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Volunteers Are Needed



The Agricultural Society has been approved for a fundraising Casino on Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23. In order to fully staff the casino, we require many volunteers.

The Ag. Society will be asking members of community volunteer groups to assist as well as members from the Hockey Association, Soccer Association and the 4-H clubs. Any community member is most welcome to assist with this endeavor and can **contact our Casino Chairperson Larry VanBrabant @ 939-3034 to volunteer.**

There is no previous experience required. The casino provides training before your shift and explains everything you are required to do. It promises to be a fun evening with friends and includes refreshments provided by the Ag. Society!

The Casino revenue varies depending upon the average of several summer casinos. Past casinos have generated anywhere from \$20,000 - \$30,000. This money is then used to pay operating costs for the arena.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please contact Larry VanBrabant **before May 1st** to indicate your availability.



Calendar of Events

March 24	Ag. Society Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 16	Volunteer Appreciation Event *see details	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
April 28	Ag. Society Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May 4	Presentation to Community Services Board	
May 26	Ag. Society Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 23	Ag. Society Meeting	7:30 p.m.
July 15	4-H Awards Banquet	T.B.A.
July 22/23	Fundraising Casino - St. Albert *see details	7:30 p.m.
July 28	Ag. Society Meeting	7:30 p.m.



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2nd Annual
Volunteer Appreciation Event
Thursday, April 16th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
RQB Arena Foyer

Mardi Gras Family Dance and Silent
Auction
Saturday, April 18th
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
RQB Arena



Everyone who has volunteered over the past year in our community is welcome to attend! This includes any of the following:

- Volunteer work group members
- Minor Hockey Assn.
- 4-H Leaders
- Soccer coaches and managers
- Fun Hockey volunteers
- Family Hockey tournament organizers
- Playground construction crews
- And anyone else who has volunteered in any way for the benefit of our community!

We want to thank you by inviting you for an evening of **snacks and refreshments**. We will also have an assortment of **door prizes!**

We will be displaying three different possibilities for our **new bleachers** in the arena as we plan to replace them this summer. Come and check them out - we would love to hear what you think.

Also, check out a new proposal that the Ag. Society is presenting on behalf of our community to Sturgeon County. We hope to secure land and begin planning for a **community hall and recreational space**.

Please drop by and let us thank you for all of your time and efforts in making RQB a better place for our families to live and play!

Please join us for a fun family evening and support St. Emerence Parish!

Dancing, children's crafts, snacks and coffee included in ticket price.
Cash bar and additional refreshments available

For tickets call Monica @ 939-7367
\$30.00 / family or \$10.00 each
(children 6 and under are free)

The silent auction promises to be full of unique and exciting items!



Save a Tree!

RQB is trying to be green! If you receive this newsletter in the mail, please send your e-mail address to gkfarms@cruzinternet.com and you will receive future newsletters electronically. Please indicate "Newsletter" in the subject line. Thank you.

Congratulations to Sandra Kieftenbeld who was selected as this year's Sturgeon County Volunteer of the Year for the RQB Agricultural Society

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Camilla School Gymnasium Update

*The following letter was sent to parents of Camilla School students on **March 11th** from Superintendent Michele Dick. It has been condensed.*

On February 25, 2009 Trustees, senior administration and Mr. O'Shea met with a number of representatives from Alberta Infrastructure - Capital Programs Branch; Property Development Branch; and Project Delivery Branch. We reviewed test results and other information and observations gathered by the various experts who have examined the site. At this time, test results indicate the air quality in the gym area and the classrooms renovated in 1968 meet Health Canada guidelines. As well, the crawlspace under the aforementioned classrooms is dry, the beams and foundation are in good shape and there are no signs of mould or decay. On the other hand, the crawlspace under the gym does show evidence of standing water and there is significant rot on a number of the beams. As a result this space will need to be fully remediated and the gym floor replaced. In summary, given all the information on hand, including test results and expert input we believe the work to be undertaken will be confined to the gymnasium and the repair of the floor and crawlspace.

As of today's date we have been informed that The Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Alberta Infrastructure, has approved one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the replacement of the gym floor and hazardous materials abatement. Alberta Infrastructure has appointed a member of their staff, Sandra Malchuk, to act as our Project Manager and she will assist us in coordinating the various aspects of a full repair to the gym. We anticipate that, within the next week or so, a Prime Consultant will be appointed and we will be able to move forward in the process of public tendering.

Once we have further, more specific information, we will organize an information evening for interested (community members).

Michelle Dick, Superintendent of Sturgeon Schools



What about community functions this summer?

The Agricultural Society rents the gymnasium to Ag. Society volunteer group members for community functions. All families who had already booked a function for the summer months have thankfully found alternate locations.

The Ag. Society has offered these families a free future rental and have also offered to provide a work group at the functions that have re-booked with Villeneuve and Cardiff halls.

A big thank-you to the Villeneuve community for opening their hall for our use during this time of need.



Camilla School Used Book Fair, Bake and Plant Sale and Raffle

Friday, April 24th
6:00p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
RQB Arena



Donations of books and plant clippings are gratefully accepted at the school office beginning April 13th

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RQB Win 2 Provincial Golds!

RQB Midget A team won provincial gold..for the first time in RQB Minor Hockey history! Congratulations to all players, coaches and die-hard fans!



Each summer, there are many projects which must be completed in and around the arena. These projects need to be done when the students are not in school. Please watch the community sign for times opportunities to help with various projects.



RQB Ringette team also won their provincial championship!

Congratulations coaches and players !



Watch for those big, beautiful banners...coming soon!

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