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### FOXWARREN ARENA HIT HARD BY STORM

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Foxwarren, Manitoba – On Sunday, August 25, the Foxwarren Arena, a cherished hub of community and sports in this small Manitoba town, suffered significant damage from powerful winds exceeding 150 km/h. The storm, which was a "bow echo," so-named because it's shaped like an archer's bow on radar, tore apart a large section of the arena's roof, leaving behind scattered debris and puddles of water inside the rink. The arena, a cornerstone of local culture and activity for 75 years, is now facing uncertainty.

#### Historical Significance

The Foxwarren Arena has long been more than just a rink. Opened in the late 1940s, it has become a vital part of Foxwarren's identity and community life. Over the decades, the arena has been a training ground for many hockey players, including notable NHLers such as Ron Low, Pat Falloon, and Mark Wotton. These athletes honed their skills in the very building that now lies damaged.

Beyond hockey, the arena has also served as a venue for figure skaters, who have used its ice to perfect their routines and perform in local competitions. During the warmer months, the building transforms into a community center, hosting a range of activities from funerals and celebrations of life to vari-



DRONE PICS PROVIDED BY PATRICK GRAHAM

ous social gatherings. The versatility and importance of the Foxwarren Arena make it a beloved fixture in the community.

#### The Impact of the Storm

The storm's damage was severe. High winds ripped off a substantial portion of the arena's roof, and photos taken by local residents show the extent of the destruction: debris scattered around the area and large pools of water inside the rink. The structural integrity of the building is not known at this time, the rink board is awaiting a full assessment from their insurance company and structural engineers to assess options and discuss the next steps. The focus right now is on securing the structure, safely removing debris and

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awaiting details on the structural integrity of the building.

### Community Resilience

Despite the challenges, the Foxwarren community is known for its resilience and community spirit. If approved to proceed with restoration and recovery efforts, undoubtedly significant resources will be necessary to restore this building to its former glory. At that time, a collective effort from the Foxwarren community and various stakeholders will be required but right now the board and community must patiently wait for direction on the future of this cherished landmark. The Foxwarren Arena is more than just a building; it is a symbol of local pride and endurance.

Lawrence and Colin from Prairie View Broadband Internet worked on restoring services in the Beulah area after the communications tower collapsed during the storm this past weekend. They continue to work towards restoring full services for all customers.



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# Birdtail Country Museum Happenings

Stop in and see what we have at the Birdtail Country Museum!

The museum has multiple different artifacts on display with write-ups describing the items, their uses or the history behind them. We have an Indigenous display with artifacts loaned to us from Birdtail Sioux First Nation and other local artifacts neatly displayed. We have an old organ, dentist supplies, trophies, cameras, musical instruments and many more interesting items. Below is an example of a write-up included in our Sports display!

## 1920's Swimsuits

**"In many ways, men's and women's swimsuits were nearly identical. Both were deep-cut ribbed wool tank tops over a snug fitting pair of shorts that were sewn in at the waistline.**

**The "skirt" of the swim-top came up from knee-length a few years before to around mid- thigh level. It was "too much" to raise the top any further, revealing men's personal parts. Instead, more suit material was removed from under the arms and around the back - supposedly making it easier to swim, but mostly to reveal more muscles."**

This is just one example of what you will see and learn about when you visit the Birdtail Country Museum! Stop in between 1:00 and 5:00 any week day! Hope to see you soon



**BIRDTAIL COUNTRY  
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# Celebrating a Milestone: 95 YEARS OF LOVE & LEGACY

Over 90 members of the Margaret Taylor family gathered to celebrate their matriarch's 95th on August 3rd in Miniota. Laughter, singing, food, games and hugs were shared as family members reconnected and told stories of their common bond.

Each face in this picture represents a thread of the legacy Mom has created - a legacy built on love, resilience and the joy of togetherness.

Happy Milestone Birthday!



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## Miniota Moms & Tots Group

**We invite you to come out and  
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**(Newborn to age 6)**

We understand the need to have quality time with your younger kids that allows you to take a break from your regular routine. This group was organized with the idea of incorporating a safe atmosphere for the kids to play in and build on their social and play skills while having fun with other children. Plus, you as a mom deserve some interactive socialization that helps to keep you uplifted in a positive way.

