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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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Mark Bernard: 431-997-5077

September 2025

MONTHLY REMINDERS

The RM Office will be closed:

Monday, September 1st, 2025 for

Labour Day

AND

Tuesday, September 30th, 2025

NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION

EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS

Council Meetings

Regular Council Meetings will now be held at 10:00am,
until further notice.

September Council meetings are as follows:

Committee of the Whole

September 3rd at 10:00am

Regular Council Meetings

September 9th and 23rd at 10:00am

Meetings are open to the public. If you have an issue you
would like to bring to a council meeting, you can register in
writing no later than 4:30pm of the Tuesday preceding the
regular Council Meeting, to become a delegate.

Board of Revision

October 14th, 2025

If you have concerns about your 2024/2025 additions or
reductions, or your 2026 property assessment, you may
request to appear before the Board of Revision on Tuesday,
October 14, 2025.

The Board of Revision is an independent panel that reviews
property assessment appeals. Manitoba Assessment
Services will also be present to provide information and
respond to questions during the hearing.

**To participate, submit your written request by letter or
email to the RM office no later than 4:30 PM on
September 29, 2025.**

RM of Piney Seedling Program

White Spruce Seedlings Available

\$7.00 per bundle (25 seedlings)



Seedlings are only available to
ratepayers. Contact the RM
office to reserve your seedlings
today!

Payments can be made by
cash, cheque, debit, or by credit
card (with a 2% service fee).

Projected pick up date for seedlings is Thursday,
September 4th, 2025. Ratepayers with pre-orders will be
contacted directly with pick up dates. Seedlings must be
picked up during regular office hours.

RM of Piney Forest Tours

Friday, September 26th from 1:00 – 3:30pm

GOODS FROM THE WOODS

South-East Forest Products

Located at 11 Penner Dr., in Blumenort

Participants using the provided transportation are to
meet at the RM office in Vassar (6092 Boundary St.) for
12:00pm. The van will be leaving shortly after 12:00pm
and returning around 4:30pm.

Participants providing their own transportation are to
meet at the sawmill in Blumenort for 1:00pm.

Contact the RM office to reserve your spot!

Please call 204-437-2284 or email:

carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca or candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca



Arbogate School

Meet the Teacher Night:

September 3rd 4:00-6:00

Start Date: **September 4th**

Ste. Anne Collegiate

Start Date:

Grade 9: **September 4th**

10-12: **September 5th**

Ross L. Gray School

Kick Start Day (Meet & Greet): **September 3rd 9:00-3:30**

Start Date: **September 4th (K-12 school day)**

K-6 appointments available on parent portal or by email.

7-12 grade group meetings held in the library.

Contact: bainesj@blsd.ca

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rent a Community Hall for Your Next Event

When planning a memorable family gathering, whether it's a milestone birthday or anniversary, baby or bridal shower, family reunion or holiday get-together, the venue can make all the difference. While hosting at home might seem convenient, renting a small-town hall offers many advantages. And nearly every community in Sunrise Corner has a hall with unique amenities available to rent.

Spacious Yet Intimate: Small-town halls provide ample space for your guests to move around comfortably without feeling cramped. Unlike home settings, they offer a dedicated area for your event, creating a special atmosphere where everyone can relax and enjoy themselves.

Ease of Preparation: Hosting at a community hall often means less stress for you. These venues typically come equipped with tables, chairs, and kitchen amenities, reducing the need for extensive setup and cleanup compared to transforming your home for guests.

Flexibility in Decor and Layout: Quaint community halls offer greater flexibility in decor and layout than most homes. Whether you envision a themed party or a simple, elegant gathering, you can easily customize the space to suit your vision without worrying about space constraints or disrupting your daily living areas.

Community Support: Opting for a local hall supports your community. These venues are often centrally located, making them convenient for guests, and renting them contributes to the local economy while providing a unique backdrop for your event.

Why not consider the advantages of renting a community hall for your next family gathering? From providing a spacious yet intimate atmosphere to offering ease of preparation and customization options, these venues can transform your event into a memorable occasion while supporting your community. It just might be the perfect choice for your upcoming celebration.

