



# Voices of the Village APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Coronavirus: Social Distancing, Self Quarantine and Isolation

In light of the ongoing situation, the Village of Marwayne is taking precautionary measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As the health and safety of our staff and residents is our top priority, the Village has made the difficult decision to limit face-to-face interaction and close our administration office to the public until further notice.

Despite the office closure, staff will continue to be available by phone and/or email for your convenience. Should you need to make a bill payment, you may do so utilizing online banking or through the drop box on the side of the administration building.

The Village is committed to providing up to date information as it becomes available via our website as well as our Facebook page. In the meantime, we kindly ask that all residents follow the Alberta Health Services prevention guidelines as outlined below:

- **Wash your hands often and well;**
- **Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick; and**
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.**

If you have recently travelled, have been exposed to anyone who has recently travelled, or if you are feeling ill, please consider staying home. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to flatten the curve.

### What is Social Distancing?

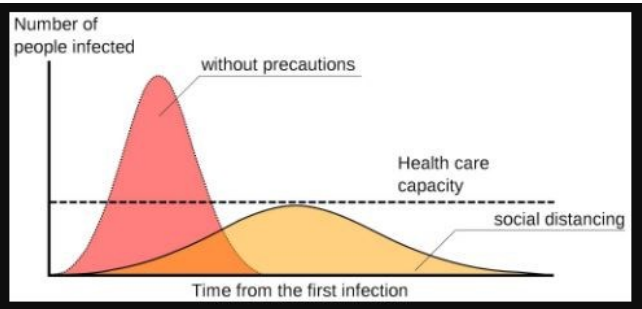
Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least 6 feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19.

### What is Self-Quarantine?

People who have been exposed to the virus or who are at risk for coming down with COVID-19 should self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. This timeframe gives people enough time to know whether or not they will become ill and/or be contagious to other people.

### What is Isolation?

Isolation is for people who are confirmed to have COVID-19. Isolation keeps people who are infected with the virus away from those who are not infected in order to limit the spread of the illness.



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Council Meetings**  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

April 6th & 20th

**Blue Bag Recycle Days**

April 9th & 23rd

**Fiddle/Guitar Workshop**

April 25th

**Community Garage Sales**

May 23rd

**PBR**

May 23rd

**Marwayne 4H Achievement Day**

May 25th

**Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday  
8:00am—1:00pm  
1:00pm– 4:30pm  
*\*closed for lunch between 12:00pm—1:00pm\**

Operating  
Hours &  
Contacts

**After Hours Water/Sewer Emergencies:**

Wilson Curtis      780-205-2993  
Carry Grant        780-214-7933

**Health and Safety Emergencies:**

Kitscoty RCMP      780-846-2870  
RCMP, EMS, FIRE   911

For all non-emergency inquiries, or to file a complaint, please contact the Kitscoty RCMP at 780-846-2897

**Transfer Station Hours:**

Wednesday        2:00pm—5:00pm  
Saturday           10:00am—2:00pm

**Summer Hours Starting  
May 02nd:**

Wednesday        2:00pm—7:00pm  
Saturday           10:00am—2:00pm

**Residential garbage pickup:**

Thursdays        7:00am

*During inclement weather, please call the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Commission at 780-853-5561 to get updates as to whether or not transfer stations are open.*

**DID YOU KNOW...**

.....before our townsite was surveyed and before the railway arrived, the first businesses were a general store, 2 lumber yards, a blacksmith shop, meat market, real estate office, restaurant and a Notary public in office.



## Message from the Marwayne Ag Society

We recognize that with the constantly changing COVID-19 situation around the world, this is an unprecedented time for everyone — a time that, for many, is filled with uncertainty.

Please see the below website [www.alberta.ca/COVID19](http://www.alberta.ca/COVID19) for Albertans this is a very good website that is keeping us updated in Alberta.

Keep drinking your fluids and washing your hands.

### Fun Thought

There's a new phone app that help you find your keys. Great, now where's my phone. LOL

## Message from Vermilion River Regional Waste Management

With this virus update, I thought I should put out the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services position. **This will be re-visited on an ongoing basis as this virus progresses.**

Right now all of our transfer sites are open for regular hours, including the Vermilion transfer site. We ask patrons to respect the health and safety of our operators and maintain a social distance of 1 to 2 meters from them when you visit our site. Our staff will be happy to answer any questions that you may have and to direct you to the correct compound for disposal of your waste. Until further notice, the Vermilion transfer site scale house is closed to the public. The speaker at the scale is operational, and if you do have any questions, they can be asked at the window. We thank you for your courtesy in maintaining the CDC recommended social distances. For now residential pickups will continue as scheduled, but that may change depending on our contractor's staffing levels. If it becomes necessary to change residential pickup dates, reduce hours or to close any sites because of staff shortages, that information will be communicated to you via social media.

