cannon goes off, and her husband hits the deck. His brother in law says to him "What was that all about?" Rob's reply was "I thought I was in Afghanistan for a minute" And like his wife Melina says, THAT is a MILD version of PTSD. So, to make a change, Rob and Melina have formed "Prairie Thousand". In order to help deal with his PTSD, Rob cycles. And he cycles ALOT. It is a wonderful story that culminates in a thousand kilometre bike ride to raise awareness and funds for "Wounded Warriors Canada". It is a tremendous organization that helps our military people and also our front line people in civilian life. Police people, EMT people, all of our people who are on the front lines of civilian protection. They are all important to us and they need our support. All the information you need is readily available online for you to find and I feel very strongly that this is a wonderful story that I feel the need to be a part of somehow, so please, stay tuned.

Our Canadian girls fell short of a medal at the recent World Curling in Sweden. Switzerland, what a powerhouse those women are, just wow, took the Gold and set some incredible records doing so, with Norway taking the Silver and Sweden beating us for the Bronze. If you spent the past few weeks following the Canadian and then the Worlds, then there is much to discuss! Long story short, ice reading and rocks that have a wider or narrower striking bands on them make a huge difference. You could see the frustration on their faces as they would miss by this much and it has nothing to do with their throwing capability or skipping ability. You are at the mercy of the elements basically, so sink or swim and our girls did as best they could with the tools they had.

The Men's World Curling is up next so "The Goosh" as I call him, will be sporting the maple leaf along with his team from Newfoundland.

April 3 2023

I will start out this column with a special "Hello!" to Kathy Falloon formerly of Foxwarren, now Russell, and Dave Gervin of Goodlands. Both Kathy and Uncle Dave deserve a shout out this week in my mind, so here you go!

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Happy April Birthdays go out to Raymond Jelfs, Debbie Stanchuk, Melanie L. Wotton, Dale Snyder, Cole Stainer, Grant Austin, Ted Falloon, Madison Barteaux, Kathy Hamilton, Eugene Sabesky, Mark Prescott and Frank Hamilton. Happy birthday one and all!

Palm Sunday saw a lovely Foxwarren Community Chapel service held at our church. It was a small yet dedicated crowd that turned out to hear Shelley Ryan speak her wonderful words and extend words and prayers of comfort to all of the families both here locally and in surrounding communities as well that have suffered devastating losses of our children. There are really no words we can extend in times of extraordinary loss. I personally have found a very simple "I am so sorry for your loss" is sufficient because you/me/we, we all really are sorry this happened to you/us. It's completely devastating and like I said to my cousin Sam Gervin (Stonewall, MB) as Sam, his 2 girls, Sam's mom and dad Janet and Dave and brother Gary all came out to mom and dad's (Don and Dianne Falloon) for a family visit, and I said to Sam, "This is all so new to all of us." And it is. Grief, death, life itself, none of these come with a handbook. They do come with guides tho that are here to guide us through the good times and bad. And in the guiding spirit, I will say this. Live. Just live. There is only one way in and one way out so make it count.

Case in point. My very dear cousin spent the weekend with myself (Lori) a few weeks ago, and in her visit, we visited some family in

Birtle. Long story short, use the good dishes Auntie G! Don't pack them away! Use your good tea service, your good plates, your silverware, all that fancy dancy stuff that is sitting in our cupboards destined for the Value Shops scattered all about the province and all of it never used more than a handful of times. For shame! They were gifts of love! Let it out! Use it! Enjoy it!

And for the self wallowing misery lovers out there in our society, you keep quiet. No one needs that in their life, so please. Stay quiet. Your misery need not exist anymore, thank you. If Auntie G or anyone else wants to use their finery as everyday eatery, you let them be as they let you be. Fair enough I feel eh?

So I will end this column on a continuum of things that bring joy, and a part of that in my world is curling. It is on as I write this, with Team Canada at a winning record, not perfect, however there is still time for all the curling to unfold. So turn on your tv, tablet, whatever, and bring yourself some joy with curling or whatever you decide will make you enjoy your day that much more.

