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March 2020

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### Spring/Summer Dump Hours

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

All three Waste Disposal Sites within the RM of Piney will be operating Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm starting Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### Road Weight Restrictions

**Coming: March 2020**

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction of normal loading.

- Menisino North (Rd 59E) from PTH 12 to PR 201
- Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21N) from PR 210 to Rd 74E
  - St. Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) from PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar North - Vassar to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
  - Vassar East MM (Rd 6N) from Vassar East Access to PR 308
- Municipal Road 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210



**Road locations are subject to change.**

Once restrictions are implemented they will remain until further notice.

### Spring Hunting Lease

RM of Piney Land Access Permits

**Spring Season**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Spring season permits can be pre-purchased as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for a cost of \$250.00.

For a complete list of land available for lease, please visit our website: [www.rmofpiney.mb.ca](http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca) or stop in at the RM office in Vassar.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night.

### Farmland School Tax Rebate

**Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

A reminder that all completed and signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2019 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporation, by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. In order to receive this rebate all 2019 CLPA lease fees must be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

For details call 204-239-3246 or visit [www.masc.mb.ca](http://www.masc.mb.ca).

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Career Symposium

*Bringing Businesses, Communities and Students Together!*

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**9:30am – 4:30pm**

**Sprague Community Center**



**Open to the Entire Community!**

Explore the possibilities and meet new faces along the way. Participants include many local businesses and organizations.

An engaging speaker, interactive displays and presentations are planned to fill the day.

We are excited to announce our 2020 keynote speaker...

**Dalip Shekhawat**



With over 15 years of experience, this passionate educator, mountaineer and ultra-runner has conquered Mount Everest and is currently training to run 500km through extreme cold, mountains, desert and hills.



Funding assistance provided by the Manitoba Government.



# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

**2020 Financial Plan** – Council and staff have been working hard in developing the 2020 Financial Plan. Preliminary presentations of the plan were shown at the Coffee with Council meeting held mid-February. Council is determined to hold a steady mill rate at the same level as prior years. The RM is looking forward to continued work on street paving, economic development, sustained and improved road maintenance, and many other proposed initiatives for 2020. There is still plenty of time for public input before the April 8<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, contact your local councillor to provide your opinion in this year's Financial Plan.

**Development Plan** – The RM's Draft Development Plan was introduced during the 2020 Coffee with Council meetings. We encourage ratepayers to review the draft plan map, charts and documents on the RM's website. If you have any questions or would like to provide input into the draft plan, please don't hesitate to email Allison Driedger with Bluestem Development at [bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com) or Martin Van Osch with the RM at [martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca). A survey has also been created to help with the input process, please take a couple minutes and visit the following link: <https://4eyes.io/s/5ca59/>

**Seniors Care Facility** – The Southeast Community Services Coop, along with Sunrise Corner was successful in securing a second grant for the development of a business plan for a seniors housing facility. We look forward to this continued effort to support and improve the lives of seniors in Southeast Manitoba. More information will come as the Coop moves forward in the development of the business plan.

**Community Career Symposium** – The RM of Piney, in partnership with Ross L Gray School, Sunrise Corner and the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce look forward to this year's Community Career Symposium being held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Sprague. A great deal of teamwork has gone into ensuring that this year's event will be even more successful than last year's event. We're looking forward to hosting over 170 students from three separate schools and invite all community members to attend this wonderful event. Don't miss out on our guest speaker and his amazing adventures. More details to come in the next newsletter and looking forward to seeing many of you at this event.

**Fall 2019 Severe Weather** – The RM is pleased with the provinces announcement that it will make disaster financial assistance (DFA) available for eligible municipalities, homeowners, farms and small businesses impacted by severe weather in October 2019. For those impacted, applications and further details are available online at [www.manitobaemo.ca](http://www.manitobaemo.ca) or by calling the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization at 204-945-3050 or (toll-free) 1-888-267-8298.



## Economic Development Update

In part three of our four pillars of economic development, this month we're talking about entrepreneurs and home-based businesses.

Home-based businesses offer so many of the day-to-day products and services we all use. Whether it's a craftsperson, photographer, direct sales consultant, accountant, writer or graphic designer or someone running a gravel, septic or hauling service. It might be a carpenter or small engine repair technician working out of a shop next to their home or a plumber or electrician who stores their tools and materials at home but visits customers in their own homes.

