



# THE BIRTLE OUTLOOK

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## Thursday Thought:

The Best Leaders will be those who listen to their people to figure out where they should be going.

## Weather Outlook

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|---------|-------------------|----|---|
| July 29 | Sunny             | 27 |    |
| July 30 | Isolated Showers  | 26 |    |
| July 31 | Mainly Sunny      | 30 |    |
| Aug 1   | Cloudy w/ showers | 25 |   |
| Aug 2   | Sunny             | 25 |  |

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## Birtle River Run - Aug 7 New addition for 2011: 10km run

Lace up your runners because on Sunday, August 7th at 8:00 am the Birdtail Fitness Co-op will host its 3rd annual Birtle River Run in Manitoba. Are you a marathon junkie and want to challenge yourself in the half marathon?

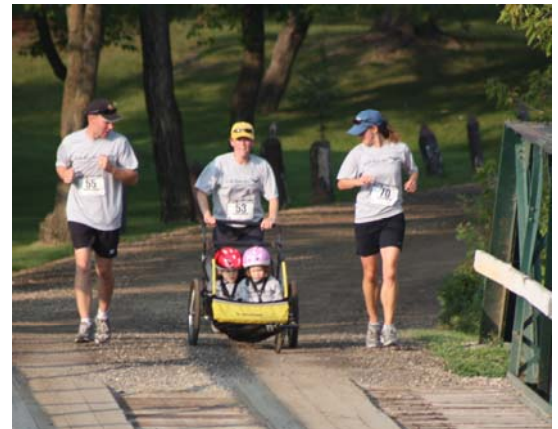
Or would you rather walk the 5K or pick up the pace with the 10K? The choice is yours. "This is something that everyone can participate in. Past years we've had serious runners from around the province as well as families pushing strollers and everything in-between", says Race Director Steve Desjardins.

"This year we have added a 10K to the event. This adds a new dimension to the run that allows first time runners a taste of what a Half Marathon feels like."

Val Thomson President of the Birdtail Fitness Co-op describes the run as a chance to, "breathe in the fresh air, listen to the birds sing and enjoy our Beautiful Birdtail Valley. You'll feel great!"

The event kicks off on Saturday with a pre-run pasta supper at the Riverside Golf Club for participants and the general public. Sunday morning starts at the Birtle Beach. Just

follow the music. If you can't participate in the run then come out, cheer them on and congratulate the runners as they cross the finish line. All participants receive a River Run t-shirt as well as a medallion. There will



be door prizes as well as post run food! So come out and enjoy the excitement of race day. Pre registration is encouraged. Details of the supper and Run can be found at [www.mraweb.ca](http://www.mraweb.ca) Just go to races and check the downloadable registration form. If you still have questions contact Steve Desjardins at [steveal@mymts.net](mailto:steveal@mymts.net) or talk or text at 847-0089.

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# Gallery in the Garden - a success despite the rain

A garden isn't a garden without rain and the first Gallery in the Garden got a thorough drenching of right in the middle of the show. As a result the lawns shimmered, the blossom colors were intensified and the sky was a turmoil of grey and white. Exhilarating! Luckily the artwork had been safely displayed inside and the quilts rather than flapping in the breeze could be viewed from the CDC building. No one objected. All those 81 who tool the tour enjoyed the combination of art and nature, and no one in this farming community complained about a July soaker.

Twenty eight artists participated, and enjoyed showing their work and viewing that of others. Visitors were able to watch Pat and Candace at the wheel, Colombe at her easel, Mary sculpting and to meet painters, quilters and photographers while viewing their work. All were impressed. "The extent of the venues and the quality of the work were stunning" remarked a participant who toured twice. "This is exhilarating" sighed another from under her umbrella, "magical".

"We need to do this again", affirmed an artist "and to have an artists get together."

The committee was pleased with the \$2300 raised by the event, and welcomes suggestions for next year. Please send in your evaluations sheets if you took one. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out on the say to assist the artists at the site or to serve afternoon tea.

What a beautiful event for Birtle.

By: Judy Bewer



The Birtle & District Foundation would like to express its heartfelt appreciation to all the people who made the *GALLERY IN THE GARDEN* such a huge success. All the months of preparation, the million details, sitting in meetings when the weather called you outside, we are truly blessed to have you all working so hard to make our community a success. It was a first class event and we commend you.

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# PEOPLE, PLANTS & POLITICS

*by Albert Parsons*

Gardeners consult a wide range of sources when they need information or have questions. Whether they are dealing with an insect infestation, a weed problem or whether they are simply trying to identify a plant or find out if a certain plant is hardy in their area, gardeners usually can find answers to their queries. Books, magazines and television programs used to be the main sources of information – and inspiration – but now surfing the web has become a quick and easy way to glean gardening information. Just entering the word “echinacea” into a search engine will produce hundreds of sources of information.

Besides consulting the research and gleaning information from print and electronic sources, gardeners are experts at networking and developing relationships with fellow gardeners. Probably the most enjoyable way to obtain gardening information is by talking to fellow gardeners. Let’s not forget that other valuable method of learning about gardening – the old school of learning by doing. Even armed with all the knowledge that is out there, nothing quite

matches a hands-on learning experience, a learn-by-doing model.

Governments also must access knowledge about a wide range of topics. Many times they must research before making a decision about what action they will take. Learned civil servants often supply the required expertise and provide the needed information; having a competent and well-educated civil service is vital to good government decision making, but sometimes outside expertise must be sought. Hiring experts, employing consultants, and talking to other jurisdictions with similar concerns - whether at the municipal, provincial or federal level – are all useful methods of gathering information. Sometimes, faced with an unprecedented event, there may be an urgent need to take immediate action and a learn-by-doing model may have to be used. Good government decisions are based on knowledge and the best information available at the time, and that is what I learned about people and politics in the garden this week.

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- July 28 - 10:30am - 12pm - Birtle Library Summer Reading program
- Aug 5, 6 - Birtle Agricultural Fair
- August 6 - Antique Tractor Pull
- August 7 - Ladies open golf tournament
- August 7 - Birtle River Run - Half marathon, 10km & 5km runs
- August 10 - 11am - 2pm - Birdtail Country Museum Country Market
- August 13 - Foxwarren Goods & Services Golf Tournament
- August 24 - 11am - 2pm - Birdtail Country Museum Country Market
- Sept. 7 - 11am - 2pm - Birdtail Country Museum Country Market
- Sept. 10 - Tummell Open Golf Tournament
- Sept. 17 - Ladies Golf Windup
- Sept. 24 - Mixed Golf Windup

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## Sudoku

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| 8 | 1 | 4 | 2 |   | 6 |   |   | 9 |
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|   | 8 |   | 6 | 2 |   | 1 |   |   |
| 4 |   | 6 |   | 5 |   |   | 7 | 8 |
|   |   | 7 |   |   | 9 |   | 6 |   |
|   | 6 |   | 9 |   | 5 |   |   |   |
| 5 |   | 3 | 1 |   | 2 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| 7 |   |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces of the board. Every row, column and 3x3 subsection of the grid must contain one and only one of each digit.

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