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November 2019

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Winter Garbage Dump Hours

November 3rd, 2019 to March 7th, 2020
9:00am – 5:00pm

As of November 3rd, 2019, the hours of all three garbage dumps in the RM will change to 9:00am to 5:00pm on the regular days the dump is scheduled to be open. These winter hours will remain in effect until March 7th, 2020.

Remembrance Day Office Closure



**Council Meetings will commence
at 6:00pm starting in November
2019 until March 2020.**

2019 Tax Deadline

All 2019 RM of Piney taxes were due on October 31st, 2019. If you missed this deadline, your RM account will incur interest charges of 1.25% on the 1st day of each month following the deadline. Payments can be made online (Credit Union or Caisse banks), in office (debit, cash, or cheque), by mailing a cheque, or over the phone by credit card (requires a 2% charge).

Council Meeting Changes

The Council Meeting scheduled for November 26th, 2019 has been moved up to November 21st, 2019 at 6:00pm.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

FALL BACK

ONE HOUR

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019



Private Well Water Testing

Due to recent high waters, the Seine-Rat River Conservation District will be assisting residents with private well water testing for the presence of E.coli and Coliform bacteria. The cost of private well water testing will be done at no charge. Each legal location is eligible for one sample per well.

Water sample bottles & application forms can be picked up in advance at the RM office. **Samples must be taken on the same day as the drop-off and submitted at the RM office prior to 10:00am** along with your completed chain of custody and SRRCD application forms.

Private Well Water Testing will take place on:

Thursday, November 7th, 2019 before 10:00am

For more information, please contact:

Seine-Rat River Conservation District

204-425-7877 or 204-326-1030

info@srrcd.ca

FLU CLINICS

SEASONAL

Get the shot, not the flu! It's FREE

PINEY

PINEY OVER 40 CLUB

HWY 89 (attached to Piney Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For more information on community flu clinic near you, visit:

www.southernhealth.ca

RM HIGHLIGHTS

Manitoba – Minnesota Transmission Line – Construction progress has slowed due to heavy rainfall over the past two months. Don't be alarmed in the near future by loud "booms", similar to the loud noise produced by fireworks, as Manitoba Hydro undertakes the fusing of electrical connectors in their equipment.

Development Plan – Work continues on the review of the 2010 Development Plan. The community survey period closed September 30th, 2019. A total of 147 surveys were submitted, thank you to all those that participated in the survey, that input will be summarized in the background study. We anticipate further public review early in 2020, look for the Coffee with Council dates in the February Newsletter.

Seniors Care Facility – The Community Housing Survey closes October 31st, 2019. The RM, along with the partnering organizations, anxiously awaits the results of the survey. All input will aid in the determination of the next steps. Thank you to those that participated in this valuable survey.

Piney Stuartburn Economic Development District – The RM of Piney and the RM of Stuartburn have completed interviewing applicants for the position of Economic Development & Tourism Manager. We thank all those who expressed interest in the position and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours. The successful applicant will be announced shortly.

UPCOMING MEETING



The PRCC is excited to host Jenny Dupas of Eastman Tourism as a guest presenter at our October regular meeting. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about tourism in the region.

New Date
November 14th, 2019

TIME:
7:00 PM

PLACE:
RM Office - Vassar, MB.

LEARN How Eastman Tourism can help elevate your tourism business
How we can help not-for-profits groups market and promote their events
How to engage through social media
About educational opportunities
How we foster collaboration through partnerships



HEALTH & WELLNESS



MBTelehealth available at:

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre
Buffalo Point Health & Wellness Centre

One of our MBTelehealth sites may provide you with the option of seeing your health-care provider by video-conference. You will be able to see, hear and talk to your health-care provider on a television screen and the person at the other end will also be able to see, hear and talk to you. Telehealth live video conferencing can be used for clinical and non-clinical services such as medical education, administration and research.

Ask your health-care specialist if your next visit can be done by MBTelehealth.

