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204-437-2060

office@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30am – 12:00pm

12:45pm – 4:30pm



Rural Municipality of
PINEY

Need to Contact your Councillor?

Wayne Anderson: 204-527-0569

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March 2024

MONTHLY REMINDERS



Daylight Saving Time Starts

Set your clocks ahead an hour

Change in Transfer Site Hours

Starting Sunday, March 10th, 2024, all three transfer sites within the RM of Piney will have Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Council Meetings

Council meetings will commence at 7:00pm starting March 12th, 2024.

RM Office Closed:
Friday, March 29th, 2024 and
Monday, April 1st, 2024



We will be
Closed
for
Easter



Spring Hunting Lease

RM of Piney Land Access Permits

Spring Lease from April 1st to June 21st, 2024

Spring season permits can be pre-purchased as of March 15th, 2024 for a cost of \$250.00. For a complete list of land available for lease, please visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca.



Farmland School Tax Rebate

A reminder that all completed and signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2023 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporations, by **March 31st, 2024**. In order to receive this rebate, your 2023 property taxes & interest charges must be paid by this date. Call 204-239-3246 or visit: www.masc.mb.ca.

Coffee with Council

All residents of the RM are welcome to join the council members at their Annual 'Coffee with Council' meet on:

Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

Woodridge Community Centre from 7:00-9:00pm

Thank you to everyone who recently attended Coffee with Council. Your input is valued and will be taken into consideration.



TICKET NO.
004234

You are the winner of the Recycling Incentive Program for the Month of January

To view a list of our prizes, please visit our website at www.rmofpiney.mb.ca under 'Our Services' found in the 'Garbage and Recycling' link or check out our Facebook Page: The Rural Municipality of Piney.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Power of Partnerships

In a region as large and sparsely populated as Sunrise Corner, with the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn home to about 3600 residents over 3600 sq km, we benefit from strategic, regional partnerships to create opportunities that individual municipalities alone could not normally achieve. A recent quote from author Gail Lynne Goodwin really summed it up: "Collaboration and cooperation will beat competition every time." Here are some of the ways we are creating regional opportunities.

Sharing knowledge and resources. The RMs of Piney and Stuartburn are benefitting from the knowledge and resources of one another. Our collaboration by sharing ideas and resources encourages innovative solutions to common challenges. e.g. Since 2014, the Stuartburn-Piney Weed Board has been taking action that benefits farmers and producers economically and environmentally and provides local jobs.

Enhancing service delivery. Partnerships are allowing for the delivery of more efficient and enhanced services tailored to our community. e.g. The Stuartburn-Piney Building Inspector ensures construction and safety standards are adhered to in new buildings and gives recommendations to ensure project success. This local solution keeps jobs and building permit fees here to further strengthen our region.

Focusing on building a strong region. Successful partnerships of neighbouring municipalities work towards securing regional investment to provide new services. e.g. The South East Rural Transportation Initiative (SERTi) spearheaded by the RM of Piney includes the RM of Stuartburn and a dozen other municipalities and towns seeking to provide transportation options in southeast Manitoba.

Planning for growth. Cooperative approaches are allowing municipalities to advocate for infrastructure they would otherwise be unable to provide. e.g. An informal partnership of the RMs of Piney, Stuartburn and Emerson-Franklin have been advocating for the upgrade of PTH 201 to benefit local businesses and producers in getting supplies in and products out to market.

Increasing ease of doing business. Consistent processes reduce complexities and risk for developers, providing a more attractive region where companies know they can invest and have common standards. e.g. Sunrise Corner's soon-to-be-launched business attraction strategy will provide information and tools to streamline the process for developers and investors.

