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ISABELLA MUSEUM - 40 YRS OF PRESERVING HISTORY

A great day was had in the little town of Isabella on July 9, 2023. Local families and visitors gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Museums. Bernice Still, the curator, and long-standing historian was on hand to welcome and provide information. Museum board members manned the 5 different buildings to guide people and answer questions. One of the things that intrigued the younger folk was trying out an old-fashioned switchboard and talking on the old telephones between the museum buildings. Home-made ice cream was enjoyed by all. A special impromptu performance by a Winnipeg guest, Doug Bedford, whose mother was an Iverach was appreciated. He played the bagpipes in front of his mother's old home. The afternoon ended with a cold plate supper held in the hall and the cutting of the Anniversary Cake by Bernice.

built in 1910. In this building the rooms are decorated with antiques donated from a number of different families. It has a children's toy room on the second floor, old sewing machines, a "swift" for winding yarn, wedding dresses, old clothing, and a table set for special dinners.



The museums started in 1983 when Bernice and Ray Still moved into Isabella from their farm. Bernice's plate collection came with them, and was the start of the first display in the Iverach House. The Iverach house also includes a large collection of old irons, a pump organ, the switchboard, a school classroom, a tool room, and old mail boxes. The mail boxes are fitting as this house was used as the Post Office for many years.

The next building to be added was the General Store, in 1995. John Coxworth had operated this store for many years, followed by Ray and Bernice Still. Many artifacts are housed here—ranging from store shelves, a cash register, an old printing press, and Isabella sports uniforms, to a model of the old Isabella townsite.

The CWDS house came in 1998, and is on its original foundation. The Clark, Wright, Doran and Still families all have lived in this residence. It is decorated as a residence with extras being the WI room, and the collection of books, including quilting patterns, a book of

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BIRTLE LANDFILL HOURS

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:15 PM - 3:15 PM
WEDNESDAY	3:00 PM - 7:00PM SUMMER HOURS 3:00 PM - 5:00PM WINTER HOURS
THURSDAY	1:15 PM - 3:15 PM
FRIDAY	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Weather Outlook

- Wed Aug 2 30**
Sunny
- Thurs Aug 3 30**
Mainly Sunny
- Fri. Aug 4 28**
Mainly Sunny
- Sat. Aug 5 26**
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advice to pioneer families on cooking to administering medication to livestock!

Out in the barn, behind the CWDS house, you will find a curling rock collection, blacksmith tools, a corn planter, just to name a few things.

Bernice Still maintains these museums with the help of a volunteer board. She has been featured in newspaper stories, was filmed on the Wayne Ronstadt TV show, On the Road Again, and is a wealth of information on the history of the area. She is often contacted by people wanting to connect with their roots, and is usually able to facilitate this. Bernice has been recognized by the Manitoba Historical Society for her contribution to the preservation of history.

The museum is open by appointment, and on Museum Days throughout the summer months. It is a small town treasure and is worth a drive to Isabella!



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MINIOTA'S 30th SHIRTSLEEVE CLASSIC!

Miniota's Shirtsleeve Classic is much more than a summer bonspiel which is the signature event of this 30-year running summer celebration Virden Empire - Linda Clark

This past weekend marked the 30th anniversary of the Miniota Shirtsleeve Classic and in celebration, the words "Home of the Shirt Sleeve Classic" have been painted above the windows in the curling waiting room. The community and the rink were hopping with many locals as well as those who came to participate in the fun.

Hats off to the Miniota Community Centre board for all the hard work for such a huge event! As well a huge shout out to Bob Gardham and his crew for keeping the ice in tiptop shape for the bonspiel. This event requires many volunteers to man the rink and hall kitchens and the donations of food are appreciated. A roast beef meal was served on Saturday and a cold plate supper on Sunday.

The car rally was a highlight, where 25 entries took part in this tour of the countryside of Ward 1. The winners were the Hill Family team.

Over 200 enjoyed the free pancake breakfast held at the Miniota Fire Hall with our firefighters doing the cooking. The draw for the barbecue grill was made with the lucky winner being Brian Oliver. As well, the Fire Department sponsored the Fireman's Rodeo event for the youth on Sunday.

Saturday entertainment for many was the Colour Run sponsored by the Miniota Figure Skating Club and the bouncy castles and face painting organized by the Valley Recreation District.

A new event added to the Friday evening entertainment was Washers with winners being proclaimed. A Side winners: Curtis Gardham and Trisha Gardham; B Side winners: Robyn Lelond and Chelsea Gardham. Second Round winners: Brady Brown and Brady Joseph over Darryl Brown and Brian Armitage.



Beer garden and social evenings were held on the skating surface with Party Jockeys supplying dance music.

In the Shirt Sleeve curling, 24 rinks took part in the bonspiel. Winners were: First event: Sean McKean; Second event: Janelle Lach; and Third event: Jason Heaman. Sunday afternoon six slo pitch teams went into action. Winners were: 1st - We Got the Runs over Master Batters; 2nd - Bin Token against Son of a Pitch, and 3rd - Sticky Glove Gang against BTS Sluggers.

