

Please Take One



# THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

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## Thursday Thought:

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. - Gandhi

## Weather

<b>Fri. Dec. 16</b>	<b>-8</b>	
<b>Few Flurries</b>		
<b>Sat. Dec. 17</b>	<b>-2</b>	
<b>Few Flurries</b>		
<b>Sun. Dec. 18</b>	<b>-2</b>	
<b>Variable Cloudiness</b>		
<b>Mon. Dec. 19</b>	<b>-6</b>	
<b>Variable Cloudiness</b>		
<b>Tue. Dec. 20</b>	<b>-2</b>	
<b>Few Flurries</b>		

**There will no Birtle Outlook on Dec. 29th or Jan 5th**  
**We'll be back Jan. 12**  
**We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2012**



## Dec. 17 is the Popular Ag Society Christmas Sleigh Ride Poker Derby

This Saturday, December 27th is the 6th annual Agricultural Society Christmas Sleigh Ride Poker Derby. People will gather at the Curling Rink to register between noon and 1pm. Here they register and draw their first card. Outside the horses are being harnessed and hooked to the sleighs by the very capable drivers and their crews.

As 1pm approaches everyone bundles up with their warmest cloths, hats, mitts and often a cozy blanket to snuggle under. They find a seat on one of the horse drawn sleighs and

they're off on the winter trail east along the valley. About half way along the trail participants can warm up at the big bonfire.

The day winds up back at the Curling Club where everyone is invited in fo chili and hot dogs; poker hands are reviewed and winners are announced.

If you would like to join in, arrive at the Curling Club during registration. Everyone is welcome. The cost to participate as a rider is \$10 or 3 for \$20. Silent rider hands are \$5 each.

For more information, call David Collier at 842-3856.

## Kids PJ Party at the Birtle Library

Birtle Library is holding a PJ Party for children on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Library.



Roberta Hickman will be reading to the kids and there will have milk and cookies. Kids can wear their PJs, bring their pillow and stuffed toy and prepare to be comfy. There is no cost to participate.




Locations in Birtle, Miniota, Russell, Rossburn and Elkhorn.  
[www.twinvalleycoop.ca](http://www.twinvalleycoop.ca)

**CO-OP PARTY PLATTERS**  
**CUSTOM MADE JUST FOR YOU**  
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- Meat trays
- Dainty Trays
- Cheese trays
- Fruit & Veggie trays

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
 Stop by the deli department at the TVC Food Store in Birtle to enjoy amazing, tasty treats!

Dear Ms. Ashcroft,  
 Edward and Brian Pratt and myself, Mrs. David Pratt (June) wish to donate \$1,050.06 (Cheques enclosed) in memory of John and Kathleen Pratt and family, and have their names remembered on the Founders' Club plaque.  
 My husband David Pratt passed away Nov. 26/09 and I know he would have encouraged this donation.  
 We wish you all well in this endeavor.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 June Pratt

**Branches of the family tree may spread far and wide but many Birtle roots are firmly planted.**

Like so many families, June, Edward and David Pratt of B.C. have remembered their Birtle roots by honouring their parents with a memorial donation to the Birtle and District Foundation. It seems fitting to think that some of the Founders of our community and its organizations are now recognized as Founders of our Community Foundation. Like planting a tree, with strong roots the foundation will be here for the long term; for the benefit of residents now but as it grows, so too do its benefits to the community.

**Founders' Club  
 \$65,000  
 and Counting!**

As 2011 draws to a close the Birtle and District Foundation has had a very successful campaign to generate donations to our Community Fund. With a few short weeks left, we are anticipating a good number more contributions to our "Founders' Club". The Founders' Club will recognize all donations of \$1,000 or more with mention in our annual report and inclusion on a plaque commemorating our founders.

If you are considering supporting our/your Foundation with a donation, now would be an excellent time. 2011 is the first year of the Foundation; 2012 is the year we start giving back to our community. Donations large and small are gratefully received.

We are a registered charity and as such tax deductible receipts are issued and this is a great way to support our community. Donations can be made at the CDC office or simply by contacting Eleanor (842-5238) or Roger (773-0362)

**? ? ? ? What's It? ? ? ?**



Occasionally you will see our What's It? items in the Birtle Outlook. Have you been to the Birtle Country Museum lately? You may have spotted this item. Can you identify the article? The answer is on page 4.

**Merry Christmas from S&D**

**Until Christmas, take-out orders over \$40 will receive a free gift. We're looking forward to serving you for one last holiday season.**

**Holiday Hours:  
 Closed Dec. 25-27  
 Reopening Dec. 28**

**842-3411**



# PWSD Board Approves Mission, Vision and Value Statements at Regular Nov. 24th Meeting

## Executive Summary of the Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting

1. The board clarified Policy BHD - Board Member Compensation & Expenses. Trustees and the board chair's expenses will be paid as they are submitted. Each trustee's expenditures will be audited by the board chair. The board chair's expenses will be audited by the Finance Committee.
2. The board received a report that showed that 23 students are participating in the Apprenticeship Program. Our coordinator is visiting schools in an effort to further increase student participation.
3. Bobbie-Lynn Geekie, a teacher from Strathclair, made a presentation to the board about the recent WE Day event in Winnipeg. More information on WE Day will be in the divisional newsletter. The board congratulated Grace Kang on her big win at WE day.
4. The board was informed that the PSFB would not be funding the science room fume hoods that had been promised. The board will now need to pay for the fume hood out of the current board budget.

