

TOWN NEWSLETTER

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TOWN OF WILLOW BUNCH

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<https://willowbunch.ca>

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00AM - 12:00PM 12:45PM - 4:30PM

OFFICE CLOSED:

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

TOWN OF WILLOW BUNCH
NOVEMBER 7 - 7:00 PM

RM OF WILLOW BUNCH NO. 42
NOVEMBER 14 - 9:00 AM

WINTER TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Tuesday

1:00 pm - 5:00pm

Saturday

10:00 am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 5:00pm

GREY BIN & BLUE BIN PICK UP DATES

GARBAGE - GREY: NOV 6TH @ 7AM
NOV 20TH @ 7AM

RECYCLE - BLUE: NOV 13TH @ 7AM
NOV 27TH @ 7AM

CORONACH RCMP MONTHLY

STATS REPORT

During the month of SEPTEMBER the Coronach/Bengough RCMP responded to 38 calls for service and issued 13 traffic warnings/tickets/inspections. The following is a breakdown by area:

RM 10

- 1** Motor vehicle collision with a deer
- 1** Trespass at night
- 1** Customs act
- 1** Complaint of cattle neglect

RM 11

- 1** Livestock investigation
- 1** Careless use of a firearm
- 2** Tickets issued for speeding

TOWN OF BENGOUGH

- 1** Mischief
- 1** Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Activity
- 1** Fraud Presentation
- 3** False alarms

TOWN OF WILLOW BUNCH

- 1** Mental health act
- 1** Criminal harassment

RM 42

- 1** Motor vehicle collision with a deer
- 3** speeding tickets issued
- 1** Ticket issued for driving without a valid driver's license
- 1** Written warning for speeding

TOWN OF CORONACH

- 1** Transmit child pornography
- 1** Luring a child complaint
- 1** Uttering threats
- 1** Mischief
- 1** Fatal motor vehicle accident
- 1** Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Activity
- 1** 911 act - no emergency
- 1** Internet child exploitation presentation
- 1** Written warning for crossing the centre meridian

RM 40

- 2** Written warnings for speeding

RM 70

- 1** Firearms act
- 1** Municipal bylaw
- 1** Motor vehicle accident with minor injuries
- 1** Tractor fire

RM 71

- 1** Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Activity
- 1** Break and enter into a residence
- 1** Possession of property obtained by crime
- 1** Wellbeing check
- 1** Animal call
- 1** Traffic complaint

CORONACH RCMP

REPORT CONTINUED

RM 12

No calls for assistance

TOWN OF OGEMA

No calls for assistance

ASSISTANCE TO OTHER

DETACHMENTS:

- 1** Breach of peace
- 1** Sudden death
- 1** Domestic assault
- 1** Unwanted person in residence
- 1** Obtain a statement regarding complaint of assault
- 1** Ticket issued for speeding more than 50 km/h over the speed limit
- 1** Ticket issued for inadequate mirrors
- 1** Ticket issued for failing to produce vehicle registration upon request from police



St. Ignace Church

NOVEMBER SERVICES

NOVEMBER 5 - 11:00AM

NOVEMBER 12 - 11:00AM

NOVEMBER 19 - 11:00AM

NOVEMBER 26 - 11:00AM

Celebrate with us!

Notice:

The Willow Bunch Transfer Station
will be only open from 1:00pm - 5:00pm
on Saturday, November 11, 2023

NOVEMBER 11

Why Remember?



We must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of those one hundred thousand Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument.

These wars touched the lives of Canadians of all ages, all races, all social classes. Fathers, sons, daughters, sweethearts: they were killed in action, they were wounded, and thousands who returned were forced to live the rest of their lives with the physical and mental scars of war. The people who stayed in Canada also served—in factories, in voluntary service organizations, wherever they were needed.



Yet for many of us, war is a phenomenon seen through the lens of a television camera or a journalist's account of fighting in distant parts of the world. Our closest physical and emotional experience may be the discovery of wartime memorabilia in a family attic. But even items such as photographs, uniform badges, medals, and diaries can seem vague and unconnected to the life of their owner. For those of us born during peacetime, all wars seem far removed from our daily lives.

