



THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

Weekly Punch Line

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BIRTLE IN BLOOM—JOIN US

Weather Outlook

- March 4
Variable Clouds -11 
- March 5
Variable Clouds -9 
- March 6
Cloudy Periods - 7 
- March 7
Variable Clouds -5 
- March 8
Sunny -8 

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Please join us to see what we're up to this year and how you might participate. We welcome your participation occasionally or on a regular basis. Our next meeting is March 14, 2011 at 7:00 at the CDC building.

Birtle in Bloom is a group of volunteers that look for opportunities to make improvements in the Town of Birtle. This volunteer committee might be for you if you have an interest in or would like to learn more about gardening, environmental and heritage awareness, outdoor art, scrapbooking or helping with our pancake breakfasts. In recent years the Bloomers have served the July 1st Pancake Breakfast.

This group is funded by donations of local businesses and citizens as well as annual donations from the Town and RM of Birtle. People who have shared their artistic talents and their plants have also been a big help. The Bloom initiatives provide incentive and oppor-

tunity for the community and municipal staff to work together for the benefit of both.

Since the group began in 1999, these are some of the projects that have been done:

Over 300 trees have been planted on boulevards, in the Arboretum, Cemetery, Riverside Park, at the Spring and in Main Street gardens thanks to close to \$20,000 in grants from the Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement Program, the help of Town staff and many community volunteers.

Scrap books depict many of the accomplishments of the Bloom committee and many other volunteer committees in town. You can see a few of them on display in the CDC building.

Main Street Banners painted by volunteers were one of the first projects taken on by the Birtle in Bloom. The first banners did not stand up to the elements and were replaced in 2003.

Murals on the CDC building and the Drop In Centre were projects coordinated by Birtle in Bloom.

Interpretive plaques have been put up to explain historic significance of many locations in town. A Heritage Walking Tour brochure will guide you to see these plaques, heritage buildings and hidden historic treasures in Birtle. Pick one up from the display in the CDC building.

The Memory Garden was the very first project of the committee who created this garden on vacant unlandscaped property. Plants were donated in memory of loved ones, the Bell from the Town Hall (originally located on this site) was salvaged and a structure built to hold it.

The arboretum is an ongoing project on the north side of the river.

The garden between the CDC building and Municipal office replaced an open space. A plaque will be added

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in spring dedicating this garden to the memory of Brian Salmon in recognition of his dedication to the beautification and maintenance of our community for so many years.

At the Town's request, the Bloom committee came up with a design for the vacant space which is now the Town Square. The Town built the shade structure and put in the sidewalk and grass and the Bloom committee planted the area.

The horse fountain was a project with many contributors. The Agricultural Society, several Heavy Horse ranchers and local citizens partnered with Bloom to purchase the fountain. The solar panels to power the pump and

and lights were a joint project with Bloom and farmers.

The welcome to Birtle sign at the airport was landscaped..

The greenspace at The Spring on St. Clare Street was landscaped and planted.

Last fall the wildflower garden at the Tourist Info Centre was converted to a shrub bed.

This summer you will see some new low maintenance planters on Main Street that were purchased to replace some of the older barrels purchased in 2000.

Over the years we have hosted garden tours, planter days and composting workshops and offered the first complete set of master gardener courses in

Manitoba.

In addition to projects we have put in place, Birtle in Bloom maintains the gardens at the park and on occasion helps with the maintenance of gardens at the beach and golf course.

Birtle participated in the Communities in Bloom program until 2009 both in competitive and non-competitive categories.

The Birtle Bloomers

BDCDC-LOTS TO OFFER

The Birtle and District Community Development Corporation (BDCDC) was formed in 1996 with the Town and RM of Birtle being its major shareholders. The BDCDC was established to coordinate and carry out community economic development activities that will assist in employment creation and activities which will make the community a better place to work and live.

The CDC has its office in the Birtle and District Community Development Centre. The CDC encourages all individuals who have any ideas, comments or concerns to stop by the office and talk to Eleanor or Shonda, the two Economic Development Officers.

If you have a business idea that you feel could benefit Birtle and our area, we offer a number of programs that you may utilize such as our Loans Program, our Incubation Centre and we can lead you to a number of other resources that may assist you. *Continued on pg 3*

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CDC PLAYS ACTIVE ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Loans for Small Business in the Town or RM of Birtle

The CDC operates a Community Works Loan Program which provides funding for small businesses in the Town and RM of Birtle.

This initiative began several years ago when the Town and RM of Birtle and other community minded organizations along with Manitoba Rural Development created a pool of funds. These funds provide a revolving capital loan pool to which can be used to extend loans to clients who then repay the loans in regular installments to the CDC as they would to any other financial institution. Repaid funds are then lent out to other enterprises to help them start and grow. The CDC may provide loans to entrepreneurs of up to \$10,000 at prime interest. They are then repaid over a term of up to five years. New businesses or additional jobs may result from these entrepreneurs' activities. If you or someone you know is interested in starting a business, be sure to check out the details of the CWLP. Brochures and more information are available by calling or dropping in at the CDC office located on Main Street across from the Vanguard Credit Union in Birtle. We are the last office on the left.

Community Development Centre
The Birtle and District Comm-

unity Development Centre opened in August of 1997 as an Incubation Centre. In 2001 the Town office relocated to the Centre from the Pink School. As the School Division need to relocate, this move created space for the School Division Office and brought the associated employment to our community. With the Town Office recently moving in to share space with the RM in the joint Municipal Office, the purpose of the Centre is once again to serve as an Incubation Centre. This means it will provide a place where individuals with business ideas can test the feasibility of their business without the cost of constructing or purchasing their own building. They are able to rent a space in this facility which is equipped with washrooms, a security system, accessibility, and shared common space that is all included in the rent. Here they can test in a lower risk environment whether their business idea is viable.

If after three years, the business is financially successful the owners may then feel comfortable moving to their own location. Don't be shy about your ideas and consider starting a business in the Development Centre. You may be the one with the idea and the skills that take you on the road to success.

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Birtle and District CDC



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- March 4-6 - Birtle Ladies Bonspiel. To enter call Jan at 842-5227/5281**
- March 18-20 - Birtle Mixed Bonspiel. To enter call Jan at 842-5227/5281**
- April 5 - Birtle and District CDC meeting. 7:00 pm**
- April 28-30 - BCI Drama. Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen**

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Sudoku

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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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