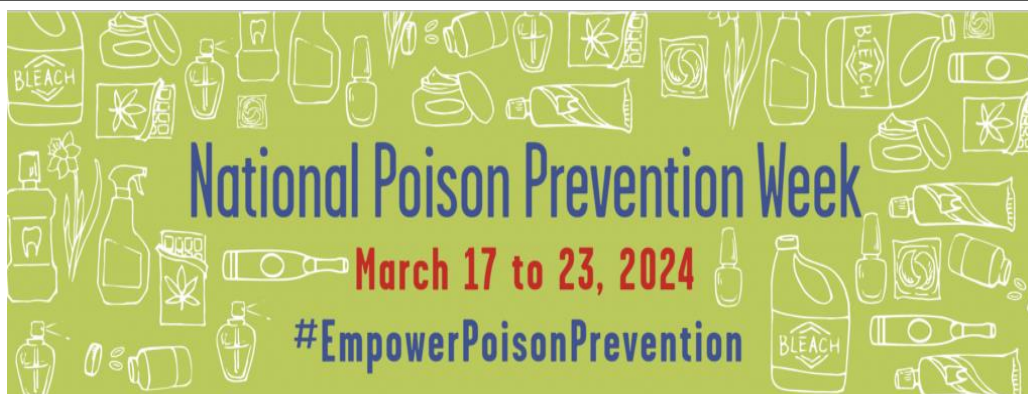
Sharing risk, control and benefits. Partnerships are generating solutions to resolve local issues to collectively meet the needs of residents. e.g. The BPPS Waste Management partnership of Buffalo Point First Nation and the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn provides waste and recycling services since our previous provider discontinued services in our region. The joint initiative ensures local control of essential services and keeps jobs and infrastructure investment in our region.

Increasing quality of life. Working in partnership with other levels of government and the private sector is improving the quality of life in our region, thereby attracting more tourists and residents, and enticing businesses to relocate and grow here. e.g. Shared Legacy Partnership is a collaboration of RM of Stuartburn, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Sunrise Corner and the Province of Manitoba to help advance understanding of the wonder of Manitoba's unique and endangered Tall Grass Prairie Natural Area, its relationship with agriculture, all the natural heritage that benefits us all.

Partnerships will continue to be key approach in creating a more efficient, effective and innovative Sunrise Corner region. If you have any partnership ideas, please feel free to reach out to discuss.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



If you suspect a poisoning, contact the Manitoba Poison Centre at: 1-844-POISON-X (1-844-764-7669)

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

With all the warm weather we have had, we must remain vigilant when navigating roads with the melting ice, especially at night. We have seen some accidents this last month due to this in combination with the fog. Overtiredness can lead to mistakes, so if you are going to do a long drive at night, make sure you are well rested.

Tax season has begun and subsequently there is an increase in fraud related activities. We ask that you be careful of who you disclose personal information to and be weary of individuals calling or texting that claim to be the Canadian Revenue Agency. If you have fallen victim to a scam and have given away your social insurance number or any other sensitive information and have lost money, call the RCMP and contact CRA immediately at 1-866-274-6627. If you are just talking to someone that you suspect to be trying to deceive you or defraud you of money, do not follow any of their requests and contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, as they compile this information and investigate these types of incidents. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre can be contacted at 1-888-495-8501. Hopefully this season we can avoid these kinds of problems. They will often employ tactics such as getting someone to send gift cards through the mail. If you ever get asked to do this or notice a family member or loved one falling victim to a similar situation, let them know!

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 in the case of an emergency.

Cst. Mitchell Butler
Sprague RCMP

A Reminder from your RM of Piney Fire Service - False Alarm Calls

If you have a security alarm in your business or home, charges may be incurred for false alarms. As per the Fire Service By-Law 148/2023, Section 1.4.1 states:

Any person who has an Automatic Alarm System that activates a false alarm that is responded to by the RM of Piney Fire Service, shall be charged a fee of \$250.00 each time the RM of Piney Fire Service is called to that property. The first false alarm call will be free, and the charges will start with the second false alarm call when within 12 months of the prior false alarm.

Please contact your alarm system provider in regard to what warrants a 911 call.



Regen Ag Day

Featuring:

- Zack Koscielny of Green Beach Farm

- Glen Lowry of Lowry Farms

Other speakers TBA

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

10 am to 3 pm

Friedensfeld Hall, Friedensfeld, MB

Lunch included



Please RSVP by
February 26 to
administrator@srrwd.ca
or call 204-326-1030 ext 4
Hosted by:



Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2024

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following roads:

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

Road locations are subject to change.

