

April 2024

## Proud to be from Hamiota

### WCVM alumnus honored for dynamic career in beef industry

TYLER SCHROEDER, Mar 13, 2024



Dr. Allan Preston, a graduate of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM), received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) during the cattle organization's annual general meeting in February 2024.

The award recognizes Preston's lengthy veterinary career as well as his contributions to the beef industry through his work with the provincial government and Manitoba agriculture organizations.

Preston grew up on a farm near Hamiota, Man., where his time spent working with livestock sparked his interest in veterinary medicine. After graduating from the WCVM in 1974, Preston

worked at a mixed practice in Winnipeg for a year before returning to his home community of Hamiota.

He became a partner in a local veterinary clinic and practiced for 20 years, but the physical toll of clinical work caused Preston to shift his career focus. He took on a new role as the manager of veterinary field services with Manitoba Agriculture, overseeing the province's veterinary service districts, managing student programs and handling animal welfare situations.

Preston's passion and leadership abilities brought new opportunities in a variety of roles throughout the following years. He became the provincial veterinarian and director of Manitoba's Veterinary Services Branch in 2000, which eventually led to his next role as assistant deputy minister in the Manitoba Ministry of Agriculture (Agri-Industry Development and Innovation Division) for seven years.

Among his many career highlights, Preston was part of a committee of Federal Provincial Territorial Assistant Deputy Ministers that helped build the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy, which advocated for farm animal health and welfare. He was also involved with the recombinant bovine somatotropin (rBST) panel that investigated the use of rBST to increase milk production in Canadian dairy herds.

In the veterinary profession, Preston served as president of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) and was named the MVMA Veterinarian of the Year in 1994-95. He also chaired the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's (CVMA) animal welfare committee for several years.

The MBP's Lifetime Achievement Award adds to Preston's many career distinctions and awards. He received the CVMA Humane Award for leadership in advocating for animal welfare in 1995 and the 2008 Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Excellence in Public Administration in Manitoba.

Preston continues to enjoy learning and contributing to his profession and community in his retirement. In particular, Preston has been a driving force behind the Assiniboine River Basin Initiative (ARBI) and is a past chair of its board. Since bad weather forced Preston to miss the MBP's annual general meeting and his lifetime achievement award presentation in February, representatives from both groups worked together to organize a surprise presentation at the ARBI's annual general meeting on March 8.

source: University of Saskatchewan website

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**Winter Landfill Hours**



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 Wednesday – Friday 9-5  
 Saturday 10-6  
 Sunday CLOSED

**Hamiota Food Bank Accepting Donations**



Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Hamiota Library the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm.

**Leader and Electronic Sign news items can be sent to**

[leader@hamiota.com](mailto:leader@hamiota.com)

**We welcome story ideas and suggestions!**

Hamiota and Area Grief Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Hamiota Library.

Next meeting—April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

**Guest Speaker:** Kari Gregory  
 “Breathwork Workshop”

*“So it’s true, when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love.”-  
 E.A. Bucchianeri*

**Attention All Businesses!**

The Leader is now accepting submissions for business advertising in 2024. For further details and rates, please contact Armi at [leader@hamiota.com](mailto:leader@hamiota.com).

**Handi-Transit** is looking for new board members!

Interested? Contact 204-764-0074 Helen Sheridan

The Hamiota-Mid-West Art Club is hosting the Arts West Juried Art Show at the Kenton Community Hall on Sunday, April 28, 2024. The opening ceremony and public reception will be held at 2:00-3:30. All are welcome.

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## What's Happening at the Arts Centre?

### Workshops and Classes

To register for classes or other inquiries call the Mid-West Arts Council at 204-764-2400 or email [midwestartscentre@gmail.com](mailto:midwestartscentre@gmail.com)

#### Mosaics Workshops

Instructor: Glitter & Bits Mosaics April 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00PM  
Learn cutting and shaping pieces to build your own mosaic bouquet of flowers on a heart back-ground.  
Cost: \$55 all materials included



#### Flowers, Flowers, Flowers!

Instructor: Joan Trott Cost: \$15 each  
Learn how to create images of flowers using different mediums each week. Sign up for one or all three.  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-3:00pm – Crocus in chalk pastel on velour  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-9:00pm – Iris in Acrylic Ink  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1:00-3:00pm – Rose in Acrylics

### Exhibition

April Exhibition – This month we will have the pleasure of hosting the works of Mary Lowe. Her clay sculptures and watercolor paintings have been shown in solo and group shows in galleries in rural Manitoba, Winnipeg, Ontario, and at the Calgary Stampede. This Exhibition is not to be missed!

