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HAMIOTA CHILDREN’S BUSINESS FAIR 2026 INSPIRES YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

BY ARMI ADAIR



HAMIOTA, MB – July 15, 2026 – The 3rd Hamiota Children’s Business Fair returned at the Fusion Credit Union parking lot during the Show and Shine event, providing local youth with a unique opportunity to experience the excitement and challenges of entrepreneurship firsthand. The event welcomed eight (8) businesses, with participants ages from 6 to 15 who developed their own products and services, created marketing plans, and operated businesses for real customers in a supportive community setting.



Throughout the evening, visitors browsed a variety of child-run booths featuring handmade crafts, baked goods, and other innovative products. Each entrepreneur had the chance to interact directly with customers, explain their ideas, and gain practical experience in sales and customer service. The fair demonstrated that entrepreneurship is not just about making money—it is also about creativity, perseverance, and learning from experience.



The Hamiota Children’s Business Fair is hosted by HEDC EDO Armi Adair, and supported by Hamiota Community Foundation, TJ's Auto Service, Hamiota Super Thrifty, and Fusion Credit Union, who share a commitment to fostering entrepreneurial thinking in the next generation. HEDC emphasize that entrepreneurs are important contributors to society because they create solutions, innovate, and strengthen communities.

One of the event’s defining features is that the businesses are truly youth-led. Parents and adults provide guidance and support, but the ideas, products, and decisions belong to the children themselves. This approach helps participants build confidence, develop leadership abilities, and learn valuable lessons about responsibility and financial literacy.

Community members who attended the fair were impressed by the enthusiasm, professionalism, and creativity displayed by the young entrepreneurs. For many participants, the event represented their firsthand experience running a business, handling transactions, and presenting a product to the public. These hands-on experiences can leave a lasting impact and inspire future educational and career pursuits.



As the 2026 Hamiota Children’s Business Fair concludes, HEDC celebrated not only the businesses generated sales but also the courage and determination shown by every child who participated. The event continues to be a valuable platform for nurturing innovation, confidence, and entrepreneurial spirit among local youth, helping prepare them for future opportunities while strengthening community connections. HEDC extends its congratulations to this years' winners and participants; Cowlings' Soaps and More, Knick Knacks and Snacks , Creations by the Taylor Sisters, Knight Cookie Corner, The Bee Bar, Bolt's Bros, Crochet Corner, and Halle's Crafts and Sip Corner.



The success of the fair highlights Hamiota’s ongoing commitment to supporting young people and providing meaningful opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. With another successful year completed, the Hamiota Children’s Business Fair remains an inspiring example of what can happen when children are encouraged to dream big, take initiative, and turn their ideas into reality.





By Mayor Randy Lints

COMMUNITY EMPOWERED

This month I want to highlight a couple who, as most people in our community begin to volunteer when their kids are young, and then find themselves doing more as their children grow up. Jerry and Shelley Crampain are two people who you regularly see at events volunteering. Jerry, a teacher at HCI has been a terrific volunteer in our sports community both at the school and the other end of town with the Park and Complex. Through the school many students have benefitted from his on the court coaching. Shelley as an accountant gets the books as a treasurer for groups like the Hamiota Alliance and the Sports Complex. For many years at the Complex, she has given

the community expert knowledge and has been an invaluable asset. Even after their children have grown to adults they continue to volunteer and have shown great dedication to our community. Thank you for your time and patience.

An event I would like to highlight took place July 18th an event called Decker Day took place in Decker to honour the community of Decker and highlight the past importance of the Decker United Church. As past residents came back to visit and reminisce of old times a lot of memories of places like the church and rink came flooding back. When Decker was a booming metropolis back in the 50's, 60's and 70's the community really was driven by the many volunteers that kept the place running. A good portion of the memories are kept alive by thoughts of the good times at the bonspiels, hockey games, Christmas concerts and Remembrance Day services. All these events took hundreds of hours of volunteering to pull off every year and of course countless pies, as we all know the small towns were built on people pulling together. So, as we all get older and the area gets less populated, give some time out of your day once in a while to think back and smile as we remember the volunteers of the past. Whether you are from Decker, Lavinia, McConnell, or Oakner or all places in between appreciate the millions of hours spent volunteering to give us the community we all enjoy.