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Bringing health care closer to home



VASSAR

COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL CENTRE & PINE, NEEDLES & CONES

FALL SUPPER

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2019
4:00 – 6:00 pm



Adults: \$15.00
6 to 12: \$6.00
5 & Under: FREE

VASSAR HALL, VASSAR, MB



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
PINEY, MB

TABLE RENTAL
CRAFT, BUSINESS, & MISC Tables - \$15 each
Call Jen @ 204-423-2223 or Shawny @ 204-437-2600
By email Piney4hclovers@yahoo.com

Lunch will be available.

Christmas Food Drive ~ non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be accepted for the Community Christmas Hampers
PINEY 4-H CLOVERS



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 1st, 2019
Place: Sprague Community Hall
Lunch to follow
Everyone Welcome!



Joy to the World!



WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
69 Denis Street, Woodridge

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE

and

CHRISTMAS SUPPER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2019

Craft & Bake Sale
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission: Free

Supper
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Admission:
Adult/Teens: \$15/person
Children 6 - 12 years: \$6/person
Children 5 years & under: Free

WANTED . . . Crafters, Artisans and Bakers
Call: Cory 204-429-2323



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday December 7, 2019
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba

Indoor Market

Rainbow Draw

Canteen

will be available



For more information call

Jen - 423-2223

Gary - 437-2247

All Vendor types welcome!

If you can't make it, bake it or grow it...
You can buy it at the Farmer's Market!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Vassar



Over a century ago, the CNR was building the railroad in southeast Manitoba. The cooks came with live animals to be slaughtered when the workers needed to be fed. Spring water was found on a hill which became Butcher Hill and the town was named Vassar which in German means water (wasser).

At some point the government advertised land for sale for next to nothing, plus a horse, cow and a handful of chickens. Many came from the US and if it were possible, they would have gone right back. At one time, every quarter of land had a family on it from the shores of Whitemouth Lake to Vassar. There were 3 schools - Whitemouth Lake, Burns and Vassar.

Most people survived by growing their own vegetables, and whatever bounty was available from the wild. They sold or traded products from their farms, trapped, fished or picked blueberries. From the beginning, logging was the main source of income.

Many people north of Vassar originally came from Europe and Vassar's population was mainly French. The school in Vassar was taught by the nuns who were excellent teachers. If you moved to Vassar and didn't speak French, you soon learned.

The CNR and the Eaton's Catalogue were a huge part of everyone's lives. You could board the train early, go to Winnipeg for a doctor's visit, shop, eat at Eaton's lunch counter, see a Shirley Temple movie and be back in Vassar by late evening. A source of entertainment for young people was the passenger train. They gathered every evening to see who and what had got off the train. It could be the topic of conversation until the next night.

Vassar is a baseball community. Seemed like every man woman and child belonged to a team. Whitemouth Lake had a team and playing field at one time. There are notable members of the community that have been inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame. Hardly a weekend went by when the team and fans didn't have a tournament at home or away.

Changes followed the Second World War. Soldiers realized there was a different world out there and some families left to pursue other means of survival. Motor vehicles began to replace teams of horses on the roads. Trucks began hauling timber to railway cars in Steinbach or Winnipeg. People didn't have to do all their shopping in town or from Eaton's anymore.

In 1967 the Centennial project for Vassar was to build a swimming pool. Today, the Red Cross certified instructor has taught hundreds and hundreds of children and adults how to swim and save lives. We also have a beautiful park, 3 well-kept baseball diamonds and a hall. Our main sources of fundraising are the annual baseball tournament in August, the snowmobile derby in February and our fall supper in November. All projects and successes are the result of hard-working, dedicated volunteers.

Many properties in our area are owned by weekenders or hunters. The rest of us live here because we want the peace.

Joyce Cayer

SOUTH JUNCTION PINE GROVE SENIORS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Pine Grove Seniors Hall
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019
at 3:00 pm

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

MORE EVENTS IN NOVEMBER:

Ross L Gray School Remembrance Day Program
November 8th, 2019 – RLG Gymnasium

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER:

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce
December 12th, 2019 – Council Chambers in Vassar

Ross L Gray School Christmas Program
December 17th, 2019 – RLG Gymnasium

The RM would like to thank you for your
patience during our recent State of Local
Emergency due to overland flooding.
Thankfully the conditions improved and the
State of Local Emergency was lifted.

*Thank
you!*

Remembrance Day
LEST WE FORGET