**The 45th Annual Westman Juried Art Show** will be hosted by the Hamiota Mid-West Art Club at the Kenton Community Hall. A public reception held on Sunday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m.. Don't miss out on this great event!

**Want to be added to our email list?** Send a message to [midwestartscentre@gmail.com](mailto:midwestartscentre@gmail.com) to let us know and we will keep you up to date on coming events.

# HAMIOTA & AREA RESIDENTS Hamiota Health Centre

Emergency Department Services will be **OPEN**:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 2024</b>						
	1 MDNT-MDNT	2 MDNT-7am	3	4 8am-MDNT	5 MDNT-MDNT	6 MDNT-MDNT
7 MDNT-MDNT	8 MDNT-7pm	9 8am-MDNT	10 MDNT-8am	11 8am-7pm	12	13
14	15 8am-7pm	16 8am-MDNT	17 MDNT-8am	18 8am-7pm	19	20
21	22	23 8am-MDNT	24 MDNT-8am	25 8am-7pm	26	27
28	29	30 8am-7pm	MDNT = Midnight			

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## What's Happening Around Town? April 2024

[Hamiota Library](#)  
 [Sports Complex](#)  
 [55+ Center & Senior Services](#)  
 [Community Center](#)  
 [Arts Center](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2PM Park Bingo	2 12 Noon Hot Lunch 7PM Grief Support	3 1:30PM Cards 55+ Campground & Swimming Bookings Now Open	4 9AM Cycle 55+ 10AM Lilac Bingo 1:30PM Pool 55+	5 1:30PM Spill the Tea 55+	6 1-5PM Check out Hamiota
7 2PM Park Music Bev & Gang (tentative)	8 2PM Park Bingo	9 1:30PM Bingo 55+ 7PM Thunder & Ice General Meeting 1-3PM Flowers, Flowers!	10 10AM Lilac Exercises 1:30PM Cards 55+	11 9AM Cycle 55+ 10AM Lilac Bingo 1:30PM Pool 55+ 10AM Hamiota Palliative	12 1:30PM Spill the Tea 55+ 11:30AM-1PM Spring Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	13
14	15 2PM Park Bingo	16 2PM Hamiota Services Info Session 55+ 7-9PM Flowers, Flowers!	17 10AM Lilac Exercises 1:30PM Cards 55+	18 9AM Cycle 55+ 10AM Lilac Bingo 9-2 Foor Care 55+	19 12Noon Park Lunch 2PM Soul Collage	20
21	22 2PM Park Bingo	23 1:30PM Bingo 55+ 1-3PM Flowers, Flowers!	24 10AM Lilac Exercises 9-2 Murrays Hearing Care 55+ 1:30PM Cards 55+	25 9AM Cycle 55+ 10AM Lilac Bingo 1:30PM Pool 55+	26 12Noon Lilac Lunch 1:30PM Spill the Tea 55+	27 1-4PM Mosaic Workshop
28 2PM Lilac Music Bev & Gang (tentative) 1:30PM Westman Juried Arts Show—Kenton	29 2PM Park Bingo	30				

February was "I Love To Read " month at the Library. Thank you to all those that joined us for Story Time and a to our readers for dropping in to help out.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Hamiota Centennial Library is Celebrating 40 years Thursday May 30th. Stay tuned for more information next month.

If anyone has any pictures to share with us of the Library over the years, they can be dropped off with Gwen.



**THUNDER & ICE**  
SNOWMOBILE CLUB INC.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 9**

7:00 p.m. at the Hamiota & District Sports Complex  
**Annual memberships are to be renewed or due. We encourage all existing and new members to come out.**

We want to thank all our landowners for allowing our club and Snoman to use their land and in turn provide safe and scenic trails to the users.

**-Thank you from the Thunder & Ice Board**

**HAMIOTA TOWN WIDE YARD SALE**

**HAMIOTA R STORE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2024**

Do you have stuff that you would like to sell at the town wide yard sale but don't live in town? Why not rent a table from the 55+ Centre. Our location will be registered on the town map. 6' long tables are available to rent for \$10 each and they will be setup outside in front of the R Store, if weather is bad, the tables will be moved into the Centre so you won't have to worry about cancelling. Tables are limited so please call Gwenda @ 204-365-7853 to book yours today!