GOLF NEWS



On Monday Night Men's Night on July 13, Darryl Dixon scored a Hole In One on Hole #6. Congratulations Darryl!

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

On June 30th Alliance Accounting Group gathered to celebrate Susan Thompson's retirement and recognize her 16 years of dedication and contributions. We wish her happiness, good health, and all the best as she begins this exciting new chapter! Enjoy your retirement Susan!!



Three's Company
Hamiota
 4:00pm Lilac
 6:00pm Birch
August 4, 2026



Loona Joseph, Dobra Naylor, and Krista Pederson have been singing together for several years. From classic country, folk, to gospel, Three's Company is known for variety, and sweet harmonies.



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ACRES FOR HAMIOTA ENJOYING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Since the June Leader, we've had lots happening, but first we'd like to catch up by saying, "thank you!". Thank you to:

- Richardson Pioneer Shoal Lake for supplying our seed and donating the seed treating.
- Shady H Farms for applying the pre-seed burnoff.
- BASF for donating Voraxor herbicide.
- Chappell AG. Ventures for donating Stonewall Glyphosate.
- Randy Kirk for applying the in-crop herbicide.
- Bayer for donating Varro FX.
- Adama for donating Badge herbicide.
- ATP for donating Releaf.
- Cargill for providing crop scouting services.
- Western Canadian Aerial for the fungicide application.
- Corteva for donating Telbek Pro.



A highlight of the season was welcoming the Grade 3 and 4 students from Hamiota Elementary School to the field on June 22 for a hands-on learning experience. Specialists from Manitoba Agriculture, along with ATP, led interactive stations on plant fertility, weeds, cereal crops, and new technology used to monitor crop health. It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about agriculture in their own community.

Fair Day was another busy event, with Acres for Hamiota members helping at the pancake breakfast before taking part in the community parade. Although the weather was a little soggy, it didn't dampen the community spirit.

Acres for Hamiota also continues to support local initiatives. Recent funding has helped the 1st Hamiota Scouts purchase a trailer, Hamiota Senior Services acquire an AED for Park Residence, and funds contributed toward the purchase of a Hamiota Handi-Transit vehicle.

Planning is underway for Harvest 2026. This year, a special Harvest Day theme will return, and the Young Farmers will take off the crop. Thank you to everyone who continues to support Acres for Hamiota. We hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer!

A SINCERE THANKS

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make my bridal shower on July 11th a memorable day. I am grateful for the kindness, generosity, and support shown by the community. I was touched by the many thoughtful gifts, cards, kind words, and best wishes I received. Your kindness will always be remembered as Gage and I begin this exciting new chapter together. In lieu of sending individual thank-you cards, a donation has been made to the Hamiota Community Foundation and Kenton Community Enterprise in appreciation of the generosity and support we have received. With sincere appreciation, - Eveline Juce

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THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

We would like to express our sincere thank you to Elsie Dickinson, Hamiota Coop Board, Acres for Hamiota, and Hamiota Municipality for their generous donation towards the new floor in the Community Centre. Without their support, this would not be possible. - from the Hamiota Community Centre Board.



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UPDATE FROM HAMIOTA 55+

CENTRE BOARD

The Hamiota 55+ Centre & R Store Board would like to remind everyone that we are a registered charity. All of the income made in the R Store goes to pay for the day-to-day expenses of our Centre and to cover costs of the programs and activities we run through the Centre, for our seniors. If you would like to make a donation to the Centre, please reach out to any of our Board members, we can then issue you a charitable receipt that you can use for income tax purposes.

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, August 11th, as we are having a BBQ pork on a bun, just outside the 55+ Centre. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 1:30, is still our Card days throughout the summer. Please feel free to pop in to have a good game of cards.

The Centre Lounge is available for any paid member to rent for an event. For more information or to book the facility please contact Nancy Strachan at 204-748-7547.



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WHY EVERY PRAIRIE MUNICIPALITY NEEDS A CURRENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

A current Emergency Management Plan (EMP) is one of the most important tools a rural municipality can have.