Shirley Schwartz

# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARWAYNE PBR

PRESENTED BY: **GARNIER CUSTOM SILAGING**  
and **GMACK OILFIELD SERVICES**

>NEW DATE<  
**SATURDAY**

**MAY 23**

**MARWAYNE ARENA**

**6:30 Wild Pony Races**

**7:00 PBR**

**TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR**



TICKETS \$25 AT DOOR  
12 & UNDER FREE  
DANCE ONLY \$15  
DOORS OPEN 5PM

PROCEEDS TO  
MARWAYNE ARENA

**Dance Featuring  
THE PRAIRIE DOGS**

**Marwayne Ag Society  
Shuttle Service Available**

Bullfighter sponsors  
Skylar Farrier Services  
Nolin Farrier Services

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Secure Energy

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COUNTRY  
95.9**

## **GOLD SPONSORS**

**NORTHSTAR OUTFITTING - LD FEED AND FREIGHT  
MARWAYNE AG SERVICES-HQ MANURE MANAGEMENT  
CHROME DIESEL REPAIR - REID AND WRIGHT ADVERTISING  
GOLD HORSE CASINO-BTO SKIDSTEER SERVICES**

Marwayne Senior Citizen's Association

22 Center St. Marwayne, AB

April 2020 AGENDA

As the concerns for everyone's health and safety grows, we will be canceling our monthly Crib Tournament.

FIDDLE/GUITAR WORKSHOP

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

INSTRUCTORS:

LUCAS WELSH (SK)



DEANNA DOLSTRA (AB)



**TULLIBY LAKE COMMUNIPLEX**

*LEARN TO PLAY FIDDLE OR GUITAR!*

*All ages and skill levels welcome*

Registration: 9:30AM (MUST be Pre-registered)

3 Hours of Instruction, Jam Session and free admission to Instructor Concert/Dance

Lunch, Supper and Snacks Provided

Fees: Adult - \$50 Child - \$30

Please contact Caroline Parke for more information and to register (780) 870-5840

\*\*Additional Instructors to be added based on enrollment

Thank you to the Marwayne Rescue Squad and to Cheryle and Roger for their professionalism for Milton in December! Also Thanks to Lloydminster Hospital staff for excellent care. Thanks to all our neighbors.

Milton has made a great recovery!

Thanks Again!

Milton & Terry Reid

thank you

# MARWAYNE'S RODEO STREET DANCE

IT'S A PARTY AND EVERYONE IS INVITED



The month of June is Marwayne's time to shine. The 66th Annual Lea Park Rodeo will be held on June 5th, 6th and 7th 2020 but we party in Marwayne first.

## 11th Annual Marwayne Street Dance

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 from

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Local Volunteers will host this family-oriented event which will have hot dogs, hamburgers, kid's activities, a street dance with entertainment, vendors, and lots of fun on Centre Street.

**VENDORS:** If you would like to be a vendor at the Street Dance, please contact Cheryle at 780-242-3256. The types of vendors we are looking for include:

- Trade Booth & Farmers Market Vendors
- Youth Entrepreneurs
- Non-profits looking to fundraise
- Children's Performers, Face Painters, & Activities
- And just a note that ATCO tents will be available to vendors'
- \$5.00 per table with 4 chairs. Tables only reserved with payment

All downtown businesses are encouraged to be open and set up sidewalk sales or kiosks during the event.



**If you are interested in helping out with the event, please contact Cheryle at the Historic Marwayne Hotel 780-847-4029 or by cell at 780-242-3256**

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARWAYNE STREET DANCE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020

Hi everybody, this is just a reminder of the upcoming Marwayne Street Dance on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Everybody is invited for a fun evening of music; a Bouncy House sponsored by the Marwayne Fire & Rescue Department; a Dunk Tank; hopefully if the weather prevails, we will have the Border Town Hogs; Lloyd Rescue with the Rescue Equipment; the Just Kruzin group and Semi Trucks from C & J Trucking. The Lea Park Rodeo Truck will be on display. Take a good look at what you or the lucky ticket holder could win during the Lea Park Rodeo. There will also be some Trade Booths for those wishing to do a little shopping. The Historic Marwayne has received approval for a Special License to allow Minors into the Bar from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Another great part of the Street Dance is the Hay Rides courtesy of Becky & Travis Sherwood. Our local Seniors Association will again be cooking Hot Dogs and Hamburgers which are free, but if you wish, you can leave a donation.

