



FEBRUARY WAS I LOVE TO READ MONTH AT THE HAMIOTA LIBRARY



February 2026 was proclaimed "I Love to Read Month" by the Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning and the Honourable Nellie Kennedy, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism. "The proclamation of "I Love to Read Month" raises awareness of the joys and benefits of reading, and the importance of literacy to lifelong learning and growth. By celebrating reading in the classroom and beyond, "I Love to Read Month" inspires young readers whose growing literacy skills will empower them as learners and citizens."



The Hamiota Library would like to thank the Hamiota Elementary School and the Senior Nursery School for joining us in celebrating I Love To Read Month at the library.



Wednesday February 11 saw the Grade 2 class join us for a story read by Jonathan Adair and also the Grade 3 class heard stories from Gaye Sheardown. Tuesday February 17th, the Senior Nursery School made their way to the library to listen to Cst. Rian Galvez and Cst. Crystal Cramer. They also brought handouts for all. Friday February 20th, we were very excited to welcome Alex Strachan and Destin Knight of the AAA U18 Yellowhead Chiefs to celebrate with the Grade 5 class. Wednesday, February 25th, the Kindergarten Class joined us to listen to a story from Cst. Crystal Cramer and she once again brought handouts for everyone.

On Wednesday, March 4th the Grade1 Class listened to Mayor Randy Lints read several stories and he donated the books he read to the Library. They are available to be checked out.



Hamiota Leaders in Community Innovation

COUNCIL MEETINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meetings: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
COW Meeting: Every 2nd Wednesdays of the month

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75 Maple Avenue Council Chambers
Delegations must be made one week in advance of the meeting

COMMUNITY EMPOWERED



By Mayor Randy Lints

This month I will begin to highlight people who are great volunteers in our community but may reside in other Municipalities. Over the years some names who come to mind who have been very important to some of the committees in town or in the Municipality are numerous. Bill Gardham, Vaughn Wilson, and Greg Little are a few of the people who really are a part our community but technically live in another jurisdiction. Another name that comes to mind for me truly lives in another town but

is quickly becoming a great volunteer for us in Hamiota. Bill Aaroe and Sue Parker live in Oak River. Bill as a Councillor in Oakview Municipality has become a good friend for our community. Together they have hosted resident doctors that have visited our hospital during rural week for meals or activities and have billeted entertainers who have preformed at the Arts Centre. I would like to mention Sue and some of her endeavours a little more closely. She has helped out at the car show (Show and Shine) for the past few years. Having a car herself to “show” made that volunteering effort a natural fit. At the Library she quickly became someone who was able to help in many different ways. From helping with the flooring change, helping with seasonal programming, helping with the gazebo build and bringing Gurdeep Pandher (famous for his dance videos and positive messages) to town. Currently Sue has been working on the Arts Centre Board, in particularly on a new sound system for the Arts Centre building.

I really can appreciate someone who has interests that align with ours in Hamiota. Sue and Bill are just part of a group of people from places like Oak River that over the years through things like sports or the arts have helped make Hamiota such a great place to live. Community volunteering is the backbone of a community and thanks to everyone who have contributed over the years to allow our community to grow.

HAMIOTA THRIFT SHOP RECEIVES DONATION FROM BELL GIVING PROGRAM

A big Thank you to Dan for stopping by today and presenting us with \$3000. cheque. Dan participates in the Bell Giving Program where grants are awarded locally to employees and retirees of Bello/MTS to help give back to their communities. Volunteer hours are tracked and grants awarded to local non-profit organizations dependent on the number of volunteer hours. Dan Therrien(Kathy) has been a part of the program since 2021. It's great that Bell/MTS recognizes the volunteering that its past and present employees do. Local organizations benefit both from the volunteering of community members as well as being recipients of the donations., Pictured are Rosalie Beamish, Hamiota Thrift Shop and Dan Therrien presenting his grant for 2026. We are most appreciative to have been selected as the grant recipient again this year.





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News from the Community

MIDWEST SCHOOL OF DANCE

DANCE RECITAL

SUNDAY APRIL 12 • 2:00PM
Hamiota Collegiate

Admission \$5
12 and under free

Lions Club Update

The Hamiota Lions Club, made up of 21 dedicated community-minded members, continues to make a strong local impact. Recent fundraising efforts—including the annual potato and onion sale, which brought in a profit of \$2,320, and the weekly Chase the Ace draws—have helped support a wide range of community projects.