**Coffee and snacks provided as well as art supplies.**

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

**Sponsored by: Valley Recreation, Birtle Lions Club, Twin Valley Co-op.**

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# BIRTLE COLLEGIATE CLASS OF '74 REUNION

Cheers to 50 years! This past weekend, the Class of '74 gathered in the back yard of Marg and Gerry Fraser INBinscarth, to celebrate 50 years since graduation. Classmates travelled from near and far to share stories of their youthful escapades and life journeys since leaving Birtle Collegiate.

Memorabilia from high school years, yearbooks, pictures, graduation clothes and a tribute to classmates who have passed away was on display for all to see. Old friendships were rekindled and new ones formed as 30 classmates, spouses and friends retold stories of the last fifty years.

Classmates present included: Lawson Ashcroft, Keith and Joy Bamford, Fred Barteaux, Ron Barteaux, Robert Berry, David Bonchuk, Barry Clark, Marg (Dales) Fraser, Laura (Dunham) Sala, Ron Edmundson, Jim Forsyth, Jennifer Fulton, Karen (Graham) Hickman, Catherine (Hogberg) Isbister, Gail (Irvine) Lane, Lorie (Kingdon) Dobel, Dennis Kowal, Effie (Moulson) Brandt, Arlene (Nichol) Derlago, Brian Oliver, Randy Pawluk, Shelley (Stewart) Gardham, GerrieTaylor, Tom Wilson

The highlight of the celebration was the traditional recreation of the Grand March with Marg and Lawson sporting their original graduation outfits - the Fortrel floral and plaid material as vibrant and durable as the day it was first worn. Timeless Memories



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recreation.

**Coachs and team helpers needed.**

To register please contact Martyn  
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or 204-842-3460



Prairie View Municipality and Birtle  
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Corporation are pleased to announce a  
new grant incentive for local businesses!

## COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### Program Details:

- The CBIP is designed to assist property owners and business tenants to enhance commercial properties.
- Recipients will receive a reimbursement for up to 50% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per commercial property.
- Associated costs for building rehabilitation and facade improvements of commercial and mixed use buildings are eligible.



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BMDDC Phone 204-842-3602 Email [zjebb@myprairieview.ca](mailto:zjebb@myprairieview.ca)



## Birtle Riverside Park & Campground

offers **free** pickle ball courts, a tennis court and basketball net!



Bring your own racquets and balls, or rent from the Birtle Tourist Booth.

Tourist Booth hours are 10am to 7pm daily  
(closed 12pm-1pm for lunch).

Courts are located next to Birtle Riverside Golf Course parking lot.

Contact Martyn Lambe  
with any questions:  
204-842-3460

*See you there!*

August  
23rd  
2024

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## BIRTLE

### Administrative Assistant Part-Time or Full-Time

- Includes handling jewellery inventory, packing orders and sales, and social media, general office, and accounting duties
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Accounting experience would be an asset

### Assistant Custodian Part-Time **NEW**

- Must have a good knowledge of cleaning, cleaning supplies and equipment, and be knowledgeable about Workplace Safety & Health Regulations

### Driving Instructor Part-Time, Term

- Must be a MB resident, have a High School diploma or equivalent, and have three+ years of experience with a valid full stage Class 5 or equivalent driver's licence
- Must qualify for and complete the Instructor Training Course

### Early Childhood Educator / Child Care Assistant Full-Time, Part-Time, Casual

- Looking for energetic and responsible individuals
- Opportunities available in the Infant Program, Preschool Program and the School Age Program

### Fresh Bakery-Deli Clerk Part-Time, Full-Time

- Advise and assist customers on baked goods selection and taking orders for special events
- Possess a positive, customer service-oriented personality

### General Labourers (Solegarth) Part-Time and Casual, Term July to October 2024

- Working within a team, placing straw blankets adjacent to road construction

### Highway Engineering Assistant Seasonal **NEW**

- Typical functions include: Survey Assistant, Checker, Scale Person, Flag-person, and Project Assistant
- A valid Manitoba Class 5 driver's licence, & work exp working outdoors and performing manual labour

### Home Centre Manager Full-Time **NEW**

- Involved in all aspects of store operations including recruitment, training and development and performance management
- Must have Strong technical knowledge and experience, demonstrated supervisory and delegation experience, and at least 3 years of previous retail experience