Emergencies in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are becoming more frequent and more severe, from



wildfires and train derailments to floods, chemical spills, and extreme weather. Local governments are the first line of defence when something goes wrong, and a clear, up-to-date plan is what allows a municipality to respond quickly, confidently, and in an organized way.

A modern EMP helps councils and staff understand their roles before a crisis hits. It outlines who makes decisions, how information flows, and what steps need to happen in the first minutes and hours of an event. Without this clarity, response efforts can become scattered, delayed, or duplicated especially in small communities where staff wear multiple hats and resources are limited. As one Saskatchewan CAO noted, without a plan, a serious incident like a train derailment would leave the community “scrambling.”

A current plan also helps the municipality work effectively with neighboring communities, provincial agencies, first responders, and industry partners. Emergencies rarely stay within one boundary, and Western provinces are seeing more cross-regional hazards each year. Strong plans make collaboration easier and help municipalities access provincial support when their own capacity is overwhelmed.

Finally, an updated EMP strengthens recovery. It guides how to support residents, restore services, document costs, and apply for disaster assistance programs. Saskatchewan’s Provincial Disaster Assistance Program and similar supports in Alberta and Manitoba rely on municipalities having clear processes in place.

For rural municipalities, a current Emergency Management Plan isn’t just a document — it’s a practical, everyday tool that protects people, property, and community trust when it matters most. -

Article from Small Places Rock website



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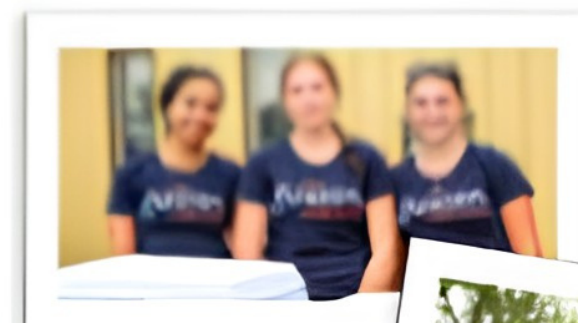
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MID-WEST ARTS COUNCIL SHOW 'N SHINE

What a wonderful evening in July in Hamiota

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraising event a success!

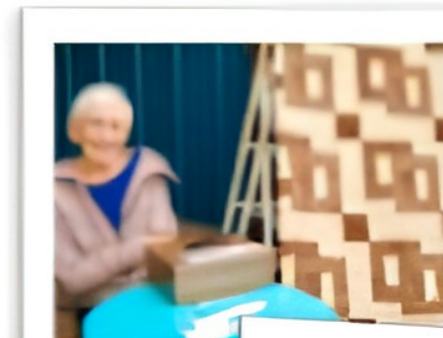
There were **67 fantastic vehicles** registered and such a great community turnout! Thank you for coming!



Congratulations to this year's Fan Favourite:
Kniden Green 2000 Corvette

50/50 winner of \$980: awarded to Wayne Spence

Congratulations to the many Raffle Prize Winners!



More than a celebration of classic cars and trucks, this event is about bringing our community together. Your participation helped create an evening of friendship, music, great food, and shared memories while raising funds to keep the Heritage Arts Centre thriving. **On behalf of the Mid-West arts Council, thank you for your ongoing community support for the 2026 Show 'n Shine!**