Miniota & Area

Annual
WELCOME NIGHT
Tuesday
APRIL 18 2023
Miniota Community Hall



Happy Hour 6:00 PM
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APRIL 19 2023

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Applications close on Monday April 17, 2023



Birtle Centre for the Arts
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2023

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April 17, 7:00 p.m

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- Week #2 July 10 - 14
- Week #3 July 17 - 21
- Week #4 July 24-28

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Get ready for more spring classes!

The Centre is jam-packed for the final stretch before summer break. Bringing an additional six classes to our roster, there's something for every crafter, with various interests and abilities.

Sculpting for Youth - April 4 to May 9, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - \$125/youth

For six weeks, youth ages 10+ can learn sculpting with clay every Tuesday, with Instructor Arlene Thickett.

Colour Play Quilt - April 29, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - \$90 plus project kit/ participants

Basic sewing skills required, with Instructor Dawn Piasta

Mug and Plate - May 6, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.- \$40/participants

Make a mug and press plate using handbuilding techniques, with Instructor Pat Farquhar - Suitable for ages 10 and up.

Spring Kids' Craft - May 11, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - \$15/child

With Instructor Sally Donald - Don't delay! Fully register, with payment, to hold your spot! Kids' programing fills up fast!

Printmaking Workshop - May 27, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - \$40/participant

With Instructor Heather-Martens Rempel - mono-printing with gel plates to create a collage.

Kids' Summer Craft - June 15, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - \$15/child

With Instructor Sally Donald - Don't delay! Fully register, with payment, to hold your spot! Kids' programing fills up fast!

Please be sure to visit our website: <https://birtlearths.ca/current-classes/> for a full list programs, and to register.

 **Birtle Centre for the Arts**
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Kids' Spring Craft



May 11, from
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Suitable for ages K to Grade 4

Registration Fee: \$15.00/child

 **Birtle Centre for the Arts**
— Creating Community —

Kids' Summer Craft



June 15, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Suitable for ages K to Grade 4

Registration Fee: \$15.00/child
Where: 671 Main Street, Birtle, MB
To register, please visit us online at birtlearths.ca/curentclasses.



 **Birtle Centre for the Arts**
— Creating Community —

Make a

Mug and Plate

May 6, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Make a mug and press plate using hand building techniques. Choose from an array of glazes to personalize your masterpieces!

Suitable for
ages 10 and up

Registration Fee: \$40
Instructor: Pat Farquhar
Where: 671 Main Street, Birtle, MB
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 **Birtle Centre for the Arts**
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Sculpting

Tuesdays,
for six weeks

for youth
ages 10 and up

April 4 - May 9 - 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Choose an animal, or creature - real or imaginary - to sculpt.

Registration fee: \$125.00/ youth
With Instructor - Arlene Thickett

 **Birtle Centre for the Arts**
— Creating Community —

Printmaking Workshop

Suitable for
ages 10
and up.

With Instructor Heather-Martens Rempel

May 27, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mono-printing with gel plates, participants will create a collage using patterns and textures, and a variety of tools and materials.
All materials are supplied.

 **Birtle Centre for the Arts**
— Creating Community —

Colour Play Quilt

Basic sewing skills
required

With Instructor Dawn Piasta

April 29, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer Positions

- Campground / Tourist Attendants - The attendants will work from the Tourist Booth in Birtle Riverside Park with duties and responsibilities to include; registering campground guests, collecting camping fees, answering phone calls and emails. Maintaining a clean environment for the Tourist Booth, there maybe at times some campsite and grounds maintenance including cutting grass, trimming, washroom maintenance as well as other duties as assigned through out the summer. Starting salary is \$15.43 per hour.
- Public Works Labourers- to work in the Birtle area. Applicants are required to supply CSA approved steel toe boots. Duties to include ground maintenance, cutting grass, trimming, recycling, painting as well as other duties as assigned through out the summer. Starting salary is \$15.43 per hour.
- Recreation Assistant- to work with the Recreation Director to facilitate community events, day camps, summer programs, workshops as well as other duties assigned through out the summer and will work in both Miniota and Birtle areas. Starting salary is \$15.43 per hour.

Application forms are available online at www.myprairieview.ca under employment opportunities.

