

Unsung Heroes of Piney RM

As our minds turn to spring, we are looking forward to planting seeds and Prevost Perennials reopening. This month we are acknowledging the many contributions of the owners, John and Margie Prevost. They are the Unsung Heroes for April.

These two are not only active in their own business, they are committed to supporting the community in whatever way they can. John and Margie are active members of the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce and were founding members in getting it started. After many years as a Director, then Vice President, John was acclaimed as President. As leader of the Chamber, John attended all three RM of Piney Coffee with Council events to learn more about the opportunities and challenges in the region. John's passion is his trademark in everything he does.

He helped spearhead the 12 Days of Christmas Gift Cards Campaign. This project has been running for three consecutive years and John has been very active all three years. For 2022 more than, \$1,200.00 was donated to Vita Healing Gardens.

These two people have a "What can I do for my community" attitude. They donated gift certificates to put in many of the "Hello Neighbour" Welcome Kits, created by the Chamber and volunteered to deliver the packages to new residents. Consistently, John and Margie donate products or gift cards as prizes for community fundraisers and attend as many as possible.

John participated in the Sunrise Corner Economic Development and Chamber promotional videos. He is passionate about career opportunities here in the RM, especially helping keep our young people in the area.

Two years ago, John and Margie volunteered to lead the RM of Piney Christmas Hampers Drive. They were incredibly hands on in this endeavor. They donated countless hours taking registrations for those in need, obtaining and tracking donations, automating the food ordering process and packing and distributing hampers.

John's managerial position at Premier Tech, has allowed him to acquire sponsorship from Premier for many community events. He has also encouraged Premier Tech to consistently support our local businesses.

John and Margie are both very musically talented. Quick to say "yes" when they are asked, they have frequently donated their talents to sing and play at weddings, funerals and the community Christmas concerts. Margie also volunteers to organize, find suitable music and conduct the choir for the Christmas concert. In addition, Margie has donated her time and expertise to leading a weekly handbell group that has blossomed under her tutelage.

This amazingly humble and caring couple is an incredible asset to the RM of Piney. Their continued support and unwavering passion for what they do are appreciated by all in our community.

When you start looking for your gardening needs this Spring, be sure to pop in to see John and Margie at Prevost Perennials to say "hi".

Sharon Bernard

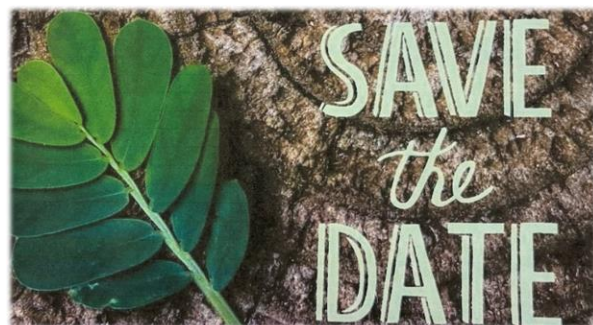
Senior Day Conference

May 10th, 2023

Woodridge Hall

Call Kimberly

@ 204-437-2604 to register.



TO OUR FELLOW PINEY AND NEIGHBOURING TOWNS SENIORS

(55+ AND SPOUSES)

"MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS" POTLUCK DINNER

5:15 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 2023
AT THE PINEY HALL - OVER 40 ROOM

Come on out, bring a dish, meet fellow seniors from our area, invite your friends or seniors you may know that are new to the area, everyone welcome.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more info, call Barb at 204-423-2089

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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



April 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

COTW Meeting Date

The COTW meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th has been moved to Thursday, April 6th, 2023 at 10:00am.

Easter Office Closure

The RM office will be closed Friday, April 7th and Monday, April 10th, 2023.

Happy Easter!



Financial Plan Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 6:00pm

The RM of Piney intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2023 at a public hearing on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at 6092 Boundary St. in Vassar. To ensure that everyone is able to participate, we are offering for you to attend either by Zoom, teleconference, or in person.

If you wish to attend, please contact Martin Van Osch to request your meeting link: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Council will hear any person who has questions, make a representation, or register any objections to the financial plan. Copies of the financial plan are available for review during our regular office hours.

Road Weight Restrictions

Now in effect!

The RM has imposed a 65% weight restriction of normal loading as per Resolution No. 78 as of March 27, 2023.



Restrictions will remain until further notice.

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-services/roads-infrastructure/>



Our Earth, Our Future

Burning Permits Required

April 1st – November 15th

Under authority of the Wildfires Act, open fires are prohibited from April 1st to November 15th except under a burning permit or in enclosed approved fire pits.

Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Conservation Office.

