

Please Take One



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Thursday Thought:

If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.

Thomas Edison

Co-Founder, President & CEO of One of Canada's Fastest Growing Businesses Will Speak in Birtle in October

Weather Outlook

Oct 7	Isolated Showers	17	
Oct 8	Variable Cloudiness	15	
Oct 9	Mainly Sunny	16	
Oct 10	Mainly Cloudy	11	
Oct 11	Isolated Showers	11	

Farmer's Edge was named the #1 Fastest Growing Company in Manitoba in 2010; named the 11th Fastest Growing Company in Canada in 2011 and it is now the 59th largest company in Manitoba. Who would have guessed what was in store for a small town Manitoba kid.



Wade Barnes, founder of Farmers Edge, inspects a crop of canola just south of Winnipeg, July 12, 2011.

Photo Credit: John Woods for the Globe and Mail

I remember seeing Wade Barnes around the Birtle arena as a feisty hockey player, as an assertive, enthusiastic and respected referee. In fact, I remember him being awarded a most promising referee award. This friendly kid we would chat with in the rink later put his same energy and dedication we saw on the ice to work in his chosen career in agriculture.

Collegiate. Wade enrolled in the Assiniboine Community College Agribusiness program which began his journey as a crop advisor. *Continued on pg 2*

After graduating from Birtle

Town and RM of Birtle
COMMUNITY FAMILY DANCE
November 19th, 2011

FREE Admission
Kids Activities

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Wade Barnes, Farmer's Edge

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Achieving his Certified Crop Advisor in 1999, in 2005 Wade was named the Prairie Provinces Certified Crop Advisor of the year for his leadership in making variable rate fertilizer practical.

Wade worked to provide farmers with the best possible service. He was aware that there was an opportunity for farmer's to receive a better return on their input costs by

targeting the inputs more precisely.

Wade teamed up with Curtis MacKinnon and these two young entrepreneurs co-founded Farmer's Edge, an independent precision agriculture consulting firm. In 2009 Wade and Curtis were awarded the Business Development Bank of Canada's Young Entrepreneur Award for Manitoba.

Their new company, Farmer's Edge, was helping grain and oil-seed farmers increase their profits while decreasing their fertilizer application. In 2009 they covered 750,000 acres across the Prairies, had 10 management partners, 34 full-time and 11 seasonal employees, and 17 consulting partners who were re-sellers of the services.

Farmers Edge continues to grow and expand. According to the Bryan Borzykowski's article published in the July 27th, 2011 Globe and Mail, Mr. Barnes "has come around to thinking that now would be a good time to take on a partner." They explain that several seven figure offers have come their way but states that he [Mr Barnes] "wants to stay in control: at this point, he'd part with no more than 49 per cent of the company" With many things to consider in their future, including whether to take on partners, who those partners

should be, whether they should be ag experts or players outside the ag field.

According to Farmersedge.ca, this progressive firm has taken its concept to large corporate farms in Russia, they recently added a tissue testing laboratory and currently are expanding into the USA.

This business all started from a couple of imaginative, hard-working entrepreneurs who trusted their knowledge and their instincts of what could be and took the leap into the business world.

To learn more about what it takes to start and grow a business in rural Manitoba, join us to hear Wade's talk "Driven at **Let's Get Growing on Oct. 24 at the Birtle United Church.**

Stay tuned to next week's Birtle Outlook for more information on other speakers at this informative and motivational evening.

Submitted by Birtle District CDC. Information gathered from [farmersedge.ca](http://www.farmersedge.ca) and <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/small-business/sb-money/business-funding/an-enviable-position-brings-a-choice-of-suitors/article2110170/>

Birtle ECO Day

Saturday, October 15
11 a.m. – 3.p.m
at the Town Square on
Main Street

Bring your used oil, oil filters, empty oil containers and antifreeze to the town square and receive 4L of oil back!

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Call Valley Recreation Office by Friday, Oct. 14 or e-mail vrdb@birtle.ca

Also, looking for feedback to establishing a Quilting Guild in Birtle

Financial Incentives to Add a Rental Suite to Your Home

Province's Secondary Suites Program

What is a Secondary Suite?

A secondary suite is a private self-contained living space located within an existing home or on the property. It has its own entrance, bathroom, bedroom(s), kitchen and living area but may share other spaces, such as storage areas, parking spaces and yard, with the rest of the house. A secondary suite can be in the basement or an above ground addition to the main dwelling, a garden suite which is a self-contained unit that is not attached to the principal dwelling, but built on the same property, or a carriage suite or garage suite which is a self-contained unit located above or attached to the side or rear of a garage.

Why provide secondary suites funding?