Once restrictions are implemented, they will remain until further notice.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RM OF PINEY PUBLIC WORKS:

Due to the fluctuating weather this winter, we have received an increased number of calls in regard to the condition of our gravel roads. The RM asks for your patience in this matter since the majority of this maintenance can only happen once the frost is gone, and spring is upon us.



Graydon

VETERINARY CORPORATION

LOCAL SPRING PET VACCINE CLINIC

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Locations & Times

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.

Pricing (tax included):

Canine Vaccines: (includes exam fee)

Rabies only: \$42.75

K9 Distemper only: \$42.75

K9 Distemper and Rabies: \$62.75

Feline Vaccines: (includes exam fee)

Rabies only: \$42.75

Indoor vaccine only: \$42.75

Indoor vaccine & Rabies: \$62.75

Outdoor vaccine only: \$52.75

Outdoor vaccine & Rabies: \$68.00

Additional Services:

Exam Only: \$30.00

Heartworm/Lyme Tests: \$52.25

Bordetella (Kennel Cough): \$18.90

Lyme Vaccine: \$32.60

Additional Products:

K9/Feline Dewormer

Heartworm Prevention

Tick Prevention

Let's Paint the Winter Blues Away!!

The **Piney Regional Senior Services** will be holding a paint/therapy session on Thursday, March 14 at the Middlebro Community Hall from 1pm-4pm.

Space is Limited to 20 people so please book your spot early.

Open to Seniors 55+

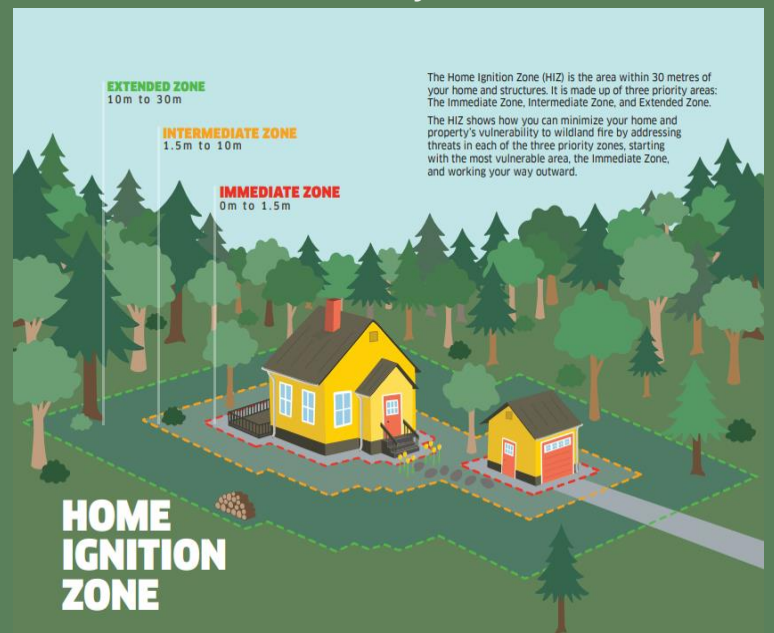
This is a free of charge event and will include a snack and tea/coffee.

Call Rachel at 204-437--2604 for more information and/or to book your spot.

Instructor:Trenea Baize



With spring approaching, the RM urges everyone to start thinking about wildfire preparedness and safety tips before the snow is all gone. An estimated 90% of homes damaged or destroyed by wildland fire are ignited by sparks and embers. Regular maintenance of leaves, needles and debris build up will leave nothing for embers to ignite. Maintain a 1.5 metre non-combustible surface around your home and decks.



For details, please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/firesmart.html>



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



2024/2025 Enrolment Requirements:

*Will Your Child Be 5 This Year?

