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HAMIOTA WELCOMES NEW COUNCIL

The 2026 Municipal Election in Hamiota Municipality showcased the strength of local democracy, with residents turning out in impressive numbers to have their voices heard. Community members cast ballots at the Community Hall voting stations and satellite voting locations throughout the municipality, helping to achieve a strong voter turnout and demonstrating a continued commitment to the future of Hamiota. Official election results were certified on October 28, 2026, by the Senior Election Official.

Election Day was marked by a smooth and efficient voting process. Voters experienced well-organized polling stations, minimal delays, and a welcoming atmosphere that allowed residents to exercise their democratic right quickly and confidently. The success of the election was the result of extensive planning, preparation, and cooperation among election officials, candidates, and community members. The orderly conduct of the election reflected the professionalism and dedication of everyone involved.

The race for Head of Council attracted three candidates, providing voters with a meaningful choice for municipal leadership. Incumbent Randy Lints was re-elected after receiving 236 votes, securing approximately 46 percent of the ballots cast. Challenging him were Jennifer Andrew, who received 142 votes, and Tom Mollard, who received 135 votes. The close and competitive nature of the race highlighted the interest residents have in the direction and governance of the municipality.

Residents also elected six councillors from a field of eight candidates. Elected to Council were Cal Harrison with 432 votes, Ross Gray with 387 votes, Lance Routledge with 326 votes, Kelvin Tiller with 306 votes, Ryan Tolton with 296 votes, and Ed Brethour with 293 votes. Their election reflects the confidence voters have placed in them to represent community interests and guide municipal decision-making in the years ahead.

While only six council positions were available, all candidates should be commended for their willingness to serve their community. Candidates Les Kirk and Kenneth Lawn contributed to a positive and respectful campaign and helped ensure residents had a variety of perspectives to consider when casting their ballots. Municipal elections rely on individuals stepping forward to serve, and every candidate played an important role in strengthening the democratic process.

A successful election requires more than candidates and voters. Special recognition is owed to the election officers and support staff who worked diligently before, during, and after Election Day. From preparing voter lists and polling stations to assisting voters and completing the vote count, election officials demonstrated professionalism, integrity, and a commitment to ensuring every vote was counted accurately. Their efforts helped make the election process efficient, transparent, and accessible to all eligible voters.

The election also served as a reminder of the value of civic participation in rural communities. Strong voter turnout signals that residents are invested in the future of Hamiota and recognize the important role municipal government plays in delivering services, maintaining infrastructure, supporting recreation and economic development, and fostering community growth. The engagement shown throughout this election is a positive sign for the municipality as it looks toward the opportunities and challenges of the coming term.

As the newly elected Council begins its work, residents can take pride in a successful election that was conducted fairly, efficiently, and with the active participation of the community. The Municipality extends its appreciation to every voter, candidate, election worker, and volunteer who contributed to making the 2026 Municipal Election a success. Through their collective efforts, Hamiota once again demonstrated the strength of local democracy and the community spirit that continues to make the municipality a great place to live, work, and raise a family



HAMIOTA MUNICIPALITY

STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL RESULTS

I, the undersigned, the senior election official in the local authority, certify that below is an accurate summary of the votes counted for each candidate in respect of this election.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES

FOR MAYOR

Names of Candidates	Number of Votes Given
Andrew, Jennifer	142
Lints, Randy	236
Mollard, Tom	135

FOR COUNCILLORS

Names of Candidates	Number of Votes Given
Brethour, Ed	293
Gray, Ross	387
Harrison, Cal	432
Kirk, Les	271
Lawn, Kenneth	244
Routledge, Lance	326
Tiller, Kelvin	306
Tolton, Ryan	296

I also certify that 11 ballot papers were declined, rejected, spoiled or taken from the voting station.

Dated at Hamiota Municipality this 28th day of October, 2026.

Armi Adair
Senior Election Official



WINTER HOME ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Full Article from Efficiency MB Website

Keep your home comfortable and energy-efficient this winter by focusing on five key areas:

Maintain your heating system with annual servicing, regular filter changes, and clear air intake and exhaust vents to ensure safe and efficient operation.

Seal drafts around windows, doors, baseboards, and outlets with caulking or weatherstripping to prevent heat loss and reduce heating costs.

Use your thermostat wisely by lowering temperatures when you're sleeping or away. Smart thermostats can help manage energy use while maintaining comfort.

Take advantage of natural heat by opening blinds and curtains during the day to let in sunlight and closing them at night to retain warmth. Window insulation kits and insulated curtains can further improve efficiency.

Improve insulation in areas such as attics, basements, crawlspaces, and walls to keep heat inside and reduce long-term energy expenses

These simple steps can lower energy bills, improve home comfort, and help your heating system perform more efficiently throughout the winter.

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JOIN SHOP HAMIOTA THIS CHRISTMAS!