On Sunday afternoon the annual tractor pull event was organized by Murray and Kyle Gurr. Winners were: 5000 LBS & U: 1st - Kyle Gurr, Miniota; 2nd - Bill Carter, Alexander; 6000 LBS & U: 1st - Murray Gurr, Miniota; 2nd - David Prince, Deloraine; 3rd - Kyle Gurr, Miniota; 7000 LBS & U: 1st - Kyle Gurr, Miniota; 2nd - Murray Gurr, Miniota; 8000 LBS & U (Calvin Bryant Memorial): 1st - Kyle Gurr, Miniota; 2nd - Murray Gurr, Miniota; 10,000 LBS & U (Bob Bryant Memorial) 1st - Gerry Wilson, Hamiota; 2nd - Riley Hall, Oak Lake; 3rd - Murray Gurr, Miniota; 12,000 LBS & U: 1st - Kyle Gurr, Miniota; 2nd Nick Dushnicky, Isabella; 3rd - Danny Argue, Miniota.

The Miniota Golf Course saw lots of action with 78 golfers in the Shirt Sleeve Classic Golf Tournament. Ladies Over 55: 1st - Irene Clark; 2nd Sharon McKenzie; 3rd - Dienna McConnell.

Ladies Under 55 Championship: 1st - Kailey Jorgenson; 2nd - Tracie McKean; 3rd - April McKean. First Flight: 1st - Angie Stonehouse; 2nd - Wanda Rhodes; 3rd - Angie Scholdice.

Men's Over 55 Championship: 1st - Clay Wyborn; 2nd - Rod McKean; 3rd - George Kreiser. First Flight: 1st - Paul George; 2nd - Bill McArthur; 3rd - Jim Young.

Men's Under 55 Championship: 1st - Bryce Kyle; 2nd - Dusty Morton; 3rd - Jason McKenzie. First Flight: 1st - Nick Matiwsky; 2nd - Brady Joseph; 3rd - Foster Couvier. Second Flight: 1st Devon Sanders; 2nd - Dillin Stonehouse; 3rd - Austin McKenzie. Students (17U): 1st - Ty McKenzie; 2nd - Isaac McArthur; 3rd - Logan Armitage.

This very busy weekend was also a huge fundraiser for the Miniota Community Centre hall and rink.

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ISABELLA NEWS - By Linda Clark

July 9 2023

Congratulations to the Preserving the Past for the Future Museum Committee on their 40th anniversary celebrated on July 9th at Isabella. Many enjoyed touring the museums and the cold plate supper. An extensive write-up can be found elsewhere in this paper.

The Isabella Cemetery committee held a work bee on Monday, July 10th. Following the bee, lunch was enjoyed in the hall. Caretaker Murray Sutherland has the cemetery neat and tidy.

Ron Huberdeau and Cathy Meekins attended the 50th anniversary of Ron's high school graduation at Birtle this past weekend. Hazel Wall, a teacher of many of these pupils, also attended and all enjoyed renewing acquaintances. Following registration, musical entertainment, a tour of the Birtle Collegiate Institute, and more visiting and a delicious supper was catered by Russell Chicken Chef.

Kelvin and Becki Wall and family and Hazel Wall spent a weekend at the home of Kaleigh and Eric McConnell at Melita to celebrate Joey's birthday. They then dropped

Lily off at camp at Killarney.

July 19 2023

Word has been received of the death of Lorna Black of Brandon. Lorna, daughter of Lorne and Beatrice Wright was raised at Isabella with her siblings Jeanette and David. She attended school at Isabella and then Birtle and trained to become a nurse. Lorna nursed for many years in Brandon. Sympathy is extended to her children Jamie and Joan Black of Brandon, and to her siblings. Hazel Wall travelled with Curtis and Kim Bell, Russell to Airdrie AB to visit with Kris and Jen Wall and their family

July 27 2023

Carolyn and Krista Flynn enjoyed a mother-daughter trip to Iceland. They report beautiful scenery and a great trip.

Trevor, Abby, Heidi, Avery and Landon Clark travelled to Winkler for the U18 ball provincials. Congratulations to Heidi and her teammates and coaches on bringing home the silver medals.



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BIRTLE NEWS - By Jan Fleury

July 4 2023

Congratulations to Samantha and Trey Koroscil on the birth of a baby girl! Lainey Mae Koroscil arrived on June 25th and her Birtle grandparents, Denise and Bruce Koroscil and Great-grandma Pat Koroscil are very excited to welcome her to the family.

Cindy, Fabian, Kingston and Hayden Copeland of Winnipeg visited with Bev Lee over the long weekend and also visited with their Aunt Barb and Uncle Archie in the Morley House PCH in Shoal Lake. Bev's niece Sherry and daughter Kennedy of Grand Prairie, AB also visited and joined other family and friends to celebrate Archie Hayden's 70th Birthday. Happy Birthday Archie!

Vera Salmon along with her sons Kenton and partner Kim, and Murray and grandson Jason, Kaitlynn and great-grandson Parker made their annual trip up to Iskwasum Lake to do some fishing the last week in June.

The descendants of the late Fred and Mary Graham gathered on the July 1st long weekend at the home farm on the north hill of Birtle. Fred and Mary had eleven children. Alf Graham, the oldest child, is deceased. Margaret Haslem of Australia, Grace Slawinsky of Brandon, Jean Werestiuk of Pinawa, Mae-Ann Goldsmith of Clunie, AB, Hazel Fahaie of Calgary, Edward Graham of Hamiota, Helen Samm of Camrose, AB, Norman Graham of Birtle, Allan Graham of Birtle and Harold Graham of Birtle along with their spouses and children, grandchildren and great grand children were able to attend and brought the number in attendance to close to 150 people. As Margaret's eyesight is failing, her sister Helen flew to Australia to accompany her back to Canada and will join her for her trip back in August.

