



THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

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True Or False

The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.

Answer in next weeks Birtle Outlook

Weather Outlook

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January 8
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January 9
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January 10
Cloudy -11



January 11
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Weekly News Now Available

The residents of Birtle can now enjoy a weekly news letter available to them free of charge.

The Birtle Outlook will be published and available every Friday throughout local establishments such as Midagas, Birtle Hotel Restaurant, S&D Café and more. Residents can take it home with them, or leave it for the next person to read.

It is very much like the News in a Minute and other publications you may have seen out there, the one big difference is that The Birtle Outlook will cover local news as well..

The News contained in this

publishing will come from any local resident around town who wants to contribute. Whether they were at an event, or are hosting an event. If it is worth telling, I would like to include it in the paper. All articles published will be the creations of local residents who have a story to tell.



Birtle Outlook hits the press

Another advantage to this free publication, is that it is going to give local businesses an opportunity to advertise locally for a lot less than it costs to go into larger papers. We even have an area for classifieds and community events.

If you are interested in submitting articles to The

Birtle Outlook, or if you want to know more about advertising your business, placing a classified, or a community event, you can email me at birtleoutlook@live.ca or call 842-3949. Community events are free of charge to place, all you have to do is send me a email, or give me a call.

Terry Vanmackelberg

BIRTLE ACCESS TELEVISION - VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Birtle is in the unique position of having a community-based access television channel that features local programming. It has operated since 1983 by a small but dedicated group of volunteers. For over 25 years this same group of energetic volunteers have provided the town

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of Birtle with community programming on cable Channel 13. The official name for the group is the Birtle Community Media Committee (or 'Birtle CMC') and operates under the umbrella and guidance from Westman Communications Group with headquarters in Brandon. Throughout the years, members of the Birtle CMC have produced thousands of original hours of local interest programming. Video coverage has ranged from sporting events and concerts to high school drama productions and chuck wagon races. They have worked along with various other groups and organizations around Birtle and area such as with the ministers and churches to produce "Sunday Reflections", a very popular series of programs which is especially enjoyed by seniors and shut-ins. In addition,

the monthly Birtle Town Council Meetings are taped and re-broadcast for the local taxpayers to keep updated on municipal government happenings. The CMC camera often appears "front and center" working along with the other committees in the Birtle Community to cover special annual events like the Birtle Agricultural Fair, Veterans and Legion Members at the Remembrance Day activities on November 11th, and the Graduation Ceremonies at Birtle Collegiate. Over the past several years, numerous special events have been archived on tape including the Birtle Centennial and School Reunion Celebrations in 1984, 'Birtle Camp Summer Sunsatons' activities during the mid 1990's, the 'Birtle Millennium Celebrations' in 2000, 'Birtle Down Hill Derbies' and more recently the Birtle 125 Celebrations and Pasture Pickin' Jam Sessions.

The volunteers also provide Public Service Announcements on the Cable TV Channel. This allows local non-profit organizations free advertising of upcoming meetings, events and activities. These updated announcements are a real benefit to the viewing audience. The CMC volunteers realize that the viewers enjoy this local programming and don't mind the involvement required for the hundreds of hours needed to shoot, edit and broadcast these programs. It should be noted that the volunteers are not paid and have never been paid any wages or salary for their efforts, nor do they receive money for travel expenses like food or gasoline. When asked, the reply is: "They do it because they enjoy it!" If anyone reading this is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Ron Samchuk. In particular, our CMC would like to see volunteers who would enjoy video taping some of the sporting events around town such as hockey and curling which would involve both a camera person and at least one commentator. Working together with all these community groups in so many ways, the Birtle CMC television enthusiasts have provided a truly unique benefit to the town of Birtle, which is enjoyed by viewers both young and old. Keep watching channel 13 because you just never know what or whom you are going to see!

Ron Samchuk

Ron is a local resident and a long time Volunteer with Access Television

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ANNUAL FAMILY DANCE - FUN HAD BY ALL!