Since January 1st, the club has contributed over \$11,000 to local needs, including:

- \$1,000 – Kitchen cabinet upgrades at Park Residence
 - \$1,750 – New bookshelf for the Hamiota Library
 - \$2,000 – Support for Hamiota Collegiate’s student exchange with Prince Rupert
 - \$1,000 – Annual donation to the Hamiota Community Centre
 - \$1,850 – Park bench purchases for Hamiota Recreation Department
 - \$2,119 – Wheelchair and Knee Walker for Hamiota Senior Services
 - \$2,000 – Lions Foundation of Manitoba for children’s sight and hearing screening
 - \$500 – Support for a neighbouring Lions Club project
- The club has also pledged funds toward a local medical need, ensuring that the money raised in the community continues to benefit the community.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>55+ CENTRE & R STORE APRIL 2026</p> <p>ANNOUNCEMENTS May 9 - Hamiota Town-Wide Yard Sale</p> <p>Do you live out of town and still have stuff to sell? R Store will have tables in front to rent for \$10 each if you would like to bring your stuff into town!</p> <p>Follow our Hamiota R Store and Hamiota 55+ Centre Facebook pages for news and updates</p>				1 Cards 1:30	2 COFFEE	3 Pancake Breakfast 10--12 Creative Corner	4
	5 Crib & game	6 Yoga 10AM	7 BINGO 1:30	8 Cards 1:30	9 COFFEE Last Buddy Program	10	11
	12	13 Yoga 10AM	14	15 Cards 1:30	16 COFFEE Pub Night 5PM	17	18
	19	20 Yoga 10AM	21 BINGO 1:30	22 Cards 1:30	23 COFFEE	24 Creative Corner	25
	26 Crib & game	27 Yoga 10AM	28 Foot Care	29 Cards 1:30 Murray's Hearing	30 COFFEE	31	

News from the Community



STARS, HAMIOTA & DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX, AND CROSSWALK PROJECT RECEIVE FUNDING

Funding Highlights:

- The Hamiota District Sports Complex board is planning to upgrade the arena's Zamboni. Acres for Hamiota is pleased to support this initiative through funding assistance.
- Plans are underway to install solar-powered crosswalks at the north and south ends of Hamiota Elementary School along Highway 21. This matching grant, in partnership with the Hamiota Municipality, will help enhance student safety while traveling to and from school.
- STARS submitted a funding request to the community, and several groups, including Acres for Hamiota, have contributed. Recognizing the importance of STARS Air Ambulance, this funding will go toward a ventilator designed to provide critical respiratory support during patient transport.

Crop 2026

Acres for Hamiota will be planting wheat this year on the same quarter as last year—located 7 miles south of Hamiota on the west side of Highway 21.

Board Updates:

The board extends sincere thanks to Kevin Kirk for his dedicated service as Treasurer. Kevin served in this role throughout his time on the Acres for Hamiota board and did an exceptional job—thank you, Kevin! We are pleased to welcome Sam Smith to the board as our new Treasurer. We also welcome our new student representative, Madison Currah.



Voter's List/ Personal Security Protection Outreach Schedule

You are encouraged to come to the following locations to:

1. Double-check if your name is on the list
2. Update your address
3. Register as new voter
4. Want to be removed from the list
5. Report a deceased voter

March 26, 2026 (Thursday) - Hamiota 55+ Centre - 10AM to 12:00 Noon

March 27, 2026 (Friday) - Hamiota Hub Office (221 Elm Street)- 2PM-5PM

April 2, 2026 (Thursday) - Hamiota COOP - 10AM-3PM

April 8, 2026 (Wednesday) - Hamiota Library - 2PM-5PM

Bring required identification

Contact: SEO at 204-764-3050 ext 107/
hedc@hamiota.com for questions

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

@ 111 OAK AVE. HAMIOTA
G. SKAYMAN'S

FRIDAY MAY 1: 4 – 7 PM &
SATURDAY MAY 2: 9 AM – 3 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 8: 4 – 7 PM &
SATURDAY, MAY 9: 9 AM – 3 PM

Electronic sign announcements can be submitted at hedc@hamiota.com

Leader Submission Reminder Deadline for submitting your Leader entries is every 20th of the month. Please contact HEDC for space availability if you are submitting late

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News from the Community

FOOTCARE NURSE LAUNCHES NEW SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

Strathclair, Man. — Registered nurse Jodi Baker has launched a new foot care business, bringing specialized nursing services directly to clients across the region.