**UNSOLD YARD SALE ITEMS WANTED**

The Hamiota R Store will have a trailer parked outside the R Store on the day of the Town Wide Yard Sale so we are ready to accept your unsold yard sale items if you are not wanting to cart it all back in the house. We do not accept clothing or other textiles. Just drop your items off that day by 4. Thanking you in advance for your support!



**Congratulations to all  
2024 Grant Recipients**

55+ Centre R Store

Hamiota Community Centre

Hamiota Golf Club

Hamiota Seniors Council

Hamiota Park Residence

Minor Soccer Club

Hamiota Agricultural Society

Hamiota Centennial Library

Hamiota Municipality Recreation Department

**Total Donations: \$26,059.40**

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**Hamiota Municipality  
Meeting Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting February 21, 2024 - 07:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

This Regular Meeting of Council is called to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Hamiota Municipal Office. Mayor R. Lints, in the Chair; Councillors R. Gray, R. Andrew, K. Tiller, K. Lawn, E. Brethour, Marla Edmundson and CAO Valorie Unrau were present.

**2. Adopt Agenda**

**Res#** 20240221-1

**Moved By:** Councillor Gray

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawn

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for February 21, 2024 be hereby adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Res#** 20240221-02

**Moved By:** Councillor Tiller

**Seconded By:** Councillor Lawn

RESOLVED that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council of the Hamiota Municipality held on February 7, 2024 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

**4. Reception of Delegations/Hearings**

As per Procedure By-Law 10-2018 Part 10, the floor will now be opened to the delegations subject to the following conditions:

10.1 Every person being heard before Council as a delegation may be heard in person or through another person acting on their behalf. A delegation may be directed to appoint a spokesperson.

10.2 The total period of time allotted for delegate speakers including questions and responses shall not exceed 10 minutes.

10.3 Section 8.13 applies to any person in the public gallery who conducts himself or herself improperly at a delegation of Council.

10.4 The public shall not participate in discussion at a delegation, unless by unanimous consensus of the members present, or if necessary, a majority vote of council, the public is asked for their participation.

**Regarding Conduct**

8.13 Any public person who conducts himself or herself improperly while in the Council Chamber and who disturbs the proceedings of Council by words or actions and who, when requested to do so by the Chair, refuses to stop and end such improper conduct or leave the Council Chamber if so requested, is guilty of disorderly and improper conduct and the Chair may cause such person to be removed from the chamber.

Presented by Daryl Knight. accompanied by Raymond Brethour & LeeAnn Haggarty. **TABLED**

**5. Reports of Committees**

Kelvin Tiller and Ross Gray attended AWWD.

Randy- Mayors & Reeves in Jan. 2024

Randy- PWFCO Feb. 2024

**7. Finance and Accounts**

**Res#** 20240221-03

**Moved By:** Councillor Andrew

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gray

RESOLVED that Council of the Hamiota Municipality approve accounts in the amount of: **CARRIED**

**9. New Business**

**Seconded By:** Councillor Brethour

The following items were brought forward as new business:

**9.1 Resolution - Hamiota Agreement w/Health Centre Foundation RE: ROS Lab Tech**

**Res#** 20240221-04

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawn

**Seconded By:** Councillor Brethour

WHEREAS Hamiota Municipality and Hamiota Health Centre Foundation Inc. have agreed to sponsor a student to complete the Laboratory Technologist Program at Red River College and Polytechnic;

Amount	Cheque Number	Date
\$31,830.50	20240111-20240139	February 21st, 2024

AND WHEREAS the Foundation will provide funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 which Hamiota Municipality will administer to the student, monitor the student's compliance with the conditions of funding, and undertake collection in the event of the student's default;

THEREFORE Council of Hamiota Municipality authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. **CARRIED**

**9.3 Resolution -Infometrics Service for Security**

**Res#** 20240221-06

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawn

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gray

WHEREAS Infometrics has provided a quote for the provision of:

WenArma Online workstation monthly backups #2134  
Multifactor Authentication for all email accounts#2135  
Bitdefender Endpoint with ATS & EDR #2136  
FortiGate -80E UTP bundle renewal #2133  
3CX ProPhone System Renewal, 1 yr #2140