### Labour Positions Term August to October

- Labour help for a water line project
- Must be 18+ years old, and driver's license preferred

### Maintenance Worker Full-Time

- Must have a Class 5F driver's licence without restrictions (excluding corrective lenses) and ability to upgrade to a Class 3 with air brake endorsement within 6 months
- Experience performing manual labour, operating light and/or heavy duty equipment and hand and power tools, and servicing vehicles and equipment

### Member Service Representative Casual and Full-Time (Term)

- Grade 12 diploma and 2 years job related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Respond to members and potential members inquiries, analyze needs, and assist members

### NH3 Field Delivery Drivers Full-Time, Term October to November 2024

- Class 3 Driver's License required, must be willing to work overtime, mechanical skills or agricultural background are assets
- This is a returning seasonal position (Spring: April-June; Fall: October-November)

### Practice Manager Part-Time

- Will manage the clinic's operations, and coordinate events and marketing
- Must have Post-secondary education: Business and/or Psychology/Counselling related fields, and proven experience in business operations and management

### School Lunch Program Coordinator Part-Time, Term September 2024 - June 2025 **NEW**

- Provide healthy lunch options for students, following Manitoba Healthy Schools guidelines
- Must have Food Safe Certification or be willing to complete it, and experience working in schools or with youth is an asset

### Survey Crew Chief Full-Time

- Performs advanced surveying related functions and is responsible for independent decisions related to survey operations
- Qualifications include a Civil Engineering Technology Diploma or completion of Department Level 3 training courses, directly related experience in all aspects of survey, and the ability to travel within the province

### Yard Supervisor Full-Time

- Advise and assist customers with purchases, loading and delivery of building materials, and cashier duties
- Must possess a Class 5 license, experience working in distribution is preferred, but training and further development is offered

## FOXWARREN

### Educational Assistant / Librarian (Monarch Colony) Part-Time, Starts September 2024

- Duties include support to students in the classroom

### General Labourers (Solegarth) Part-Time and Casual, Term July to October 2024

- Working within a team, placing straw blankets adjacent to road construction

## MINIOTA

### Assistant Mechanic (Unlicensed) - Arrow River Full-Time

- Help maintain school buses and fleet vehicles
- Requirements include completion of Grade 12, a complete set of hand tools to use for repairs on buses and vehicles, and a valid Class 5 Driver License

### Mechanic (Licensed Trade) - Arrow River Full-Time

- Help maintain school buses and fleet vehicles
- Requirements include completion of Grade 12, a Journeyman Mechanic Trades Certificate / Ticket, and a valid Class 5 Driver License

### Member Service Representative - Casual Casual

- Grade 12 diploma and 2 years job related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Respond to members and potential members inquiries, analyze needs, and assist members

### NH3 Field Delivery Drivers Full-Time, Term October to November 2024

- Minimum Class 3 Driver's License required, must be willing to work overtime, mechanical skills or agricultural background are assets
- This is a returning seasonal position (Spring: April-June; Fall: October-November)

## MANITOBA

### Adjuster Talent Community Full-Time, Term **NEW**

- Investigate, assess, negotiate and settle claims
- Must have successful completion of the Associate Adjuster Qualification Test, valid 5F driver's licence and access to a personal vehicle (willing to travel, as required)

### Farm Labourer - Reston Full-Time

- Involves supporting all field and farm operations, working independently, and taking initiative to complete tasks efficiently and accurately
- Must have previous experience working in agriculture, including driving large machinery and farm equipment, and ideally be mechanically inclined, with agricultural repair and maintenance experience

### Front Store Team Member - Souris Full-Time, Part-Time

- Will greet and assist customers in-person and over the phone, and accurately complete sales transactions and procedures, facilitate product returns, and assist with expiries and promotions using the point-of-sale
- Must have a valid Driver's License for daily customer deliveries

### Grader level 1, 2, 3 Full-Time, Part-Time, Casual, Permanent or Seasonal **NEW**

- Will be trained how to grade all Cereal crops and Oilseeds, agricultural experience is an asset
- Travel is a requirement (travel time, KM's and all expenses paid) - could work in Binscarth, Dutton, Virden, Brandon, Yorkton