The Hamiota Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is excited to announce the revival of Shop Hamiota This Christmas, a community initiative designed to celebrate and support our local businesses during the holiday season.

Previously led by the Chamber of Commerce, this popular program encouraged residents to shop local and keep holiday spending within our community. HEDC is pleased to bring this initiative back for the 2026 Christmas season and invites all businesses, organizations, service providers, retailers, and community groups to participate.

By working together, we can showcase the many products, services, and experiences available right here in Hamiota, while encouraging residents and visitors alike to support local businesses throughout the holiday season.

The program will officially launch in December, with additional details regarding participation opportunities, promotions, and activities to be announced in the coming weeks.

Whether you are a retailer, restaurant, home-based business, service provider, non-profit organization, or community group, we encourage you to become involved and help make this year's campaign a success.

For more information or to express your interest in participating, please contact the Hamiota Economic Development Corporation (HEDC). Let's work together to make this Christmas season a celebration of community spirit and local shopping. Shop Hamiota This Christmas and support the businesses and organizations that make our community thrive! 🎄🎁🛍️

ACRES FOR HAMIOTA: A HARVEST TO REMEMBER



Acres for Hamiota hosted its annual harvest lunch on September 28 at the hall this year instead of in the field, as the timing of harvest was still uncertain.

The change of venue didn't stop the community from coming together for a wonderful lunch and an opportunity to connect. President Mark Knight and Vice-President Laura Cowling shared a few words with those in attendance.

Harvest day finally arrived, and the crop was successfully harvested on October 2. With harvest timing dependent on the weather and a short window to get organized and get the crop off, agricultural businesses and community members quickly stepped forward, offering equipment, operators, trucks, grain carts and their time. What began as a day with two combines soon grew to four as people recognized the need and came together to help get the job done.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this harvest possible. We truly appreciate every contribution and hope we haven't missed anyone in recognizing those who stepped up to help!

- Rocky Mountain Equipment and Sylvin for providing a combine and operator.
- Mazers Group and Gavin for providing a combine and operator.
- Brent and Kathryn Knight for providing a combine.
- Jason Smith for providing a combine.
- Brooks 3G for providing a truck, and Redfern Farm Services for providing a driver, Del Ritchie.
- Charlton Farms for providing a truck, and Derek Ashcroft for operating it.
- Knight-Line Farms for providing a semi, and Nutrien for providing a driver, Esther.
- Cowling Farms for providing a grain cart, and Murray Mailand for operating it.
- Corteva and Rob Parr for providing lunch for the crew.
- Hamiota Co-op and TJs for their generous donations.
- Cargill Oakner for taking wheat directly from the field and helping with all the extras that made the operation run smoothly.
- Lee-Ann Haggarty for assisting on harvest day so things ran smoothly and looking after the volunteers.

A harvest to remember for many reasons, from the September rains and challenging conditions to the determination, generosity, and teamwork that brought the harvest to completion. Every contribution, large or small, made a difference and showed just how special our agricultural community truly is.

Hamiota 55 + Centre November 2026

Annual Meeting – January 13, 2027

Winner of Calendar contest- winning photo taken was by Marlene Smith submitted by Kayce Knight

Memberships are now being taken for the 2027 year.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Yoga 10 am	3 Downsize & Declutter Seminar 7pm	4 Cards 1:30	5 Coffee morning Zumba Gold 2 pm	6 Soup & Sandwich 11:30-1:00 Social Time 1:30	7
8	9 Yoga 10 am	10 Bingo 1:30	11 Cards 1:30	12 Coffee morning Deja New Upcycle 7pm	13 Social Time 1:30	14
15	16 Yoga 10 am	17	18 Cards 1:30 Marlene Hunter- photo solutions 7 pm	19 Coffee morning	20 Social Time 1:30	21
22	23 Yoga 10 am	24 Bingo 1:30	25 Cards 1:30 Hearing Clinic	26 Coffee morning	27 Social Time 1:30	28
29	30 Yoga 10 am					

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

HAMIOTA COLLEGIATE SCHOOL SERVICE

November 10, 2026 * HCI Gymnasium
Doors Open at 10:30AM
Service Starts at 10:45AM

CORNERSTONE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTRE

November 11, 2026 * War Memorial / Cenotaph (Please dress according to weather)

LEST WE FORGET

Protect Yourself This Respiratory Illness Season

As respiratory virus season approaches, Prairie Mountain Health is encouraging residents to help protect themselves, their families, and vulnerable community members from influenza (flu), COVID-19, RSV, and pneumococcal disease. Vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of serious illness, hospitalization, and complications.

All Manitobans aged six months and older are encouraged to receive their annual flu vaccine and stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations. Additional protection is available for older adults, including enhanced flu vaccines for those 65 and older, pneumococcal vaccines, and the new RSV vaccine for eligible individuals aged 80 and older.