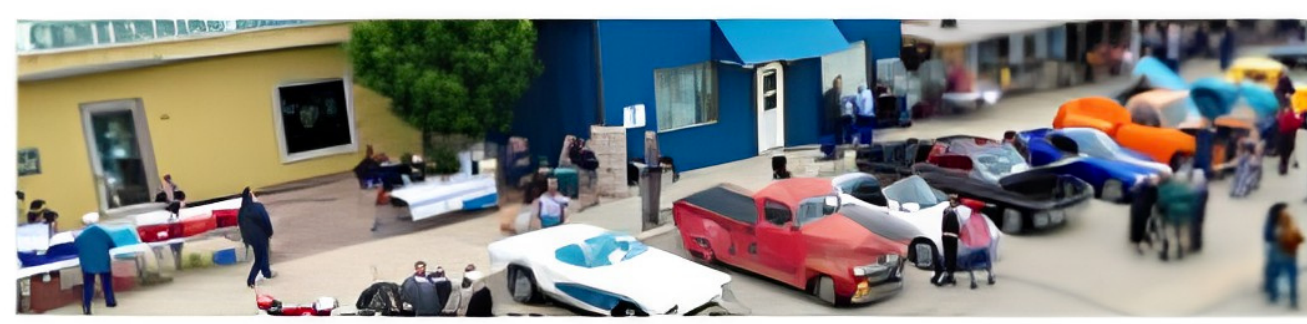
Huge thank yous to our dedicated committee, volunteers, and supporters who helped make this an evening to remember: Fusion Credit Union, RBC, Hamiota Co-op, Town of Hamiota, Hamiota Fire Department, Country Crocus Bakeshop, The Meat Man, as well as the raffle donations from Redfern, Woodworth, VirdenAG, Skayman's Auto, Hi-Way Collision, Nutrien, Cargill, Piston Ring, Rawling's Home Hardware, Hamiota Feedlot, Reverie County, Virden Truck & Trailer, TJ's, Pro-Drill, Knight Seeds, Guild Insurance, KWG Construction, and Hamiota Community Foundation. Special thanks Jeff Morton.

Live Music was from our local talent: Rollin 'n Tumblin Band and Dawson Brooks provided the great music selection between sets! Thank you to Murray Lockhart for being our MC. And to the 55+ Centre, especially Nancy Strachan and Gwenda Skayman, for partnering with this event and hosting their Beer gardens for the first time! It was so great to see all of the young entrepreneurs in our community who had booths at the Children's Business Fair put on by Armi at Hamiota Economic Development! What great additions to this wonderful fundraising event! Thank you to Kayce from Countryside Studio Photography for the photos

Thank you to Shirley Hudson who has donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled off at the end of Summer Teas. And thank you to Ken McMillan for making a great Fan Favourite Trophy and for your amazing Exhibition in the Arts Centre that is up until the end of July!

The Mid-West Arts Council's Lemonade Stand for Hope raised \$155.55 for CancerCare Manitoba. Thank you to all of our enthusiastic young helpers who volunteered for this great cause!

Lemonade
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AUGUST 6TH BLUEBERRY
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AUGUST 13TH CARROT
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AUGUST 20TH CHOCOLATE
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AUGUST 27TH PUMPKIN
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August: Virden Art Club



Mid-West Arts Council
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FUSION CREDIT UNION INVESTS IN LOCAL YOUTH BY AWARDING \$18,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Fusion Credit Union Invests in Local Youth by Awarding \$18,000 In Scholarships

July 24, 2026 - Hamiota, MB - Thirty-six local high school students across eleven communities are one step closer to achieving their educational goals thanks to Fusion Credit Union's annual scholarship program. This year, Fusion is awarding a total of \$18,000 in scholarships, with each recipient receiving \$500 for post-secondary education.

The scholarship program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional achievement in academics,

athletics, and/or the arts, while also exhibiting strong leadership qualities and meaningful involvement in their communities. Recipients are selected based on their commitment to excellence, their dedication to making a positive impact, and their potential to contribute to the future success of their communities.

Since its inception, the scholarship program has invested \$136,000 in local youth, helping students pursue their educational goals and build bright futures for themselves and their communities. "Youth are the future of our communities, and we are proud to support students who have already demonstrated remarkable leadership, determination, and community spirit," says Mike Csversko, Brand and Business Development Manager at Fusion Credit Union. These scholarship recipients are making a difference today, and we are excited to help them pursue their

educational aspirations as they continue to grow into tomorrow's leaders."

Fusion Credit Union believes that investing in youth is one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen communities and foster long-term success. By supporting students in their educational journeys, the scholarship program helps remove barriers to opportunity while encouraging young people to pursue their goals and give back to the communities that have supported them.

"Our scholarship recipients have shown that success extends beyond the classroom, field, stage, or court," adds Csversko. "Their commitment to leadership, service, and excellence has a positive impact on those around them. We are honoured to invest in their futures and celebrate the important contributions they make in our communities."