Baker, who has worked in health care for more than a decade and currently serves at the Hamiota & District Health Centre, says her decision to start the practice comes from years of seeing how essential proper foot care is to overall health and quality of life.

“Foot care often gets overlooked, yet it makes such a difference in a person’s comfort, mobility, and well-being,” Baker said. “I wanted to offer a service that is both professional and compassionate, especially for those who have difficulty caring for their feet on their own.”

Her new business provides a range of services, including nail trimming and filing, thickened toenail reduction, callus removal, and specialized diabetic foot care. To make the service more accessible, Baker offers home visits and mobile clinics, allowing clients to receive care in a setting that is convenient and comfortable for them. Most services can also be billed to medical benefit plans, making the new offering financially accessible for many residents.

You may check her information in her business card below.

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FUSION CREDIT UNION RECOGNIZED AS A MANITOBA TOP EMPLOYER FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



HAMIOTA, MB – Fusion Credit Union is proud to announce they have been recognized as a Manitoba Top Employer for the seventh consecutive year. This special designation recognizes employers in Manitoba that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. The accolade reinforces Fusion’s ongoing commitment to employee growth and development, priorities that CEO, Darwin Johns says are critical to their success.

“Investing in our people is one of the most beneficial commitments we can make as an organization,” says Johns. “We are proud of the culture we have created – one where learning and career growth is supported, encouraged and celebrated. Receiving the Manitoba Top Employer designation for the seventh year is proof that we are making a difference for our employees and our communities.”

As a full-service financial institution with 226 employees, Fusion serves more than 30,000 members through 18 branches across communities in Parkland and southwestern Manitoba. Now in its 19th year, Manitoba Top Employer is an annual competition organized by the editors of Canada’s Top Employers. Organizations are evaluated on criteria such as employee communication, benefits, workplace culture, community involvement as well as training and skills development.

Fusion nurtures employee development with structured learning opportunities, tuition assistance programs, career path roadmaps and a culture that encourages continuous improvement. Employees have access to industry tools and certifications that are specific to their job roles, or future roles. For those interested in degree or diploma programs, Fusion provides tuition assistance and study time during work hours. Career path roadmaps are used to identify gaps in skills and the training required to reach career goals. Employees at Fusion embrace professional development and in 2025 logged 17,511 professional development hours.

“We are committed to helping employees build skills for success in their current roles, while preparing them for future opportunities across our organization,” states Mike Lowen, Chief Risk and People Officer. “When our employees grow, our organization grows with them. This continuous learning fuels both individual career journeys and the long-term strength of Fusion.”

News from the Community



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Mothers Day Pot Painting

April 24th
PD Day
1-4PM
Ages 7-14
\$20



ACRYLIC CLASSES

Join us for this 3 week class working through a beautiful Tropical Beach Scene learning acrylic techniques with brushes, palette knives and incorporating heavy body mediums to create texture.
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Registration Now Open:
Two Sessions Available
Wednesday's- April 15, 22 & 29 1:00-3:00pm
Thursday's - April 16, 23 & 30 7:00-9:00pm
Instructor: Joan Trott
Cost: **\$45** all materials included

Music Circle

Free Concert with Refreshments
at
Mid-West Arts Council

Featuring an introduction to
Dwight Titterton Portraits in Pencil
Exhibition

March 29th 3pm
39 Maple Avenue

Sponsored by the
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Community Foundation

Exhibitions:

Glenda Karens
May 1 - 27th

Portraits in Pencil
Dwight Titterton
March 15- April 30
Reception March 29 3pm





PLANT SALE

MAY 21ST, 1:00-4:00PM

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St Patrick's Day Luncheon

Event Winners:
Murray Mathison * Mug and Irish Linen
Carol Forsyth *Mug and Irish Linen
Daryl Dixon *Salsa Board and Serving Dishes
Linda Mahison * Mug and Irish Bow
Rosalie Beamish * Puzzle Matt
Mary-Ann Stevenson * Grand Prize Basket

Special Thanks to Carol Smith for the decorations and Everyone Who donated Money, Food and Time to make this event happen!

