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Hours: Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
12:45pm – 4:30pm



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July 2024

MONTHLY REMINDERS



**RM Office Closed for Canada Day
Monday, July 1st, 2024**

Education Property Taxes

Owners of residential and farm properties will receive a 50% rebate on their education property taxes applied directly to their tax statement. Owners of other properties will receive a 10% rebate of their education property taxes. In 2024, the tax credit for your property where you reside, will continue to be a maximum of \$350. For more information, call the Manitoba Tax Assistance Office at 204-948-2115, toll free at 1-800-782-0771, or e-mail TAO@gov.mb.ca. **NO CHEQUES WILL BE ISSUED in 2024 for your Education Property Tax Credit; all EPTC rebates will be included on your tax statements.**

Cancelled Council Meetings

The RM has cancelled the following council meetings:

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024
Tuesday, August 27th, 2024



All other Regular council meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings will remain as scheduled.

Credit Card 2% Service Charge

Effective July 1st, 2024, the 2% service fee will be re-instated for all credit card payments processed through the RM office.



Shown above: Tour guide Bob Austman with participant Connie Gamble

RM OF PINEY FOREST TOURS

The first RM of Piney Forest Tour was a great success! The weather was bright and sunny, and the day was enjoyed with participants from the RM of Piney, Ste. Genevieve, Whitemouth, and Winnipeg.

Our informative tour guide, Bob Austman, brought the group over to a shelterwood harvest where there are alternate strips of young and mature Jack Pine. They also visited a young regenerating Jack Pine Forest that was harvested after the October 2012 snowstorm. The last stop of the day was at Bob's family woodlot, where he showcased the different values a woodlot can offer.



The next RM of Piney Forest Tours are on:

Saturday, August 24th from 1:00 – 3:30pm

BECOMING FIRESMART

Saturday, September 21st from 1:00 – 3:30pm

WELCOME TO NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

Tours will be provided rain or shine.

Ages 12 & Up (only 15 spots available)

Participants will meet at the Piney Community Hall and need to supply their own transportation to & from each touring site.

To reserve your spot, call Carrie at 204-437-2284 or email: carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Tips for Writing Successful Grant Applications

Writing a grant application can be a daunting task, but with careful planning and attention to detail, you can greatly increase your chances of securing funds for your project. Whether you are applying to build a multi-million-dollar capital project or purchase a new lawn mower, the principles of writing a compelling grant application remain largely the same. Here's a quick guide to help you navigate the process.

1. Understand the Grant Requirements. Before you start writing, thoroughly review the grant guidelines. Pay close attention to the objectives of the funding body, eligibility requirements, submission deadlines, and any specific instructions for the application format. If you have an opportunity to speak to someone at the funding body about your project, take it.

2. Develop a Clear Project Plan. Define your project goals, objectives and expected outcomes. Outline the activities you plan to undertake and how they will achieve the desired results. Clearly articulate the significance and relevance of your project to the funder's mission and priorities.

3. Craft a Compelling Narrative. Include a strong introduction that captures the reviewer's attention. Clearly explain the problem or issue your project addresses, why it's important, and how your approach is innovative. Use clear language to communicate your ideas, avoiding technical terms that may not be familiar to reviewers.

4. Provide Detailed Budget Justification. Create a detailed budget that aligns with your project plan. Clearly justify each expense item and explain how funds will be allocated. Ensure your budget is realistic and appropriate for the scope of your project.

5. Include Supporting Documents. Attach any required documentation, such as letters of support, resumes of key personnel, or contractor quotes. Ensure all supplementary material is formatted according to the funder's specifications.

6. Review and Revise. Proofread your grant application carefully to eliminate errors in grammar, punctuation and formatting. Ask colleagues or mentors to review your proposal for clarity and coherence. Incorporate their feedback to strengthen your application.

7. Submit on Time. Ensure you submit your grant application before the deadline. Late submissions are typically not accepted, so plan your time wisely to avoid last-minute rushes or to deal with any technical issues that can happen with online submission portals.

If you would like to brainstorm ideas for an upcoming grant application for your non-profit or community group or would like an impartial review of your draft application, please contact me.



Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



Sprague RCMP

Hope everyone's summer is going smoothly and that everyone is enjoying the warm weather.

Here at the RCMP detachment, we want to raise awareness to the public about littering that has been occurring in the municipality. There have been reports to the RM about individuals not disposing of their waste properly. If it is reported or witnessed that someone is littering, there are hefty fines that can occur for such behavior. The severity of the littering determines how high the fines are. I want to make sure that everyone in the community is working together to keep the RM clean and healthy. Littering has been occurring on crown land as well as along roadways. As a member of the RM keep an eye out for such actions and you can report them, make sure to gather as many details as you can. Hopefully together we can help reduce the amount this is happening. For all transfer site locations and times, please visit the RM of Piney website.

Thank you!