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Resolution -Infometrics Service for Security**

**Res#** 20240221-06

**Moved By:** Councillor Lawn

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gray

WHEREAS Infometrics has provided a quote for the provision of:

WenArma Online workstation monthly backups #2134  
Multifactor Authentication for all email accounts#2135  
Bitdefender Endpoint with ATS & EDR #2136  
FortiGate -80E UTP bundle renewal #2133  
3CX ProPhone System Renewal, 1 yr #2140

**CARRIED**

**Check out Hamiota!  
Spring & Summer 2024**

**The Hamiota Welcoming Committee  
Invites You!**

The Hamiota Welcoming Committee is hosting the first convention of local organizations, hobbyists and sports clubs to kickoff the Spring & Summer!



Meet Local Community Groups and Clubs for All Ages!

Come See What Hamiota Has for You & Your Family!

Hobby & Enthusiasts' Clubs!

Sports Registration for All Ages!

Crafts, Artisan Groups and Cultural Societies!

Volunteer Opportunities!

Contact info@hamiota.com or call Chantal

@ 204-764-3050 for more information



**April 6th, 2024 1:00 pm—5:00 pm @ Hamiota Community Hall**

**Multi-family yard sale**

**@ 111 Oak Ave. Hamiota**

**G. Skayman's**

We will be adding items to the tables throughout the week. Something for all ages.

Please note we are holding it over two weekends:

Friday May 3: 4 – 7 pm & Saturday May 4: 9 am – 3 pm

Friday, May 10: 4 – 7 pm & Saturday, May 11: 9 am – 3 pm

Hope to see you there!



## ***A moment for families with Pastor Orland***

*"[Jesus] included everyone in his death so that everyone could be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own." 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (The Message)*

Did you know that one of the most common commands in the bible is not to be afraid? "Don't be afraid" were the first words the angel told those who showed up at the tomb on Easter morning. They were also the first words Jesus spoke after the resurrection. It has been said that fear is humanity's most common problem. Easter brings Good News! Jesus rose from the dead. It is a historical fact. And because of this, we can live without fear. The above verse says that! We can live a far better life by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ...it is a far better life than we could ever have living life on our own terms. And that is a life free from fear. And because of Christ's resurrection, we have some amazing truths to build our life upon. Jesus tells us the truth. History has shown that many say they are the way to eternal life, or that they are the Messiah, but only Jesus proved it by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. The Bible says, "[Jesus] was declared to be God's Son with great power by rising from the dead" (Romans 1:4 NCV). Without the resurrection, you couldn't trust anything Jesus said. But you can trust what Jesus says about God, heaven, and everything else he taught because he rose from the dead like he said he would. When you understand Jesus tells the truth and that you can trust what he says, it becomes easier to let go of all your fears. Also because of Jesus' power over death, we know that death is not the end. Jesus proved to us that there is life after death! The Bible tells us, "God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we know that God will also raise us with Jesus" (2 Corinthians 4:14 NCV). The good news is that you don't need to fear death because Jesus' resurrection shows us that death isn't the end of the story. It's really the beginning of your eternal life in God's presence.

Till next month.

Pastor Orland

**Sunday Worship Service**- 11 AM Each Sunday. Adult Bible Study at 10 AM-10:40 AM. We will be using the study guide: *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven*.

**Men's Bible Study** – Wednesday mornings @ 8:30 am

**Prayer Meeting** – Wednesday evenings @ 7:30 pm

**Women's Ministry**- Saturday, March 16, 10 AM. Meet at the church.

**Jr. Youth** every Wednesday, right after school.

**Sr. Youth** every Thursday, right after school.

Parents, please note that we serve a hot nutritious snack in all our afterschool ministries as the young people come from school hungry.

**New Young Adults Ministry Starting:** Are you aged 20 and above? We invite you to our vibrant and welcoming young adult ministry. Whether you're seeking community, spiritual growth, or simply a place to connect, we've got you covered!

### **Next Events in April.**

**Fellowship:** Meet like-minded peers and build meaningful connections. **Spiritual Exploration:** Engage in discussions, reflections, and shared experiences. **Supportive Community:** Discover a safe space where your voice matters.

For more information, reach out to Pastor Orland at 204 764 0979. Please check our website for more information.

Join us for church. We would love to have you!