If you want to check out the many unique options available in Sunrise Corner, visit our local directory:

<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings/category/community-facilities/>



Monique Chenier

monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PS. Calling all Sunrise Corner Community Clubs: If you've got a hall and other adjacent amenities, we're happy to help promote your space to people interested in renting an event space. Additional revenue from hall rentals can go a long way to offsetting your volunteer fundraising efforts. Please email me and we'll send you a survey that captures all the amenities you offer then we can update your community club listing on the Sunrise Corner directory.

Employee Benefits for Your Small Business

Small business owners have a lot to think about to keep their business running. Getting a health benefits plan for yourself as a sole proprietor or your small team of employees may have seemed unaffordable and out of reach.

Did you know that as a member of the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce, serving businesses in the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn since 2016, you have exclusive access to a reliable and comprehensive employee benefits program tailored for your small business?

Endorsed by over 900 Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan is Canada's largest not-for-profit employee benefits program serving over 32,000 businesses. Built specifically for small and mid-sized companies, the plan offers flexible, affordable coverage with stable rates and dependable service.

Choose from a variety of customizable benefits to suit your team's unique needs: from dental insurance and prescription drug coverage, to group life insurance and disability, and even employee assistance programs and group retirement solutions.

Whether you're a one-person operation or managing a team of 50+, Chambers Plan brings you peace of mind and value you can count on. Eligibility is simple. Your business must be a member of a participating chamber of commerce (like the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce at only \$80 per year!). Coverage is available for sole proprietors, partners, and employees under 75 years old. All individuals must be Canadian residents and permanently employed.

Need more information? Attend the September 11th Chamber meeting at the RM of Piney office in Vassar at 7 pm – Theresa Wirth of Chambers Plan will be presenting and available to answer any questions. If you can't attend in person, email hello@pineyregionalchamber.ca to request the zoom link. Or visit the Chamber website for details:

<https://pineyregionalchamber.ca/membership/employee-benefits/>

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Sprague RCMP

Throughout the month of July, and the first few weeks of August, the Sprague RCMP have received a substantial increase of off-road vehicle complaints.

We understand everyone's desire to get out on the ATV's now that the fire bans are over. We also understand that in these small communities, off-road vehicles can often be a primary mode of transportation when visiting neighbours or making a quick trip to the convenience store. Due to this, I will be completely honest when I tell you that I use my discretion when I observe certain offences that are being committed under the Off-Road Vehicle Act. Especially when the operator is being safe, and respectful.

With the above being said, public safety is our number one priority. We have received several complaints from community members reporting disrespectful and dangerous driving of ATV's, dirt bikes, etc. This will leave the Sprague RCMP detachment members no choice but to cease using discretion and start enforcing the laws with which we typically exercise some discretion. Below are some of the laws and penalties that are applicable under the Off-Road Vehicles Act:

- Sec. 26(1) Being a person under the age of 14 years, operate an off-road vehicle without being in clear view of a parent or authorized adult = \$143.00
- Sec. 26(2) As the owner, permit an unsupervised person under 14 years of age to operate an ATV = \$143.00
- Sec. 27 Have more passengers than permitted on an ATV = \$113.00
- Sec. 28(1) Fail to wear a helmet = \$174.00
- Sec. 31 Operate an ORV carelessly = \$672.00
- Sec. 31.1 Drive Imprudently = \$203.00
- Sec. 32(2) Operate an ORV in a parking lot = \$237.00
- Sec. 33(1)(a) Operate an ORV on or across a roadway or shoulder = \$113.00
- Sec. 35(4)(b) As the operator of an off-road vehicle, enter onto a roadway or shoulder without stopping = \$174.00
- Sec. 42(2)(b) As the operator fail to drive in a single line with other ORV's = \$113.00
- Sec. 43(1) As the owner, permit a person under 16 years to operate an ORV upon or across a highway = \$174.00

As you can see, there are many enforceable laws under the Off-Road-Vehicles Act. and above I just listed some of the more common one's. There are many more!

For all non-emergency matters, 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. For Criminal Record checks, our office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Cpl. Kevin Bruce
Sprague RCMP

Keeping Your Rural Property Safe

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to paint the landscape, it's a good time for rural landowners to think about property safety. With shorter days and longer nights, the risk of crime can increase. Here are some practical tips to help you keep your property safe as we transition into the fall season.

