



# THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

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## True Or False

**Birtle and District Foundation has 11 Board Members.**

**Answer to last weeks question: True**

## Weather Outlook

**January 21  
Cloudy -11**



**January 22  
Partly Cloudy -19**



**January 23  
Cloudy -4**



**January 24  
Cloudy -11**



**January 25  
Sunny -6**



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## STAND UP COMEDIANS HUGE SUCCESS AT PUCK 'N' FUNNY

The Birtle Arena was the place to be last Saturday night. Laughter filled the room as stand up comedians Mike Simmonds (who claims to represent 50% of all blind comedians in Canada) and Paul Voisard of Saskatoon and Casey Corbin of Toronto entertained the audience for just over two hours. They had done their homework as they included several references to surrounding communities and Birtle businesses as part of their act. Following the comedians, Joan Bertram provided music, the kitchen continued to serve wings and nachos and the bar remained open for the rest of the evening. Anyone who arrived early had the opportunity to also take in a little hockey as the Shaky Blades tourney final game took place just before the show. If laughter is a form of positive medicine, we should all be a little healthier this week.

Hockey memorabilia was on display and sold at silent auction. A raffle with prizes donated by local businesses also raised some extra dollars for the cause. All proceeds raised during the evening go to the Birtle District Community Centre to help fund future projects and upgrades as well as ongoing operating costs.

The Birtle Arena Fundraiser committee would like to extend many thanks to Vanguard Credit Union, Spruce Garden Pottery, Birtle Pharmacy and Wes Scantlebury for donating the raffle prizes. Thanks to all that came out to help – the door, kitchen and set up/clean up workers, the Old Puckers for working the bar, Joan Bertam for providing music, Dwight Stewart for his assistance with the sound system, to arena staff Susan, Alex and Anna who had everything spotless and ready to go and to rink board members who took care of the many special details.

*Shonda Ashcroft*

## NEW YEARS EVE GALA

The Community Hall was in full fancy when the decorators finished their work preparing for the New Years Eve Gala. A beautiful setting, good music, good friends, party hats and horns all set an exciting mood to bring in the New Year in style! All that attended had a great

time. The dance floor was full as people kicked up their heels in the spirit of the evening.

Thanks to Vanguard Credit Union, Birtle Pharmacy and Puck'n'Funny for the wonderful door and raffle prizes. Many thanks to Whoo's That? for supplying decorations and supervising the decorating crew, to Mr. Bowley, Mrs. Wotton and the BCI students for making and baking the hot appetizers. These people along with the Arena Fundraiser Committee and friends who assisted before, during and after the evening all made for an event that went off without a hitch. What would we do without our volunteers! We also want to thank those that attended and supported this event.



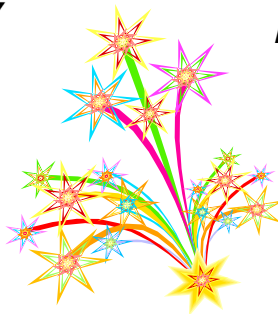
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# BIRTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS BIRTLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On January 24, 25 & 26 the grade 6 students from Birtle Elementary will participate in a 3 day learning experience that is designed to spark their interest in Science and Technology. Over the course of the "camp" students will take apart a computer and identify the main parts (hard drive, motherboard, RAM, intricate wiring etc.) They will be introduced to snap circuits. The students will build and program a robot using *Lego Mindstorm NXT kits* and will reflect on their learning through the use of a blog. As a group, their experiences will be documented by the creation of a digital story about the camp.

The IGNite Camp began as an IBM initiative but has since become the responsibility of Manitoba Education as

it aligns well with our curriculum and technology goals as a province. The primary curriculum connections are to Grade 6 Science cluster 3 (Electricity), Language Arts, Math and possibly Social Studies. Since this project crosses over several curriculums, the students will participate on camp activities for much of the day, returning to the regular timetable for Phys. Ed. and possibly Music classes.

We are fortunate to have this opportunity, as only two other schools in our Division are participating. Mr. Dave Juce, PWSO Technology Resource Facilitator, will be present for all three days of the camp assisting teachers and students through this learning experience.

*Birtle Elementary School*

The Sr. Boys' Basketball team started the year with a very rigorous training routine with practices beginning in September. Our "First Annual Early Bird Invitational" was held on Dec. 3 with BCI placing 3rd. Birtle lost to Hamiota 56-47, Souris 47-37 and Virden. With points for and against this gave Birtle 3rd. place. With the basketball season fast approaching, the team has been practicing harder than ever. The Falcons look more polished than ever and hope for a very successful season.