Vaccines are available through local pharmacies, healthcare providers, public health clinics, and Prairie Mountain Health vaccine clinics beginning October 26. In addition to vaccination, simple measures such as regular handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when feeling unwell can help reduce the spread of illness and support a healthier community for everyone.

Full Article at PMH Website



HAMIOTA FEEDLOT

HAMIOTA Community Foundation

2026 ***Giving Week*** is just around the corner.

Please join us ***Thursday, November 12, 2026*** for our community luncheon to be held from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Hamiota Community Centre

For the week of November 9 - 15, 2026, Endow MB will give $40.00 for every donation of $100.00

Hear from our 2026 Grant Recipients:

- Hamiota 55+ Centre and R Store
- Hamiota Collegiate Travel Club
- Hamiota Elementary School
- Hamiota Golf Club
- Hamiota Centennial Library
- Hamiota Aquatic Centre
- Hamiota Recreation
- Hamiota Senior Citizens Park Residence
- Hamiota Seniors Council
- Midwest Arts Council
- STARTS
- Villages United Early Learning Centre

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA

Endow Manitoba
YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NETWORK

LIONS CLUB FISH FRY IS A COMMUNITY SUCCESS

The Hamiota Lions Club's annual Fish Fry was another great success, with more than 260 meals served on October 18. The event was made possible through the support of the Hamiota Agricultural Society, the Decker 4-H Pony Club, and a large turnout of community members. Lions members were especially grateful for the assistance provided by the young volunteers from the 4-H Club.

Proceeds from the event will help fund a variety of community projects. At its October meeting, the Lions Club approved funding for supplies to support local home care services and made a significant donation to Lions Foundation International to help purchase generators for Ukraine, providing much-needed electricity during the winter months.

The club also contributed funding to support the Age Friendly Committee's upcoming Jack Frost Winterfest, helping bring holiday cheer and community spirit to Hamiota this winter.

The Hamiota Lions Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Community Hall and welcomes visitors and new members. Anyone interested in learning more about the organization is encouraged to contact Murray Mathison at 204-412-1002.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HAMIOTA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Are you interested in helping your community during emergencies?

The Hamiota Municipality is seeking dedicated volunteers to join its Emergency Management Response Team. Volunteers play an important role in helping the community prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies such as severe weather, flooding, fires, power outages, and other unforeseen events.

No previous emergency management experience is required. Training and support will be provided. We are looking for community-minded individuals who are willing to lend a hand, assist residents, and help strengthen Hamiota's emergency preparedness efforts.

By volunteering, you can make a real difference when your community needs it most.

To learn more or express your interest in joining the team, please contact the Hamiota Municipal Office.

Be prepared. Get involved. Help keep Hamiota strong and resilient.



MAXIMIZING EVERY ACRE WITH 4R NUTRIENT STEWARDSHIP

By: Trevor Bacque - Full article from Farm Credit Canada Website

Farmers looking to improve productivity while protecting the environment are encouraged to adopt 4R Nutrient Stewardship practices and explore new agricultural technologies. During Manitoba 4R Day at EMILI Innovation Farms near Grosse Isle, experts highlighted how using the right fertilizer source, rate, timing, and placement can improve crop yields, increase fertilizer efficiency, and strengthen farm profitability.

The event showcased how 4R practices can be successfully applied on a working 5,500-acre farm, giving producers practical insight into real-world farming conditions. Presentations also explored enhanced-efficiency fertilizers, soil sensors, and tile drainage systems that support more effective nutrient management.

One of the key technologies demonstrated was a network of soil sensors connected to weather stations and smartphone apps. These tools help farmers monitor soil moisture and field conditions, allowing them to make more informed decisions about fertilizer applications, crop protection products, and overall crop management.

Organizers emphasized that every farm is unique and encouraged producers to stay informed through events, research, and ongoing education. By combining 4R stewardship with data-driven technologies, farmers can improve sustainability, preserve soil health, and make better business decisions for the long-term success of their operations.

UGLY DÉCOR FUNDRAISER WILL KICK OFF FOR JACK FROST WINTERFEST

Keep an eye on your front yard... an unexpected visitor may be arriving soon!

The Age-Friendly Committee is launching a fun and friendly **Ugly Décor Fundraiser in support of Jack Frost Winterfest.** The fundraiser begins with a uniquely ugly piece of décor being placed in a resident's yard. To have the décor removed, the homeowner must make a $30 donation and then choose the next yard where the ugly décor will make its appearance.

The challenge will continue throughout the community, with each donation helping support activities and events planned for Jack Frost Winterfest. It's a lighthearted way to have some fun with friends and neighbours while contributing to a great community event.

Donations can be made to the Municipality of Hamiota or by e-transfer to finance@hamiota.com. Please include "Jack Frost Winterfest" in the memo line to ensure your contribution is directed to the fundraiser.