Hopefully I have left nothing out and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Keep your fingers crossed that it rains the day before or the day after our event.



# Marwayne AG SERVICES



Has now changed to  
Marwayne Ag Services, in addition  
to Hail Insurance, we now offer  
Seed and other Agronomic Services  
(Soil Sampling, Crop Scouting,  
Herbicide Resistance Testing in  
conjunction with Six Strong  
Agronomy)

James Oberhofer, Professional Agrologist

(639) 536-1031



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Business**

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to date with the latest  
procedures, walk crops  
daily, support community  
events, and are accredited  
and insured in their  
Agronomy Business.**

Darcy Saskiw, Certified Crop Advisor

(780) 522-8135

## COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE



**Saturday May 23rd, 2020**



How it works:

- If you are interested in having a garage sale in your yard this day please contact us at the Village administration office.
- We will post all the listings on Facebook, on our website and around town a few days before the big day.
- On Saturday May 23rd make sure to advertise your big sale! Create bright signs with balloons (making sure to remove after the sale).

You can contact us by phone 780-847-3962 or by email at [Marwayne@mcsnet.ca](mailto:Marwayne@mcsnet.ca) during regular working business hours.

**Please Note:** As the future of the Corona Virus is unclear, this date may change. If the date changes, we will notify the public accordingly.





# MARWAYNE SPRING CLEANUP

## Treasure Hunt will be Saturday, May 30th for one day only

How it works:

Treasure Hunt is for reusable items! The stuff you know is still good but you don't want anymore. The treasure hunt is your opportunity to recycle appliances, furniture and other large items that can be re-used by someone else.

- Put your treasures on your FRONT Boulevard on **May 30th**
- Residents are encouraged to tour around town looking for treasures to take home and the best part is they are free!
- Some acceptable items could be: fridges, stoves, freezers, furniture, sinks, dishwashers, snow blowers, lawnmowers, patio furniture, barbecues, windows, bikes.... (If they are not in working order, please put a sign on item)

Do NOT put regular garbage, renovation materials, or your yard clean up bags as these will not be picked up. Additional information can be found at <https://www.vermillion-river.com/living-here/waste-transfer-sites.html>

**If Big items are not picked up** Public Works will come around on **Monday, June 1st** to assess what needs to be hauled to the dump. To save time and money the public works department will only assess and pick up off a street ONCE so be sure to have your items out by 8am June 01st.

**REMEMBER** we WILL NOT pick up anything that can be placed in your large waste bins. This is ONLY for **Big Items**. Some items that will not be picked up by the Village are: Shingles, Gyp Roc, cement/concrete, car parts or motors of any kind, animal waste...

Please note during this week your items may be left on your boulevard for a few days while the Public Works Department is clearing other places in town.

**Transfer Station Hours:** Wednesday 2pm-7pm & Saturday 10am-2pm.



## St. Andrews Church Garage Sale

St. Andrew's Church is holding a garage sale on Saturday, May 23rd, 2020 in conjunction with the Village of Marwayne Community Wide Garage Sale.

If anyone has items that they would wish to donate to our sale you can drop them off at Tannas Bros. Hardware store in Marwayne or the church will be open every Sunday morning at 9AM to take donations.

Trusting we will be allowed to go forward with this community sale it will be held in the St. Andrews Church hall across the road from the school.

Doors open at 8:30am—4:00pm

If you have any donations you'd like us to pick up, please call Sheryl George at 780-847-4085 or Sharon Willcock 780-847-4971.

Stop in and browse for some great buys and enjoy free hot coffee.

Great Health and Good Shopping!

## Marwayne Beef 4H Club

In February, the Marwayne Beef 4H Club had four members attend the District Communications event held in Vermilion. Those members were Eve Cooke, Archer Belshiem, Brynn Murray and Kaylie Krys. Both Brynn and Kaylie placed first in their age division, and will go on to Regionals which date has been postponed at this time.

