

HAMIOTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – HAMIOTA FAIR

Plans have been finalized for the 127th Hamiota Agricultural Society Fair on Thursday, July 18th. Once again this year, Mid West Arts Council is hosting the Show & Shine downtown Hamiota on Wednesday evening, July 17th at 5:00 p.m. There is a full day of fun, food and fantastic entertainment on Thursday, July 18th. The pancake breakfast starts the day off and is served by local businesses at 6:30 a.m. in the display building. Breakfast is free with the price of admission to the fairgrounds and for that price of \$5.00 for everyone over 2 years of age you can spend the whole day at Hamiota Fair enjoying all the activities. The parade marshals at the High School grounds between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. with commencement through the streets of Hamiota at 9:00 a.m. Livestock and equine shows take place in the show-rings at the fairgrounds commencing at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Gymkhana events in the evening. For the young and the young at heart we have Gail Pope's dog show in the display building at 11:00 a.m. An added attraction this year sponsored by Hamiota Library is Ryan Price, Magician. His performance will commence at 12:15 p.m. in the Display building. Kerr's Bouncers & Inflatables, Just Acres Petting Zoo, Meandher Creek Pumpkin Patch train, Mid West Rec youth activities, karate demonstration will all be back this year for you to enjoy. A young farmer event with opportunities to learn about agriculture and try "farming" on a small scale. Jacquelyn Hawkins is offering free beach volleyball for kids from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. there will be team volleyball for teens, adults, seniors and families with an entry fee of \$20.00 per team offering cash prizes for top 3 teams. The indoor displays are open at 1:00 p.m. Musical relaxation is available at the Oakner Church Museum at 2:00 p.m. where you can tap your toes to an old-fashioned jamming session. Meals will be available throughout the day at the Lions Booth on the grounds and in the Complex lunch and supper will be served by the Ag Society. The evening meal will start at 4:30 this year. The Hamiota Red Sox baseball game starts at 6:30 p.m. and once again they will operate a beer garden. Hamiota As Society Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank Hamiota Municipality and our other major sponsors who have generously financially supported Hamiota Fair this year and of course, all those local and nearby businesses who sponsor the various classes as are listed in the 2019 prize list book. SEE YOU ALL AT THE FAIR~ SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Decker Country Riders



CANADA
4-H Manitoba

The Decker Country Riders 4-H Club will be holding their annual Achievement Day on Monday August 5th at the Hamiota Fair Grounds starting at 11am. We hope to see you there!



The club will also be hosting a reorganizational meeting in September. If you are interested in horseback riding and learning more about horses in a fun and safe environment, then this

club is for you. Additionally, 4-H offers many scholarships and travel opportunities for those aged 6 to 25 while focusing on strong leadership and positive youth development experiences.

If you would like to know more about Achievement Day or are interested in joining the club then please do not hesitate to contact Kristi Argue at arguekn@hotmail.com



Reminder to send Leader articles to leader@hamiota.com. I prefer this email as my other address gets loads of emails and it is so much easier when putting articles in. Thanks!

The Leader goes out on or around the 15th of each month to Park Residence, Lilac Residence, Birch Lodge, TJ's, Co-op, Super Thrifty, and the Municipal Office or visit the Hamiota Website at hamiota.com to read it online.

Gold looks golden on U14 RED SOX

U14 B Girls Provincial Championship took place in Steinbach, MB on the weekend of July 5th-7th. The weekend in Steinbach proved to be a weekend that these girls, coaches, and fans won't forget. Steinbach hosted 41 teams in total at the tournament with Hamiota playing 8 games in the tournament to earn their golden hardware.