### Meter Reader Casual

- Read both outside and inside electric and natural gas meters, utilizing computerized handheld technology
- Must be a Grade 12 graduate, have a Class 5 driver's license, and pass a criminal record check

### Regional Sales Agronomist Full-Time

- Under direct supervision, provides routine support, services, and knowledge of agronomic products to local customers
- Must have completion of a Post-secondary agricultural industry program, a valid driver's license, and retail skills are an asset

### Security Personnel Part-Time

- Work as part of a team to provide a security presence for large events, festivals, concerts, etc.
- A valid Manitoba Security License is required





# Road Closure

**As of September 3, 2024**

Road 160W in the Snake Creek Valley, south of Foxwarren, will be closed for bridge maintenance for about two weeks.



## RECONCILIATION RUN

**28** SEPTEMBER 2024

**9AM**

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## 2024 Property Taxes

**Due date is October 31st, 2024.**

Payments can be made at Prairie View Municipality offices; accepting cheque, debit, cash.

Online payments and etransfers can be made to; [payments.myprairieview.ca](http://payments.myprairieview.ca)  
Please include roll number.

Questions? Please call:  
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Birtle Office: 204-842-3234

*THANK YOU!*

## USED OIL PROGRAM



Bring in your used oil (pails, filters, etc) to the Birtle Landfill and enter your name in a draw! We have some great prizes!

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**WEEKLY DRAWS MADE UNTIL END OF OCTOBER!**

Shop Towels, Co-op Gift Cards, Gas Cans, Wiper Fluid, Drain Pans & much more!

### BIRTLE LANDFILL HOURS

Tuesday - 1:15 - 3:15pm  
Wednesday - 3:00 - 7:00pm (until end of Sept.)  
Thursday - 1:15 - 3:15pm  
Friday - 3:00 - 5:00pm  
Saturday - 10:00am - 12:00pm / 1:00 - 4:00pm

# BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

Aug 20, 2024

Sympathy of the Birtle community is expressed to the family and friends of Ann Hodges of Miniota who passed away on July 26th. Ann and her husband Harry and their two sons lived in Birtle when Harry taught school here and they then re-located to Miniota. Ann worked at Sunnyside Manor for several years before retiring.

Congratulations to Travis Suski and Carrie Cooper who were married in Brandon on August 3rd.

Another successful Birtle Ag Society Fair was held Aug. 2 & 3 at the Birtle Fairgrounds. The fireworks that were postponed due to rain on July 1st were enjoyed at dusk on Aug. 2nd.

Condolences to the family and friends of Jacy Sotas who passed away suddenly on August 9th. She will be missed by her husband Michael, daughter Aleigh and son Aidan, her parents, her sister and family and her Sotas in-laws.

Bill and Angie Bowley and Al Bray have returned from a trip west to Cranbrook and Moyie Lake visiting with Al's sister Joan Bray as well as other relatives in the area.

Congratulations to Jim Lane who has been inducted into the Virden Indoor Rodeo Horsemen's Hall of Fame. Jim and Darlene Lane farm east of Birtle along with their daughter Tina, son-in-law David Collier and their granddaughters and have raised Percheron horses under the name of Lone Oak Percherons. They have been a great influence in the heavy horse world participating in fairs, shows and community horse events over 50 years and are becoming one of the largest breeders in North America.

The Lee/Hayden families gathered on the August long week-end for the Celebration of Life for their sister Barbara (Lee) Hayden. Bev Lee had visits from her daughters Melanie and Jason from Strathmore, Alberta and Cindy, Fabian, Kingston and Hayden Copeland of Winnipeg as well as her brothers from Alberta and several other family members on both sides.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Fran (Edmundson) Bates who passed away in hospital in Couer D'Alene, Idaho. She will be missed by her brothers Ron, David and Dean Edmundson and families.

Congratulations to Blake Tomiski who was a member of the Team West golf team who won the bronze medal in the 2 day competition at the MB Summer Games held in Dauphin with the golf being played at the Gilbert Plains Country Club.

Mark and Coleen Talbot of Dauphin visited with her mother, Nancy Birch on August 11th.

Condolences to the family and friends of Arnold Matuszewska of Souris and formerly of Solsgirth, who

passed away in Souris Health Centre on August 16th.

