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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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**October 2024**

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

**The RM Office will be closed on:**

**Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation  
and Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



### Board of Revision

**The Board of Revision is scheduled October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

If you have any discrepancies with your 2025 assessments and would like to meet with MB Assessment, submit your request in writing must be submitted by letter or email to the RM office no later than 4:30pm on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Board of Revision will be meeting on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### RM of Piney Taxes Due Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Taxes are due by 4:30pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** All forms of payment must be in our office by that time so please be mindful of ground mail transit time. Arrears shown on your tax statement are as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 1.25% interest is applied monthly until they are fully paid. Please contact the office for a current balance prior to payment to ensure no additional interest charges have been left unaccounted. If you received a Supplementary Tax Statement in August/September, these tax bills are also due on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

#### Tax payments can be made by:

- mailing in a cheque – payable to the RM of Piney
- leaving a cheque in our drop box – accessible 24/7
- online banking – Credit Union & Caisse Populaire
- over the phone with credit card – with 2% admin fee
- debit/credit, cash, or cheque in person

**E-TRANSFERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

## RM OF PINEY FOREST TOURS CONSIDERED A SUCCESS

The RM of Piney embarked on a program to raise awareness of our local forest resources. Three events were held, each with a different theme. Participants came from across the region including Steinbach and surrounding communities.

The first tour focused on forest ecology and management, where participants looked at the many values of the forest including oxygen production, carbon uptake, wildlife habitat, wild foods such as berries and mushrooms, plus many more. Forest management techniques were compared between Crown (publicly owned forests) and privately owned forests, or woodlots. Discussions centered on our local forest resources as an 'economic engine' that provide not only traditional forest products such as saw logs and pulpwood, but also the fact that they have tremendous tourism potential.

The second tour focused on the FireSmart™ program, where landowners learned about different approaches to make their property less vulnerable to wildfires, such as clearing brush and long grass away from buildings, keeping firewood supplies away from dwellings, and having a buffer zone around the house of at least 10 metres free from combustible trees such as Jack pine or White spruce. The local Wildfire Response crew made a guest appearance to demonstrate their forest fire-fighting equipment and discuss the strategies they use to fight wildfires.

The final tour offered participants an experience in 'Forest Bathing', which is a technique that people can use to connect to the forest in ways that enhances relaxation and reduces stress. It involves training oneself to 'downshift' from a stressful day by slowly walking in the forest and using all of one's senses to really become aware of the sights, sounds, and smells of the forest. Research has proven that this technique can lower blood pressure, reduce the heart rate, and decrease levels of cortisol (the main stress hormone). During this tour, participants were given bundles of seedlings to take home and plant as a memory of all they had learned and experienced.

The RM would like to thank our knowledgeable tour guide, Bob Austman, and all the wonderful participants who took part in these tours.

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Fall is the Perfect Time to Increase Community Pride

Beautification is more than just a trend; it's an investment in the appeal and cohesion of our communities. A well-maintained landscape and thoughtfully designed outdoor spaces enhance not only individual properties but also the overall livability of neighborhoods.

**First Impressions Matter.** Curb appeal plays a crucial role in how neighborhoods are perceived. Neatly manicured landscaping, tidy yard sites, and clear pathways create a welcoming atmosphere that fosters connection among residents. Properties that exude charm encourage a sense of pride, making neighborhoods more attractive to both residents and visitors alike.

**Community Clean-Up.** As seasons change, fall presents an ideal opportunity for community beautification efforts including essential tasks like trimming dead branches and clearing debris. The collective effort of residents, business owners and community groups not only improve the visual appeal of the area but also strengthens community bonds.

**Safety and Accessibility.** A clean, well-maintained home and neighborhood is safer for everyone. Clearing pathways and removing hazards helps prevent accidents, especially as winter approaches. By trimming branches that may break under snow or ice and removing debris from your driveway and sidewalks, safer conditions are created for winter necessities like snow clearing. Focusing on safety enhances accessibility and encourages people to engage in outdoor activities, fostering a healthier community.

**Building Community Spirit.** Beautification fosters a sense of pride within the community. When residents invest time and effort into their properties, it inspires others to do the same. This collective commitment to maintaining and enhancing the neighborhood creates a stronger community spirit, making our hamlets more inviting and cohesive. Well-kept parks and recreation facilities become focal points for gatherings, fostering social connections and enhancing local culture.

**Visitor Perception.** Visitors are more likely to feel welcomed and engaged when they encounter beautiful landscapes and well-maintained homes and businesses. Vibrant public spaces reflect the values of the community, creating a positive impression that encourages tourism and supports local businesses. People are naturally drawn to aesthetically pleasing environments, which can lead to increased interest in local events and activities.