We also had our March meeting, where we started planning for our upcoming Achievement Day on May 25. The cleavers also presented on animal care. Great job Cleavers!

All 4H activities have also been on hold for the next month, due to COVID-19, and since we have no school for the next while, we should have lots of time to work with our 4H projects and get our record books done!



## Vimy Day at the Legion

One of the greatest battles in Canadian history was the battle at Vimy Ridge, which began on 9 April 1917. Canadian bravery and valour led to the tremendous victory for the entire Allied Force and was considered the turning point of WWI.

Vimy Ridge was a formidable stronghold to breach. It was here that the Germans' heavily fortified Hindenburg Line met with their main trench lines leading north from Hill 70 near Arras, France. The German fortifications consisted of three layers of trenches, barbed wire and deep tunnels. The natural slope of the hill provided little cover for attacking Allied troops. French attempts to wrest control of the ridge throughout 1915 were rebuffed, resulting in some 150,000 French casualties. When the British army relieved French operations in March 1916, they were driven back before they could plan a major attack. The crucial goal of the battle at Vimy Ridge was to break through the impenetrable German lines.

For the first time in World War I, all four Canadian divisions fought on the same battlefield. They were led by Sir Arthur William Currie, who was the first Canadian-appointed commander of the Canadian Corps. Currie determinedly kept the Canadian divisions together rather than having them mixed in with various British units. It was the first time the Canadians fought together, and they achieved a magnificent victory, sweeping the Germans off the ridge.

Early in the morning of 9 April 1917, 20,000 soldiers attacked in the first wave of fighting. By that afternoon, the two front lines had been taken by the Canadian Corps. By 12 April, the entire ridge was under Allied control. When Hill 145, the highest feature on the ridge, fell, the operation was considered to be a resounding success. The ridge remained in Allied hands for the duration of the war.

The victory of the battle of Vimy Ridge did not come without cost: Canadian casualties reached 10,602, of which 3,598 were killed. The opposing German force sustained a further 20,000 casualties. During this single campaign, four Canadians were awarded the Victoria Cross and the entire Canadian contingent was commended for their bravery.



## LLOYD and GRETA GRAY STORY

Lloyd Earl Gray was born on a -40 Degree day Jan.4, 1951. Early that morning his father Earl George Gray bundled his wife Frances in a horse drawn sleigh and rushed her to Marwayne. From there Jim Barnett drove her by car to the hospital in Lloydminster where their baby was born a short time after arriving.

Lloyd grew up on the family farm, went to school in Marwayne and later attended Lakeland College in Vermilion.

Lloyd and I (Greta Audrey daughter of Don and Monica Parsons of Mclaughlin) were married in the fall of 1970.

We purchased and took over the family farm in 1974 when Lloyd's parents retired and moved to Vermilion after farming for 27 years.

In the early years we struggled through record high interest rates (18-22%), drought, hailstorms and fire but many of the years to come were bountiful. Lloyd subsidized our income by hauling cattle, gravel etc. and at present time still drives part time for a Tour Bus Company mainly transporting hockey teams in the winter.

Life on the farm was sometimes hard but we always managed family weekends at the lake, trips to the mountains to soak in the hot springs at the Fairmont after the fall work was done, sun holidays to Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

For 13 consecutive years we hosted agricultural students through the International Agricultural Exchange Association (IAEA) each one living with us for 6 to 7 months at a time. We enjoyed young men from England, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Australia as they became part of our family and older brothers to our girls. Lloyd and I both became involved in the program acting as area representatives. I was appointed as supervisor and coordinator of the 5 day Orientation Seminar at Lakeland College. Because of my involvement I was asked to escort the Canadian Group of Ag. Students to Australia and New Zealand. After attending the 4 day seminar just out of Sydney I traveled throughout both countries visiting former trainees and their most welcoming families. Our experiences with the program were rewarding and we have contacts around the world because of it. We have had the good fortune to travel to their homes, meet their families and experience their cultures.

Lloyd and I have been active in various community organizations and took our turn in the leadership roles in many of them. Lloyd's long time involvement in the Lea Park Rodeo has taken him to the National Level.

