

Springfield News and Views

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KINSMEN AND KINETTES KNOW KINDNESS

The Springfield Kinsmen and Kinettes in cooperation with many volunteers united the community for dinner and dance fundraiser at the Springfield Sports Complex on August 17, 2007. Thousands of dollars in proceeds from the event will be forwarded to the Hergert family of Oakbank. Local legendary country band Foster Martin provided the entertainment as the famous Ace Burpee emceed the occasion. On behalf of council I would like to personally thank all the Kinsmen, Kinettes, volunteers, and participates for joining together in recognition to support of a local family. Special mention to Mike and Kerri Szmon who were instrumental in organizing this event. Many businesses and residents donated everything from prizes, food, and money for the entire gathering which was tremendous. Well done!

SELO DANCERS IGNITE KIEV PAVILION

Twenty one years ago Rod and Bonnie Picklyk planted a seed in Anola with the start of a Ukrainian Dance Group. A new sprout developed as the two watered, fertilized, and cultivated there vision with the help of many area volunteers. Over the years many blossoms developed which produced many gold medals, trophies, and warmhearted memories. On Thursday August 16, 2007 under the leadership of instructors Rod and Bonnie Picklyk and Crystal Holme the Selo Ukrainian Dance Group captivated the audiences at the Folklorama Kiev Pavilion with eight performances. The dazzling vibrant costumes and imaginative choreography fascinated the crowd throughout the night. The group now plans to take their dance to the international stage with the assistance of the Manitoba Folk Arts Council in 2008.

PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING BOARD

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) through the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) sets the standards for government accounting and financial reporting. Beginning on January 1, 2009 the CICA is requiring that all governments in Canada, including all Manitoba Municipalities, adopt PSAB generally accepted accounting practices (PSAB GAAP). PSAB requires that municipal financial statements include all the organizations controlled by the municipality. Depending on the circumstances, a municipality may have to consolidate all or their proportionate share of each entity. PSAB also requires that tangible capital assets be recorded in the financial statements at their net book value. Tangible capital assets represent a significant investment for local governments. Financial information about the stock and use of those assets will be required to be recorded in the financial statements of the municipality. This information is vital for stewardship, accountability, costing and developing asset management plans including ongoing maintenance and replacement requirements. The upcoming change will provide the municipality a commitment to the public of transparency, answerability of its financial management and monetary records.