The July 1st celebrations were well attended once again this year even with the afternoon storm passing through and the fireworks were able to go ahead. Shout out to all the volunteers for your work on putting these events together to celebrate Canada's birthday!

July 18 2023

Rob and Linda Ewbank along with their children Renee, Jeremy, and Carrie and their families journeyed to Calgary the first week of July to help Lynne Ewbank celebrate her birthday by having a surprise birthday party. Happy Birthday Lynne!

Welcome home to Tanya (Oliver) Barnes who has returned from a journey of a life time to Italy with her family. Their story was published in last week's Crossroads.

Visiting with their Birtle families last week were Renee McMillan with Rob and Linda Ewbank, Jessica Laluk with Tom and Maire-Ann Barnes, and Esme Harrar visiting with Bill Harrar and Val Thompson. The girls enjoyed visiting with family members, golfing with their Birtle friends and had their children take swimming lessons at the Birtle Beach.

Barry Hickman of Vancouver, BC was visiting with family and friends in Birtle last week.

Joan McDonald's son Mike of Thompson picked her up and they joined her sons David and Sherrie and Murray and Graeme at the wedding of her great-niece, Rayna Schwalm to Matt Baker. The celebration was held at Oakland Estates south of

Brandon on Friday July 7th. After the wedding, Mike took his Mom to Thompson where she enjoyed a week of visiting and fishing at Paint Lake. This marks 53 years that Joan has been able to fish and was lucky to catch two fish.



July 24 2023

Visitors with Dean Edmundson have been his sister Fran from Idaho, and brothers Ron of Alberta, and David and Sharon of Winnipeg. They enjoyed camping and fishing at Pyott's Campground at Lake of the Prairies and were joined there by Ted and Wendy Bartlett, Fred and Betty-Ann Cottingham, Tiffany Grabauskas and Sandy Taylor.

Breanna Peterson and her daughter Michaela have been visiting with Breanna's parents, Roberta and Brian Hickman. Michaela has been enjoying taking swimming lessons at Birtle Beach.

Andrea Kines and her mother Joyce Kines have returned from a holiday on Vancouver Island visiting with Lyndsey Kines and his family in Victoria.

Wishing Margaret Ashcroft a speedy recovery from hip surgery she had in Dryden, ON last week. Lawson Ashcroft and Nancy Evans took their Mom down and they all returned home the day after her surgery. Daughter Colleen McNabb of Minnedosa was here in Birtle on the weekend to help with her mom's recovery. Nancy had a visit from her daughter Kylie and Graeme Matheson and grandchildren Maisie and Charles of Stonewall and they visited with Margaret Ashcroft as well.

Nancy Birch along with daughters Colleen Talbot and Barbara Birch journeyed to Flin Flon last week to visit the town that Nancy taught school in several years ago before coming to Birtle. She had never returned and this visit is now off her bucket list. While there they visited with Joanne (Thornton) and Dennis McKeen.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family and friends of Karen Bartram who passed away in Neepawa on July 20th at the age of 60. Karen will be missed by her mother, Marie Bartram and her eight siblings and their families, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her father Jack Bartram.

Chris, Cathy, and Kaylee Powell of Winnipeg are visiting with Pat Koroscil for a few days. They attended a baby shower and welcomed baby Lainey Mae Koroscil on Sunday at the home of Denise and Bruce Koroscil.

Jack and Judy Bolter of Calgary have been staying with his sister, Gail Salmon and visiting with his mother, Alice Bolter at Sunnyside Manor.

Last weekend the grads of Birtle Collegiate Class of 1976 held a reunion hosted by Dave and Marnee Bonchuk at Rossman Lake. There were approximately 35 in attendance over the three days with Norman Jelfs of Vancouver coming the far-

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thest to attend.

Bob & Marj, Ron & Jean Barteaux returned this past Sunday from a 5-day reunion visiting with their mother, Ruth, along with their sisters and families in Winnipeg. Visitors were: Barb & Ivan Bicknell (Cloverdale, BC) and their daughter & son-in-law Alissa & Dave Sponchia & sons Tyson & Jack (Maple Ridge, BC).

Ron & Jean's daughter, Ashley (Brandon) attended. Maryanne & Robert Mushumanski (Hanley, SK) along with their son, Micheal & his daughter, Mackenna (Regina) as well as Joel & Cindy Fiddler (Saskatoon) with their sons, Ben & Zachary.

Kari Lee accompanied by her daughter, Bobbi & son, Tristan and his family Ashley Maynes and son, Levon (Winnipeg). Brian Lee (Birtle). Jim Lee was unable to attend. Sara & Alan Henderson (South Jordan, Utah) and their daughters Jessica & Jenna.

David & Jacki Barteaux (Foxwarren) along with their son, Dawson & friend Kay Collyer (Onanole) and daughter, Madison & friend Conor Geekie (Brandon & Strathclair) attended for an afternoon. Games were played, reminiscences were recounted and meals were savoured with Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma & Great-Great Grandma.