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 works 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



Garbage Along Roadways

Public Works Message

The RM of Piney has been receiving complaints about garbage and/or debris along municipal and provincial roadways, mainly on route to the waste disposal sites. The RM would like to ask that when hauling garbage to the waste disposal sites, please make sure you properly secure your load and that there are no loose items that can fall out of your vehicle during transport.



RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycling Incentive Prizes available include:

- 72" long x 65" wide picnic tables
- 6ft treated bench with planters & 2 extra planters
- 7ft high treated arbor with 4ft built in bench

\$250 Gift Card to Local Businesses:

- Buffalo Point Resort
- Carl & Kay's Fine Foods in Sprague
- Clearview CO-OP in South Junction
- Prevost Perennials in South Junction
- Vassar Corner Store
- Vintage Corner Store in Woodridge

Visiting the Great Lakes region?
CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN

Fire restrictions could be in effect!
Scan the codes below to check your area!

Manitoba	Ontario	Minnesota
gov.mb.ca/conservation_fire/Restrictions	ontario.ca/page/forest-fires	mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions



CONGRATULATIONS

TICKET NO. 010715

If you are Ticket Holder No. 010715, you are our May Recycling Winner!



Since the winning ticket for April was not claimed, we have redrawn and **THE NEW APRIL WINNER**

IS TICKET NUMBER 010474.

April & May winners have until July 31st to claim their prizes!

VASSAR POOL SUMMER SCHEDULE 2024

Swim Lessons		Swim Lessons	
SESSION 1 JULY 15TH-26TH		SESSION 2 JULY 29TH-AUG 9TH	
9:45-10:30	Swim Patrol	9:30-10:15	Swim Patrol
10:45-11:30	Swimmer 6	10:30-11:15	Swimmer 6
1:00-1:45	Swimmer 5	11:30-12:15	Swimmer 5
12:30-1:15	Swimmer 4	12:15-1:00	Swimmer 4
10:00-10:30	Swimmer 3	11:30-12:00	Swimmer 3
12:00-12:30	Swimmer 2	10:00-10:30	Swimmer 2
11:30-12:00	Swimmer 1	1:00-1:30	Swimmer 1
10:45-11:15	Parent & Tot	10:45-11:15	Parent & Tot

ALL TIMES/DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PAYMENT MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1 WEEK OF REGISTRATION TO REMAIN ENROLLED. A \$15 FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO THOSE WHO CANCEL LESS THAN 3 BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE. NO FEES WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT CANCEL AND DO NOT SHOW UP.

Specialty Courses		Pricing	
BRONZE JULY 22ND- 26TH	9:30-1:30	Parent+Tot-	\$60
Additional fees for required books/materials may apply.		Swimmer 1,2,3-	\$65
		Swimmer 4,5,6-	\$70
		Swim Patrol-	\$75
		Bronze Star-	\$90
		Bronze Med-	\$115
		Bronze Cross-	\$125
		Lifeguard-	\$215



**South Junction Canada Day
Monday, July 1st, 2024 at 8:30pm**

Live performance by Crossline
Free coffee, juice, cookies, mini flags, pins & more!
10:30pm – Singing of O Canada, Followed by Fireworks

**Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting
SUMMER HIATUS: No Meetings in July & August
Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12th, 2024 at 7pm**

RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar
Guest Speaker: Konrad Narth, MLA for La Vérendrye

**Sprague Fest and Show & Shine Car Show
Saturday, August 10th, 2024**

Pancake Breakfast from 8-10am / Parade at 10:30am
Car Show from 11am-4pm / Wood Carving from 1-2pm
Beer Gardens at 12pm-1am / Games at 1pm / Bingo at 2pm
Fun & Games for Children from 11am-4pm
Social (\$15.00) from 8pm-1am

**Carrick Days
Saturday & Sunday, August 10th – 11th, 2024**

**Vassar Ball Tournament
Friday to Saturday, August 16th – 18th, 2024**

**CRA In-person Support Clinic & Service Canada
First Tuesday of the Month from 10:00am – 3:00pm
East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre in Sprague**



**One-Way Traffic on Fraser Avenue
& Chenier Street (Rd 76E) AND
Prevost Street CLOSED in
South Junction on July 1st**



Fraser Ave. & Chenier St. (Rd 76E) in South Junction will be converted to one-way traffic only on July 1st for the South Junction Canada Day event. Traffic must enter Fraser Ave. off of Main St. in South Junction. The flow of traffic will be Fraser Ave. to Chenier St. (Rd 76E) to HWY 12. HWY 12 & Chenier St. will be used to exit the event.



Prevost Street in South Junction will be closed to all through traffic in the evening of July 1st.



15th annual St-Labre 200

July 5
we build



July 6
we race



www.stlabre200.ca for more information



Southeast Farmer's Market

Fridays - July 12 to Sept 6
3:00 – 8:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba



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

SANDILANDS SUMMER PICNIC PARTY

BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC BASKET & JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FRIENDLY ADVENTURE & SUMMER ACTIVITIES.

