



# The Citizen

## Your Community Newsletter



### 34 Years and Going Strong!!!

With the coming of spring, there is one event that Thompsonites can depend on that will happen. From Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Thompson Regional Community Centre (TRCC) hosted the largest, longest reoccurring trade fair in Northern Manitoba, the Annual CHTM Trade Show.



*“This was our 34<sup>th</sup> Trade Show but it has been going on for 36 years, unfortunately we had to take a 2-year break during COVID,”* commented Sue O’Brien. CHTM hosts their trade show in both Flin



Flon and Thompson with the two trade shows happening a week apart. *“This is helpful to our out-of-town vendors who want to try and get to as many trade shows as possible when they are travelling long distances. Many of them will come to our two trade shows and attend a smaller one that occurs in Snow Lake around the same time,”* says Sue.

There is usually at least a little over 100 booths representing approximately 40 - 75 unique vendors. This year there was 110 booths representing 40 unique vendors with others having to be put onto a waiting list due to a sellout of space available. When asked why not use both arenas, Sue explains, *“We used to be able to use the Gordon Beardy (GB) arena as well but since the renovations, there is no straight walk through between the*

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# 34 Years and Going Strong Cont'd



two arenas. You must come back out into the hallway to go into the two arenas. This can be challenging as we have noted in the past the traffic flow is not as high in the GB as some individuals forget to go into that arena when they are finished in the CA. Vendors in the GB gets upset and it becomes an unpleasant experience for them.”

Historically there has been a 50/50 split between local and out-of-town vendors. “We have had some

very loyal vendors over the years, some have been coming for over 30 years. We have vendors coming from Southern Manitoba and from out of Province like Saskatchewan, Alberta and from the U.S. Most of the advertising of our trade show comes



that brings money into Thompson. “Tens of thousands is spent, whether by out-of-town vendors on accommodations, meals, supplies and gas or by out-of-town visitors that buy items from our local vendors,” says Sue. She continues by saying, “we don’t charge an admission fee like some other trade shows. Even if you charge \$ 10 like some do, if you have a large family, you can be paying \$ 50 to \$ 60 even before you come



into the trade show...with not much left to spend. I know our vendors really appreciate the fact that we don’t charge. We have hundreds of people that come to the trade show over the weekend. Many come back at least once if not a few times. We also have some vendors that buy a lot of their supplies in town. For example, one of our prior vendors, a fudge maker, bought all his supplies in Thompson rather than hauling all the supplies with him.”

The CHTM Trade show continues to be very successful. This evidence by the many vendors that we have seen come back year after year. They would not be if it was not worth the trip. Remember the CHTM Trade Show happens in May of each year and it sells out fast. If you are a vendor you may want to mark your calendar to contact CHTM early in 2026 to find out when registration packages are coming out.



by word-of-mouth from other vendors and family members,” commented Sue.

Sue was happy to say that the CHTM trade show survived COVID with new vendors coming out along with some familiar faces. “COVID was very hard on some of our vendors, with many experiencing supply chain issues. We had others that decided to just retire but each year we see new vendors. It really is an ongoing changing landscape,” she added.