Carolyn and Krista Flynn just returned from a visit to Iceland. They toured the capital city of Reykjavik and went to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa (one of the 25 wonders of the world)! Throughout their trip they saw many breathtaking waterfalls, volcanoes, lava fields, geysers and black sand beaches. They went to a geothermal garden where they had the opportunity to taste black bread and eggs baked directly in a hot spring. They took a boat ride around Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon to get closer to the floating icebergs. They visited an Icelandic farm where they saw Icelandic sheep and horses. Afterwards they were treated to traditional lamb soup which was delicious! They saw many glaciers and were able to hike an outlet glacier at Vatnajokull which was an amazing experience. They walked in Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which is the only place in the world where you can stand between two continental plates America and Europe. They were able to go inside Vatnshellir Cave, an 8000-year-old lava tube. On July 10th, a fissure eruption started about 30km from Iceland's capital Reykjavik. They could see the smoke billowing from the volcanic eruption near Litli Hrutur. Iceland is such a beautiful country and they were lucky for over half of the trip to have nicer weather than at home!

Aug 1 2023

The Bray family held a gathering a few weeks ago to celebrate some milestone birthdays and enjoy some special family time together. The birthdays celebrated were Al Bray's 80th which is coming in October and his sister Joan's 70th. Joan Bray and her daughter Sarah and her husband Jason and their children, Logan and Katie all came from Cranbrook, BC., and her son Adam and wife Krista and children Ben & Teagan from Lethbridge, AB. Al's family included his son Steve and Susanna Deluca of Winnipeg, sons Nic Bray of Brandon and Mat Bray of Dauphin, daughter Ang and Bill Bowley, and Brendan and Zach Bowley of Brandon, and daughter Debbie and Trevor Shewfelt and children Amy and Henry and John Bragg and Kevin all of Saskatoon, SK. Their visit included a trip to Lenore, MB to the farm where Al and Joan grew up. After that excitement settled down, Ang decided to golf at Prairie Lake Lodge 18-hole par 3 course. Congratulations are going out to her as she aced hole #1.

Sympathy of the Birtle Community is being extended to the family and friends of Mary Hurlin formerly of Miniota. Mary passed away July 29 at the age of 83. She will be remembered for the time her and her late husband, Erik owned and operated The Miniota Motor Inn.

Darren Salmon of Red Earth, AB along with his daughter Courtney and her fiance of Edmonton, arrived in Birtle last week to visit with family before going to celebrate a family wedding on Saturday, July 29. Colin and Glynis Salmon were united in marriage at Oakland Estates wedding venue with Vera Salmon, her children, Kenton and Kim, Murray and Cheryl, and grandson Jason and Kaitlynn and great-grandson Parker also attended as well as several other relatives and friends. Colin is the son of Lyle and Betty Salmon of Beulah. Congratulations Colin and Glynis!

Gail McMillan attended the wedding of her niece Courtney Jewar to Nathan Bujold held on July 29 at a wedding venue by Shilo. Courtney is the daughter of Melanie Krauss and Kenny Jewar. Courtney's grandmother, Sylvia Jewar and her grandfather Merv Krauss were both able to attend. Congratulations Courtney and Nathan!



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Home time for Foxwarren's Dawson Barteaux after joining Manitoba Moose – Winnipeg

Foxwarren's Dawson Barteaux will be bringing a little more local flavour to the Manitoba Moose next season. The blueliner recently signed a one-year contract for his second homecoming in the span of just three years.

"I'm very lucky to have a very tight-knit family," said Barteaux. "And it'll be very nice to kinda be able to spend more time hopefully with them."

It's almost like deja vu for Barteaux. In 2020, the WHL's Winnipeg Ice acquired Barteaux from the Red Deer Rebels, only to have COVID ruin the homecoming with the cancellation of the WHL season.

"Being at home is something that I was very interested in," he said. "And I love being where I'm from and very proud of that. So, very excited."

The 23-year-old will now be suiting up for one of the teams he rooted on as a youngster.

"Being to lots of Moose games as well growing up whenever you could," Barteaux said. "Getting to the city to watch some pro hockey was a lot of fun, and a highlight of my childhood." Barteaux, who is currently enjoying his summer in Clear Lake, was selected by the Dallas Stars in the sixth round of the 2018 NHL Draft.

He spent parts of the last three seasons with the AHL's Texas Stars but ended up spending the majority of last year in the



ECHL.

"It was tough that it didn't happen, but I just kinda put my head down and worked my heart out," said Barteaux. "Obviously that's where I wanted to be, but I just kinda kept to myself and just worked as hard as I could. It was great being apart of the Idaho Steelheads. I had a great year."



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9:00 am HEAVY HORSE HALTER CLASSES - MB Penwood's Draft Horse Futurity, Provincial Belgian, Open & Youth Showmanship Classes in the heavy horse ring
9:00 am - 8:00 pm FOOD & BEVERAGES at the Lariat
LIGHT HORSE SHOW in the light horse ring
10:00 am - 5:00 pm CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Myhill's Petting Zoo; Tattoos and Bracelets by Valley Rac
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm KERR'S BOUNCER'S MINI GOLF & LASER TAG
1:00 pm HEAVY HORSE HITCH CLASSES - Provincial Belgian & Open Classes in the heavy horse ring
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm WAGON RIDES around the FAIRGROUNDS
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm HOME/LIVING EXHIBITS viewing in the arena
1:30 pm M.G.R.A. SHOW in the light horse ring
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11:00 am MB Penwood's Draft Horse Futurity Pattern Class in the heavy horse ring
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm WAGON RIDES around the FAIRGROUNDS
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MINIOTA HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Linda Clark

July 3 2023

Mac and Pat Lelond have returned from a holiday at Peace River where they visited with Ken and Jody Still and family. They attended their grandson Geordan's Grade 12 graduation. Congratulations to all!