Community beautification enriches lives, strengthens bonds, and promotes safety. This fall, embrace the season by participating in community clean-up initiatives and maybe even reach out to a neighbour who would appreciate a helping hand. Together, we can create a thriving, beautiful community that everyone is proud to call home.

Monique Chenier

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

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

Hope everyone is having a good fall season thus far!

Recently we have been getting increased reports of break & enter thefts occurring in many communities within the RM. In some of these incidents vehicles and homes were left unlocked. I want to draw awareness to make sure you lock up your home and vehicles as it makes it that much harder for someone to take things. If they have to force their way in there is also more likelihood of them leaving evidence behind that can be used to identify the individual(s). Evidence is also much easier to gather soon after the incident. We have had incidents reported days after knowing the offence took place. I implore you to report a theft as soon as you know it has occurred. Check on your properties often and look out for your fellow neighbors as well, 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 work from Wednesday and 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

## Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# SMOKE ALARMS

Make Them WORK For You!™



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## **Bus Safety Week**

**Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Ensuring Safety on Rural School Bus Routes**

As the new school year begins, it's crucial to address the unique safety challenges faced by students and drivers on rural roads. With gravel and dusty conditions, both students waiting for the bus and drivers navigating these roads must be vigilant to ensure everyone's safety.

#### **Safety Tips for Students**

1. **Wait in a Safe Spot:** Always stand at least 10 feet away from the road while waiting for the bus. This distance helps avoid accidents caused by passing vehicles or the bus itself.
2. **Be Visible:** Wear bright or reflective clothing, during early morning or late afternoon hours when visibility is low.
3. **Stay Alert:** Avoid distractions like phones/headphones. Pay attention to your surroundings & the approaching bus.
4. **Boarding the Bus:** Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and for the driver to signal that it's safe to board. Use the handrail to avoid slipping.

#### **Safety Tips for Drivers**

1. **Slow Down:** Reduce speed when approaching bus stops, especially on gravel where stopping distances are longer.
2. **Stay Alert:** Be on the lookout for children waiting by the roadside. They might be hidden by dust or other obstacles.
3. **Follow the Law:** Always stop when a school bus has its stop sign extended and lights flashing. This is a legal requirement and crucial for children's safety.
4. **Maintain Distance:** Keep a safe distance from the bus to allow for sudden stops and to avoid the dust cloud that can obscure visibility.

By following these guidelines, we can create a safer environment for our children and ensure that they reach school and home safely every day. Let's work together to make our rural roads safer for everyone.

## **Rent a Community Vehicle to Take Residents Where They Need to Go!**

### **Step 1: Become an Approved User of BPP Rent & Ride Inc.**

BPP Rent & Ride is inviting applications from all community organizations/groups who can benefit from a transportation model such as this one. If your community club, group, and/or organization would be interested in an affordable transportation option for planned trips/outings, please take this opportunity to apply on behalf of your organization/group.

To obtain an application package or get more information, please email [admin@bpprentride.ca](mailto:admin@bpprentride.ca) or call Candace Hiebert, BPP Administration at 204-437-2284 or 204-905-1768. The package includes the User Application, User Agreement, Rates & Fees Policy, and Driver Use Policy. Once approved, you can reserve a vehicle, authorize your driver, and go where you and your fellow community members want/need to go. It's all about bringing people places!

Our current fleet includes a 2023 Toyota Sienna, a 7-passenger hybrid van, offering a blend of comfort and fuel efficiency. We're also excited to announce that we're expanding our fleet with the addition of a 2018 Ram ProMaster 2500. This 10-passenger van is wheelchair accessible, ensuring we can cater to the needs of all our residents.

The BPP Rent & Ride initiative is a collaborative effort between Buffalo Point First Nation and the RM of Piney. This partnership provides a cost-effective and eco-friendly transportation solution, designed to be shared among approved organizations and groups. The primary goal is to facilitate group travel for residents, enhancing community connectivity.



## Border Land School Division

120 9th Street NW Altona MB R0G 0B1

Phone: 204-324-6491

Website: [www.blsd.ca](http://www.blsd.ca)

# BLSD NEWSLETTER

October Edition

## Fire Safety!

We are well into a new school year. October is Fire Safety month. As the weather cools and our heating units, appliances, and fire pits are used more and more, it is good to make sure everyone in the household understands how to be fire safe and what to do in case of fire. As you enjoy the snack, craft, and activities in this newsletter, talk with your child about how to stay safe around fire.



