



December 2015



Dave Rawlings

In 1980 Eric Rawlings purchased the vacant building at 63 Maple Avenue. After considerable renovations, Rawlings Allied Center was opened in May of 1981.

The business has seen many changes over the years. Eric added furniture to the line in 1983. Rawlings Allied Center became Rawlings Home Hardware in September of 1988. In 1991 when the local McLeods store closed, Eric purchased the building at 47 – 4th Street and opened Hamiota Home Hardware. The MLCC Vendor was added to the line-up 1992. In 1996, the second level of Rawlings Home Hardware was opened up to add additional retail space to the store. And in 2012, the original furniture room was removed and a new 3000 square foot furniture room was opened showcasing the original stone wall from the William Chamber's store built in 1892.

Rawlings Home Hardware features giftware, housewares, toys, clothing, bedding, Dreamstar Mattresses, Ashley Furniture and both GE and Frigidaire major appliances. Hamiota Home Hardware features the MLCC Vendor, plumbing, electrical, Beauti-tone Paint, general hardware, sporting goods and seasonal goods.

Dave Rawlings returned home to Hamiota in 2006 and became part of the staff, officially taking over the business on February 1, 2014.

The stores have had wonderful staff, both present and past, over the years, who have greatly contributed to the stores ongoing success. Current staff are Eric Rawlings, Neil Mathison, Cindy Routledge, Bonnie Mathison, Lori Pucknat, Brad Penner, Nancy Strachan, Mavis Smith, Danette Brooks, Judy Bray, Michael Strachan and Caitlin McTavish.

Rawlings Home Hardware will be celebrating 35 years in Hamiota in 2016. Dave and Eric and families would like to thank Hamiota and surrounding communities for the tremendous support that they have received over the past 34 years and look forward to serving you in the future.



Shop HAMIOTA this CHRISTMAS

HAMIOTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DECEMBER PRIZE CALENDAR

Enter in the Hamiota Chamber of Commerce—Shop Hamiota this Christmas Promotion with every visit to a participating Chamber member during the month of December. Daily draws will be made on the Friday of each week until Christmas!!!



Prizes to be WON

Leather Duffel Bag Chamber Bucks Car Wash Card

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!



Winners to date and their prize donors are:

Hudson Auction-Jean Fortune, **Mid-West Arts Council**-Doreen Norrie, **Hamiota Healing Hands**-Paula Rogers, **Hamiota Chamber of Commerce**-Myrna Schweitzer, **Hamiota Municipality**-Barb Cumming, **TJ's Auto Service**-Anne McTavish, **Vanguard Credit Union**-Sid Lewis, **Campbell Flowers**-Marion Lints, **Empty Nester's Pub & Grub**-Janice Webber, **Hamiota Chamber of Commerce**-Cal Harrison & Rosalie Beamish

Community Christmas Spirit!!

Saturday, December 12th saw the Chamber of Commerce sponsor the Community Christmas Social. Fun was had by all and Santa Claus even attended the festivities! The proceeds of this event, **\$1,700**, is being donated to the locum suite at the Hamiota District Health Centre. Thank you to everyone who attended, bought 50/50 tickets and participated in the auction. Your generosity to this great cause was very appreciated.



AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS FUN

Saturday, December 19th

Heritage Arts Centre 1:00-3:00 pm

**Picture with SANTA, CRAFTS, GAMES,
SLEIGH RIDE & MORE!!**

**Sponsored by the Hamiota Chamber of Commerce,
Midwest Recreation & the Mid-West Arts Council**