Liliane Weingartner, Brooks AB has been visiting in the area enroute to flying to Switzerland to visit family. Her children Naomi, Deborah and Raphael live in Switzerland and Rahel and her family also from Brooks will be joining them for a family gathering.

Doreen Clark, Linda Clark and Margaret Still attended the celebration of life of their cousin Jean Paton in Winnipeg on Thursday. Jean was the only daughter of Will and Marion Sutherland, born at Arrow River and raised on the farm with her brothers, Bill, Jim and John. Jean was a life-long friend of Mae Watters as early school chums, and we extend our sympathy to Mae on the loss of her friend.

Arrow River welcomed all to their Canada Day celebrations with anyone who wished to play ball, followed by a cold plate supper in the hall and then the duck races. Winners of the race went to 1st) Rod McKean 2nd) Donna Brown and 3rd) Shae Gardham. The day was complete with a great fireworks display enjoyed by many.

Ron and Vicki Bryant's family hosted a family gathering at the home of Joey and Lana Bajus to celebrate Ron's 80th birthday. All their children, 16 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren as well as Ron and Vicki's siblings and many nieces and nephews joined them. Coming from a distance were Susan Bryant and her son Cody Selke and his children Payden, Cassidy and Kenzie; Susan's daughter Rachel and Carsen James all from Herbert SK and her daughter Melissa Selke from Okotoks AB; Josh Simard and Sam Lindenbach, Winnipeg; Taryn and Grady Delmaire and baby son Levi, Redvers SK; Barb Gnutel Storhoaks SK; and Donna and Karen Wilkins, Brandon. Happy birthday Ron from your Miniota friends!

Donna Brown enjoyed a visit from Darcy, Tyler and Jason McKean, Ray and Mary Braun, and Dean and Sandy Lyons all of Portage la Prairie. They joined other family and friends to celebrate Donna's birthday.

Friends and neighbours of Garry Dalgarno's gathered on Donna Brown's deck to extend best wishes to Garry on his move to Newdale and to present him with the gifts from the community. Attending for a visit with Garry were Del and Pat Cole, Laurie Copet, Brady Joseph, Bill Laxdal, Randy and Ollie McKean, Brenden, Megan and Bo Brown and Donna Brown. Best wishes Garry in your new home.

Nathan Browning and Jen Copet attended the Grade 12 graduation of Nathan's son Dominic at Morden. Congratulations to Dom and his proud Dad!

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Ralph Waldo Emerson

July 11 2023

The Miniota- Arrow River's Donor Choice committee are very pleased with the results of a most successful 2023 campaign. The donations were as follows: Cancer \$1656, CNIB \$566, Red Cross \$714, Kidney \$877, Child/Family Services \$ 428, MS \$872, Diabetes \$1056, Arthritis \$860, Alzheimers \$811, Crohns/Colitis \$606, Compassionate Friends \$312, Heart \$1116, Lupus \$421, Lung \$557, Hamiota District Health Foundation \$701, Miniota Municipal Seniors Services \$1254, Miniota & Area Foundation \$1589, Miniota Handivan \$1047, Miniota Museum \$749 and S.T.A.R.S \$2748 for a total of \$18,940. This year the committee felt no need to hold back a per centage for administration expenses and so every dollar donated was sent to the charities. Job well done folks! Thank you to all our canvassers who give of their time to go door to door for this campaign.

Darcy Oliver and his children Amanda Oliver-Lonson, Medicine Hat, Ted Oliver, and Tanya Barnes, Birtle all travelled to Italy for a trip of a lifetime. They enjoyed the history and sightseeing in several places, a few being Rome, Castro Dei Volsci, Monte Casino, Torrice and Pompeii. The Oliver family's main mission was to once again meet Gino, now a grown man, but the young boy that Lloyd Oliver, Darcy's Dad and his soldier friends Paul Hagen and Mert Massey had found amongst bomb crates in 1944: this little boy whom they cared for until a foster family could be found to care for him, as their troops moved on. What a wonderful story! The Oliver's travelled to Torrice where they met Gino and his family and the Oliver family laid a wreath at the monument Gino had had constructed to honour these men. A movie has been made

entitled 'Gino- A Child of War' and the Olivers enjoyed seeing the premier along with Gino and his family. We look forward to the movie coming to Canada later this fall.

Brandon, Kathryn, Quinn and Cassidy Pollard, Black Falls AB and Laura Poppel and Travis Peters, Calgary visited with Wayne Poppel and Val Carton and Jeffrey and Ashley Poppel and family on the Canada Day weekend. The Poppel family held their annual family shoot. Also visiting were Jan

Malanowich and her son Kent, Trisha, Tristan and Madison Malanowich, Winnipeg.

Andrew and Jeannine Cymbalisky and children travelled to Minot, ND for the Canada Day long weekend taking in many of the sights and activities offered. They thoroughly enjoyed the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Murray and Joan Gurr, Kyle Gurr, Kerrie Gurr and Tanner Williams travelled to Carnduff SK for their tractor pull event. Kyle placed 1st with his 560 in the 7,000 lb class and Murray placed 2nd with his 650 in the 8,000 lb class. Murray and Kyle then participated at the Souris Tractor Pull competition with Kyle placing first in the 10,000 lb and over class with his 806 International and Murray placed 2nd in the 6,000 and under class with his 460 International.