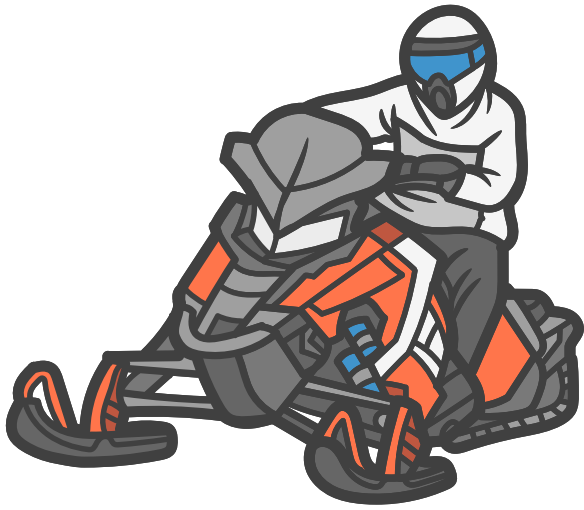
We often take for granted our Canadian values and institutions, our freedom to participate in cultural and political events, and our right to live under a government of our choice. The Canadians who went off to war in distant lands went in the belief that the values and beliefs enjoyed by Canadians were being threatened. They truly believed that "Without freedom there can be no enduring peace and without peace no enduring freedom."



By remembering their service and their sacrifice, we recognize the tradition of freedom these men and women fought to preserve. They believed that their actions in the present would make a significant difference for the future, but it is up to us to ensure that their dream of peace is realized. On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.

During times of war, individual acts of heroism occur frequently; only a few are ever recorded and receive official recognition. By remembering all who have served, we recognize their willingly-endured hardships and fears, taken upon themselves so that we could live in peace.





SNOWMOBILE INSURANCE:

UNDER THE “SNOWMOBILE ACT”, YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR SNOWMOBILE BEFORE YOU CAN RIDE IT ON PUBLIC ROADS (WHERE ALLOWED), DITCHES, OTHER HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY, PROVINCIAL PARKS, CROWN LAND, DESIGNATED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS OR ON RIVERS OR LAKES.

REGISTRATION OF A SNOWMOBILE DOES NOT INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR THE SLED , IT ONLY INCLUDES A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE.

COLLISION AND COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGES ARE AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS INCREASED LIABILITY LIMITS, INJURY BENEFITS AND REPLACEMENT COST UPON REQUEST.

CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE BROKER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**WANDA NEWANS
LICENSED INSURANCE BROKER**



***Thank
you!***

Thank you to Stephanie Bellefleur and Paul Bellefleur for your time, caring and beautification of the “Tennis Court Area”.

Your dedication to this space has not gone unnoticed by the community especially the youth. THANK YOU!



**FREE
SKATING**

CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Make it a Family Day
Thank you WB Rec Board!**

10:00AM - 3:00PM

November 25, 2023

**Willow Bunch Skating Rink
Rink Concession will be OPEN!!**

Contact: Gabi 306-640-6577
Erin 306-640-5020



CHRISTMAS MARKET

VENDORS WANTED

TABLE: \$25.00

TABLE WITH POWER: \$40.00

CHARITY GROUP: \$10.00 (LIMITED)

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Nov. 25th

Willow Bunch Skating Rink

FREE PUBLIC SKATING

CONCESSION OPEN!!

FIND OUT MORE:

GABI: 306-640-6577

ERIN: 306-640-5020



WILLOW BUNCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In May, 2022, in consultation with the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Provincial Training Standards Committee, a guide was created with a focus on making firefighting safer in Saskatchewan by developing a written set of minimum standards for three levels of service, based on training and equipment capacities.

The new guidelines will help departments and associations ensure they continue to respond to fire events based on their communities' specific needs. Coordination between municipal elected officials and their fire service determined the appropriate service level for their community.

