

Springfield News and Views

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72, 000 TREES AND COUNTING

In the last two years with partnerships with the Manitoba Forestry Association, Cooks Creek Conservation District, and the Business Community 72,540 new trees have been planted in the RM of Springfield. This included 52,540 white spruce and 20,000 pines of different varieties. Each tree we helped plant will provide oxygen for two people for the rest of their lives. Without trees, there would be no life on this planet! My goal is to continually undertake environmental programs that will leave a healthy and sustainable environment for our future generations.

LOCAL ATHLETES SHINE

Oakbank's own Tommy Howes #11 for Churchill Bulldogs who plays wide receiver for the smallest school playing in the Winnipeg High School Football League recently helped his team win the ANAVETS Bowl championship title in the Potter AAA division on November 12, 2008.

Springfield's Minor Hockey Product Quinton Howden has been selected to Team West who will be competing in the Under 17 World Hockey Challenge in the Alberni Valley, British Columbia from December 29, 2008 to January 4, 2009. The announcement of the final roster, which includes 11 players from Saskatchewan and 11 players from Manitoba, concludes a lengthy selection process that has been going on in both provinces.

Springfield's High School Hockey team is undefeated in their first 11 games in the Winnipeg High School Hockey True North Division and is comfortably in first place with 22 points as of November 30, 2008.

SPRINGFIELD'S SENIOR RESIDENCE SURVEY EXTENDED

The Senior's Residence Steering Committee has extended the deadline for returning the surveys. The committee will use the data to find out what the community needs in terms of facilities and services for seniors. Please take the time to complete the survey. To receive a copy of the survey please contact Dianne Heather at dlheather@mts.net