Jamie, Tiffany, Elly and Lily Priestley flew to Halifax and enjoyed some of the sights of the Maritimes. Elly as a member of the Prairie Thistles Highland Dance Association, Manitoba dance team participated in the Scot Dance Canada Championship 2023 from July 2-6th at the Halifax Convention Centre, where 988 dancers performed on 8 stages. Elly received a medal for her 'Special' Highland Fling for Level Novice 13 years and over, competing against dancers from BC, AB, SK, ON, NB, NS, PEI and Scotland. Congratulations Elly!

Coralee Anderson, Jake, Gracie and Kinsley Muir, Colby, Katie and Blair Howard, and Clayton and Lincoln Judd are all members of the Lenore 4-H Beef Club. They held their club achievement on July 3rd and then showed again in the Interclub competition on July 4th. Colby Howard received reserve champion heifer of the Lenore club, and Blair Howard received champion Angus heifer for the Interclub. Katie as well placed in the championship steer class on both days. Congratulations to all our 4-H members for a great showing!

Hadley Bryant, Claire Regnier and Adrianna Cousins, members of the Hamiota U13 Red Sox team along with their coach Michelle Bryant, participated in provincials at the Buhler Recreation Park this past weekend. Unfortunately the team faced a difficult loss after a few wins, resulting in not making the finals. Next year Girls!

Carolyn Somerville, Winnipeg, visited with Don and Sandra Armitage for the weekend.

Our Miniota community extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barry Doole who died on July 9th at the Virden Hospital. Our thoughts are with Denise Canart, and with Barry's sons Sheldon Doole and Kent Doole and his family. Sympathy also to Barry's sister Rhonda Walker and her family, and to Crystal and Ross Howard.

Wayne and Dorothy Brown hosted Dorothy's siblings Donna Gobeil, Winnipeg; David Doran and friend Dorothy, Gibsons BC; Bob and Jeanne Doran, Edson AB; and Lois Doran and her daughters Dawn and Marisa and Marisa's son Nathan, Prince George for a time of family visiting and many shared meals for several days. Wayne and Dorothy's family were also present. The family gathered at the Birtle Cemetery to inter the ashes of their sister Linda. Barry Hickman, Abbotsford BC, Wayne Hickman, Kevin and Joanne Hickman and Roberta Hickman also joined the Doran family.

Congratulations to Owen and Jodie Thomas on the birth of their daughter Sarah, a little sister for Emma. Sarah was born on July 5th and is also welcomed by grandparents John and Barbara Lynn Hodgins and Edmore and Ruth Thomas and great grandma Vi Joseph, along with aunts, uncles and cousins.



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Brenden and Megan Brown welcomed their new son Chet David Brown on July 9th, a little brother for Madison, Bo and Cooper. Chet is another grandson for Donna Brown, Miniota, Morley Brown, Hamiota and great grandma Georgina Brown, Hamiota. Congratulations to you all!
"Never be afraid to sit awhile and think." Lorraine Hansberry
July 19 2023

Trevor and Marcie Lewis have just returned from an Alaskan cruise. They were joined by Trevor's mom Linda Lewis, Moosomin; his sister Julie and Devlin Griffiths, Hinton AB, and his brother Chris Lewis, Regina and Bridgette Verville, Moose Jaw. Excursions included seeing the salmon ladder at Juneau, the White Pass Summit train in Skagway, and the Saxman Native Village in Ketchikan where they experienced the traditional dancing and singing as well as meeting a master totem pole carver and enjoyed a lumberjack show. They also made a stop at Glacier Bay, and as well they enjoyed the entertainment on board the ship. Get well wishes are extended to Kim Bohrn who is a patient in the Brandon Hospital.

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive – to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to live – then make that day count." Steve Marabol

July 26 2023

Krista and Khloe Brown travelled to Steinbach for the U15 Ball Provincials. Khloe is a member of the Hamiota Red Sox Ramsey team. They made it to the quarterfinals on Sunday, but unfortunately did not proceed further.

Claire Armitage, Addison Cousins and Rhianna Laite are members of the U18 Hamiota Red Sox Smith team. They attended provincials at Winkler this past weekend but unfortunately did not proceed to the finals.

Monelle Bryant, Heidi Clark and Monelle Bryant along with coach Brad Thompson also attended the U18 Ball provincials at Winkler. Congratulations to Team McTavish on bringing home the Silver medals!

Hadley Bryant enjoyed a week at Camp Wannukumbac at Clear Lake.

Liz Hargrave and her children Hudson, Alex, Savannah and Isabelle from Walsh AB have been here visiting with Liz's parents, Edward and Beth Lelond. The children enjoyed their swimming lessons at the Birtle Park. Cousins Kade, Rhett and Brooks also visited for the week with their grandparents, enjoying some cousin time.

Many families are busy with swimming lessons. Birtle, Hamiota, Virden and Souris are some of the favourite spots to camp and enjoy lessons.

The RCMP musical ride held at Virden on July 25th was enjoyed by several from our community.

