



# THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

Weekly Punch Line

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**While Driving,  
Honk if you love  
God, Send a Text if  
you would like to  
meet him!**

## GREAT JOB BCI STUDENTS AND STAFF

### Weather Outlook

May 13  
Sunny 10



May 14  
Sunny 13



May 15  
Sunny 16



May 16  
Sunny 19



May 17  
Sunny 21



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Birtles Town Maintenance crew needed help, and 40 BCI students were



quickly on their way!!!  
Thursday, May 5, a call went out from Birtle's

Town Foreman, Andy Brydon, that more sandbags were needed to protect Dave & Shanna Turnbull's house and the Sewage Lift Station on the river side of

Kent Street. The Birdtail had risen overnight and there was a concern that both these buildings could be flooded.

The day was sunny and warm. Energetic and willing students from the High School gave of their

time, and muscle, to fill bags with sand and put them in place to protect Turnbull's house.

Mr. Wilson's Gr.11 Leadership Class, Mr. Snyder's Gr.10 Geography class, plus Gr. 9 and Gr.8 students willing went to help. BCI's principal,



Dan Hardern, is a strong promoter of student involvement in the community and this is one example of how BCI students get involved. They did a great job!

*Gay Stewart*



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# ANOTHER GREAT PRODUCTION AT BCI

Last weekend in April the BCI Drama Group transported a willing audience from an icy late winter storm to an idealized Caribbean island when they performed Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen by Craig Sodaro. Happy to hop aboard the good ship Petunia, the audience was not intimidated by the bulk of a pirate ship skulking in the shallows, indeed it served only to 'shiver our timbers'; as did the pirate cover of blue ocean, silky sand and dreamy palms created by director/producer Elly Sotas. A sparkling treasure trove at stage left added to the ambiance.

The island was inhabited/invaded by a motley assortment of

pirates: retired pirates, lady pirates, wannabe pirates and lansakes! even parent pirates, all of whom kept the audience entertained with a rom-com of unrequited love and deliciously corny lines.

The parts were acted with poise and vigour. The words were clearly enunciated so that lines were projected to the back rows of the theatre – no mean feat for young actors. The comic timing was well paced and the sword fights well choreographed, albeit a bit short. After all, 'me hearties', you can't have too much swashbuckling! The costumes, Mrs. Sotas' trademark, were stunning, colourful, "authentic", and planned to last accoutrement. We loved the lady pirates in five inch stiletto heels, the stripy parrot pi-

rate and all that leather, lace and period hats.

The large cast meant that many students had an opportunity to perform, while the production values gave others experience in lighting, sound effects and stage management. An especially nice touch was the music score, which treated the audience to an overture and interact music. Small town, small school...big learning experience for all.

Appreciation was warmly expressed by both audience and students; one of whom was clearly heard exclaiming, "I can't wait till next year."

Well, yo, ho, ho and a bottle of rum – neither can we!

*Judy Bewer*



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*Birtle Fitness Club*

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# PEOPLE, PLANTS & POLITICS

Both in the indoor garden and the outdoor landscape, insects seem to have the nasty habit of showing up without fail to take their toll on what we grow. Taking precautions is a little easier in a relatively controlled indoor environment - if it is insect free to begin with, it may stay that way - but sometimes insects seem to show up out of nowhere. Complicating the issue is the balancing act between the need to combat insect infestations and the desire to do no damage to the environment with toxic chemicals.

Finding alternatives to chemicals is not always easy. To battle early infestations of flea beetles on kohlrabi (cabbage family) plants in my outdoor garden, I seed and grow them under cover - an old sheer curtain - until the seedlings get a good size and are transplanted into rows. By that time, the flea beetles have moved to the canola fields - thanks farmers! - leaving the garden plants alone. Indoors I use non-toxic insecticidal soap to prevent/combat insect problems.

Governments are faced with a similar dilemma and have to weigh the benefits against the drawbacks of using chemical solutions to insect problems in public green spaces, parks, and vast tracks of forest. One example is the forest pine beetle, which has devastated the pine forests of British Columbia and northern Alberta. Recently the beetles have successfully transitioned from the lodge pole pines of Alberta to the Jack pines of the boreal forests, which could enable them to move right across the country, including Manitoba, to the At-

lantic region. Using chemicals to battle the infestations in B.C. and Alberta were deemed environmentally and financially not feasible, so alternative measures, such as thinning stands of pine and controlled burning were used, with limited success. Fighting insects in the garden or in the countryside at large is a difficult and expensive proposition, and that is what I learned about people and politics in the garden today.

*Albert Parsons*

## BIRTLE RIVER SIDE GOLF CLUB HOCKEY DRAFT

The winners of the Birtle Golf Club 2010-2011 Hockey Draft were:

- 1st - Brad Zimmer
- 2nd - Adrian Strutinsky
- 3rd - Aiden Sotas
- 4th - Deone Oertel
- 5th - Braden Zimmer

109 Entries were submitted.  
Thanks for the support.

*Birtle River Side Golf Club*

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# Sudoku

	9		1			4		
6			2					3
	5	1	4	6		7		2
1					3	6		9
	6		9	1			7	
2	7		8				4	
9		4		7	1	5	6	
8	1				4			
					9		1	4

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces of the board. Every row, column and 3x3 subsection of the grid must contain one and only one of each digit.

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