Fusion Credit Union congratulates all 36 scholarship recipients and wishes them continued success as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey.



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We're wondering if there is a way to send info (the website link) to the youth that participated in your Children's Fair last week. Would you need to forward the info to them? Or do you have a contact list that could be forwarded to me (with their permission).

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER WAS A FUNTASTIC NIGHT

Well, what can we say? It was a fantastic night!

The music was absolutely fabulous. A huge thank you to Edson Andan, Bethel Road- Morgan Peloquin, and Kendra Kay for providing such wonderful entertainment.

We were truly overwhelmed by the incredible sponsorships and donations we received. Your generosity and support were greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed the evening, as well as those who purchased tickets but were unable to make it.

Thanks to the amazing support of our community, we raised over \$42,000 for the rink roof!

A special thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and raffle table. Your contributions helped make the event such a success.

We would also like to recognize our hardworking committee members: Penny Dixon, Jeaninne Skayman, Ryan Tolton, Jerry and Shelly Crampain, Eric Rawlings, Dale Brooks, Sarah Ramsey, April Ashcroft, Kaitlyn Ramsey, Roxy Espenell, Kevin Kirk, and LeeAnn Haggarty. They dedicated a phenomenal amount of time and effort to make this fundraiser possible.

To everyone who donated supplies, materials, services, or lent a helping hand behind the scenes—you know who you are, and we sincerely thank you. Every contribution, big or small, made a difference.

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported our Raise the Roof fundraiser. It was an incredible evening, and together we raised an amazing amount of money toward our new rink roof. We couldn't have done it without you!



PICTURED: CROWD VIEW DURING THE FUNDRAISER EVENT

AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual event in August. It serves to highlight the importance of immunizations throughout the lifespan.

The theme for 2026 is: The time is now. Protection can't wait. Get immunized.

Vaccines are one of the most powerful tools in modern medicine, preventing the spread of deadly diseases and saving millions of lives. Vaccines not only protect individuals but also those most vulnerable, such as infants, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems. The science is clear: vaccines are safe, effective, and help make our communities healthier.

Prairie Mountain Health continues to offer childhood and adult immunizations regularly through scheduled appointments, walk in and outreach events. Contact your local Public Health office to schedule an appointment today or to inquire about what vaccines you are eligible for. If you have immunization records from another province or outside of Canada, please submit a copy to Manitoba Health by accessing Immunization Update Request Form

For more information on National Immunization Awareness Month please visit National Immunization Awareness Month [immunizecanada](https://immunizecanada.ca)



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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 28, 2026

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the SEO during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for the campaign

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be accepting registration for
Mayor - May 1 to September 22
Councillors - June 30 to September 22

Registrations are available in-person, & via email. You may contact the SEO using the following information

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Dated: June 29, 2026
Armi Adair - Senior Election Official



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AUGUST 2026

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Hamiota Health Centre

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August 2026						
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2 MDNT-MDNT	3 MDNT-MDNT	4 MDNT-8am	5 8am-MDNT	6 MDNT-MDNT	7 MDNT-8am	8
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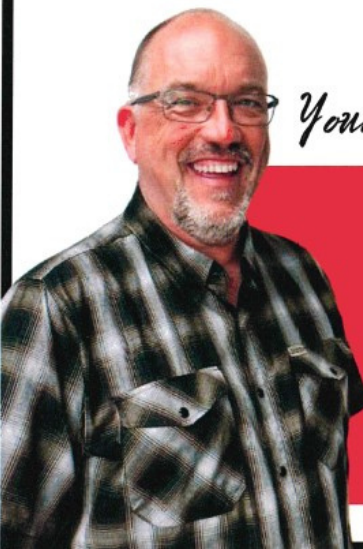
HAMIOTA LEADER SUBMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT



Please be advised that as per Resolution 2026-034, HEDC Board approved that for organizations and non-profits, only half-page posting is free. There will be a flat rate of \$100 for any postings beyond the half-page, which covers the printing, set-up, and labor costs.

We apologized for any inconvenience it may have caused, yet the HEDC Board would like to ensure to give equal opportunity to everyone who would like to use this service. -Thank you!

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Donations accepted:
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