We were blessed with two daughters Tracy in 1971 and Teena in 1975. They became my "center of everything". The girls grew up busy with the farm life and many....**Continued on next page**

## LLOYD and GRETA GRAY STORY Continued...

Extra-curricular activities'. Music Lessons, Sunday School, explorers, youth group, school sports, soft-ball, figure skating, curling, candy striping, 4-H Horse and Beef clubs, and Lea Park Riders to name a few. Throughout those years I was involved in organizing, coordinating and leading many of their activities. Our girls also had the opportunity to visit other parts of the world traveling to Arizona, California, Hawaii, 2 trips to Europe visiting 8 countries as well as many trips within Canada.

Tracy graduated from Marwayne Jubilee School in 1989 (K-12) continuing her Education at Red Deer College where she graduated from the Teacher's Assistant Program. Tracey's outgoing personality helped her win several public speaking competitions and served her well as she decided to pursue a successful career in banking. During her time in college she met and eventually married Brad Fox of Ponoka on April 30, 1994. They have 2 children—Alyson Audrey—1999 and Cody Lloyd—2002.

Teena also graduated from Marwayne Jubilee School in 1993 (K-12) continuing her education at Lakeland College (University Teacher), University of Alberta and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology where she graduated with distinction from the accounting program. Teena was an achiever earning honors and many other awards through the years. On Aug 30, 1996 she married her high school sweetheart Cory Hines. They have 4 children—twins—Bailey Don and Jordan Lee—1998, Austin Thomas—2001 and Ty Jonathan—2005. Teena's hard work ethic and loving nature allowed her to embrace her life with Cory on the ranch taking on all the responsibilities and challenges that have come their way.

Without a doubt our grandchildren have been a special blessing. It is true as the saying goes -

The love and devotion I gave to my children I thought I could give to no other but God gave me a beautiful surprise and made me a Grandmother! We are Blessed to be able to say that we could leave the parenting to our very capable children and could fully enjoy being Grandparents.

We currently live on the home quarter SE-9-53-3-W4 actively farming the original farm and adjoining land we bought along the way,

Through it all we feel fortunate that we were able to raise our family on the farm in such a close, caring and supportive community as Marwayne surrounded by family and so many other people we love.

### **The Pastors' Gleanings**

Dark days and troubled times call for right thinking and a clear focus. "God gives not the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a *sound mind.*" Fear torments. Jesus promises peace beyond our natural understanding. "Come to me." he says.

Pastor Kevin – 780-872-0070 [kwnels59@gmail.com](mailto:kwnels59@gmail.com)

Pastor Ed – 780-808-5026 [efpcvr@gmail.com](mailto:efpcvr@gmail.com)

Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park  
Check us out on facebook

# Temporarily Closed To The Public

## COVID-19

Due to the rapid changes within Alberta and the COVID-19 cases increasing, we have decided to close the doors to the general public.

We will be here to help our clients. We have created a two-way drop box at the window, to the left of the door.

Please contact us if you need to speak to us, we are here.

No Need To Nock: 780-847-2110

ATB Email: [cstark2@atb.com](mailto:cstark2@atb.com)

Carrie Stark Personal Cell: 306-830-5879 (Call or Text)



**May 23/20**

**Contact: Tracy (780)205-3417**

**9am – 3pm**

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\***

**Marwayne Curling Rink**

***Curling Club will have a table***

**\$10/table**

***Accepting donations on May  
22 at the rink from 2 -6 pm***

# Marwayne Curling Club



## YEAR END WRAP UP



### **Spielin' the Year Away**

Our club hosted 5 bonspiels this year. Starting off with the **FARMERS SPIEL** where on the ice curlers earned themselves anything from canola to pigs and sold them off on our dynamic farmers spiel market to earn cash & prizes! Thanks to James & Yolanda Oberhofer for organizing, to all who donated prizes and to P&H, Nutrien and Cargill for their generous donation of the supper.

Thanks to the hard work of Heather Johnston, our third annual **JUNIOR BONSPIEL** was a success once again. We hosted 12 teams from Lloyd, Islay, Elk Point & Kitscoty. Great to watch our youth out on the ice!

On Family Day, our "sold out" **STURLING BONSPIEL** was a great day all around for families to enjoy curling with their friend, mom, dad, aunt, uncle, cousin, etc.!

The Roaring 20's **LADIES BONSPIEL** was once again a rip roarin time at our little club, as we hosted 20 teams. Thanks to Jessie Franklin for the spectacular decorations and to Tracy George for her tireless work organizing this spiel. Thanks to the following sponsors

A Event – No Need to Nock, B Event – *Riverhill Enterprises*, C Event – *Ultimate Arc*. Door prize donors: Marwayne Liquor Store, League Curlers, Country Blessings, George Ranching, Nurture Organic Mkt, Baubles & Bling, Reg Kent Construction, 31 Bags (G.French) & Lake Life Caesar Mix.