Providing financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan to homeowners will encourage the development of secondary suites, which will expand the number of affordable rental units available in the market and create opportunities for home ownership.

Who is eligible for funding?

Homeowners who own the property and are living in the dwelling where the secondary suite is to be developed may be eligible.

Who can live in a secondary suite?

Secondary suites can be occupied by a relative, nanny, or caregiver, or another tenant. If rent is charged, there must be a legitimate rental relationship as defined under *The Residential*

Tenancies Act, and covered by a formal lease. In this case, rental rates must be set at, or below, Manitoba Housing affordable housing guidelines. A formal rental agreement is not required if no rent will be charged.

What funding is available to create a secondary suite?

Program assistance is in the form of a forgivable loan equal to 50% of the total construction costs to a maximum of \$35,000 per new secondary suite. Homeowners are responsible for any costs over the maximum forgivable loan. The loan does not cover the cost of bringing an existing secondary suite up to minimum standards. Forgiveness is earned over a 10 year period on a pro-rated basis.

Eligible program costs include, but are not limited to, the cost of construction: materials, labour, applicable taxes, legal fees, application fees, building permits, certificates, drawings, and specifications. The homeowner is responsible for hiring, paying and managing all contractors and sub-trades.

Funding is limited to one secondary suite per house which may be a newly constructed home with a secondary suite or renovation of an existing home to include a secondary suite. The secondary suite must be a private, self-contained residential unit that meets all provincial and municipal bylaws, codes and standards.

Homeowners must demonstrate that the main dwelling meets minimum health and safety standards before

funding will be provided. Secondary suites must be modest in size and amenities and proposed plans must be approved by Manitoba Housing prior to work being started.

To be eligible for program funding, the rents for the secondary suite must be set in accordance with Manitoba Housing affordable housing guidelines and must remain affordable for at least ten years.

Program funding will be advanced upon satisfactory inspection of the project by a Manitoba Housing inspector. Construction may not commence prior to receiving written approval from Manitoba Housing.

The loan is repayable on a pro-rata basis if the homeowner sells the home, stops renting out the secondary suite, or rents out the secondary suite above the maximum allowable rent for the area during the course of the agreement.

How do I apply for funding?

This program has a funding limit and applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

To request an application for this program contact Manitoba Housing at:

1-866-689-5566 or housing@gov.mb.ca

How to get more information about being a landlord?

For more information about the rights and responsibilities of becoming a landlord, contact the Residential Tenancies Branch at 1-800-782-8403 or go to <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/cca/rtb/index.html>

This info was taken from the website:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/pubs/secondary_suites_program_factsheet.pdf

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- Oct. 22 - Birdtail Valley Harvest jamboree
- Oct. 24 - Let's Get Growing!! Featuring Wade Barnes. United Church Hall 7:30
- Nov. 10 - Hypnotist - Birtle Arena Fundraiser
- Nov. 19 - Welcome to RM & Town and Volunteer Appreciation Night, Community Family Dance
- Nov. 26 - Last day to buy Grey Cup Pool tickets - Birtle Golf Club
- Nov. 30 - Deadline for Hockey Draft sponsored by Birtle Golf Club
- Feb. 11 - Valentine Vacation Social hosted by the Birtle Golf Club

Buggy Wheel

Mat Workshop

With Irene Chartier

**October 15th & 16th
9-4PM, Birtle Collegiate
\$30 plus Supplies**

Please register by Wed.
Oct 12 by calling Valley Rec.
842-3460 or e-mail
vrd@birtle.ca

A supply list is available at the Rec. Office. Some supplies will be available for participants. Please bring a bagged lunch and drinking water.

HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE



Saturday, Oct. 15

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Birtle Collegiate with
Dave Pittendreigh

\$55 (does not include manual) bring a bagged lunch and water for the day

For manual go to

<http://mwf.mb.ca/programs-3/hunter-education/>

To pay and register for course call the Rec. office at 842-3460 or e-mail
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- Call Ken/Pat Farquhar
Birtle 842-3846 ¹³⁹

Wanted

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you would like to volunteer to deliver the Birtle Outlook weekly to one of the locations or to deliver to several places either weekly or once or twice a month, please call the CDC office at 842-3602. If we are not in, please leave us a message.

Found

Found: Ladies watch, was found under the bench in front of the Sims & Company building. If this is yours please contact the Sims & Company office 842-3355

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Thanksgiving Day occurs on the second Monday in October (since 1957), to [give thanks](#) at the close of the harvest season.

On Thursday, January 31, 1957, the [Canadian Parliament](#) proclaimed:

"A day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed—to be observed on the second Monday in October."

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