One of our economic development goals is to encourage current and new residents to consider working from home. This option allows people to have a rewarding career and provide for their family while enjoying the small-town community spirit and amazing quality of life our region offers.

What we're working on: Through open office days and talking to people at local events, I am learning about the products and services we have available in this area and helping entrepreneurs fill the gaps.

- Directing business owners to resources such as interest-free loans and free training opportunities, as well as providing input to their business plan.
- Creating a short survey to gather up-to-date information on local businesses to update the RM website, create an economic development website, and update the print version of our business directory. Watch the RM website and social media for details.

What residents can do: As we talked about last month, growth is going to happen in our community when we support our community – money spent here stays here.

- Attend an event in another community within the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn or take your family to see a local tourist attraction you've never been to before.
- Check out the online business directory on the RM website and see if there are products and services you need that you didn't know were available in the area.

Mark your calendars for the Community Career Symposium in Sprague on April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ross L. Gray, Shevchenko and Arbogate schools will be participating but the entire community is welcome. You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Everest climber Dalip Shekhawat. More details to come.

Monique Chenier  
[monique@sunrisecornermb.ca](mailto:monique@sunrisecornermb.ca)



# Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic

## March 21, 2020

At the following locations:

**Town: Sprague**  
**Time: 9:00am - 11:00am**  
**Location: Sprague Fire Hall**

**Town: Piney**  
**Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm**  
**Location: Piney Fire Hall**

**Town: Woodridge**  
**Time: 2:30pm - 3:00pm**  
**Location: Woodridge Fire Hall**

Appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis.  
 During warmer temperatures please bring drinking water for you and your pet(s).

**Please bring vaccination history if possible**

### Canine:

K9/Feline Rabies only: \$30.45  
 K9 Distemper only: \$30.45  
 K9 Distemper and Rabies: \$51.45  
 Exam only: \$15.75

### Feline:

Indoor Vaccine only: \$30.45  
 Indoor Vaccine & Rabies: \$51.45  
 Outdoor Vaccine only: \$40.95  
 Outdoor Vaccine & Rabies: \$56.70

### Add ons:

Bordetella (Kennel Cough): \$15.69  
 Lyme: \$27.05  
 Heartworm/Lyme Tests: \$37.28

### Products:

K9/Feline Dewormer  
 Heartworm Prevention  
 Tick Prevention

**ALL PRICES INCLUDE AN EXAM  
 TAXES INCLUDED**



## Invites you to attend the Agriculture Producers Meeting

*to discuss the Draft Development Plan*

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**Piney Community Centre**

*The future of agriculture!*

Join us as we discuss future growth within the RM of Piney and be a part of shaping the policies that will impact development within the Municipality. This includes input from agricultural producers and livestock operators.

Designation	Intent	Subdivision	Livestock
<b>General Development</b>	Urban Areas -smaller lots & a variety of urban uses	Allowed for: commercial, residential, industrial, recreational, institutional	Conditional Use up to 9 AU
<b>Rural Residential/ Rural Seasonal</b>	Create rural lifestyle – rural in nature – residential/seasonal/ recreationally focused	Permitted for Residential/ recreational	1 AU/ Acre to max of 9 AU
<b>Rural Transitional Area</b>	Protect General Development areas and agriculture uses from conflicting land uses  Primarily agricultural  Limited commercial/ industrial and resource related uses	Subdivision for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring farmer</li> <li>Surplus farm site</li> <li>Realign boundaries</li> <li>For a farm employee</li> <li>Specialized agriculture</li> <li>Limited rural lots (subject to criteria)</li> <li>Limited agro/commercial/ industrial and resource related</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New 1 AU/ Acre to max of 9 AU</li> <li>Expansions up to 299 AU as a conditional use</li> </ul>
<b>Limited Rural</b>	Existing fragmented lots/poorer soils  Still intended for Agricultural purposes such as cropping/ grazing  Retain the natural area  Recreational uses	Subdivision for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring farmer</li> <li>Surplus farm site</li> <li>Fragmented parcel/ realign</li> <li>For a farm employee</li> <li>Specialized agriculture</li> <li>Agro commercial/ industrial/resource</li> <li>Limited rural lots (subject to criteria)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New and expansions to a maximum of 600 AU</li> <li>300 AU and over to a maximum of 600 AU conditional use</li> </ul>
<b>Agricultural Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better soils/ drainage</li> <li>Protect Agriculture</li> <li>Livestock</li> <li>Agriculture expansion</li> </ul>	Subdivision for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring farmer</li> <li>Surplus farm site</li> <li>Farm employee</li> <li>Fragmented parcel/ realign</li> <li>Agro commercial/ industrial/ resource</li> <li>Specialized agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New and Expansions to a maximum of 1800 AU</li> <li>300 AU and over to a maximum of 1800 AU conditional use</li> </ul>