Sat AM Breaky – Garnier Angus & Safeway

First Team Out Prize – Tobler Trimming

The **ST PATTY'S SPIEL** wrapped up the season for us with 14 teams of lucky leprechauns joining in on some "Irish" fun. Thanks to the following sponsors A Event – *Tannas Bros Hardware*, B Event – *Riverhill Enterprises*, C Event – *Anderson Agencies, The Cooperators*. Monetary donations from Harvie Ranching & North Central Livestock . Raffle donors: Marwayne Ag Services, Marwayne Liquor Store, Six Strong Agronomy, Baubles & Bling, Lea Park Rodeo, Ian & Heather Marr, Gus & Yvonne Garnier, BTO Skid Steer Services, Lunkers Plumbing, Brett Young Seeds, JCI Mechanical, House & Pet Sitting by Joanne, Get R Done Embroidery, Ron & Susan Person, Ram Printing and a very generous "anonymous" curling club member. And our Sat AM Irish Coffee – Mark & Angie Venance & NuWave Industries

# Marwayne Curling Club

## ICE AD DONORS

Our club wouldn't function without the ongoing support of all of our ice ad sponsors! A very special thank-you to all of them. If you would like to put in an ad for next year, contact James Oberhofer @ 639-536-1031.

## ATV RAFFLE

New fundraiser to our club this year – we are raffling off a 2019 Polaris Mid Size Ranger along with two cash draws of \$500 each. Draw date is June 7 at the Lea Park Rodeo. Tickets available from James 639-536-1031 or Yolanda 639-536-4584.

## MCC GARAGE SALE

On May 23 from 9AM – 3PM in conjunction with the village wide garage sale. Anyone can rent a table for \$10 per table. We will be accepting donated items for our MCC table as well on May 22 from 2-6PM. To book your tables, contact Tracy @ 780-205-3417.

## LEAGUE CURLING

Our regular league curling hosted 10 teams in the men's league, 6 in the women's league and about a dozen curlers in the junior league. We hope to have a sturling league next year and of course to see our other leagues continue to grow!

## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all members who volunteered their time this past season. Our club would not function without the many volunteer hours at spiels, the Ukrainian Supper, LPR 50/50, ice making, selling ATV tickets and everything in between. These all make a difference to our bottom line!

## SPECIAL THANKS

*Jessie & Owen Franklin:* their top notch care of the ice! All your hard work and long hours paid off because we had superb ice to curl on once again!

*Tracy George:* her hard work planning/running the spiels, coordinating the ladies league and organizing the 50/50 at the LPR

*Rick George:* coordinating the ice installation and removal as well as organizing the men's league

*James & Yolanda O:* stocking the lounge, organizing Ukrainian Supper and ATV Raffle

*Sharon Parkyn:* doing an awesome job cleaning the rink

*Heather Kuntz, Heather Johnston & Angie Venance:* for your help each Thursday coaching the Junior curling program. It's very exciting to see the next generation involved so thank you all for coaching them.

We look forward to next season & hope more people will join us either for league curling or at a bonspiel. We are beyond fortunate to have such an awesome establishment in our community so come join us for some fun at MCC :)

Lastly to the executive: James & Yolanda Oberhofer, Clint Murray, Jeannine Kent, Rick George, Tracy George, Jessie Franklin & Heather Johnston – a big pat on the back for all your hard work, time & effort into the fundamentals of our successful rink. "THE LIL' CLUB WITH THE BIG HEART"



## **Church and COVID-19**

Where does the church fit into the world when fear seems to have gripped the hearts of so many?

One's faith is certainly being tried at a time when there is so much uncertainty. It is in the times of uncertainty that we find out, in what and where we have placed our faith. Material possessions and wealth do not have the ability to bring us the hope we seek. They take a back burner to our health. Even relationships with friends and loved ones can become strained. It is in times like these, that Jesus calls out to us, and reminds us that he is the one to bring us real hope. For the believer in Jesus Christ there is a hope that goes beyond this life and carries us into eternity with him. We learn to be anxious for nothing but by prayer and continually coming to Him, we make our request known to him. He is ever faithful to keep us, even through the turmoil of this world, promising that he will never leave us or forsake us.