Service Level options are:

- Defensive
- Offensive
- Full Operations

Wildfire and Grassland firefighting is considered an additional Service Level option that can stand alone or be combined with any of the three formal firefighting Service Levels listed above. Participation by fire services is not mandatory. Similar programs are in operation in western Canada as well as the Yukon and Ontario.

We are so proud to say that Fire Chief Keith deRonde and his crew have **trained and qualified** for **OFFENSIVE** and **WILDFIRE/GRASSLAND Service Level Operations!!!** This **VOLUNTEER** fire fighting team, has 8 qualified team members, of a minimum requirement of 6! These volunteers sacrifice their time and their lives for our well being and safety! A fire is a fire regardless of it's location. The Willow Bunch Volunteer Fire Department - thanks to Fire Chief Keith and the determination and dedication of the team, now have the capability, tools, training and knowledge that in the event of a fire, they can safely fight a fire and help save someone's life and home. We are grateful knowing that in the event of this type of tragedy we have caring individuals willing to come to our rescue. On behalf of the community - **THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HARD WORK!**

In recognition of several firefighters who recently retired, a special supper and evening social was held in their honor on Friday, October 20, 2023 at the Hills of Home Center. A delicious roast beef supper with all the trimmings was served by Erin deRonde and her group! Thank you ladies!! The MC for the evening was firefighter Merlin Cochrane, speeches were given by Mayor Wayne Joyal and Deputy Reeve Denis Lesperance. Awards presented to retired members for their dedicated service were given to: Cam Donnelly - 18 years, Michel Rondeau - 15 years, Darryl Beauchesne - 14 years, Claude Bruneau - 30 years, Gerry Beauchesne - 33 years, Robert Bonneau - 17 years, and Roland Mainil - 43 years. Thank you all for your years of dedicated service to the community.



Erin, Tracy, Gabby, Caroline & Tiffany



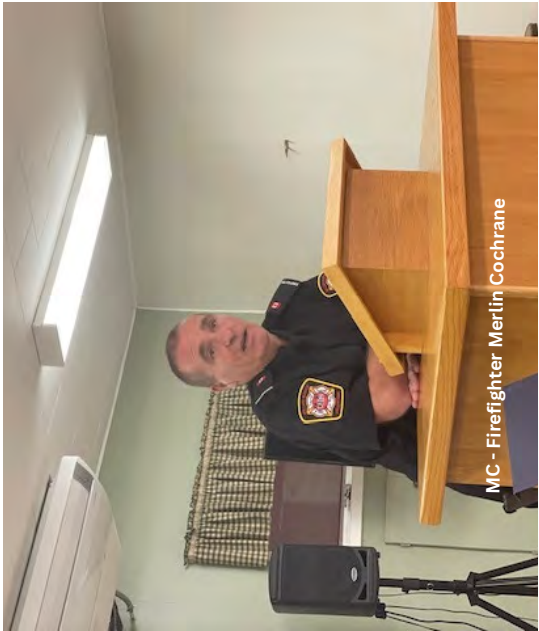
Deputy Reeve Lesperance, Gerry Beauchesne - 33 yrs, Mayor Joyal, Fire Chief deRonde



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Fire Chief - Keith deRonde



MC - Firefighter Merlin Cochrane



Deputy Reeve Lesperance, Michel Rontdeau - 15 yrs - Mayor Joyal, Fire Chief deRonde



Deputy Reeve Lesperance, Assistant Administrator Bartlett, Roland Mainil - 43yrs, Fire Chief deRonde



Deputy Reeve Lesperance, Darryl Beauchesne - 14 yrs, Mayor Joyal, Fire Chief deRonde



Deputy Reeve Lesperance, Mayor Joyal, Robert Bonneau - 17 yrs, Fire Chief deRonde



WILLOW BUNCH MUSEUM



The Museum closed for the season on September 15th, we still have had several visitors calling and wanting to come and see the museum and with our open house for Truth & Reconciliation on Sept. 30, 2023 we are now at 1885 visitors this year!

