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204-437-2060

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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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April 2024

## MONTHLY REMINDERS



### RM Office Closed on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

#### Financial Plan Hearing

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00pm**

The RM of Piney council will be presenting their financial plan for the fiscal year 2024 at a public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00pm in the RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar. Please join us in person or to attend via zoom, contact [martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto: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.

#### RM Council Meeting

The RM council meeting scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 has been moved to Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm.

#### Credit Card 2% Service Charge

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the 2% credit card service fee will be re-instated for all credit card payments processed at the RM office. Service fees are costing the RM of Piney roughly \$12,000 a year, so council had to make a tough decision to bring back the 2% service fee on all Mastercard and Visa payments received.

#### Road Weight Restrictions

The RM has imposed a 65% weight restriction of normal loading as per Resolution No. 61 as of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Restrictions will remain until further notice.



**APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2024**

**Manitoba**



Conservation

### Burning Permits Required

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Under the authority of the Wildfires Act, open fires are prohibited from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> 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 MB Conservation.*

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

### Vassar & Sandilands Dump Hours

***Burnable Yard Waste Only!***

Vassar and Sandilands waste disposal sites will be open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the following days:

**SANDILANDS:**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**VASSAR:**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Only yard waste such as trees, flax straw, grass, leaves, branches and natural debris are accepted.

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

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## 2024 Green Career Symposium Provides Green Opportunities

In the past several years, Sunrise Corner has been gaining attention as a desirable location to live for an incredible rural quality of life. Employment opportunities are a key consideration for youth to remain in the region and for working adults to move here. The upcoming Green Career Symposium will provide options to help make that dream a reality.

Sunrise Corner Economic Development is excited to be a partner in the 2024 Green Career Symposium being hosted at the Vita Community Hall on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. The event is spearheaded by the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn and Borderland School Division. The event will run all day with 9:30am to 3:30pm reserved for grade 7-12 students of Ross L Gray and Shevchenko School. The rest of the community is invited to attend from 3:30pm to 5:30pm when the Symposium will be open to the public.

This year's "green" event will share how local job opportunities can contribute to environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation. The contributions can be as simple as working from home to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or as complex as developing new technologies to capture carbon, and anything in between. We have invited a broad spectrum of government organizations, large corporations with local operations, and small businesses to share career options that allow people to make a good living right here in our communities – with a focus on environmental sustainability.

From a youth perspective, this free event will help prepare young people for success following their high school years through exploring summer jobs and career opportunities in a variety of fields with a highlight on the environment. They will also come to realize that this is a place where young adults can stay to work or that they can return home after post-secondary education to start their careers or businesses and raise families knowing that it's an environmentally sustainable way to build a life. All attendees will learn how businesses and careers are changing and adapting to climate change.

Thank you to our sponsors RM of Piney, Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce, PremierTech Horticulture, Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District, Evolve Energy Inc., Buffalo Point First Nation, Access Credit Union and RM of Stuartburn. Your support is appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Monique Chenier

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



# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

Happy spring, hope everyone is doing well coming into the Easter season.

Now that many of you are coming back to your seasonal properties after winter, I would recommend checking the whole property including sheds for potential thefts or break & enters. It is always advantageous to start investigations as early as possible. Many don't even realize a break & enter has occurred until months afterwards. Take this as an opportunity to make sure nothing is missing. Having a list of important items at your property in case of a potential future theft is something I always recommend. Many times, property owners do not have serial numbers of important items such as generators or firearms written down anywhere. Without these identifying numbers, items are extremely hard to trace; these numbers can help us identify and return the items to you if they are found as stolen property down the line. I encourage you to document your items and keep these numbers saved somewhere for future reference.

If there are cameras on your property make sure they are in working order; they are a great asset and deterrent for these kinds of crimes. If someone is choosing a residence to break into, they are much less likely to pick one that has cameras as it increases the likelihood that they will be caught. Make sure you protect yourself and your property from these kinds of crimes.

Stay safe and enjoy the last few snowfalls as it will be a long time till next winter.

**For all non-emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Our admin for Criminal Record Checks work from Tuesday to Thursday 9-5. 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





# Are you prepared for a wildfire?

## Wildfire Preparedness

Wildfire season in Manitoba is typically April to September. Always be wildfire aware when the weather is warm, dry and windy. People living, working or recreating in wildland areas (grassy fields or forested areas) should be aware of the local fire danger and forecast weather to prevent igniting a wildfire and staying safe.