Will the ugly décor end up in your yard next? Stay tuned and join the fun while supporting Winterfest!



Mid-West Arts Council

39 Maple Avenue
Gallery M,W,F 12-3pm
www.midwestartscouncil.com/events

November Exhibition:
Arts West Juried Art Show
Traveling Gallery
Oct 26 - Nov 14



https://www.artswestcouncil.ca/page/juried_art_show

September's Exhibition brought Vanda Fleury's "Framing Residential School Narratives through Landscapes of Resiliency" to the Heritage Arts Centre just in time for Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th. Vanda's exhibit displays historical artifacts from many of the areas residential schools providing visitors a touch and feel experience as she tells us about her grandfather Fred, a survivor of Lebret Residential School.

Mid-West Arts Council

HERITAGE ARTS CENTRE 39 MAPLE AVE HAMIOTA

CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET

Unique & Locally Made Items

November 14th until December 4th

MARKET HOURS:

MON-WED-FRI: 11:00AM-3PM

SATURDAY 10:00AM-4PM

The Mid-West Arts Council is holding their Annual Christmas Artisan Market featuring the works of local artits and craftspeople:

SEWING & KNITTING
ARTWORK & POTTERY
JEWELLERY & HOME DECOR
AND MUCH MORE

CASH ONLY

CHRISTMAS PUDDING PICKUP $7:

DECEMBER 4: 11:00AM-6:00PM

VENDOR REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 6TH

CALL MID-WEST ARTS COUNCIL FOR DETAILS 204-764-2400

Vendor Registration for the Christmas Artisan Market is open until November 6th Call 204-764-2400 or visit for registration form pick-up

Christmas Pudding
Pick Up $7
Dec 4 11am-6pm



Cash Only

sunday crafternoons

Treat yourself to a relaxing self-care Crafternoon!

Catch up on the craft projects and creative hobbies you love in our calm and welcoming, stress-free space!

This self-guided session allows you to spend the afternoon with creative "me time" and make something with your own hands at your own pace.

Bring your own projects, supplies, and creativity and spend an afternoon at the Hamiota Heritage Arts Centre. Come and nurture your creative spirit!

Sundays 2:00-4:00pm
Sept 27th / Oct 25th / Nov 22nd
Cost: $ 10/day or $25 for all three

RIBBON WREATH WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 7th
1:00-3:00pm
Instructor: Marianne Whyte
Cost: $75 - all materials included

Join us for an afternoon of learning to make a beautiful and cozy winter ribbon wreath. Spaces are limited! Register soon!



A Moment for Families with Pastor Orland

Cornerstone Family Worship Centre

Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit." 1 Timothy 4:7 (TLB)

"God not only wants to use you — He wants to speak to you. Many believers feel spiritually out of shape, unsure that God even talks to people anymore. But if you belong to Jesus, He desires a close, daily relationship with you. Here are four simple practices that help keep your heart spiritually fit: 1. Study God's Word. Slow down and let the Holy Spirit open the Scriptures to you. "All Scripture is inspired by God… to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16–17 NLT) 2. Read books that strengthen your faith. Learn from those who have faithfully followed Jesus. "Do yourself a favor and learn all you can." (Proverbs 19:8 GNT) 3. Write out your testimony. Remember how God saved you — and be ready to share it. "Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you about the hope you have." (1 Peter 3:15 NCV) 4. Come to church regularly. You can't grow in isolation. "Encourage each other and build each other up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT) Just like no one gets fed by watching a cooking show, you can't grow by watching others worship. Spiritual fitness happens when we gather, learn, and walk with Jesus together.

Until next month, Pastor Orland

Ministries:

Remembrance Day Service: November 11 at 11 AM at the war memorial. This is an outdoor service. Please dress for the weather.
Sunday Morning Celebration- Come and worship together. Exciting and relevant children's ministry every Sunday. Starts 11:00 AM.
Men's Bible Study Wednesday 8:30 AM
Youth Ministry- Wednesday After School.

For more info check our face book page.

PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH
SANTÉ PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2026

HAMIOTA & AREA RESIDENTS

Hamiota Health Centre

Emergency Department Services will be **OPEN**:

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

MDNT = Midnight

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SCAN HERE

Town	Date	Time	Location
Hamiota #1	November 4	11 am to 6 pm	Hamiota Community Hall (50 4th St. SE)
Hamiota #2	November 18	11 am to 6 pm	Hamiota Community Hall
Kenton	November 9	2 pm to 6 pm	Kenton Memorial Hall (219 Cornwall St.)
Miniota	November 12	2 pm to 6 pm	Miniota Community Hall (568 Miniota Rd.)
Rivers #2	Tue. November 3	12 pm to 4 pm	Rivers Legion Hall (633 Second Ave.)