With this hope in us, the church then becomes that place of refuge for the troubled and the weary. We become the hands and feet of Jesus, ministering to those around us, sharing the love of Jesus Christ. We at St. Andrews want to open our hearts and our hands to those that might need some help during this trying time. Should there be any need of essentials in your home, please contact us and we will canvas our church community to do our best to supply your need. We also want you to know that should you need someone to encourage you and bring you some hope or pray with you, we would be glad to give you an ear to talk to.

Due to the current size of our congregation, services will be continuing as normal, 9:30 Sunday mornings. We would love to have you attend and be encouraged. Please take all caution and if you are feeling ill or have recently travelled, stay home and we can certainly minister to you by phone or online. Our services are recorded and we would gladly share them with you. We are praying for our communities.

Pastor Marcus Blaedow: 780-846-2269

## **The Life and Work of St. Andrew's Church, Marwayne**

Our **Sunday School** children, had a great time at the Olive Tree's Valentine's Day luncheon. The children recited a poem about thankfulness, sang a little song about the fruits of the spirit and handed out over 100 hand painted, "heart shaped", wooden fridge magnets. The hearts were small tokens of how thankful we are for all of the wonderful contributions our seniors have made in our lives. We hope the "hearts" of Caynen and Quinley Iserf, Kamdyn and Kohsyn Centazzo, Mady and Georgia Woytowich and Carson Brochu, along with a few adult helpers, inspires others, brings joy and sparks some interesting conversations around the tables of all who received them. Thank you to the chefs at the Olive Tree for providing our dinner. The children thought the gravy was AMAZING!

Thank you to all who came out for our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We were privileged to serve about 70 adults and 30 children. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great. Thank you to all of the extra hands that helped out in the kitchen and for the donation of pancake mix from P&H Marwayne.

### Upcoming Events:

**Bible Study** is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs: April 2, 16, 30 and henceforth. We are studying; you guessed it, THE BIBLE and we are learning so much.

**Garage Sale** on Saturday, May 23/20 at the St. Andrew's Church Hall. De-cluttering after Christmas, purging the closets, spring cleaning? Please consider donating items to the Church. Donations can be dropped off at Home Hardware, during regular business hours, or at the Church on Sunday mornings.  
For further information or if we can help you in any way, please contact:

Pastor Marcus Blaedow: 780-846-2269

Brad: 780-787-0022

Sheryl: 780-847-4085

# Individual Tax Volunteer



TAX ALERT | March 18, 2020

## Volunteer for Individual taxes in your Community

EFILE Individual Taxes

The deadline for producing and filing income tax return is postponed to **June 1, 2020**.

For individuals and individuals in business, the deadline for applying balances due related to income tax returns for the 2019 taxation year is postponed to **July 31, 2020**.

For low- and modest-income families, the Government will provide a one-time special payment by early May 2020 through the GSTC. This will double the maximum annual GSTC payment amounts for the 2019-20 benefit year.

The average boost to income for those benefitting from this measure will be close to \$400 for single individuals and close to \$600 for couples.

## Tax updates in response to COVID 19 Flexibility for individual taxpayers

- The CRA is adapting its Outreach Program to support individuals during COVID-19
- In order to provide greater flexibility to Canadians who may be experiencing hardships during the COVID-19 outbreak, the CRA will defer the filing due date for 2019 tax returns of individuals, including certain trusts, until June 1, 2020.
- However, the CRA encourages individuals who expect to receive benefits under the Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC), or the Canada Child Benefit not to delay filing of their return to ensure their entitlements for the 2020-21 benefit year are properly determined.

- In order to reduce the necessity for taxpayers and tax preparers to meet in person during this difficult time, and to reduce administrative burden, effective immediately the CRA will recognize electronic signatures as having met the signature requirements of the Income Tax Act, as a temporary administrative measure.



This provision applies to authorization forms T183, which are forms that are signed in person by millions of Canadians every year to authorize tax preparers to file taxes.

- Through this service, the CRA offers help to individuals to better understand their tax obligations and to obtain the benefits and credits to which they are entitled. Traditionally available in-person, this service is now available over the phone, and through webinar, where possible.
- The CRA fully expects that many community organizations are considering whether to significantly reduce or perhaps cancel the provision of services provided under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Additional efforts to encourage individuals to file their tax and benefit returns electronically, or where possible, through the File My Return service

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