### **Wildfire Prevention Tips**

- Know your local fire danger. Outdoor activities are safest when the fire danger is low or moderate.
- Avoid outdoor burning when it is warm, dry and windy, especially if there has not been widespread and continuous rain in the preceding days.
- Comply with any provincial or municipal burning restrictions for the area.
- Do not build fires close to homes or other property; Build fires away from trees and dry vegetation, ensure there is an adequate fuel break and have water and a shovel near by.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Always make sure a fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

### **Be Prepared**

Make sure your 72 hour preparedness kit is ready for sheltering in place or evacuation and review your family's emergency plan and contact information.

- Battery-operated radio, working flashlights and spare batteries.
- First aid kit and essential medication as well as emergency food and water.
- Children's emergency supplies (e.g. formula/diapers).
- Charge phones and pack extra phone chargers and power bank devices.
- Have important documents ready.

### **During a Wildfire Incident**

If a wildfire is close-by or there is a real risk of a new wildfire impacting your home and property:

- Be prepared to evacuate all family members and pets.
- If there is time and it is safe to do so, clean and prepare the home ignition zone. Move flammables (patio furniture, potted plants, firewood, fuel) away from home (>10m). Anywhere leaves/debris collect is where embers will collect.
- Minimize smoke inhalation in the home by closing all windows and doors. A wet towel along the window and door seams will minimize smoke.
- Keep the radio on to listen for emergency messages.
- Keep phones and power bank devices fully charged.
- Follow reliable sources of emergency information for your area on social media.
- Pre-register for evacuation and follow directions provided by your local emergency management office.

### **If you Must Evacuate**

- Take only the necessities.
- Follow all instructions provided by local authorities.
- Contact absent family members and let them know the evacuation information.
- Confirm and follow the safe evacuation routes.
- Confirm the evacuation reception center location before you leave (listen for media announcements).
- If there is time, shut off the water, gas and electricity and ensure all windows and vents are closed.

All information has been provided to you by: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/preparedness/prepare.html>

# 2024 Green Career Symposium



**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Vita Community Hall, 224 Main St., in Vita

Reserved for Borderland School Division from:

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Open to the public from:

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm



ROSS L GRAY SCHOOL



SHEVCHENKO SCHOOL



**Guest Speaker:**

**Susan Lindsay, Regional Organizer for Manitoba**

Susan is a Project Manager at Climate Change Connection (CCC) in Winnipeg. She has been educating the public about climate change for the last 15 years. Some of her biggest successes have been educating teachers on how to engage and motivate students and supporting youth education.



WORLD SYSTEM BUILDER  
**30 by 30**  
 FINANCIAL LITERACY  
 CAMPAIGN  
 Financially educating  
 30 Million families by 2030.

# FREE Financial Literacy Workshops

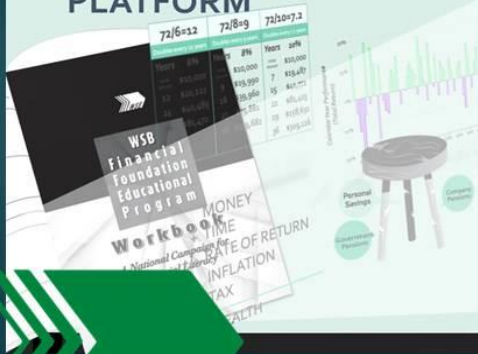
Come and Learn!  
**Wednesdays @ 1pm**  
**April 3 – May 8**

**At Piney Regional Senior Services in South Junction**

Please call to register!