Development Plan updates will be made available on our website: <https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/>

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# Southeast Farmer's Market

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**10 am – 3:00 pm**

**Pine Grove Seniors Center  
 South Junction, Manitoba**

**Indoor Market  
 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



### *Whitemouth Lake Community*



The Whitemouth Lake Community was situated on the North West side of the lake. Families came to settle in the area because they could purchase a quarter of land for as low as \$5.00 or \$10.00. By the 1930's as many as 35 families had settled in the area from various backgrounds; Polish, German, Czechoslovakian, English, French, etc.

In 1914 a post office was opened but closed in 1918. The Whitemouth Lake School District opened in 1914 and closed in 1966 with the coming of consolidation. The School meant a lot to the community as it served not only as a school but a gathering place where dances, concerts, church services, etc. were held.

In the 1940's and early 1950's the settlement had its own baseball team named the 'Timber Kings' and a hall named the 'Timber King Club'. The hall was condemned due to deterioration of the floor joist and in the summer of 1952 when the school burned the hall was dismantled and the timber was used to build a new school.

Between 1910 and 1940 people made a living by hunting, fishing, trapping and logging. However supplies were needed and the closest villages to the settlement were Vassar and Woodridge, ten to eighteen miles away respectively. Both these villages had a train station and grocery stores where the settlers could buy supplies or take the train to go to Winnipeg if needed. There were no roads just trails and the only means of travel was by horse and buggy or sleigh and it took almost a day to get to these villages. It was impossible to return the same day so somehow they had to find a place to stay overnight. The late Joe Hovorka had indicated staying overnight with his mother when he went to the Romanovsky store in Woodridge in the mid 1920's. Mr. Romanovsky had a special area in his stable where his customers could stay so they could make the trip back home the next day.

In the 1930's and early 1940's Frank Pavlick picked up supplies and sold them to the surrounding neighbors, however in 1944 he moved to Menisino where he ran a store until he died. By that time the roads (trails) had improved a bit and people were able to drive if they had a vehicle (a car, a truck or even a tractor) to get supplies. The road to Vassar was completed in 1956 and a few years later the road to Woodridge was completed.

Gradually the people moved away to bigger more populated places. When the school closed in 1966 there were only eight families living in the area and ten students. In 1975 a residential home for boys, Green Pastures, was opened and it closed in 2002. In 2004 the Shalom Ministry from Steinbach, Manitoba, acquired the home and renovated it for a retreat centre, the Selah Christian Retreat. Rod & Liz Grahn have been managing the centre since 2007.

Today most of the land has been sold to non-residence, Americans or purchased by the Province. In 2020, the only two families still living at Whitemouth Lake and descendants of the early settlers, are Terry & Brian Hovorka (Farmers) and Marci & Judy Zimmerman (Retirees).

Doris & Marvin Hovorka

**PINEY  
REGIONAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Annual General Meeting**

**WHEN: MARCH 12TH, 2020 @7PM**  
**WHERE: RM OFFICE-VASSAR, MB**

### **MORE EVENTS IN MARCH:**

South East SnoRiders 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, Shine & Ride  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Woodridge Community Centre**

Sprague & District Historical Museum Annual Fundraiser  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Sprague Community Centre**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL:**

Breakfast - Resource Council  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – South junction**

Middlebro Spring Sale  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Middlebro Community Hall**

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Council Chambers in Vassar**

S.E. Farmer's Market  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Pine Grove Seniors Center**