Silver Medal Winners: Winkler Inferno

Bronze Medal Winners: Brandon Heat Black Hamiota's Provincial Tournament Results:

Pool Results:

W 10-2 vs Neepawa Nitro

W 12-1 vs South Winnipeg Community Centre Warriors

W 6-0 vs East End/Transcona

W 8-1 vs Steinbach Storm

Round of 16:

W 11-1 vs Brandon Heat Orange

Quarterfinals:

W 7-0 vs Glenboro Canucks

Semifinals:

W 4-0 vs Bonivital Wild West 1

Championship Final:

W 2-0 vs Winkler Inferno

*** Hamiota Red Sox had a season record of 33-3-1 (including Provincials).*

Hamiota Proud! Way to be Red Sox!



Back L-R Coach - Carrie Ramsey, Haly Hart, McKenna Laberge, Surrey Smith, Cydney Boryskavich, Ella Gurr, Whitney Rozdeba, Lexy Waddell, Coach Tyler McTavish.

Front L-R Lexi McLean, Riley McTavish, Kendra Drake, Brooke Thompson, Monelle Bryant, Reanna Gage, Heidi Clark

Players are from Hamiota, Miniota, Newdale, Oak River, & Shoal Lake



Hamiota Minor Ball - The weekend of July 5-7 was such a spectacular weekend around the Hamiota Municipal Park which then trickles down to all aspects of Hamiota. Hamiota hosted Pee Wee A Baseball Provincials and the Midget AAA Baseball Provincial Qualifiers and both went over exceptionally well. Hours of work goes on behind the scenes. Many volunteers worked as scorekeepers, pitch counters, announcers, canteen shift workers, keeping supplies up in the canteen, organized schedules, organized umpires, draw updates, gate workers, and on and on and on!! These events happen because of a town pulling together and giving up some of their time for the betterment of their community. Nicole Madsen continues to be a great go-to person when a question arises because we know that she will know the answer and we appreciate all you do!

Thank you

We would just like to say a very heartfelt thank-you to the communities of Hamiota and Kenton for their very generous contributions to the community gifts we received on our retirement. Also, a very sincere

thank-you for all the individual gifts, cards and warm wishes

We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at Hamiota/Kenton schools and will always look back fondly on our time here. We are ready to begin a new adventure, but know that these two towns will remain at the centre of it.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank-you!

Sheila Gregory
Debbie Routledge

Thank you

**On July 25th, at 7 p.m. there will be a
bridal shower in honour of Nicole Therrien
at the Heritage Arts Centre.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Jacquelyn Hawkins Receives the Highest Level of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a non-competitive, internationally recognized program designed to encourage young people to develop positive skills and lifestyle habits.

The Award concept is one of individual challenge. It presents young people between 14 and 24 a balanced, not-competitive program of voluntary activities which encourages personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility to themselves and service to their community.

At each level there are four sections to be completed: community service, skill building, physical recreation, and adventurous journey. The gold level requires one additional section, go away with others and find yourself.

Jacquelyn began working on the program while attending Hamiota Collegiate. David Juce, from the Park West School Division, encouraged students to become part of this program and facilitated adventure trips such as outdoor winter camping to arrange trips to fulfill the requirements of the award.

The presentation ceremony was held in Toronto on June 9, 2019. Jacquelyn was unable to attend, but there will be a presentation ceremony in Manitoba at a later date.

It is believed that Jacquelyn Hawkins, the daughter of Karma and Doug Hawkins, is the first student/alumnus of Hamiota Collegiate ever to receive the Gold Level of this award.



The Odd Job Squad participants have been hard at work selling strawberries and will be holding a pizza sale later this month. We will also be attending the Midwest Arts Council farmers market in August. For more information about these events, please contact the MYJC office!

Students and youth can register with the MYJC Odd Job Squad and be able to participate in these awesome employment opportunities. Registration forms can be found at the MYJC office at the Hamiota Town Office.

As always the MYJC appreciates any job orders too, whether from businesses or homeowners. The MYJC can refer you a qualified youth to do jobs such as babysitting, lawn care, pet care, or any big or small jobs in between.

The community can support the MYJC by putting in job orders for any work that they would like to hire a youth for, and also simply purchase what the Odd Job Squad kids are selling such as pizzas or Farmers Market items! Each Odd Job Squad participant works hard to gain skills such as responsibility and money management through these events and profits go directly back to them!