The Miniota Golf course held their Ladies Tournament on July 21st with 23 teams participating. Results were as follows: Championship: 1) Shirley Davidson & Heather Grant 2) Cheryl Foster & Sharon McKenzie 3) Mary Beaumont & Kay Kritianson 1st Flight: 1) Shawnda Kreiser & Sheila Sheane 2) Lacey Tanner & Trinity Tanner 3) Denise Brown & Colleen Immerkar 2nd Flight: 1) Ffion Penner & Faye Sanduliak 2) Merlip Thom & April Martin 3) Rita Severson & Gina Richardson

I, Linda, enjoyed my trip to Winkler for the U18 ball provincials. Some great ball and beautiful countryside as crops there look great. Such a progressive little city with so many businesses and beautiful homes with well manicured lawns and parks. My quotes this week come from two signs on entering Winkler:

"Start each day with a grateful heart." & "Be the person you wish to see in other people."

Aug 1 2023

Sympathy is extended to Rodney, Bonita, Brooke and Karli Frederick and to Rodney's siblings Sheila, Troy and Teresa and their families on the death of their dad and grandpa Albert Frederick.

Our community also extends sympathy to Bill and Sheryl Hurlin and family, Texas and Rick and Wendy Hurlin and family, BC on the death of their mother and grandma Mary Hurlin at the WestMan Nursing Home in Virden. As well we extend our sympathy to Mary's sisters Sharon and Bob McKenzie and to Pat Moldowan, Stonewall and their families.

Kevin and Julie Halipchuk, Aidan, Reese and Carley, Ottawa, visited with Linda Clark and family. Linda, Julie, Cherilynn, Trevor and their families travelled to Daryl and Melanie Clark's at Ituna SK for a visit and to celebrate Daryl and Mel's 25th wedding anniversary. As well

Scott and Donna Gammack, Garson MB and Harold Reid Brandon came for the weekend celebrations.

Wishing everyone a very happy August long weekend! The summer is flying by and the combines are going to be humming shortly as the crops are ripening fast with little rain in areas.

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." Booker T. Washington

Sunday, August 6th

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NEWS FROM THE FOX

July 10 2023

By Lori Falloon

I am back from a brief mental health sabbatical and, I highly recommend it for everyone reading this or who gives a damn about themselves and others. Please. Do spread the good word. There is nothing wrong with putting your own needs first and foremost, and forever I might add.

Sincere sympathy is being sent out to Mike and Melinda Deeley on the loss of their son Bryce. Bryce had health struggles and was unable to overcome them. The Deeley family was a stalwart in our community for a number of years as Lou and Mavis raised their 3 boys here and Lou was our Pool Elevator manager for years. Mike, Melinda, Mavis and Bryce all reside in Morris. We are so sorry for your loss.

The weather is beautiful these days. The gardens, lawns and crops are popping nicely. The Memory Garden is always in need of a weed or 2 pulling hand and I am sure they don't mind if the old time rule applies. If you see a weed, pull it!

I will get my ear to the ground again and bring us all up to speed on what's happening this summer. I do hope to report on upcoming community events so please, I am back in action so feel free to contact me via phone, email, in person or on social media.

And a nice shout out to the ditch cutters! So nice to be able to see the animals darting out again so we at least have some reaction time.

Our free camping sites are being used on an almost daily basis. Excellent job to the grass cutters. It is always nice to have a maintained green spot for our out of town visitors. Don't forget, that free camping site is pinned on the internet as a safe and beautiful spot and everyone likes a free beauty spot so yes. Lot's of visitors partake in the shade. It's kind of neat to see how different people pick their spots in there. So far, the visitors have cleaned up after themselves. "Leave nothing behind except your footprints" is always a good thing to live by when you are in Mother Nature's free beauty.

July 16 2023

How have you been spending this cool spell of weather lately? Some long overdue weed pulling and a walk to the Foxwarren cemetery, which looks very nice, are but a few things this house has been up to. There was no new sod turned in the cemetery, so that is always nice. Also nice is the Wimbledon Finals that were played this past weekend. I am a keen tennis fan so I actually spent a fortnight watching all

the action. There were 120 cameras on court to capture all the action so the tv fans did not miss a thing and trust me, it was jam packed with action that had us biting our nails and sitting on the edge of our seats. Marketa Vondrousova of Czechoslovakia and Carlos Alcaraz of Spain are the big winners this year. What makes it even more remarkable is Marketa came into Wimbledon unseeded, meaning she was not a ranked player in the tour and Carlos is all of 20 years old. The runners up have a neat story to them as well. Ons Jabeur is from Tunisia and is the first Arab woman to reach a Wimbledon final and Novak Djokovich was trying to reach his 24th major title to tie Margaret Court's record of 24 wins.



There is a tennis court at the playground, just west of the Wheel of Carnage, also known as the merry go round. It was built in the 1980's and I remember that time clearly as mom (Dianne Falloon) was very instrumental in getting it constructed for our community. It is a little run down now, however the memories we made smacking that ball around are not.

Something else nice to see is Alphonse Chartier's house being spruced up. Somehow I feel a trend coming on in this town. I for one have never ever doubted our potential and my time away has done nothing but reinforce that belief.