Please forward your application form by Friday April 28th, 2023 to:

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MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

March 21 2023

Sympathy is extended to Roy and Dale Laite and their family on the death of Roy's brother Clifford Laite at Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland.

Our winter travellers are beginning to return home. Edward and Beth Lelond have returned from several weeks spent with their daughter Liz Hargrave and children Hudson, Alec, Savannah and Isabelle at Walsh AB taking in many of their grandchildren's activities and celebrating birthdays.

Jack and Irene Bryant enjoyed a three week winter getaway to Victoria BC but report some cool weather and the spring flowers just budding as they were ready to head home.

Kevin and Carol Bonner enjoyed their first visit to Hawaii, travelling with two of Carol's sisters, Leona and Lorne McAuley and Colleen and Ed Haddock. They stayed at Waikiki Beach, Oahu, and report the ocean, the lovely flowers and greenery, along with the beautiful sunsets were amazing. Highlights of their trip would be the submarine tour to the bottom of the ocean and the helicopter tour of the island. Their wish would be to return to this part of the world and tour a different Hawaiian island.

Delbert and Pat Cole also enjoyed a two week holiday to Hawaii. This was Pat's second time to visit a Hawaiian island having been 50 years ago. They also stayed at Oahu and some of the highlights of their trip would be visiting Pearl Harbour and the Dole Plantation along with the challenge of navigating the city buses as one means of transportation. Delbert and Pat began their trip from Vancouver where they visited with Mervyn Cole and family for a few days.

The Bruiskies U18 Girls Hockey team travelled to Gilbert Plains on March 20th to play game 5 for the league championship decision. What a year! Gold at Provincials and now League Champions! Brooke Thompson, Baylie Bryant and Monelle Bryant from Miniota are members of this team along with two of their coaches Brad Thompson and Randy Bryant. Congratulations to the Bruiskies on a wonderful season!

Many of our local hockey teams are holding their windup evenings here at our local rink, for the ice is holding up with this cooler weather. Great to be able to celebrate a successful hockey season!

Bruiskies

The first day of spring has arrived. "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow."

March 27 2023

Congratulations to grandparents Darryl and Krista Brown, and great grandparents John and Noreen Stowe on the birth of a new granddaughter, Aurora Marie, born on March 25th to Cash Mytopher and Justice Greenshields and big brother Zayne.

Our deepest sympathy to Ron and Vicki Bryant and all extended family members on the death of Ron's sister Eleanor Airy. Eleanor has been a resident at Birch Lodge PCH this past year.

Congratulations to Kelsey Brown and Hadley Bryant and their fellow teammates of the U13 Elkhorn Canadians Female Hockey team who brought home gold from the Stars Cup in Winnipeg.

Khloe Brown is a member of the U15 Female Hamiota Huskies team. Congratulations to Khloe's hockey team for also bringing home the gold in their division at the Stars Cup in Winnipeg this past weekend.

Terry and Jana Joseph have just returned from a winter getaway to Utah. Jana shares this about their trip. "For all you out there who like to get away in the winter to warmer destinations (but not too warm), and who

are looking to do some beautiful walks/hikes (and possibly some pickleball, cycling or golf), I highly recommend you check out St. George, Utah. Several people asked us before we left on vacation in January, "Why St. George"? Wasn't sure how to answer that question, as I myself was not convinced we would find enough to do there for an entire month, but have to say we were not disappointed. We chose to drive to St. George rather than fly, and it's about a 22 hour drive from Miniota. If you prefer to fly, your best bet would be to fly into Las Vegas and get a rental car from there, as St. George is located about 2 hours northeast of Vegas.

St. George is a city of approximately 100,000 people. It is in the perfect location, at a bit lower elevation than some of the surrounding countryside so it tends to get slightly warmer temperatures during the colder months, and is nestled in among some stunning red rock cliffs. We stayed from mid January to mid February at the Estancia Resort and shared a condo with my girlfriend (Helen Tack) and her husband Greg. We were extremely happy with our spacious condo and made good use of the outdoor pickleball courts and hot tub. So many incredible hikes right in the St. George area, and for those of you who like to shop, this city has it all, even a Costco!