If you have any questions please contact Emily Lints at the Hamiota Town Office. Call/text 431-235-3089 or email hamiotamyjc@gov.mb.ca



Mayor Larry Oakden presenting **Bobbi Prawdzik and JoAnn Ramsey** Hamiota sweaters for their dedication and commitment to the Hamiota Library board. JoAnn joined the board in 1988, was chair for 1993-1995 and Secretary-Treasurer 1995-2019, Bobbi joined the board in 1998, was chair for the years 1999-2005 and 2007-2009. Thank you ladies from the entire Hamiota community and the current library board.

Clack Family Heritage Museum Foundation will be hosting a high tea luncheon tour Thursday Aug. 1. Day will include a tour of the museum starting at 11:00 a.m. followed by a high tea luncheon. There will be entertainment and door prizes and a social afternoon. Cost for the day is \$20.00 per person. For more info. or to book your day at the countryside museum contact Joan Wrightson phone 204-566-2152 or e-mail robertwrightson@hotmail.ca or Maxine Shamray phone 204-566-2388. Please reserve by July 22. Directions to museum. Clack museum is located from Oak River 3 1/2 miles East on hwy. 24 , 2 miles South, 1 mile East, 1 mile South. or from Rivers 2 miles North on hwy. 250 , 4 miles West, 2 1/2 miles North. Watch for signs.

Public Notices:

- 1) If you see weeds along roads; please contact Weed Supervisor Rene Heijmans at 431-235-3152.
- 2) Anyone who is planning to hay municipal right of way will need to have it cut by August 1, 2019.

At the Arts Centre

What's Happening at the Arts Centre?

Polish up your vehicle, pack up the lawn chair and join the **Mid-West Show and Shine** for an old-fashioned evening of visiting on Maple Ave. **Wednesday, July 17, from 5:30 – 8:30**

p.m. It's a great chance to be a part of the community, meet new people, visit with old friends and check out the old classics, new technological, and innovative vehicles that participate in the show. We're pleased to have *Sheena and Nicole* back with fantastic live music; there will be hot **Pork on a Bun** and hot dogs for sale, and a chance at the **50/50 draw**. The art centre show is an amazing Canada 150 show by Portage artist Yvette Cuthbert – 75 one foot square iconic Canadian images all done in shades of red and white. The other 75 images are being simultaneously displayed at Dauphin and McCreary, but it's well worth dropping in to see the paintings on display. There's everything from Don Cherry and Rick Hansen to the camels used during the Gold Rush, and the Blue Nuns during WWI – lots of Canadian history and geography to think about and look at! We're hoping for a great 'Show' and lots of 'Shine' but if our unpredictable weather is a challenge we'll still have music and food in the art centre for a come and go community supper and chance to see the amazing art exhibition. Our great thanks to Gwenda Skayman and Kelvin Tiller plus all the other community volunteers who help put this great event on the evening before the Fair – we appreciate you all!

A weekly opportunity to **drop in to the arts centre is for tea and a delicious dessert** or fruit salad for just \$5, from

2-4 p.m. every **Thursday** (except Fair Day!) right until the end of September! We have a small army of volunteers who help out in teams each week to serve visitors and create a beautiful setting for a lovely cup of tea and visit with friends. Everyone's welcome and there are often out of town visitors and returning friends to visit with as well.

Artist Yvette Cuthbert will also be attending at 3 p.m. on August 1 (the last day of her show), so if you've enjoyed her work please come out and meet her! Thank you to all the volunteers who help us out at the teas - we couldn't do it without you!

The **August exhibition** will be our local favorite **Mary Lowe** with her whimsical paintings and sculptures. She may live locally but her work is world class and we're lucky to have her show in August before it tours provincially the rest of the year!