Sending a very Happy Birthday greeting to Alice Bolter of Sunnyside Manor who celebrated her 101st birthday on August 18th.

Bev Lee has returned from spending a week with her daughter Melanie, Jason and family as their cabin at McGregor Lake, AB.

Aug 27 2024

Congratulations to Marissa Emerick who is a member of the Manitoba U14 baseball team who won the bronze medal at the Western Canadian Baseball Championship held at Spruce Grove, AB. The family also enjoyed time spent at the West Edmonton Mall while in Alberta.

Debbie and Trevor Shewfelt and their children Amy and Henry of Saskatoon, SK spent time visiting with the Bowleys and the Brays in Birtle last week.

Congratulations to Andy Mai who attended a Rubik's Cube competition in Winnipeg on August 16th and placed 5th out of 100 competitors. He had to solve the puzzle five times and competitors were ranked with the fastest time being the winner.

Fred and Betty-Ann Cottingham have had their daughter Jill and granddaughter Ellyana Nugent visiting this past week.

Bob and Marj Barteaux were in Winnipeg on August 16th weekend visiting with Ruth Barteaux and relatives and friends. They then spent a week relaxing at Gimli. Upon return, they had Marj's cousin Lorne and Margaret Cieslar of Winnipeg come to visit for a few days.

Gary and Eileen Dimond had a visit from Eileen's brother and his wife, Ken and Pat Delichte of Victoria, BC for a few days last week.

Mother nature was not kind last weekend when storms ripped through our area both Saturday and Sunday. The high winds on Sunday morning saw trees uprooted around the area with some falling on and damaging vehicles. The worst part of the damage was sustained by the Foxwarren Arena when a good portion of the rink's roof was torn off and lay on the ground. It is so sad to see the iconic building in such disrepair. Trees in the town were downed and a garden shed ended up at the neighbour's. The Foxwarren Cemetery was victim of the winds once again with a very large spruce tree coming down in the southeast side of the graveyard. Hoping that all turns out well for the community and that the rink can be repaired.





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## Program Facilitator

### Job Description

The Minds in Motion® program is a 2-hour program featuring exercise, socialization and mentally stimulating games for people living with early to moderate signs of dementia to enjoy with a family member or friend. The program runs for once a week for 8 weeks and repeats on a seasonal basis – fall, winter, and spring.

The Minds in Motion® Program Facilitator accepts the responsibility to oversee the program delivery, participant experience and volunteer management of the Minds in Motion® program team. This is a contract position that requires a 3-hour commitment, once per week for eight-weeks.

Shoal Lake Drop-in Centre is currently looking for a Program Facilitator.

### Responsibilities

- Liaise between the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, Shoal Lake Minds in Motion Committee, program participants, and program volunteers
- Provide a safe, stigma-free and fun-filled environment for program participants
- Provide emotional support and/or navigational assistance to participants, when needed
- Attend the annual Minds in Motion® development ½ day of training (October of each year)
- Maintain organization with program materials
- Execute program plans based on the participant group
- Communicate with the Shoal Lake Minds in Motion Committee and Senior Manager, Dementia-Friendly Communities regarding questions or concerns with participant experience and/or expectations, volunteers, or community partners
- Consult with the Senior Manager, Dementia-Friendly Communities when trends in participant experiences are noticed
- Confirm scheduling for volunteers
- Submit monthly invoices and receipts in a timely fashion

### Functions

- Arrive 30 minutes prior to and remain 30 minutes following each program session
- Transport weekly programming resources, educational information and fitness equipment; when required
- Prepare program volunteers for weekly facilitation assignments; identify and address areas of concern
- Maintain accurate data for participants attendance, participant experience and referrals for service
- Debrief with the fitness leader and program volunteers on a weekly basis to determine participant experience and identify safety concerns
- Conduct and collect sessional data and assessment as requested by the Shoal Lake Minds in Motion Committee and Senior Manager, Dementia-Friendly Communities



**Alzheimer Society**  
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Dementia Care & Brain Health

## Qualifications & Experience

- Professional and/or personal experience with the dementia journey and caregiver stress
- Minimum two years' experience working with volunteers, student practicums and community agencies (or a minimum of one year experience as a Minds in Motion® volunteer)
- Experience in program planning and facilitation
- Adult education or training & development experience preferred
- Preference will be for individuals who also possess the following: completion of post-secondary schooling in community recreation studies, kinesiology, human kinetics or health sciences and/or certification in provincial or national accredited exercise council or curriculum
- Conflict resolution experience or nonviolent crisis intervention (NCI) preferred