We once again have a Senior Girls' basketball team this year with 8 enthusiastic players participating. League play begins on January 17 with two home games. We are excited to see how we do in competition. We have another home game on Monday, January 24 followed by two away games. We will let everyone know how we did in a later newsletter. Please come out and cheer the girls on!

The BCI Drama Club will be presenting "Jolly Roger and The Pirate Queen" on April 28, 29 & 30. Ahoy all you pirates, damsels, squabs, shipmates and the works—keep these dates open and come and see BCI's cast of 21 pirate you off to far away lands with laughs a plenty!

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# THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK—NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Well...I upped the number of copies to be printed and still, come the following Monday, all were spoken for. I am still trying to find the happy medium where I don't print too many and there are lots left over, and I don't want too print to little, so that people don't get a chance to pick one up...The solution, view The Birtle Outlook online.

I received an email from the Town of Birtle's webmaster (who is doing an amazing job) stating that he spent some time working on a page for The Birtle Outlook. Just click the link on the home page, [www.birtle.ca](http://www.birtle.ca), incase you didn't know, and it takes you to The Birtle Outlook web page. It contains information on how to submit articles, ideas, inquiries about advertising, and best of all, you can view current and past issue of the paper.

Kudos goes out to you Webmaster for an amazing job.

I have received a few photos to date for the upcoming photo collage, but still looking for more. Send me anything you took a picture of in 2010 along with a description. You can submit the photos to [birtleoutlook@live.ca](mailto:birtleoutlook@live.ca) or if you do not have a computer, give me a call at 842-3949.

If you have any suggestions for The Birtle Outlook, I look forward to hearing them as well. I was in the Birtle Tire shop the other day talking with Brian Taylor. The day after the first issue came out, he received a phone call from a local resident wanting to know when he started Birtle Towing. Amazing...it works, people are reading the paper, and

paying attention to the advertisements. If you would like to know more about very inexpensive advertising opportunities, get in touch with me, whether it is for a business, a classified, or a coming event, lets talk.

*Terry Vanmackelberg*

## 99.9 FM...ONLY IN BIRTLE

Did you know that we have an FM radio station in Birtle? Tune 99.9 on your FM dial and hear a huge variety of music playing 24/7 in full stereo. The signal around town is great but can be picked up only in Birtle due to the very low power. The full story about this one-of-a-kind radio station will appear in a future issue of 'Birtle Outlook.

*Ron Samchuck*

What are your thoughts about the Special Levy (Flat Tax)? The Levy covers the cost of Fire Protection, operation of Waste Disposal Area, Recycling, and a Museum Grant. A levy of \$355.38 is charged to every tax roll number. Do you like this form of taxation? Would you like to see more items added to this Levy? What would you add? Or, what would you delete? My Listening campaign continues. You can vote by sealed envelope until Feb 4th, apply at the Municipal Office.

*Dwight Stewart.*

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- January 28 - Birtle Value Shop, 6th Anniversary. Free Coffee and Cookies, Fantastic Bargains. 1:00pm—4:30pm**
- February 4 - Birtle Drop In Centre, Pot Luck Supper and Annual Meeting. 5:30pm. Everyone Welcome.**
- February 12 - Valentine Vacation Social. Birtle Community Hall 9pm to 1 am**
- February 18 - Mid Winter Coffee House. 7pm at Birtle Drop In Centre. Listen to live music Lunch served. Donation accepted in support of the Drop-in centre. For more info call - 842-3853**
- February 25-27 - Birtle Men's Bonspiel. To enter call Jan at 842-5227/5281**
- March 1 - Blood Donor Clinic. Birtle Elementary**
- 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**

Email your Community Event to [birtleoutlook@live.ca](mailto:birtleoutlook@live.ca)

For more information on advertising or to submit a article, please email [birtleoutlook@live.ca](mailto:birtleoutlook@live.ca) or call 842-3949.

The Birtle Outlook is a free publication and is available at numerous business throughout Birtle or go online to [www.birtle.ca](http://www.birtle.ca)

# Sudoku

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

## Classifieds

To place a classified

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Classifieds are \$5.00 per ad, and will run in four issues.

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