SATURDAY
JULY 20TH
12-4 PM

- TODDLER FRIENDLY SENSORY STATION
- BUBBLE PARTY
- VOLLEYBALL
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- MINI KITE RACING
- CLIDER RACING
- HORSESHOE COMPETITION
- RC SHOW & SHINE
- CRAFT TABLE
- SOCCER

FREE ENTRY

CANTEEN OPEN
DRINKS
CANDY
CHIPS

*Bottled Water Always Free

"TIN FOR THE BIN"
In Support of
La Broquerie
Helping Hands
Food Bank

sandilandscommunityclub@gmail.com

38TH ANNUAL

SOUTH JUNCTION
ALL FAMILIES
SLOW PITCH
TOURNAMENT

JULY 27TH, 2024

(Rain Date July 28th)

Come out and watch local teams made up entirely of family members compete for the 38th annual bragging rights!

LIMITED TO 8 TEAMS
Guaranteed 3 Games.
Payout for each win.

**BEER GARDENS
11AM - MIDNIGHT**

For more information
contact Mitch Gobeil :
204-437-2343
mgobeil@mymts.net

**RAINBOW AUCTION
MUSIC, FOOD &
REFRESHMENTS**

GATE ENTRY FEE: FREE!

2024 Summer Fun on the Ridge

Saturday, July 27
11a.m. - 4p.m.

M.A. Querel Community Park
& Picnic Shelter (Woodridge)

Make plans to join us at the 5th Annual
SUMMER FUN ON THE RIDGE
a family friendly, community event.



Afternoon activities include: Kids on the Ridge Fun Zone, Horseshoes, Treasure Hunt, Bouncer, Good Ole Fashion Kids, Adults and Family Races!

Bring your lawn chair!
Bring your enthusiasm!
Bring your appetite!

FREE BBQ LUNCH FROM 11AM - 2PM
Hotdog or hamburger, snack, dessert and drink!

Proudly sponsored by the
Woodridge Community Club and the RM of Piney





News Release

RM of Piney's STARS donation supports critical care for its residents

May 13, 2024 (Vassar, Manitoba): The Rural Municipality of Piney continues its partnership with STARS to help fund the STARS program and its life-saving efforts. The RM of Piney supports two forms of donations to STARS. The first is a \$1.00 donation per capita, in which the RM is proud to be one of the first in Manitoba to make this commitment. The second is the STARS Fund-a-Flight program, which is a four-year commitment of \$5,400 per year. These donations and the outstanding commitment of the STARS team has had a tangible impact across the Municipality's communities. In 2023 alone, STARS responded to seven calls in the RM of Piney.

"If our support helps save one life, it's worth every penny. We are proud to partner with such a dedicated operational and medical team that can reach our remote communities within minutes", states Reeve Wayne Anderson from the RM of Piney.

The RM of Piney has within its boundaries, 12 communities spread over an area of 2,400 km², of which 70% encompasses the Sandilands Provincial Forest. The Municipality's close access to vast forest resources and its adjacency to the Lake of the Woods, make it a highly sought after resource for residents and industry including peat moss, agriculture, forestry and tourism, to name a few. The remoteness of the area with its many trail systems, makes having STARS ever more important when a critical incident arises. For some residents, this means getting emergency hospital access within minutes versus an hour to drive to the nearest hospital in Steinbach, which can be a life-saving difference.



Rural Municipality of Piney receiving plaques from STARS Manitoba for two Fund-a-Flight responses in the RM of Piney in 2023. Left to right: Martin Van Osch, CAO; Dave Beaudry, Councillor; Wayne Anderson, Reeve; Ken Prociw, Councillor; Mark Bernard, Councillor; Angele Cuthbertson, STARS; Dale Edbom, Councillor.

About STARS

STARS is a lifeline for patients in rural, remote, and indigenous communities across Western Canada. From a single helicopter to a network of highly skilled professionals providing care in the air, on the ground, or virtually, STARS has grown into a leading-edge innovator, harnessing our passion for saving lives to shape the future of critical care.

STARS was founded in Alberta in 1985. It all began when a pregnant woman from a rural community died from blood loss, leaving a father alone with their newborn. For STARS' founders, her death was one too many. Something had to be done.

Motivated to change emergency care for the patients who needed it, these founders created a helicopter air ambulance service which was built and supported by the community. Today, STARS provides critical care, anywhere from six bases across Western Canada.

STARS was first deployed in Manitoba in the spring of 2009 and has since flown over 6000 missions in our province – impacting thousands of lives in the process. As STARS has grown and evolved, STARS has never wavered from their mission. Fundamentally, they believe that where you live – or work, play and travel – shouldn't impact your chance of survival in an emergency.

Thanks to the support of community allies like the RM of Piney, STARS will be there for the next patient who needs them.