Snow Canyon is a 7400 acre state park located 10 minutes north of St. George. It is tucked amid lava flows and soaring sandstone cliffs in a strikingly colorful desert environment. We went there several times during our stay to hike on some of their beautiful trails. This park has more than 38 miles of hiking trails and a 3 mile paved walking/biking trail. There is an entrance fee but it is very reasonably priced at \$15.00 per vehicle. Pack a lunch and spend a day!

Pioneer Park is much smaller (52 acres) and is located right in St. George. It is definitely worth spending a couple of hours here as well to walk among the unique rock formations and take in the panoramic view of the city from the top of Dixie Rock. If you are a lover of plants, a quick walk around the "Red Hills Desert Garden" (in this same location) is worth doing. Nothing in bloom during the time of year we were there, but still some pretty interesting plants, especially some of the cactus.

Another attraction just 15 minutes from St. George (located in Ivins) is the Tuacahn Outdoor Amphitheatre. Although we didn't have the opportunity to take in any of their shows or concerts, we did make it to the Saturday outdoor market. We also walked a portion of the "Padre Canyon Trail" which is accessible from the theatre's parking lot, and we did a bit of shopping at their interesting little gift shop. We discovered so many impressive hikes around the St. George area, and being there for a full month gave us a chance to explore even more of this incredible rocky and colorful countryside. Following is a



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list of some of the other great hikes we did that were within an hours drive of St. George: Babylon Arch, The Bowl/aka The Vortex, Diamond Cinder Cone Owen's Loop, Elephant Arch, Hellhole Canyon Trail, Red Reef Trail, Chuckwalla Trail (with Turtle Wall & paradise Rim), Scout Cave and Yant Flats.

Following our stay in St. George, we headed to Bryce Canyon and then on to Zion National Park where we spent a few nights in the small village of Springdale. You could easily do a day trip to Zion from St. George as it is only a one hour drive, but we wanted to stay right in the park. Terry and I had been there several years ago and knew we would want more than just one day to explore this stunning park with all its spectacular views at every turn and on every trail. They don't run the shuttles in Zion during the winter months so you do need a vehicle to get around. I would suggest visiting this park during the week if at all possible when it is less busy (definitely not on a long weekend). If you ever make it out to this area of Utah, both Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park are "must sees" in my book. Visiting these popular parks during off season is so nice as they aren't nearly as busy. Take a pair of ice cleats to strap onto your shoes and you will be all set! We manage to get to some of the magnificent viewpoints overlooking Bryce Canyon, but without ice cleats, you couldn't walk down into the hoodoos as it was too icy.

To end off our holiday we spent a week in Moab, Utah. We were extremely fortunate to get a good travel day when leaving Springdale, which enabled us to take "Scenic Byway 12" up to Moab. This added on a couple of hours of travel time but was so worth it. Spanning a route of more than 120 miles, Utah's "Scenic Byway 12" travels through some of the most diverse and ruggedly beautiful landscapes. Rated among the top ten scenic byways in America, this paved highway winds through slickrock canyons, red rock cliffs, pin and aspen forest, alpine mountains, quaint rural towns and some national and state parks. We had originally planned to spend a couple of nights in Torrey to do some of the hikes at Capitol Reef National Park, what with snow in the upcoming forecast, we figured we'd better head directly through to Moab. If the opportunity ever arises, I would love to go back some day and spend a full week checking out some of the small towns and abundance of hiking trails along this scenic byway. So glad we at least got the chance to do the drive this time around.

We did not have the best weather during our final week in Moab, but really only had one day when we couldn't get out and do some hikes. Moab is a larger town with a population of just over 5,000. We enjoyed doing some shopping in their quaint little shops and even found some indoor courts where we were able to join in with the locals and play some pickleball. "Arches National Park" was close by and was absolutely spectacular. We did several of the hikes there, including the trail to Utah's most famous arch, "Delicate Arch". We drove out to Canyonlands and did a few of the hikes and overlooks in the "Island In the Sky" district. Canyonlands is divided into 3 districts and it takes hours to travel from one district to another, so most people focus on one area per visit. "Island In the Sky" is the most accessible and is the closest to Moab (about a 40 minute drive). It has a paved scenic drive with stunning views of the surrounding buttes and water-carved canyons. We also discovered a fabulous hike about 15 miles from Moab that

takes in two amazing arches (Corona Arch and Bowtie Arch). For any of you who love quading, I think Moab would be a great place for you to visit, especially when the weather gets a bit warmer. From the looks of all the ATV rental shops, I'm thinking that would be the perfect way to see the more remote districts in Canyonlands and around Moab. Our drive home was also very scenic from Moab to Vail, but wouldn't want to be on that busy stretch of the interstate during adverse weather.