The CHTM Trade show continues to be an economic driver

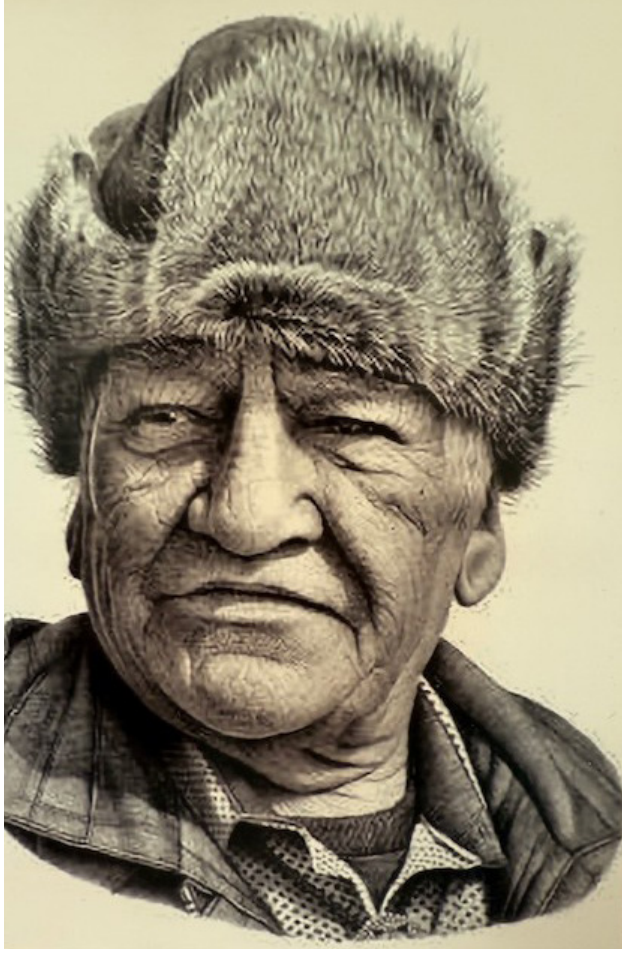




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## Thompson Profile - Elder Jack Robinson

Elder Jack Robinson, a well-known Thompsonite, has brought opening prayers to countless events, special gatherings, ceremonies, workshops, and meetings. Jack has been the Cultural Coordinator for the Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship for close to 25 years. Aside



from being a drug and alcohol counselor, as an elder, he teaches and speaks on the Indigenous culture.

As stated by Jack, *"I have been living here before Thompson was Thompson, before Nickel was discovered. I came from Norway House looking for work when I was 16 years old, when Thompson was just setting up. At that time there was nothing here except tents and camps at the nickel site."*

Even though today Elder Robinson works closely with individuals with addictions, counselling them, he has done a lot of different jobs in his life. *"I was a driller, a labourer, a security guard, a male nurse, a para legal, worked on the railways and was a dog musher... I did not win too often. I have tried sky diving and learning to fly a small plane. I had my first job when I was 14, worked on the ships and was making \$1/day. My first paycheck was for \$30. When I was working on the rail tracks, I was making \$.90/hr. I got a promotion to a foreman and got a raise to \$1.10/hour. I thought I was going to be rich,"* Jack laughs as he remembers his past careers.

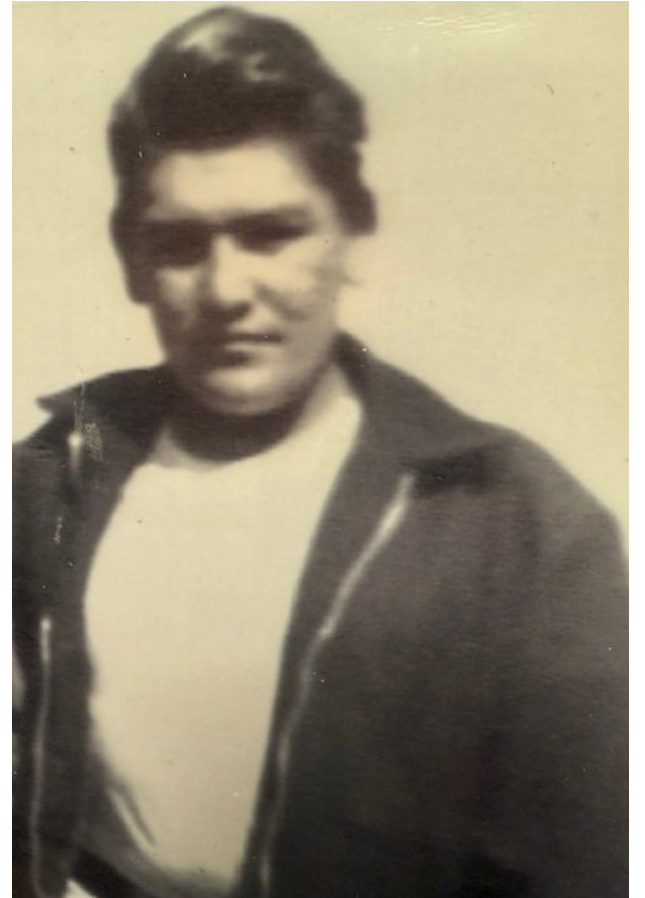
Jack has been an effective Addictions Counsellor because he knows how it was like to fight his own addictions. *"I lost my wife, my job, everything... due to my addiction to alcohol and drugs. I hit rock bottom in my 50s,"* he said. In his opinion, what is needed when it comes to effective treatment programs for the growing addiction issues is Land Based Treatment. Jack remembers his own journey to recovery, *"I went to 3 different treatment centers in my life and none of them worked for me. I asked myself when was I happiest in my life and I remembered as a child how happy I was out on the land. This is why I decided in my 50s to go live in the bushes for the next 2 years, coming into Thompson only for supplies from time to time. It worked for me."* Written on the cliff close to his out camp still stands today the words, *"Jacks Place"*.