## Competencies

- Familiarity with dementia and warning signs
- Effective communication skills to accommodate varying levels of cognition
- Ability to observe and assess behaviour changes that signify trends
- Flexibility and adaptability in relation to program planning and delivery
- High energy level and ability to effectively engage individuals and groups experiencing varying degrees of motivation
- Ability to use discretion, judgment and tact in handling sensitive information or situations

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Apply to:

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**Job will remain open until the appropriate candidate is found.**



# VALLEY SERVICES for SENIORS

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Facebook: Valley Service for Seniors-Birtle

## Weekly Activities

Tuesday 9-10 Walking  
10-11 Exercises  
11 Coffee  
Wednesday 9-10 Walking  
9-4 Office and home visits  
Thursday 9-10 Walking  
10-11 Exercises  
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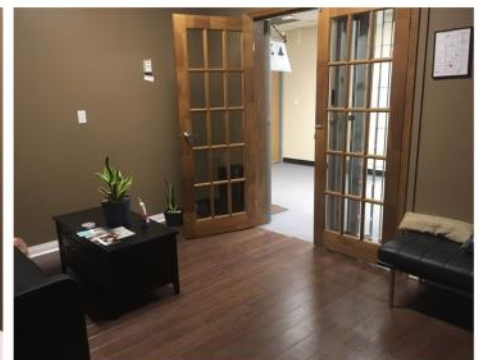
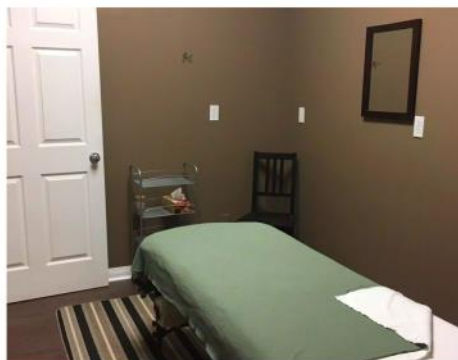
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# MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

Aug 5 2024

Visiting with Bill and Renee Armitage were Renee's daughter Tracie and her husband Jason Groff and sons Justin and Joshua from Stoney Creek ON>

We extend our deepest sympathy to Delbert and Pat Cole and their family on the death of Delbert's oldest sister Georgina Mayer of Winnipeg. Sympathy is also extended to her husband Al and her children as well as extended members of the Cole family.

Eighty-nine descendants of Margaret Taylor gathered at the Miniota Community Hall this past weekend to celebrate Marg's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. A wonderful gathering for the matriarch of their family. Happy birthday Marg from all your Miniota friends!

Liz Hargrave and her children Hudson, Alec, Savannah and Isabelle from Walsh AB visited with her parents Edward and Beth Lelond as well as Luke and Robyn Lelond and boys. All the cousins enjoyed swimming lessons at Birtle.

"Be the beauty in someone's hopelessness, be the light, be the color, be the fragrance, be the hope." Sangeeta Rana

Aug 20 2024

Much fun and laughter was shared as 72 ladies in costume hit the Miniota Golf course this past week for a great evening.

It was a perfect day for an outside wedding on August 17<sup>th</sup> as Kerrie Gurr and Tanner Williams exchanged wedding vows at the Gurr Family homestead with the reception and dance held at the Miniota Community Centre. Congratulations Kerrie and Tanner!

The family of Wayne and Dorothy Brown honoured their parents on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the Miniota Rink on August 18<sup>th</sup> with a come and go tea and a family supper which followed. Many friends from Miniota and surrounding areas attended along with the bride's sister, Donna Gobeil from Winnipeg. Wayne and Dorothy were married on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1964. Congratulations Wayne and Dorothy on this milestone occasion from your Miniota friends!

Congratulations from your Miniota friends is also in order on a milestone occasion to Ron and Vicki Bryant who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week! Ron and Vicki were married on August 15, 1964. Home to join in the celebration was Susan Bryant and her grandchildren and along with her siblings and their spouses, a supper celebration was held to celebrate the happy couple.