Hope this helps some of you travelers out there who are looking for a new place to vacation during the winter months. Definitely not a "hot beach" kind of holiday, but perfect for those of you who like to do some outdoor activities in more moderate temperatures. Terry came home with tan lines from his sandals once again and did appear to be wearing shorts in the majority of our St. George photos, so that is proof the winter weather out that way was not too bad at all. Safe and happy travels everyone!" Thanks Jana for taking us along on your travels.

Speaking of pickleball, we have a club who meets a couple of times each week at the Miniota Hall. Newcomers are welcome to join in.

School Spring Break and the Manitoba Winter Fair - Hope everyone has had a wonderful week. Let me know of your travels.

"Remember, we all stumble, everyone of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand." Winnie the Pooh

April 3 2023

Deepest sympathy is extended to Loree, Rodney, Curtis, Haley and Becky Gardham on the death of Loree's dad Bill Haggarty of Brandon.

Trevor and Marcie Lewis and Great Grandma Linda Lewis visited with Keenan, Trisha, Oaklan and Sophia in Winnipeg during the spring break.

Congratulations to Jack and Irene Bryant on winning the Leclair Shield for the Best Urban Home Grounds with a population under 1000. The awards were presented at the Good Roads Association 2022 banquet in Winnipeg on April 3rd. Councillors Delbert Cole, Darcy Oliver and Trent Peel attended the MOS Conference and the banquet.

Congratulations are in order for the Elkhorn Miniota C Hawks team on winning the Tiger Hills Hockey Association league this past weekend. They go on in further competition at St. Anne. Our local Arrow River-Miniota boys on this team are Cory Gardham, Curtis Gardham, Brad Cole and Dillin Stonehouse. We wish the team further good luck!

The Miniota Welcome to Newcomers committee is gearing up for the annual potluck welcome supper on April 18 as we will be welcoming 10 new families/individuals as new residents in Ward 1 of Prairie View Municipality.

'This is a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before.' Maya Angelou

March 22, 2023

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE TWICE IN 2023

Second Increase at Beginning of October to Raise Rate to \$15.30: Reyes

This October, Manitoba minimum wage earners will be making \$3.35 per hour more than they were in September 2022 following iterative increases that position Manitoba as one of the top minimum wage provinces in Canada, Labour and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced today.

“Recognizing the exceptional financial challenges facing Manitobans, our government passed legislative amendments to the Employment Standards Code that, in prescribed circumstances, allow minimum wage to be increased by an additional amount above the legislated inflation-tied formula,” said Reyes. “To balance the financial realities of Manitoba workers and the economic challenges for small businesses, we implemented a phased-in approach that will help more Manitobans get ahead.”

The increases started with a \$1.55 increase to \$13.50 on Oct. 1, 2022, to be followed by a 65 cent increase to \$14.15 on April 1 and now a further \$1.15 annual increase on Oct. 1 to \$15.30. These increases project Manitoba to be top three in provincial minimum wages.

The minister noted the legislated inflation-tied formula ensures minimum wage is tied to economic indicators to maintain purchasing power, stability and predictability for businesses.

Following the Oct. 1, 2022, minimum wage increase, the Manitoba government implemented the Small Business Minimum Wage Adjustment Program to support small businesses. The program’s eligibility has recently expanded to include seasonal (summer) employees, and the application and submission process has been streamlined to allow eligible small businesses to make a single online application to receive a one-time lump sum payment. The program is available until March 31, noted Reyes.

For more information on the Small Business Minimum Wage Adjustment Program, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/jec/busdev/financial/sbwa/index.html>.



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23 APRIL 2023

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