### **Spring Soup and Sandwich Luncheon**

**Friday, April 12, 2024**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm \$15.00**

**Hamiota Community Center**

**Sponsored by Hamiota United Church Social Group**

**Takeout available, please bring your own container**

**Delivery available at 11:15**

**Please call Susan 204-764-2898**

### **Hamiota Palliative Care Group**

invites you to join us as we discuss the process of palliative care and grief. A number of guest speakers will be joining us to share their journey.

**Workshop—April 11**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Hamiota Community Hall**

**Cost: \$10**

**Lunch will be provided.**

To register please contact;

Airdrie 204-412-0404

Carol 204-764-0287

Hamiota Donor's Choice is once again back into the swing of things with our 2024 Campaign. This campaign runs from March 15-April 15, 2024.

Hamiota Donor's Choice is a non-profit organization which gives people the opportunity to donate to multiple charities at a single time. A person who would like to donate can simply use the form to choose which charity/charities they would like to donate to, fill in how much they would like to donate to the charity and write a cheque payable to Hamiota Donor's Choice. Donations, along with the form, can be dropped off at the Hamiota Municipal Office. At the end of the campaign, all donations will be tallied and we send the charities each a cheque for the amount of the donations raised. Donations raised are kept here in Manitoba and are used for research, purchasing equipment, and for some of our local organizations.

We would like to take this time to thank Heather Feschuk for her many years volunteering as the President of Hamiota Donor's Choice. She has spent countless hours canvassing, setting up meetings, collecting donations, signing cheques and many other duties. We are grateful she will still be available for any questions.

Currently on our Board, we have Christina Henderson as President, Bonnie Mathison as Secretary, and Darcie Hills as Treasurer. Now, we are looking for a person to join our Board as the Vice President. We are also needing a volunteer to be a representative of the Salvation Army. If you are interested in either of these positions, or would like to know more about Donor's Choice, please contact Christina at (204)764-0444.

### *Lilac Residence: A Tranquil Haven for Seniors*

Hamiota is a great place to live with lots of services, facilities and opportunities to offer for all walks of life. In this feature, I would like to take a snap shot of Lilac Residence. I visited this facility recently to learn more and much to my expectations, this facility has many offerings available for seniors.

Lilac Residence is located at 177 Birch, Hamiota, MB ROM OTO, is a retirement home that caters to seniors seeking independent living options. To give a little background, the residence has two wings, Lilac North and Lilac East. They are both operated by Prairie Mountain Health. This facility fosters a strong sense of community, perfect for seniors who are looking for a place where they are respected and appreciated. The residence also understands that every resident has unique needs and makes sure those needs are met.

Lilac Residence also offers many perks. Residents can choose from well-appointed suites which ensures a comfortable and inviting living space. All suites have their own kitchen. If residents don't want to cook, they can order through Meals on Wheels available 7 days a week. It has a laundry area, and a common area where they can play different board games, complete a puzzle, or read their favorite books. It also has gardens and serene outdoor spaces where tenants can enjoy their morning coffee or afternoon walks.

Senior activities are managed by Senior Services, keeping our beloved seniors active and engaged.

The Lilac Residence's close proximity to the Hamiota Health Center allows coordinated care where residents can receive medical attention promptly. The location is also well situated to access different community amenities. All these features and benefits for an affordable price.

Indeed, Lilac Residence is more than just a place to live; it's a place to thrive. Come discover the lilac-scented haven that awaits you in Hamiota! For inquiries, vacancies or to schedule a tour send an email to llawn@pmh-mb.ca

#### **HAMIOTA UNITED CHURCH SOCIAL GROUP**

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Our group purpose is to provide funeral lunches for the community. We also do two fundraiser luncheons per year. For further information please call Susan at 204-764-2898.



**Hamiota Community  
Foundation**

Donations can be made to the Hamiota Community Foundation.

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**Interested in becoming a  
committee member?  
Give us a call at 204-764-3050.**

### **Employment Opportunities**

**Hamiota Aquatic Centre** - Aquatic Director, Assistant Aquatic Director, Lifeguards,  
Water Safety Instructors, Cashiers  
Deadline: April 12 4:30pm

**Hamiota Municipal Park** - Seasonal Positions  
Part-time & Full-time opportunities  
available.

**T.J's Convenience Store** - Part-time and Full-time opportunities  
available  
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