Brad Dodds, son of Rita and the late Jack Dodds, from Brandon visited with Bill and Renee Armitage.

Emily Watters and friend from Camrose AB stopped in to visit her Grandma Trudy Watters on their return to uni-

versity at Buffalo New York. They all enjoyed a family gathering at Lori and Marco's camper at the Miniota Golf Course campground, including great grandma Mae Watters. Trudy then accompanied Lori and Marco to Winnipeg on Sunday to watch her grandson Braydon Watters, a member of team Alberta play ball at the Western Canadian Finals.

Treasurer Donna Gardham reports the following on the 2024 Miniota Arrow River Donor's Choice campaign. Donations were as follows: Cancer \$1736.56, CNIB \$505.68, Red Cross \$555.66, Kidney, \$822.22, Child & Family Services \$486.08, MS \$715.40, Diabetes \$926.10, Arthritis \$702.66, Alzheimers \$766.36, Crohns/Colitis \$528.22, Westman Compassionate Friends \$283.22, Heart \$1142.48, Lupus \$442.96, Lung \$582.12, Hamiota District Health Centre Foundation \$686.00, Miniota Municipal Services for Seniors \$1128.96, Miniota Municipal Museum \$844.76, Miniota and Area Foundation \$2133.46, Miniota Handivan \$749.70, S.T.A.R.S. \$2667.56 for a total of \$18406.16. This years' donations showing only a slight decrease from the total of \$18940.00 donated in 2023. This campaign very successful once again largely due to the generosity of our donators, as well as the work of the committee and all the volunteers who continue to canvass door to door. Job well done!

Harvest has begun in our area with some combining done. With the hot weather continuing the hope is the acres will be combined in fairly short order. Wishing all our farm families a safe harvest along with good yields!

"It is the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all." Laura Ingalls Wilder

Aug 27 2024

Well summer has simply flown by, and it is time for a new school year. The Miniota School will welcome twelve kindergarten students this fall. The Kindergarten class for 2024-2025 are: Cooper Brown, Piper Brown, Jacob Cymbalisty, Layker Gardham, Shay Gardham, Amy Gurr, Samantha Hill, Brae McKean, James Oliver, Jemma Sheane, Kyler Thomson and Jayden Williston. Also a warm welcome to Katrina Sicinski as an EA at the school. Wishing all the students attending elementary, high school and university, staff and parents a wonderful year filled with learning and fun!

"I am most radiant and full of energy when the leaves are falling and there is a ghost of change in the air." Anna Madsen





August 15, 2024

## Manitoba Government Bans Cellphone Use in Classrooms



As a way to minimize distractions in schools, the Manitoba government is banning the use of cellphones in the classroom starting this September, Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Nello Altomare announced today.

“We want young people to be able to focus in class so they can learn more and feel confident. We know cell-phones can be a real distraction for students – studies show it can take up to 20 minutes for a child to refocus on what they were learning once distracted,” Altomare said. “These provincial guidelines will give teachers the tools they need to keep students focused and ensure class time is spent on learning. Plus, we will take safety and medical concerns into account so all risks are minimized.”

Schools and school divisions will implement updated policies as students head back to school in September to ensure consistency across the province, which include:

- banning cellphone use during school hours, including lunch and breaks, for students in kindergarten to Grade 8;
- banning cellphone use for students in grades 9 to 12 during class time, with cellphone use permitted during breaks and lunch; and

clear direction for cellphone use in classrooms for school staff.

Guidelines will include exceptions to support students with medical and diverse learning needs, as well as cell-phone use for educational purposes in grades 9 to 12 when directed by classroom teachers.

“Our school implemented cellphone restrictions last school year that did not allow students to use cellphones during class time,” Evan Janzen Roth, senior years mathematics teacher and department head, Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate. “Students were allowed to use cellphones on their breaks. I have noticed that with these restrictions in place, when students would finish work or assessments early, it has given them the opportunity to read more books or engage more with their peers and teachers. The restrictions have also increased students focus without the distraction of their phones. It has been really nice that the cellphone policy was school wide so that everyone had the same expectations, and it was quite easy to implement because of that.”

Under the Public Schools Act, school divisions are required to establish use of technology policies tailored to local needs, the minister noted.

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