A Moment for Families with Pastor Orland

Ephesians 3:12 NLT. "Because of Christ and our faith in him,[a] we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence." We celebrate Resurrection Sunday with joy because we are reminded of the incredible gift Jesus has given us. Through His death and resurrection, He removed every barrier that once stood between us and God. As Ephesians 3:12 says, "In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." Because of Jesus, you don't have to stand at a distance. You don't have to wonder if God will listen. When you turn to Christ—when you repent and place your trust in Him—you are welcomed into God's family. You gain full, personal access to the Father. You can come to Him anytime, with confidence, knowing you are loved and heard. This is the heart of Resurrection Sunday: Yes Jesus has risen! He has opened the way for you to walk with God in freedom and assurance. Have you placed your trust in Jesus and stepped into that relationship of confidence and grace?

Till next month,
Pastor Orland

Ministries:

April 3- Good Friday Service. 11: 00 AM

April 5- Easter Sunday. Special Sunrise Breakfast at 10 AM followed by our Sunday Celebration Service. Don't miss the special presentation from the Cornerstone Children's Choir.

Evening Devotionals- Want a word of encouragement before you turn in for the night? Follow Pastor Orland on his page or the Cornerstone Family Worship Centre page.

Youth Ministry- Every Wednesday after school. Good food, fun and Bible Study. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study- Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM.

Women's Ministry- March Meeting: Third Saturday of each month. 10 AM at the church.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting – 7:30–8:30 PM James 5:16(b) The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

News from the Community

"Join our community and grow together!"

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HEDC IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Call 204-764-3050 ext. 107 or email hedc@hamiota.com

JOIN THE HEDC BOARD

Equipment For Sale

Anyone interested in purchasing the following items listed may make an offer to Hamiota Municipality.

1. 72-inch 676 John Deere snowblower
2. Case 2290
3. Buhler farm king 72" mower
4. CATERPILLAR 435 scraper

The deadline to make an offer is **April 10 at 4:30 pm**. Please submit offers to Hamiota Municipality by email to confidential@hamiota.com, by mail to Box 100 Hamiota, MB, R0M 0T0, or by dropping off to the Municipal Office 75 Maple Avenue Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30pm.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT EXPANDS ACCESS TO MEASLES VACCINE THROUGH PHARMACIES

The Manitoba government is expanding access to measles vaccinations by allowing pharmacists to administer the publicly funded measles-containing vaccine to children and youth aged 2 to 19. Health Minister Uzoma Asagwara announced that the change takes effect immediately, with vaccinations available in pharmacies in the coming weeks.

This decision follows a request from Pharmacists Manitoba and aligns with ongoing public health efforts to improve access to routine immunizations. The vaccine remains free through Manitoba's immunization program. Routine doses are given at 1 year old and again between ages 4 and 6, while children in outbreak areas may qualify for an early additional dose at 6 months.

Pharmacists Manitoba supports the move, noting it will increase convenience and expand access. Vaccines will continue to be offered through existing providers such as public health clinics, physicians, nurse practitioners, and midwives. Public health officials will continue outreach, especially in communities with lower vaccination rates, to ensure accurate information and access to immunization services. The release emphasizes that measles is highly contagious and vaccination is the most effective protection.

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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES
APRIL 2026

HAMIOTA & AREA RESIDENTS Hamiota Health Centre

Emergency Department Services will be **OPEN**:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2026						
			1	2 8am-MDNT	3 MDNT-MDNT	4 MDNT-MDNT
5 MDNT-MDNT	6 MDNT-MDNT	7 MDNT-8am	8 8am-MDNT	9 MDNT-8am	10 8am-MDNT	11 MDNT-MDNT
12 MDNT-MDNT	13 MDNT-MDNT	14 MDNT-8am	15 8am-MDNT	16 MDNT-8am	17	18
19	20	21 8am-MDNT	22 MDNT-8am	23	24	25
26	27 8am-MDNT	28 MDNT-MDNT	29 MDNT-MDNT	30 MDNT-8am	MDNT = Midnight	

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