The **Maple Street Market** will begin Thursday, July 25 and run weekly from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. No charge to vendors for tables, which can be veggies, baking, home businesses, new or used flea market style products, just come out and join in the fun, have a hot dog and listen to some great music in the sunshine! **Our first mini-outdoor concert will be George Rogers and Friends!** Markets will run weekly until the end of August – and perhaps a week or two longer if there is still a good amount of produce available in September. Also, don't forget to check out the Gallery Gift Shop of local handmade items!

The Gallery is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-4 p.m., as well as Thursday's for tea, or book an appointment for other hours either by leaving a message on the newly repaired answering machine 204-764-2400 or by email: midwestartscentre@gmail.com

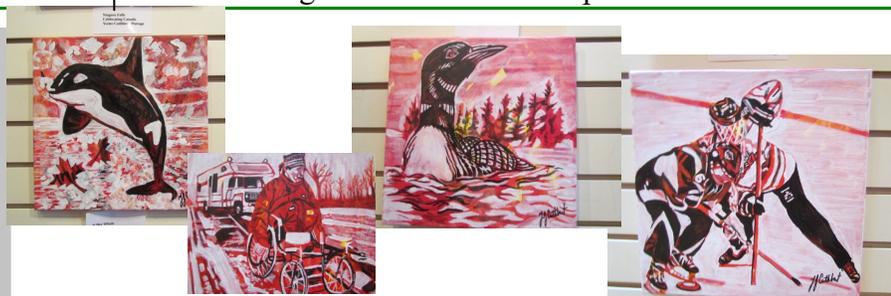
Hope you're having a great summer and we're planning lots of exciting classes and workshops in the fall!



Hamiota Post office recently presented Hamiota Fire department with a print recognizing our local emergency service. From L-R~ Captain Bill Feschuk, Postmistress Kathy Thompson, Fire Chief Josh Currah and Postal Clerk Helena Davidson.



When disaster strikes, Canada's emergency responders are ready to help at a moment's notice. Thanks to their quick and courageous actions, Canada is one of the safest countries in the world. This five-stamp tribute, designed by William Lam and illustrated by Shiro Nishiguchi, recognizes the life-saving work of these dedicated women and men.



Hamiota Landfill

As of July 1st, the Hamiota Landfill must be staffed by an operator during regular hours of operation in accordance with the Standards For Landfills in Manitoba, Department of Sustainable Development; therefore the municipality cannot provide access outside of designated operating hours.

Clack's Museum Vintage Tour & Luncheon

Museum Tour starting at 11:00 a.m.
Old Fashioned Tea Lunch (fancy ribbon sandwiches & trimmings, dessert, tea/iced tea)
Live Entertainment
Door Prizes
\$20 admission



August 1, 2019 Clack's Museum, Oak River

Hamiota/Oakview Seniors

The hot summer days have arrived and we can all get outside. Please remember to use sunscreen and wear your hats and sunglasses from the strong rays.

Our new summer students have started working with us. This year we are happy to welcome *Kareena Sims and Brianna Downey*. They are busy planning many fun things for the seniors to pass the dog days of summer so if you see them out and about, please welcome them and pass along any great ideas you may have for things you would like to do.

There are many things to fill our days with **Tea at the Bank, the Show 'N' Shine, Hamiota Fair as well as the other fairs in our area** so be sure to get out and enjoy all there is to offer in our area.

We are still trying to organize the **trip to the Peace Gardens so please call my office @204 764-2658 to get your name on the list. The first 12 people get the seats.**

We are tossing around ideas for **summer bus trips** for the seniors both at Park & Lilac but also in the community and Oak River as well so if you have any ideas of places you would like to venture to, please feel free to let me know and I will see what interest there is for filling the bus. Remember the fuller the bus the cheaper it is for each individual. We are also planning some socializing opportunities in Oak River and the surrounding communities, if interested

in being notified of some of these outings give me a call and I will make sure you hear of the upcoming events.