Sprague: 204-437-2348 / Steinbach: 204-346-6110

No burning is allowed before 6:00pm or when winds exceed 15 km/hr unless authorized by a Conservation Officer.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/index.html>

BURN PERMITS



You're Invited

PRCC Monthly Meeting

April 13, 2023 at 7 pm

RM Council Chambers in Vassar
attend in person or via Zoom

Guest Speaker Mark Bernard, Bernard Training Solutions International will share some of his business mindset, goal setting, and time management strategies, as well as his personal 7 Steps to Sales Success.

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca



Economic Development

Why is tourism an important economic driver?

According to Travel Manitoba: "Tourism in Manitoba is a \$1.47 billion industry, representing 2.5% of the province's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and some 10.5 million visitors to Manitoba (2015 figures)." With the incredible natural assets and friendly people in our region, we have significant untapped tourism potential.

Tourism is an important economic driver and has multiple layers of benefit for our region. That's why Sunrise Corner's strategy includes doing more to develop tourism products and infrastructure to attract visitors. Bottom line, better experiences for tourists translate into improved economic opportunity and quality of life for all residents in the area. In fact, attracting visitors delivers a three-fold positive impact on the community.

First, there is a direct economic impact on local businesses when tourists purchase products and services in the area such as food, beverage, lodging, fuel and oil, and other supplies.

Second, when tourists spend time in our area, they learn about other events throughout the year encouraging additional visits. When people have excellent visitor experiences, they tell their family and friends so awareness builds exponentially, as does the resulting economic impact.

Third, people who have a wonderful day trip or weekend experience start to consider a more permanent arrangement of buying a cottage or home, starting a business, or retiring in the area. New residents contribute new ideas and volunteer time to further improve the area, adding even more activities and amenities to benefit visitors and residents alike.

If you have an idea for a tourism-related business or experience, reach out and let's work together to make your dream a reality. If you aren't thinking about starting a business, we'd love you to share your thoughts in our online survey about how you think Sunrise Corner should grow from a tourism or other sector perspective.

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/invest/how-do-you-think-sunrise-corner-should-grow/>

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Online Business Directory



www.sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/

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BLSL Monthly Newsletter – April 2023

Happy Earth Day on April 22nd! Do you know that the first Earth Day was observed 53 years ago in 1970? With the snow disappearing and the sun's warmth getting stronger, April is a perfect month to get out with your young children to experience the wonder of the Earth warming and Nature waking.

Pretzel and Grape Tree Snack

You'll need:

1. Pretzel sticks of two sizes (longer for tree trunks, shorter for branches)
2. Green and red (optional) seedless grapes



Instructions:

Use the pretzel sticks to create the outline of your tree: trunk, roots, and branches. Cut the green grapes in half and use them to form the leaf canopy of the tree. If you like, add some red grapes to form apples or blossoms on the tree.

Tree Fingerprint Craft

1. Trace your child's hand & forearm on brown paper.
2. Tape this onto a white page.
3. Pour small puddles of finger paint on to a paper plate. Have your child dab fingerprints of paint to form leaves, grass, and sky.
4. Remove the taped-on paper.
5. Paint in the white trunk and branches with brown paint.



SERVICE CANADA

Will be at EBPCC

(East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre)

The first TUESDAY each month, 10am to 3pm:

April 4, 2023 May 2, 2023

June 6, 2023 July 4, 2023

August 1, 2023

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Phone scammers have been very active again! Be aware that unsolicited phone calls from people asking for personal information, are very likely scammers. Never provide personal information, and if you're not sure if the call is legitimate or not, call the Sprague RCMP! It costs you nothing, and one phone call to us could save you a lot of time, frustration, and money.

For all non emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

S/Cst. Gabriel Bunn
Sprague Detachment



<https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/protect-protegez-eng.htm>

Vassar & Sandilands Dump Hours



Burnable Yard Waste Only!

Please check our Facebook page and website for dates.

Household garbage, recycling, or any non-burnable debris will not be accepted at these dump sites.

Vassar and Area Minor Baseball

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

Registration Is Open Until April 4th

Register at vassarbaseball@hotmail.com

There is a level for everyone age 4 - 18!!



Spring & Summer Fire Safety Tips!

In the House

Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries immediately if needed.

Check your fire extinguishers.



Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords, replace where needed.

Ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit in case of incidents, such as power outages and flooding.

Practice your families fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.

Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.

Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.

Recycle old newspapers, magazines and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.

Check and clean filters above stove.

Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.

Around the house

Make sure your green civic sign is up and visible from the road.



Maintain a clear 'fire zone' of 10' around structures.

Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for animal nests and to ensure proper wiring.

Remove leaves and trash from carports and garages: Combustible materials are dangerous if they are exposed to heated automobile components, especially under the vehicle.

Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.

Let power equipment sit for approximately 30 minutes before placing it inside to be sure there is no possibility of fire.

BBQ Tips

All barbeque grills must only be used outdoors.



Always position the grill well away from combustible objects.

Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.

Never leave a lit grill unattended.

Always use long handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.

Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.

Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire.