

## **Springfield News and Views**

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### **Springfield 2006 Statistics**

- The RM of Springfield recorded a 2006 population of 12,900, making it the largest rural municipality in the province by population. During the intercensal period, Springfield's population grew by 3.1%.
- The population of Manitoba's rural municipalities increased by 2.6% between 2001 and 2006.
- The RM of Springfield recorded 4601 private residence dwellings in 2006 which is a 6.1% increase from 2001.
- During this same period, the number of private dwellings in Manitoba's R.M.s increased by 2.6% to 101,720.
- The population density for the RM of Springfield in 2006 was approximately 12 people per square kilometre or 30 people per square mile.

### **The Community Volunteers**

A special thanks to all the volunteers who give their time, knowledge, and wisdom to their community. The teacher who starts a 7:30 AM to instruct the jazz band at the Middle school, the teacher who stays and coaches the sports program after school and on weekends, the executive of the community club who keep the doors open, the people who help their elderly neighbors, the coaches of the youth sports teams, the community beautification and other committees, the tutor of a child, the various church groups to mention a few. Most seniors are responsible for building the communities in which we live and want to still be active members within their communities. They often want to volunteer and help out. They want to be needed. We all do. Successful communities that do this also realize the need for relationships between youth, seniors, and middle aged people who work together for the betterment of the community.