Teresa Milne (204) 362-7654 or Rachel Lachnit (204) 437-2604

## BE PART OF THE FINANCIAL EDUCATION PLATFORM



- WORKSHOP 1:** BUILDING SAVINGS & WEALTH
- WORKSHOP 2:** INCREASE CASH FLOW & MANAGE DEBT
- WORKSHOP 3:** PREPARING WITH PROPER PROTECTION
- WORKSHOP 4:** UNDERSTANDING ASSET-ACCUMULATION STRATEGIES
- WORKSHOP 5:** FULFILLING LONG-TERM GOALS
- WORKSHOP 6:** PRESERVING YOUR WEALTH & ESTATE



## SEINE RAT ROSEAU WATERSHED DISTRICT

### RM Private Well Water Testing Days May 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 27<sup>th</sup>

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed will be assisting residents with private well water testing for the presence of *E. coli* and coliform bacteria. The provincially subsidized cost of private well water testing is **\$25.00**, including tax (regular rate is \$30.00). Each legal location is eligible for one sample per well per year; you must be the owner of the well; and this sample must be first sample since April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024.

**Payments must be cash or cheque ONLY, with cheques made payable to Horizon Lab Ltd.**

**Only samples that are accompanied by correct payment and completed forms will be accepted.**

Water sample bottles & application forms can be picked up in advance at the RM office. **Water samples must be taken on the same day as the drop-off. You can drop your water sample off at the RM office in Vassar prior to 10:00 am, along with your completed Chain of Custody and SRRWD Application forms on the either Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

For details, contact SRRWD, visit [www.srrwd.ca](http://www.srrwd.ca), call 204-326-1030 or email [administrator@srrwd.ca](mailto:administrator@srrwd.ca)

## Up For Bid:



**2013 GMC Sierra 1500WT**  
**342,360km**

**Crew Cab, 8 Cylinder, Grey**  
 VIN: 3GTP2TE77DG375627

- Reserve bid set at \$5,000.00;
- Being sold as-is, where-is;
- Will be parked at the RM office for viewing;
- All bids are to be received in sealed envelope;
- Full payment to be received prior to pick-up, within 7 days of acceptance of bid;
- Truck to be picked-up from the RM of Piney office in Vassar within 14 days of acceptance of bid;
- Transport of truck is the responsibility of the purchaser.

### Closing Date:

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by 1:00 p.m.**

\*For more information, please contact Martin at: 204-437-2284



**RLG Little Raiders**

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30pm**  
 Kindergarten Room at RLG School *(for 4-5 year olds)*

**Middlebro Community Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**  
 Middlebro Community Hall

**Vassar and Area Minor Baseball**

**Registration Open Until April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
 Register at [vassarbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:vassarbaseball@hotmail.com)  
 There is a level for everyone age 4 - 18!

**Coffee Conversation & Computers**

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30am – 11:30am**  
 Vassar Community Hall

**Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00pm**  
 RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

**Stay & Play**

**Tuesdays, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30am**  
 RLG School Library *(families with kids 5 & under)*

**Southeast Farmer's Market**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10am – 2pm**  
 Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

**Parent Drop In**

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10-11:30am**  
 East Borderland Primary Health Centre

**Care Partner Support Groups**

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00am**  
 Service to Seniors in South Junction

**Sandilands Community Club Inc.**

**Annual General Meeting**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:00pm**  
 Sandilands Community Club

**Meet Your Neighbours Coffee Groups**

**Mondays & Thursdays at 1:00pm**  
 Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction

**Floor Curling, Pickle Ball & Archery**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays**  
 Piney Community Centre

**Kids Club**

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



Coming to Your Community

**Métis Mobile Clinic**

April 5, 2024  
 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Woodridge Community Hall**  
**69 Denis Street**

Offering:

- Blood sugar testing
- Cholesterol levels
- 5-minute health "check ins"
- Foot Care – All available appointments are booked.

Vaccine appointment/foot care  
 contact: 1-833-390-1041 ext. 3 or  
[clinicinfo@mmf.mb.ca](mailto:clinicinfo@mmf.mb.ca)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**SANDILANDS COMMUNITY CLUB**

*Spring*  
**Yard & Garden Swap**

Buy, Sell or Trade With Other Local  
 Yard & Gardening Enthusiasts.

**April 20th 11 am - 5 pm** **FREE!** ADMIT ONE

Bring Your Extra Seeds, Bulbs & Seedlings,  
 Trays, Pots, Irrigation/Landscape Supplies,  
 Gardening Tools, Mowers, Tillers,  
 Garden Tractors, Outdoor Furniture  
 Yard Toys And Garden/Yard Decor.