A fabulous time was had by all at the annual Birtle Family Dance, hosted by the Town and RM of Birtle. This free family evening is held to welcome the new residents to the Town and RM of Birtle and to recognize volunteers in the community. 150 people were in attendance and 30 new families were recognized for moving to the Town of Birtle and 3 new families into the RM. Kristy's Diner and Fiddler Food Services were recognized as new businesses that have started in Birtle and Midaga's was mentioned for their expansion. Roger Wilson, Reeve for the RM and Ron Strynadka, Town of Birtle rep. MC'd the evening and spoke about the importance of volunteerism in our community and how it was a vital part in the health of Birtle. They also talked about the importance of the Emergency Medical Services and the Birtle Fire Department. Marcella Irwin, Town of Birtle Councilor presented Tom Cottingham with a service recognition award for being on the Birtle Fire Department for 15 years. Michael Malchuk, Mike Fulcher & Phil Tomiski also received recognition awards for serving on the Fire Department for 5 years. Mike Fulcher, Town of Birtle Councilor greeted all the new families to the community and thanked them for choosing to make Birtle their home. We were fortunate to have 1/3 of the new families joining us for the evening. Dwight and Gay Stewart, who volunteered their music services for the evening, were also recognized and presented with a volunteer recognition certificate for all their years of volunteering their sound systems and all the work involved in setting it up. Community organizations had displays set up and people were encouraged to visit them and sign up to volunteer. The CDC Staff organized the event from invitations to the decorating and spent many hours ensuring that everything ran

smoothly. They even had an abundance of kids activities including a drum set, puzzles, nail art, face painting etc. Jenna North, Carly Sotas and Kyra Darker generously donated their time to supervise and entertain the kids. Donna Cyrenne provided food for the evening and also donated her time in preparing it. Another Individual that was recognized was Author Jeff North who just signed his first book deal. His book, a suspense / thriller, called LIVE IT AGAIN will be published and released in 2011. This event is a perfect opportunity for people to come out and meet each other, get reacquainted and let the kids run around and dance. You will meet old friends, make new friends and feel what its like to be part of a community that cares. We hope to see you next year. Remember to bring your wife, your neighbor, your uncle, the kids across the street....

Birtle and District CDC

I am running for the position of Mayor of the Town of Birtle in the by-election in February. What important issues in the Birtle community need to be heard and acted upon by the Town Council of Birtle? I would like your feed-back. This is the start of my Listening Campaign. Talk to me on the street or send me your comments by e-mail stewartd@mts.net or phone 842-5212. *Dwight Stewart.*

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- January 12 - R.M. Of Birtle Council Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- January 15 - Puck 'N' Funny Stand Up For Hockey Comedy Night. 7:00 pm Birtle Arena
- January 20 - Library Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- February 1 - Birtle and District CDC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- February 8 - Town Of Birtle Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- February 9 - R.M. Of Birtle council Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- March 1 - Blood Donor Clinic. Birtle Elementary

Email your Community Event to birtleoutlook@live.ca

For more information on advertising or to submit a article, please email birtleoutlook@live.ca or call 842-3949. The Birtle Outlook is a free publication and is available at numerous business throughout Birtle.

Sudoku

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		6			1			5
			7	8	4			6
4	9	7						2

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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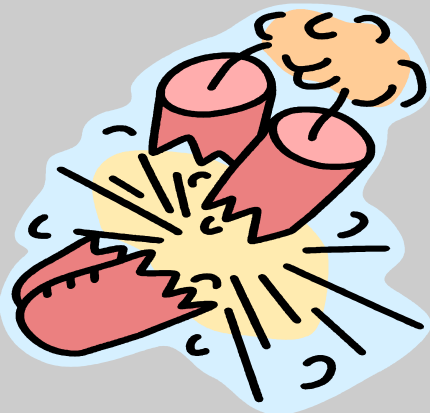
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