## Firefighters Poem

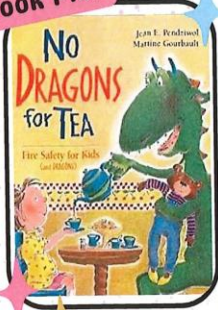
Firefighters wear big red hats.  
Climb up ladders and rescue cats.  
Ride big trucks with big black tires.  
Use big hoses to spray fires.  
Race when they hear fire alarms  
To help keep people safe from harm.



## Fire Safety for Families

- Keep matches and lighters safely out of children's reach.
- Develop a home fire escape plan. Make sure your child knows:
  - Two ways to get out of any room in the house
  - How to drop to their knees and crawl if there is smoke.
  - How to stop, drop and roll if their clothes catch fire.
  - How to exit from an upper floor (install escape ladders).
  - Where to meet the rest of the family once outside the house.
  - Who the designated safe neighbour is if they need shelter.
  - That they should not re-enter the home until a firefighter says it is safe.
- Have home fire drills at least twice a year. Make sure your children practice BOTH ways of getting out of their room.

### October Book Pick



CLICK HERE

for a YouTube read aloud



## Come and Visit... and Stay to Play!! At Ross L. Gray School- Fall 2024

RLG, BLSD, and Health Child Coalition-SE are hosting a *free* stay and play for families and their caregivers in the area.

- ❖ The Stay and Play is a free drop-in program, with no registration required.
- ❖ It will be held Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 at the RLG school.
- ❖ A free snack and a book will be provided.
- ❖ The children will come and explore and participate in various activities that will strengthen their social skills and help promote independence.
- ❖ This is an opportunity for parents to learn with their children, children to interact and make new friends, and for everyone to meet other families in the community.

Come and Visit... and Stay to Play will follow the BLSD school calendar, which means if there is a school closure we will be closed also.

Where: Ross L. Gray School

When: Starting October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (every Tuesday) until December 10<sup>th</sup>

What time: 9:30-11:30

Who: Babies and children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers.



If you have questions please contact Carly Chubaty or Adriane Culleton at 204-437-2175. [chubatyc@blsd.ca](mailto:chubatyc@blsd.ca) or [culettona@blsd.ca](mailto:culettona@blsd.ca)

or

[Ashley Milne at Almbri@hotmail.com](mailto:AshleyMilne@hotmail.com)

## LITTLE RAIDER BAGS PROVIDED BY ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AGE 0 - 5

BAGS INCLUDE:

- INSTRUCTIONS/MATERIALS TO MAKE A CRAFT AND A SNACK
- 4L MILK COUPON
- A BOOK

A FAMILY LEARNING  
ADVENTURE

REGISTER THROUGH EMAIL  
[culettona@blsd.ca](mailto:culettona@blsd.ca)  
[chubatyc@blsd.ca](mailto:chubatyc@blsd.ca)

JOIN  
NOW!



Free!

## PARENT DROP IN

4 sessions on Thursdays from 10am-11:30am:  
October 17 - November 7 - November 28 - December 12



Connect with  
other parents



Participate in  
activities & crafts



Join group  
discussions

Snacks will be  
provided

Location:  
East Borderland Primary Health Centre

Facilitated by: Holly Larson & Quinn Brandt



# Autumn EVENTS

## Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction

## Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar or via Zoom

## Vassar Fall Brunch

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm

Bingo to follow from 1:00-3:00pm

## CRA In-person Support Clinic & Service Canada

First Tuesday of the Month from 10am – 3pm

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre in Sprague

## “Meet Your Neighbours” – Coffee Groups

Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors Club in S.J.

Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors Club in Sprague



## COMMUNITY DELIVERY DAYS & DONATION DROP OFF

ROC (Recreation Opportunities for Children) Eastman has extra donated equipment that we are excited to share with those who need!

Twice a year (early spring & early fall) we load up our trailer and tour Eastman, delivering activity supplies & sporting equipment to kiddos around the region who would like to participate in activities but find equipment is a barrier. There is no cost - we would just love to share the generosity of our donors with you! Communities visited change each year, so please check our upcoming events for our next tour dates & locations!

Have equipment you no longer need? Please stop by to drop off donations or swap for something different!

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THIS EVENT OR TO SEE WHAT DONATIONS WE ACCEPT, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ROCEASTMAN.CA/UPCOMINGEVENTS](http://WWW.ROCEASTMAN.CA/UPCOMINGEVENTS)



## FALL 2024 SOUTH EASTMAN SCHEDULE

OCT 5 • 10:00-11:00AM  
SPRAGUE  
ROSS L GRAY SCHOOL PARKING LOT

OCT 5 • 12:00-1:00PM  
VITA  
VITA COMMONS PICNIC AREA / PARKING LOT

OCT 5 • 1:45-2:45PM  
STEINBACH  
MAIN BREAD & BUTTER (MAIN ST) PARKING LOT

ROC Eastman is a registered charity that provides services to reduce barriers to recreation participation for children living in the Eastman area