*Childs Birth Certificate

*Childs MB Medical # And Any Important Medical Information

*Custody or Guardianship Documents/Court Documents (if applicable)

*Proof of Residence or Confirmation of Permanent Residence



Use The QR Code To Register or visit blsd.ca

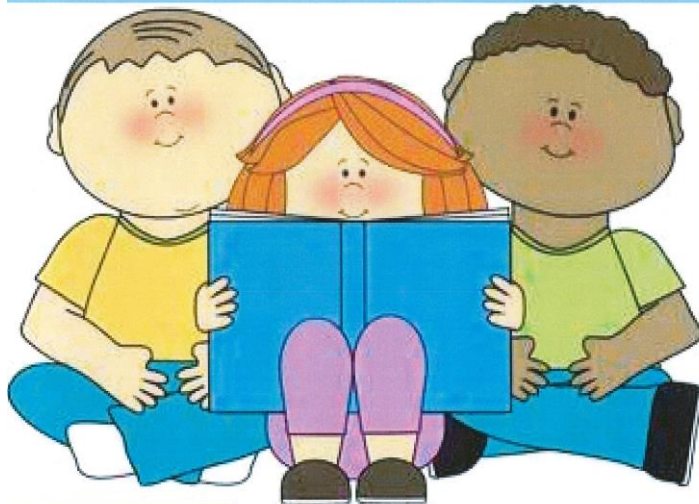
204-437-2175 cotes@blsd.ca

Please Contact The School for more information

Ross L. Gray School Presents
Preschool for 4 & 5 Year Old's

Little Raiders Preschool

Thursday - March 7th & March 21st
Thursday - April 4th & April 25th



RLG Library will be open for caregivers to stay with younger children from 4:30pm- 5:30 pm. Snacks provided for preschool students.

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Kindergarten Room

Please contact Carly Chubaty (chubaty@c@blsd.ca) or Melissa Goulet (gouletm@blsd.ca) to Register

Free!

Parent DROP IN

Meet and connect with other parents
Participate in activities, crafts & games
Join group discussions

Please call or email Holly if you are interested in attending at:
LarsonH@blsd.ca OR 204-324-6491

4 sessions on Fridays from

10-11:30am

January 19

February 2

March 1

March 15

Snacks will be provided

Facilitated by: Holly Larson,
Katherine Beaudoin & Quinn Brandt

Location: East Borderland Primary Health Centre

2024 Green Career Symposium

Save the date!

April 16th, 2024

at the Vita Community Hall



ROSS L GRAY SCHOOL

SHEVCHENKO SCHOOL



**Sprague Volunteer
Fire Department's
2nd Annual
Spring Fling Fundraiser**



**Featuring
RLG High School Band
& Universal DJ Music**



Designated Drivers Available

**Only \$10
a ticket!**

March 23

**50/50 Draw &
Silent Auction**

**at the Sprague Hall
8:00PM - 1:00AM**



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March 
EVENTS

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at 7:00pm
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar
Members & Non-members welcome

Southeast Farmer's Market
Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 from 10am – 2pm
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

AND

Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 10am – 2pm
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Stay & Play

Tuesdays from 9:30am – 11:30am
RLG School Library (*families with kids 5 & under*)

Kids Club

Every Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00pm
Sprague Community Fellowship (*kids 5 & up*)

Exercise for Fun & Health

Mondays & Thursdays at 9:30am
Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction

Floor Curling, Pickle Ball & Archery
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Piney Community Centre

Coffee Conversation & Computers
Every Monday from 9:30am – 11:30am
Vassar Community Hall



Vassar and Area Minor Baseball
REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN SOON

More information will be sent out by mid-March.
Please watch Community Corner on Facebook or your
emails (if you have registered previously).

For questions, contact: vassarbaseball@hotmail.com

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

Live Band!
Club Wagon
Creek



**Chinese
Auction**

SANDHOGS FUNDRAISER

SOCIAL

Support the maintenance and sustainability
of the Sandilands ATV trail system!

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When: March 30, 2024 @ 8pm

Where: Woodridge Community Centre

Cost: \$15 per person

(nightlunch included)

* Text or call Steve, Gord or Gary for tickets:
204-392-2945, 204-371-6707 or 204-380-9624