We will be trying to get the word out for events and trips we are planning so please tell a friend when you hear about it so everyone will know. I always hear the comment that people don't read posters so please make an effort to watch for them at Super Thrifty, Hamiota Co-op, Hamiota Hotel and the post office and then you can participate in some great senior events.

The residents in Park Residence are very grateful to Karen Lyall and Wilma Bell for planting and tending to our front flower bed and to Norah Gray for planting and tending to the flowers on the north wall. Thanks Girls!

The next cycle of foot clinics are currently being booked so if you're in need of foot care please give me a call to schedule an appointment with our wonderful foot nurse **Bonnie Crawford**.

Until next month stay cool and hydrated. Hope to see you out and about over the summer.

If you need information, please contact the office:

Karen Johnson – Seniors Resource Coordinator

Phone #: 204-764-2658

E-mail : hamiotaseniorsinc@gmail.com

Location: 166 Lilac Ave, Suite #30 in Park Residence

Hamiota United Church

OAKNER CHURCH - SEPT. 9, 2018

There is no Sunday morning worship services at the Hamiota United Church for the month of August and September 1st.

We will gather again on Sunday September 8th at the Oakner Museum Church at 10:00. Mark your calendar and bring family and friends who used to worship here when the building was in Oakner.

Sunday September 15th, our Sunday school program will resume, at regular worship time of 10:00. See you there.

If you would like to use Chumah Hall for a function, please call Czarina Conde 204-412- 0502 for bookings.



Hamiota Ladies Raising Funds

Our sincere apologies as we missed these donors on our list from our Barn Dance event in the Leader last month.

Thank you so much for your donation. If we have missed anyone else, our apologies.

Dixon Construction

Meighen Haddad

RTM Transport

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Nevaeh Hair

The Nail Room

Oak River Inn

Pizza Hut

JoAnn Ramsey

Thunderbird Bowl

HCI CLASS OF 1979 REUNION

JULY 19 & 20

We would like friends, past teachers and students from other grades to come for a visit. Friday night we are gathering at Hamiota Hotel around 8:00 p.m. or you can come to the Haggarty' s on Saturday around 4:00 p.m. or after 7:30 p.m..



Mel and Jan Dixon dropped off 12 mats for the homeless at the Samaritan House on July 8th Thank you.

10 of the mats came from St. Lazare. A big thank you to them for gathering, cutting and crocheting these mats!

The mat pictured here was made with only Super Thrifty bags. Super Thrifty has given close to 5000 unused old stock bags to this cause that would have gone to the landfill.

Hamiota Drama Club 2019 Production “There’s a Burglar In My Bed”

The Hamiota Drama Club would like to extend a great big thank you to everyone that came out to support this year’s drama production. Many laughs were enjoyed not only by the audience, but by our cast and crew as well. It is so wonderful to have such support from our little community.

On that note, we would also like to take a moment to recognize the amazing fundraising groups that donated their time and skills to helping make this year’s production that much more exceptional. To the Hamiota Fire Department, The Hamiota Ladies Raising Funds, and the Kenton 4-H Club for appetizers and table service during the production. To the Hamiota Collegiate for allowing us to use their library to practice, as well as the Hamiota Community Centre for being such a great venue for our show. Shout out to our amazing set construction crew of Tony Scott, Neil Mathison, David Henderson, and Mark McMurachy for the endless hours that you put in to make our set fantastic. To Chris Scott for your electrical expertise and Dave Ducharme for the killer sound effects and being the first person to laugh at any of our jokes. Karen Newton for props, decorations and filling in as any one of the many characters when a cast member was absent. To Kerri Wilson for ticket sales and posters, and Karen Scott for running admissions and keeping us organized. We would also like to extend an extra special thank you to Gregory Sand and Gravel for all their help, anytime we’ve needed it. Last of all, to our generous sponsors Arnold Innovations, Hamiota Feedlot Ltd. for programs, S.H. Dayton Ltd. and Henderson’s Plumbing and Heating for the lotto tree. Congrats to Sally MacDonald for being the winner of the lotto tree.

To all the good times...and many more in the year to come!



Hamiota 4-H Fun Club Achievement

The Hamiota 4-H Fun Club held their Achievement evening on May 9th, at Chumah Hall. The 4-H members did a wonderful job showcasing their completed projects. There was a fashion show, highlighting the member’s creations. Hoodies with the Hamiota 4-H Fun Club logo were presented to all the members and leaders. There were delicious snacks and cake served. It was a great evening. Thank you to everyone who came to support our Achievement.

Sophie Kalinowich

Club Reporter for the Hamiota 4-H Fun Club

JULY	Tea at the Old Bank - every Thursday, 2-4 p.m., (except Fair Week). at the Heritage Arts Centre.		
17	Midwest Show and Shine -	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Maple Ave-Heritage Arts Centre,
18	Hamiota Fair Day	ALL DAY	Hamiota Municipal Park
19	Harding Fair Day	All Day	Harding
25	Nicole Therrien Bridal Shower	7 p.m.	Heritage Arts Centre
29-2	Day Camps	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Hamiota Sports Complex

Maple Street Market begins Thurs, July 25, 10-1 p.m. Thursdays until end of August -vendors, music, hot dogs, & pork on a bun!

August

5	Decker Country Riders 4-H Club Achievement	11 a.m.	Hamiota Municipal Park
6-9	Fitness Week	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Hamiota Collegiate
9-11	Senior Red Sox attend AA Provincials		Rivers, MB
10/11	Hamiota Filipino Community Basketball	ALL Day until 5 p.m.	Hamiota Collegiate Gym

Hamiota Co-op

~Special Equity repayment ~Thursday July 25th
 90th Anniversary special repayment.
 In honour of our 90th anniversary Hamiota Co-op is making a one time special equity repayment.
 \$93,503.00 will be returned to 817 members.
 Check will be in the mail July 25th.

DAY CAMPS
 Ages: 5-12
 \$15 per day
 9am-4pm
 Hamiota Sports Complex: July 29th- August 2nd
 Kenton Hall: August 12th-16th
 Rapid City Hall: August 19th-23rd
 Please contact:
 Destiny Allan: (204) 764-3050 ext. 112
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 Bonnie Michaudville: (204) 764-3050 ext. 106
 midwestrec@hamiota.com

TD Summer Reading Club 2019
 Reading fun for kids, from Canada's public libraries
Get Your Summer Read On!
 Visit your library and register for the TD Summer Reading Club!
 WHERE: HAMIOTA LIBRARY
 WHEN: TUESDAY, JULY 9th, 16th, 23rd
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th, 13th, & 20th

HAMIOTA FILIPINO COMMUNITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2019
 AUGUST 10TH, 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 AUGUST 11TH, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE GYM
 Sponsored by: **HAMIOTA LOCAL BUSINESSES**
FREE ADMISSION
TEAMS PLAYING
 Hamiota, Moosomin, Virden, Souris, Russell, Brandon 1, Brandon 2, Brandon 3

Hamiota Co-op Starting Tuesday, July 2 Enter Daily Draws. For a \$90.00 Co-op Gift Card. Daily Winners! New draws every day! Must be a Hamiota Co-op Member Each member can only win once.

Celebration Time
 90th Anniversary of the **HAMIOTA CO-OP**
 Don't miss the party!
THURS, JULY 25
 At the Co-op with BBQ'd Pork on a bun and numerous **DOOR PRIZES!**

JULY 22ND-26TH DAYCAMP GYMNASTICS
 >AGES 5+ 9am-4pm \$75
 >PRESCHOOL 4:15-4:45pm \$25
 9:00-1:00PM KENTON HALL
 1:00-4:45PM KENTON SCHOOL
 OUR DAY WILL CONSIST OF FUN MWRD ACTIVITIES IN THE MORNING AND THEN IN THE AFTERNOON IS GYMNASTICS WITH KRISTA!
 PLEASE CONTACT:
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 MIDWESTRECCASIST@HAMIOTA.COM
 BONNIE MICHAUDVILLE: (204) 764-3050 EXT. 106
 MIDWESTREC@HAMIOTA.COM

HAMIOTA / RAPID CITY FITNESS WEEK
 Aug. 6th-9th
 \$25 Ages: 11-18
 Rapid City Beach 10:00-11:30am
 Hamiota Collegiate 1:30-3:00pm
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Hamiota Echo, September 16, 1976

Sunday, August 1, 1976, marked a real and happy occasion for the Paddock family. A family reunion of **97** souls in all, gathered at the home of Mrs. Eileen Kent of Kenton, Manitoba. Some of the family members were becoming acquainted for the first time and others were having their first meeting in more than a decade. A good many asides like, "Who's that" and "is that really so and so" and "I thought I should have known you", laced the conversation for the first hour or so. However, the favorite guessing game, match the kids and parents, was soon replaced by recognitions, introductions and light hearted conversation. Happily all ten original family members were able to attend: the boys and their wives: Frank and Isabelle Paddock, Oak River; Howard and Mabel Paddock, Oak River; Wilfred and Winnie Paddock, Rivers; Martin and Thea Paddock, Rivers, Manitoba; the girls and their husbands: Mary and Keith Morden, Hartney, Man.; Frances and Les Hays, Thunder Bay, Ontario; Laura and Bert Brown, Victoria, B.C.: May and Albert Mc-Brien, Hartney, Man.; Addie and Victor Airey, Brandon, Man.; Blanche and Alex Black, Oak River, Man. A multi course meal provided by all attending was served on boarding house tables at the rear of the house under beautiful sunny skies. The original family members were situated at one table in the centre of the grouping, which was only fair because they certainly were the central reason for many of the hungry occupants of the surrounding tables. As the meal progressed, an occasional "Be quiet you kids or | you'll be sent to your room" (was heard emitting from the head table, followed by gales of laughter, obviously , recalling family meals of bygone days. , Following the meal the throng gradually moved into the front yard for the inevitable picture taking (an organizational nightmare) which with some delays for lost or strayed family members, proceeded with remarkable ease. The family grouping shots gave those who had not yet connected the original family with the many second and third generation members attending, the chance to complete the jigsaw puzzle. The entire family is most grateful to the second generation family members Mrs. Eileen Kent and her sister Margaret Burt and brothers Frank and Melvin Black for their time and effort, without which this happy occasion could not have taken place. Togetherness, face to face is a rare privilege in this country of dispersion and great distance and so we are most thankful for even the briefest moments together.

I came across this article purely by accident and it triggered memories of seeing Mum's pictures of this day and I was just a baby months old. I thought hmmm why not share??

My Grandma, Blanche Black, was an amazing woman whom I have very fond memories of. My grandma unfortunately had a stroke that took her speech, when I was quite young but amazingly we could still communicate! I adored spending time with her! I would go there often during the day and Grandma and Grandpa would look after me. We always stuck close to their home in Oak River and I enjoyed helping them around the house, going downstairs and doing laundry the old fashioned way, gardening, and baking. The simple things in life are often the most treasured. This miraculous woman grew up with 9 siblings; she was the oldest and Frank Paddock was the youngest and not too long after Frank was born their mom passed away. My grandma and her sister Addie helped their Dad raise their siblings alternating who went to school between the two of them. They both took on a huge role of motherhood and looking after the house at a young age.

In life, sometimes we look back and remember the bad memories too often.. my challenge to you is to remember the happy times because those memories make the heart feel warm! Nancy (Burt) Smith


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1st Wednesday at 7 p.m. and 3rd Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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 Hamiota Economic Development Corporation.

To submit your announcement or news item

please e-mail: leader@hamiota.com by noon on the 10th of every
 month or deliver to the Hamiota Municipal Office.



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www.hamiota.com

Tell all your out-of-town friends and relatives!