1. **Enhance Lighting:** Good lighting is a powerful deterrent to crime. Ensure that all entry points, including doors and windows, are well-lit. Motion-sensor lights are effective as they can startle potential intruders and alert you to their presence. Solar-powered lights are an eco-friendly option that can be placed along pathways and driveways.
2. **Secure Doors and Windows:** Check all doors and windows to ensure they are secure. Install deadbolts on exterior doors and consider reinforcing door frames. For windows, especially those on the ground floor, use locks or security bars. Don't forget to secure outbuildings like barns and sheds, which can be targets for thieves.
3. **Install Security Cameras:** Modern security cameras are more affordable and easier to install than ever. Place cameras at key points around your property, such as entrances, driveways, and near valuable equipment. Many cameras now offer remote monitoring via smartphone apps, allowing you to keep an eye on your property even when you're not there.
4. **Maintain Landscaping:** Overgrown bushes and trees can provide cover for intruders. Keep your landscaping trimmed and ensure that there are no hiding spots near windows and doors.
5. **Use Alarm Systems:** An alarm system can be a significant deterrent. There are various options available, from basic systems that alert you to more sophisticated ones that notify local authorities. Make sure to display signs indicating that your property is protected by an alarm system.
6. **Get to Know Your Neighbours:** A strong community is one of the best defenses against crime. Get to know your neighbours and look out for each other. Consider forming a neighbourhood watch group to keep an eye on suspicious activities. Sharing information and staying connected can help keep everyone safer.
7. **Secure Valuables:** Keep valuable items out of sight and locked away. This includes tools, machinery, and recreational vehicles. If possible, store them in a locked garage or shed.
8. **Regularly Check Your Property:** Make it a habit to walk around your property and check for any signs of tampering or unusual activity. This can help you spot potential security issues before they become serious problems.

By taking these steps, you can help ensure that your rural property remains safe and secure throughout the fall season. Remember, a little preparation can go a long way in preventing crime and giving you peace of mind.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRCC Meeting

Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 7pm
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar
Guest Speaker: Theresa Wirth, Chambers Plan

Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, September 27th, 2025 from 10am – 2pm
Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction

Middlebro Outdoorsman's Dinner/Auction

Saturday, October 18th, 2025
Middlebro Community Hall

South East Sno-Riders Halloween Social Fundraiser

Saturday, October 25th, 2025 7:00pm
Woodridge Community Club

Service Canada

First Tuesday of the Month from 10:00am – 3:00pm
East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

"Meet Your Neighbours" – Coffee Groups

Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.
Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague

Woodridge Wellness Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00pm
Woodridge Community Club

Exercise for Fun & Health

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

SPRAGUE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

INDIGENOUS BUILDING GRAND OPENING

HELD ON THE MUSEUM GROUNDS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

FREE ADMISSION

Featuring:

- Roseau River F.N. Drum Group
- Métis Fiddler Gilles Crevier
- Pipe and Water Ceremony
- Métis Music Van
- Free Indigenous Food Sampling
- BBQ Canteen

Bring a lawn chair

SCHEDULE

GATES OPEN
10 AM

PROGRAM
11 AM – 1 PM

LUNCH
1 – 2 PM

MÉTIS FIDDLER
2 – 3:30 PM

Manitoba



Supported with a grant by Government of Manitoba
& Community Museum Project Support Program

Woodridge Community Club invites you to attend our dine-in **FALL SUPPER**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

at the Woodridge Community Centre
69 Denis Street, Woodridge, MB

*Menu will include some of your favorites . . .
fried chicken, meatballs, perogies, mashed potatoes,
garlic sausage & sauerkraut, a variety of side dishes
and a dessert buffet.*

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!

*Tickets can be purchased from any WCC board member,
at the Woodridge Vintage Corner Store
and the Woodridge Garage
before September 8th.*

There will be no tickets on sale at the door.

Questions? Call 204-429-2344

Adult/Teen: \$25

Youth (6 – 12 years): \$15

Children under 5 years: Free



PINEY ANNUAL FALL ATV DERBY

Saturday, September 27th, 2025

Registration from 10 am – 3 pm

Piney Community Hall

Prize Money is 20% - 15% - 10% - 5% OF TOTAL HANDS
(less insurance fees)

All hands - \$5.00 each

Quick Pick available at Piney Hall until 6 pm



**50/50
Draw**

**Rainbow
Auction**

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT PINEY HALL
Food Available on the Trail

For information call:

Wally - 431-205-1248 * Terry - 204-795-8591 * Nancy - 204-408-0874