Crafters/Makers Welcome  
 Over 3 Acres Of Available Outdoor Space!  
 Gates Will Open For Vendor Setup At 9 Am

Early Registration Is Appreciated!  
 For More Info, or To Register:  
[sandilandscommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:sandilandscommunityclub@gmail.com)

**Find Us On Facebook!**

## EXERCISE FOR FUN & HEALTH



**COME JOIN US!**

**Monday & Thursday at 9:00 am**  
**WHERE: Pine Grove Seniors Club**  
**South Junction**

\* treadmill \*exercise bikes \*weights  
\*Just Walk Video

**For more information contact**  
**Rachel - Resource Coordinator**  
**204-437-2604**

SHOP NOW

## Spring SALE

**Middlebro Community Hall**

Table Rentals \$10.00

50-50

Door Raffle

Lunch for purchase

**Date:**

**April 27th.**

**Time:**

**10:00-3:00**

Contact Message or Call:

Donna @ 204-881-8409



## WOODRIDGE WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
at the Woodridge Community Club

A fun (free) afternoon for ADULTS to socialize  
and enjoy activities such as...

Pool      Cribbage      Darts  
Pickleball      Board Games  
Cards      Ping Pong      Puzzles

Coffee, Tea, Pop available for \$2.00  
Water \$1.00 or bring your own beverage



Cribbage



## Piney Puzzle Party



**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**at 1:30pm**

Event deadline: Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
\$30 per team (no more than 4 people per team)

For more information,  
contact R. Schwegel at 431-996-5686



# CONGRATULATIONS!

**TICKET NO. 004374**

**You are the February winner of the Recycling Incentive Program**

# Piney Stuartburn Weed Control

## Red Bartsia (*odontites serotina*)

**Red Bartsia** is a new Tier 1 weed of concern for the RM's of Piney & Stuartburn. This weed has been found in and around the town of Piney, South Junction, east of Badger, south of Sundown and east of the town of Stuartburn. This weed is very hard to control and currently there is no chemical that will destroy this weed.

### Economic Importance

Red bartsia does not persist under cultivation. For this reason, it is seldom a problem in cereals or special crops. The weed is, however, a serious concern **in hay land and in pastures**. In hay fields, the tiny seedlings grow rapidly after the first cut of hay has been removed. Plants begin flowering two to three weeks later, making the danger of seed contamination in the second cut a serious concern. In pastures, the weed is not grazed by cattle and, with time heavy infestations spread through the field.

### Control

Cultivation in combination with growing a competitive crop will limit red bartsia infestations. This may not always be a viable alternative since the weed often infests areas are not suitable for tillage because of stoniness or poor drainage. The weed is susceptible to either 2,4-D amine or 2,4-D LV ester sprayed at a rate of 0.6 L/acre product (500 g/L formulations). On roadsides and in pastures, spraying should commence as soon as the plants appear. Recheck sprayed areas in mid- to late summer and respray if new seedlings have germinated. In hay fields with no legumes, treat affected areas with 0.6 L/acre product of 2,4-D (500 g/L formulations) within 10 days after the first cut. There are currently no chemical recommendations that will selectively control red bartsia in grass/legume mixes without damaging the legumes.

### Summary

On lands suitable for cultivation and annual cropping, red bartsia can be controlled by using a combination of tillage and planting of a competitive crop. In straight-grass pastures or hay fields, 2,4-D can be used to control early germinating seedlings, or to limit growth of the weed after the first cut of hay has been removed.

As with most weeds, the best control is to prevent the introduction of red bartsia into fields. Buy only certified seed. Obtain a seed analysis certificate for seed to be sure that there is no red bartsia present. **Do not purchase** second cut hay from fields where red bartsia is present. Monitor headlands and roadsides surrounding fields so that new plants can be sprayed before moving into the field.

Our Novious Weed spray program for 2024 will be focusing our efforts on a list of Tier 1 weeds in our RM's as priority 1, these include Red Bartsia, Spotted Knapweed, Orange Hawkweed, and Tall Waterhemp. Our crew will then look at some of the Tier 2 weeds as needed, the Tier 3 weeds are not as important as the Tier 1 weeds are. Below is a link to the MB govt noxious weeds list for some clarity.

To view the Declaration of Noxious Weeds in Manitoba, please visit:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/weeds/declaration-of-noxious-weeds-in-mb.html>