July 23 2023

Foxwarren Library has a new librarian! Marlene Disher of Lethbridge, AB is very happy to assume the position of bringing our little library some much needed attention. Marlene's daughter married into the Wray family of Foxwarren, so please, stop on in to say hello to Marlene. I had the pleasure of meeting Marlene and she has asked me to convey the following information to you. There will be regular updates posted on "Foxwarren Library" Facebook page. This is the only active social media being used as it is the one that has the most reach to the library's clientele. No internet? No problem! 204-847-2080 is the number to call for your burning questions that are not answered here. Marlene would like you to know that there are monthly new books that she has featured for all your reading interests and suggestions are always welcome. The end of August will see the quarterly turnover of books, so if you are a regular, hang tight. A new batch will be on its way to you soon. Marlene also has some very exciting ideas on how to boost foot traffic through the library by way of reading clubs, online or in person and of course, don't forget the children! Marlene has a lot of exciting things planned for the little ones, with summer holidays in mind, so keep an eye on the social media page for updates on events to come.

Gaston Lavoie reminds us all again to please bring your empty beer cans to the Leisure Centre and he will gladly dispose of them for you. There is also an ongoing aluminum tab collection at the Leisure Centre. You can drop a bag off at the door, or you can also go inside as there is a "tab" jar for you to drop your bag of tabs into. And while you are in there, peruse the selection of Crabby Apple Jelly that is still available for sale.

Rebecca Cheasley is back at the Foxwarren Museum for the Summer. The Museum will be hosting a Farmers Market on August 3 and 17th from 5-8pm, so be sure to mark your calendars. If you are interested in a table, please email Rebecca

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(no phone!) at foxwarrenmuseum@gmail.com or just stop in personally. And, feel free to pull a weed while you are there.

There is a weeding session every Wednesday at the Memory Garden, adjacent to the Museum from 10-noon and 4-8pm. My (Lori) Big Brother Bill will be having a stone laid to rest in there this summer so please, let us continue to honour our loved ones by pulling a weed. Bill was a farmer, and weeds were always a hindrance so help a brother out would ya and pull away.

July 30 2023

I, (Lori) had every intention of starting this column off with August Birthday Shoutouts, and then found that I have inadvertently misplaced them, so once I get that sorted, I will have a full August birthday report.

Meantime, Happy Legal around The World birthday to my son Jack Austin in August. Jack is the only August birthday that I remember so, here is a wonderful 21st birthday story I will share with you. Jack is summer employed by a top 10 global brand delivering their goods. In his first 2 weeks, Jack single handedly doubled their sales. Common sense and tenacity go a long way WHEN you have employers who are forward thinking enough to spot a diamond in the rough and then have no problem rewarding/capitalizing upon this. Clearly, the head office of this global company sat upright in their no doubt leather chairs when the sales numbers came across their desks. They were impressed enough to ask Jack to stay on with them when he goes back to school in the fall for a degree in Economics and they will make a route to suit Jack's schedule. I related this story to a very close family member and they said, "You know what Lori. Working your way up from the bottom is the way to go sometimes." I agree, although it is imperative that no obstacles are purposely put in the way of the chosen few who have the common sense and tenacity to make their world, and our world in the long run a better place. So many birthday cake slices to Jack and his very observant and smart rewarding company. It happens to be my favourite soft drink company however that does NOT get me any free product. I will gladly pay out of pocket to support a pro employee company like this, no problem. Supporting those who support their staff is an excellent motto and one I will never ever stop preaching.

I have suffered dearly these past 6 months due to a lifelong lack of support and actions from a key variety of support people and support outlets that should have been there for me and my family from day 1, but they clearly were not. One would never know this by looking at my smiling face now, would they? Only now can I say I am 99.9 percent recovered. My journey to hell and back is incredibly well documented verbally, physically and of course, written out. A part of my road to recovery is beating agoraphobia. I could not leave my house, never mind sit in the privacy of my backyard for a brief hellacious time. Fast forward to where I am now and I am happy to tell you I attended the monthly Birthday Dinner at the Leisure Centre where I received many hugs and such kind words and actions of support. It was great. A nice change. Please, keep it up, and I have made plans to attend a fundraiser for "Prairie Thousand to The Shield" which I wrote about at length earlier this year. If you did not see this particular article written by me (Lori) run in your local paper, please let me know and I will give you everything you need to know about this cause. It is an active Afghanistan Vet with PTSD who cycles for relief, and Rob, the cyclist, and his incredibly supportive wife Marina made an annual fund raiser out of it to raise funds for Wounded Warriors who rely on service dogs to help them function in everyday life. Managing PTSD has become a daily part of my life so for me to attend this makes me want to give myself a huge pat on the back for

being so courageous, so I shall. I take inspiration from Rob and Marina and just like Rob uses cycling to channel his triggers, I use writing. Messages/writings are lessons/mistakes that have been lived and learned, and the messages spread from them are meant to be known publicly so please, pay attention to your messengers no matter what venue they may take. I am absolute living proof that what you see in a public persona is the real deal, my smile is/was always genuine. What you all did not know was the pain in my brain/heart it was hiding until now. Go us.

A photo of the 9th hole at the Foxwarren Country Club, mini golf course at Foxwarren Leisure Centre. Volunteer effort. That is my dog Buddy. Everyone knows Buddy



and his route and routine. Food is helpful with that... Lol!

The Foxwarren Country Club, aka: the mini golf course on the direct east side of the Foxwarren Leisure Centre is now open for business! It has been restored to its former glory AND a 9th hole has (Finally!) been added. Exciting times that require exciting donations. There is a lock box you can pop your hard earned cash dollars into to help offset the costs of upkeep a free facility. The putters and balls are always outside for you so you can access it 24-7. As always, leave nothing but your footprints (and in this case a cash donation) behind.

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