[www.roceastman.ca](http://www.roceastman.ca)  
Charitable # 821026309

MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024  
2:00-4:00

UNDER THE CANOPY AT VASSAR BALLPARK

# Reconnect with Nature and Neighbours PAINT IN THE PARK IN VASSAR

The cost is \$5 for RLG students (age 12 and up)

\$15 for parents or community members

All supplies will be provided

Come enjoy a fun family afternoon

Maximum 25 participants

Please send us an email to sign up



To register or if you have questions please reach out to [chubatyc@blsd.ca](mailto:chubatyc@blsd.ca) or [culletona@blsd.ca](mailto:culletona@blsd.ca)



# MOMMS & TOTS



Thursdays  
10am - 12pm

DEAR PARENTS OF TODDLERS,  
WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MOM & TOTS PROGRAM WILL BE BACK TO DOING WEEKLY GET TOGETHERS STARTING SEPTEMBER. BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES TO FOR SNACKS, PLAY, CRAFTS AND SOCIALIZING.

Woodridge Community Hall  
69 Denis Street



# Middlebro Outdoorsman's Dinner, Card Auction & Dance

Oct.5th /24  
Ages 15  
Plus

Sponsored By:



Buffet served at: 6pm.  
\$35.00 per person  
(dinner & dance)  
Auction: (\$10. -\$20/card)  
50-50 Bar open 6pm.  
Dance starts at 9  
\$10.00 Dance only

Group of 8 Reserve a table: \$300.00  
Call: Donna @ 204-881-8409 or Jodie @ 218-242-2283

# SAVE THE DATE

SPRAGUE ARENA'S  
Annual Halloween Social  
Sprague Hall  
Saturday October 26th  
8PM-1AM



healthy  
TOGETHER NOW

## RECONNECT WITH NATURE AND NEIGHBOURS

### AT THE SPRAGUE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

#### FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Come and tour the museum. See the exhibits of the Metis people and voyageurs. Learn about life in a bush camp and logging. Discover types of trees and wildlife that are from our area.

#### HOT CHOCOLATE AND A TREAT

Enjoy a cup of Hot Chocolate and visit with our museum guides.

#### A TREE TO PLANT

Take a tree home and plant it as a family.

#### JOIN US

**When** - Sunday, October 6th

**Time** - 1:00 - 4:00

**Cost** - Free (donations to the museum are always accepted)

**Questions** - Please Contact  
culletona@blds.ca  
chubatyc@blds.ca



Sandilands Community Club Inc.

# Autumn HARVEST FESTIVAL

## OCTOBER 26

1:00 PM - 4PM  
SANDILANDS PARK

Harvest Themed Kids Activities All Day  
Join This Years Treasure Hunt  
In The "SPOOKY FOREST"!

#### For the Adults

Horseshoes Competition 3PM

Pumpkin Toss 3:30 PM

#### Volunteers Needed

sandilandscommunityclub@gmail.com

Free  
Entry

Canteen Open  
Chips,  
Pop/Hot Drinks,  
Seasonal Treats.

**Ticket Number 009518 is the August Recycling Winner!**

*THIS PRIZE HAS ALREADY BEEN CLAIMED.*



# WINNER







**HAVE CANCER?  
NEED HELP?  
REACH OUT!!**

**Local Support is available through  
Piney Regional Senior Services**

**Contact Rachel Lachnit  
204-437-2604  
lgdseniors@gmail.com**



## **OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**



### **INFORMATIONAL SUPPORT**

Helping you to connect to resources you may need.



### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- Gas / Transportation
- Medication
- Dry mouth relief products
- Protein meal replacement
- Medical equipment
- Compression garments
- Incontinence products



### **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

- Someone to talk to /Peer Support
- Blanket
- Brave Barbie
- Day Away Program (experiences)

**Our Mission is to provide emotional, financial and informational support to patients, families and caregivers affected by cancer.**



204-779-2441



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# SOUTH EAST MANITOBA SUPPORT FUND



## Lake of the Sandhills Difference Makers

This fund was established by the **Lake of the Sandhills Ladies Golf League Golf Tournament**.

The **Lake of the Sandhills Ladies Golf League** has raised over \$351,000 for many worthwhile causes over the past 16 years.



I was referred to Never Alone through a therapist working in Cancer Care. They were a huge help! We were about to miss important payments and had nowhere to turn. Never Alone took the time to see where our family was struggling and was able to help bridge some gaps in our financial situation. I am forever grateful for the help that Never Alone was able to provide for me and my family.  
-R.H.

Email us today if you need help: [info@nacf.ca](mailto:info@nacf.ca)