THANK YOU to **INTEGRA TIRE (Karst Holding)** for the discount we received for the tires for the Milk Wagon we are restoring and to **PAUL LESPERANCE** for taking on this project!

THANK YOU



THANK YOU to the **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN** for the funding we received through the **Technology Microgrant for Community Museums** to purchase: 2 Acer 24" Monitors, 2 Wireless Doorbells for our elevator to notify us when visitors need to go to another floor, 2 Motion Sensor Alarms to notify us when visitors enter the museum main entrance or wheelchair entrance.

THANK YOU to **EMILE & DORAINE DESAUTELS** for their generous donation of \$850.00 from the sales of Emile's paintings on Truth & Reconciliation Day, plus the donation of his amazing painting portraying the residential school entitled "I Will Take You Home".

This painting will be proudly displayed in our First Habitants Room at the Museum for all to view.

THANK YOU

Just a couple of days left to GET YOUR TICKET for the WILLOW BUNCH MUSEUM'S 2023 MINKY BLANKET RAFFLE
With Secondary Prize of an Eternitree Bead Tree

Tickets \$5.00 each **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Draw Date: October 31, 2023 (300 Tickets printed)

Tickets Available at the Museum, the Post Office, Town Office Conexus Credit Union, or e-transfer to wbmuseum@sasktel.net

Lottery License No. SR23-0954



THANK YOU for all your support for our First Annual National Day for TRUTH & RECONCILIATION 2023 at the Willow Bunch Museum.

Our Culture Days started with a Bannock making workshop on Saturday, Sept. 23, with our Metis advisor Jean Rivard as the instructor and 12 people in attendance.



On September 30, the Willow Bunch Museum & Willow Bunch Library joined together to honour the Truth & Reconciliation Day, sponsored by **SASK CULTURE AND FUNDED BY SASK LOTTERIES**.



Starting at 8:00 am all in attendance were invited to **the Smudging Ceremony**, which is a cleansing of the soul of negative thoughts and feelings.

Coffee and fresh Bannock were served.

This was followed by powerful **prayers** in English said by Thomas Legare and in French by Doris O'Reilly.

A Ceremonial Pipe Ceremony was led by pipe holders: Jean Rivard, Chief John Shirt who prayed powerfully in Cree, a community elder, assisted by Michael Meginber, a two-spirit person. This pipe ceremony is an Indigenous practice which opens the gateways to the great spirits and the Creator.



Chief John Shirt and his wife Mabel, who are survivors of the Blue Quill Residential School, shared with us the experience of the 8 plus years they had spent there. This was very difficult to hear what they had endured, the way they were taken from their homes against their families wishes at the age of 6 years old, as they were driven away in the box of a truck with other children and their parents crying after them. When they arrived at the residential school, they were not allowed to speak their Cree language which is all they knew. They were assigned a number, and their names were never used. Chief Shirt said there were good days and some good people but, in the end, they were always scared for their lives and were left with many physical and mental scares. Healing was hard they said, “**THE ONLY WAY TO HEAL IS TO FORGIVE**”, which is a very powerful statement to what this day represents.



In reconciliation we heard powerful words from **Michael Meginber** who is a survivor of maliciousness, not at the hands of residential schools, but from everyday people. Michael said that reconciliation starts in our heart, and we must project the reconciliation forward to community and future behaviors of inclusion and understanding of all people.

Finally, we had a presentation from **Camryn Murray**, an amazing young Metis woman who is studying to be a teacher in a special program with the focus on teaching with an understanding of the sensitivity that it takes to educate indigenous children. Their goal is to expose everyone to indigenous and Metis cultures.



For lunch, fried bread tacos were served and over 100 people attended this meal.



To end the day, Cree Storyteller, **Ivy Delbear**, shared her heartfelt stories of growing up, where she was left to help raise her siblings due to abuse and addictions in her home.