5. The board approved the new Vision, Mission and Values statements. The board made some changes to the values statement in response to feedback it received at the Strategic Planning Session. Please look for the new statements on our new website which will be ready soon!

### Vision Statement

We will bring the world to our students to prepare our students for the world.

### Mission Statement

The Park West School Division will work with communities to:

- \* Provide innovative learning opportunities;
- \* Challenge student to reach their potential as engaged citizens of the world;
- \* Value, accept and nurture students.

### Values Statement

The Park West School Division values:

- \* Our People
- \* Our Partnerships
- \* Our Practices
- \* Our Programs

6. The board briefly looked at the graduation rate report from the province. A more in-depth discussion will occur at the next board meeting.

### Pharmacists:

Alison Desjardins and Kristin Bartram

### Birtle Pharmacy

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Fax 842-5225

[birtlepharmacy@mts.net](mailto:birtlepharmacy@mts.net)




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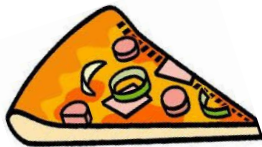
[www.vanguardcu.mb.ca](http://www.vanguardcu.mb.ca)

ATMs located in our Russell and Brandon branches

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC



**Christmas Music**  
**Plays 24/7 now on**  
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**only in Birtle.**



### PIZZA

BY THE SLICE  
OR ORDER A FULL  
PIZZA WITH  
YOUR FAVOURITE  
TOPPINGS



To you and yours, have a  
Very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year

### HOME MADE SOUP

Mon - Fri  
11am to 2pm



Mon-Fri: 6:30am-10pm  
Sat. & Sun: 9am-10pm

**DVD & BLUE RAY 842-3912 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 17 - Birtle Ag Society Sleigh Ride Poker Derby, Registration at Birtle Curling Rink, 12 - 1pm**
- Dec. 17 - Junior Bonspiel, Birtle Curling Club, Call Dana 842-3646**
- Dec. 20 - Birtle Elementary School Christmas Concert, 1pm and 7pm**
- Dec. 22 - Kids PJ Party, at the Library, stories and snacks, 7:30**
- Dec. 24 - 8:00 - Birtle United Church Candlelight Service**
- Dec. 24 - 10:30 pm - Birtle Anglican Church Service**
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas**
- Jan. 1 - Happy New Year**
- Jan. 9 - Birtle Figure Skating Club Skate-A-Thon 4:30 @ Rink**
- Feb. 11 - Valentine Vacation Social hosted by the Birtle Golf Club**
- Feb. 24-26 - Birtle Men's Curling Bonspiel**
- Mar. 2-4 - Birtle Ladies' Curling Bonspiel**



For Details on community events, go to the events calendar at [www.birtle.ca](http://www.birtle.ca) Click on the event to see the details!

## Classifieds

To place a display or classified call 204-842-3602

email [birtleoutlook@live.ca](mailto:birtleoutlook@live.ca)

Classified Ads: \$5 for 4 weeks

### For Sale

**BEDROOM SUITE:** 3drawer/2 side cabinets dresser & mirror, armoire, queen/double headboard & night table. Light oak coloring with brass/gold colored inlay & handles. Also queen bed frame. \$500.00 for all. Leave a message at 847-2105. i2

### Home For Sale

**NEWLY RENOVATED 3 BEDROOM HOME** on 9th Street for sale or rent-to-buy in Birtle. Phone 842-3491 i2

### Found

At the Birtle Hall after Tyler and Holly's social. - **Jacket, Hat & Key.** Please call 842-3602 to describe & claim. i50

### Invitation

### Lost

### Wanted

### For Rent

# Sudoku

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

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.

## PAYING IT FORWARD!

Submit a note of recognition or thanks to someone who is paying it forward by doing a good deed, volunteering, etc. without the expectation of financial benefit. There is no cost to you. Submissions will be printed as room permits.

Thanks to the Christmas Cheer and Food Bank Committees for their efforts to make Christmas a happy and cheerful time for all members of our community.

? ? ? ? What'z it? ? ? ? ?

Answer: Attwater Kent battery operated radio from 1929

# Birtle Business Directory

### Stitching Sew-lutions

Clothing Alterations, etc.  
684 Main Street, Birtle MB  
(204) 773-6181  
Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm  
Thurs. evenings until 8:30



Come visit Sue Anderson, your local seamstress



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Sleeps up to Ten  
842-3660  
[valthomson50@hotmail.com](mailto:valthomson50@hotmail.com)

### Cory's Kitchen

Great Food, Great Price

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Cory Green  
Chef

See our daily Specials on facebook at Cory Green's Kitchen

[c-green2@live.ca](mailto:c-green2@live.ca)



### Birtle & District CDC Small Business Loans



Resources for Entrepreneurs  
Be your own boss - start now!  
842-3602 or [edo@birtle.ca](mailto:edo@birtle.ca)

The Birtle Outlook is available at Midagas, Twin Valley Co-op Gas Bar, Birtle Drop In, Birtle Hotel Restaurant, Birtle Pharmacy, Hair Junction, Pioneer Lodge, S & D Café, Snow's Meats and is available online at [www.birtle.ca](http://www.birtle.ca) or delivered by email



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