She demonstrated how to make a moss doll baby and several people got to participate in this activity.





The hall was filled with painted pictures from our local Metis artist, **Emile Desautels** with a specific painting of a Residential School with Sitting Bull reaching down to take his children home.



THANK YOU to the Willow Bunch Library Board Members: Jeanette Mondor, Lee Prouten, Pam Hauschild, Nancy Giraudier, Sue Marit and Barb and Kelly Gibbons. Museum Board Members: Nichole Gellner, Marissa Baril, Paul Lesperance, Madeleine Thorhaug and faithful friends of the Museum: Michelle Gellner, & Jo Marit who all helped set up, cook, serve, clean up, run the museum.

THANK YOU to Thomas Legare for the donation of the commemorative t-shirts that everyone wore proudly and to Betty Rivard for making two "Every Child Matters" pillows for the door prizes. Winners were Kristen Beselaere and Paul Pelt.

Also, **THANK YOU** to our guest speakers who travelled long distances to make this day a success, and to Doris O'Reilly for the meaningful French prayer.

This day was truly generational reconciliation in action and would not have happened without the help of **Jean Rivard and Thomas Legare**.



Time is running out to purchase your

COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2024 CALENDAR

Calendars are \$12.00 again this year. If you are interested in purchasing a 2024 calendar, please fill out the attached form and hand it in to Madeleine at the post office by the deadline. Thank You.

DEADLINE TO RETURN YOUR FORM

HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 7, 2023

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Willow Bunch Community Calendar

Reorder Sheet

Please Return By November 7, 2023

☐ Yes, we wish to reorder our new copy of the Community Calendar

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Business: _____

Calendars _____ @ \$12.00 = _____

☐ **Same as last year!**

Name(s)

Date(Month/Day)

Birthday		
Birthday		
Birthday		
Birthday		
Anniversary		
Memorial		

Mail Reorder Sheet and Cheque To:

Willow Bunch Museum Box 157 Willow Bunch, SK S0H 4K0

OR

e-transfer: wbmuseum@sasktel.net

Thank You For Your Support and Cooperation!!

~ Willow Bunch Museum ~

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



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November at the Library

Be A Readerosaurus



306-473-2393

Tuesday 1:00-5:00

Wednesday 12:30-7:00

Thursday 11:30-3:30

willowbunch@palliserlibrary.ca

EVENTS

Early Literacy Thursdays @ 10:30 am
Dinosaurs

Family Art Night
Thursday November 9th at 6:30pm

Drop In Programs
Coloring , Kinetic Sand, Playdoh and
Puzzles

Create your Masterpiece
Thursday November 30th 7:00pm
Silver Collection

Lego Club
Wednesdays @4:00 pm Drop in

Call For Board Members
Are you Passionate about libraries?
Looking for a great way to serve your
community?
A resident of the Town or RM
Why not become a board member!!
We meet 5 times a year and have fun
serving our community.

The library will have extra open hours
Monday November 6th 11:30 -3:30

REMINDERS



Call, Email or contact us
on Facebook to register



Tuesday is Courier Day

COMING SOON

December
Breakfast with Santa
Cash Raffle Draw
Santa's Secret Workshop

January
Annual General Meeting



Tuesday Burger Nights

Starting November 14th

Willow Bunch Skating Rink

Full rink menu available

5:30-7:00pm



2023 Willow Bunch Curling Survey

For the past few years, interest in curling has been declining in Willow Bunch. To help provide insight and options to increase the use of our beautiful facility, we are looking for the community's input. Please consider completing the survey below to help us understand what options you would like to see. Completed surveys can be dropped off at the municipal office until Nov 15th.

Are you interested in curling in Willow Bunch this winter?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify):

What type of curling would you be interested in?

- ☐ Weekly League
- ☐ Weekend drop-in (adult)
- ☐ Weekend drop-in (youth)
- ☐ Bonspiels
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Would you be willing to volunteer at the curling rink?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Is there anything you would like to share with us?

Would you like to provide your name?