When asked what he feels the young people need, he quickly preaches the importance of a good education and working, *"Staying in school is very important. Working, keeping yourself busy is also important"*.

Jack has been the recipient of many awards including the Queens Jubilee a couple of years ago as well as being presented a plaque from the Royal Canadian Mount Police for *"Your guidance and friendship to the Manitoba North District"*. Jack also sits on several committees and boards. When Jack, now 88, was asked what he plans to do for the next 10 years he replies with a smile,

*"I love working with people so I plan to keep doing what I am doing right now. Unfortunately with one of my eyes failing, I can't go into the bushes as much as I used to."*

Elder Jack has been a true inspiration for a generation of Thompsonites. We thank him for all he has done and what he will continue to do for the young people and those struggling with their addictions.



# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

**SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025**

MCLEAN PARK (CITY HALL)  
THOMPSON, MB  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE, ACADEMICS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**EMCEE: DYLAN BIGNELL**

**RED CREE DRUM GROUP**      **SOARING EAGLE AWARDS**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY: PERIMETER AVIATION**

**HOT DOGS AND DRINKS ALL DAY SPONSORED BY: MKO PROGRAMS**




**LIVE PERFORMANCE BY: ILLUSIONS OF THE STARS**



Dylan Bignell



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Coordinator at  
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1-204-939-4330



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## CALL OUT FOR YOUTH ENTERTAINERS

DO YOU PLAY GUITAR, FIDDLE, DANCE, DO COMEDY, AND WANT TO SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS?

**National Indigenous Peoples Day**  
Saturday June 21st, 2025  
11.00am until 4:00pm  
McLean Park  
Thompson, Manitoba

"INDIGENOUS NORTH, CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS YOUTH THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE, ACADEMICS AND ENTERTAINMENT"

Contact: Gina Spence @ 204-939-4330



## 5th Annual Rylen Soliski Memorial Fishing Derby- June 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>



On June 6, 2020, 13-year-old Rylen Soliski passed away at Paint Lake Provincial Park due to complications from Kawasaki Disease. His parents wrote, "Rylen was a kind-hearted 13-year-old with a love for life, and especially the outdoors. When he passed away, he was doing what he loved, spending a weekend camping and fishing with his family". His parents added, "Up to that point, he was a healthy, young teenager. Unbeknownst to anyone, he had developed Kawasaki heart disease in his early

*years which was not diagnosed until after his passing."*

According to Kawasaki Disease Canada (KDC), "Kawasaki disease (KD) is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children in North America. It is an acute illness that causes inflammation in the walls of blood vessels throughout the body, including the coronary arteries which supply blood to the heart." Even though the majority of children who develop KD are 5 years of age or younger (75-80%), it can affect older children and teenagers as in the case of Rylen. Currently, according to KDC, the incidence of KD in Canada is estimated yearly to be close to 30 per 100,000 children under the age of 5. There is a higher incidence in boys than in girls.

The Mission of the Annual Rylen Soliski Memorial Fishing Derby is to "Raise awareness of Kawasaki disease through education and advocacy, with the goal of saving children's lives."

Over the last four years, the Rylen Soliski Memorial Fishing Derby Inc, a registered not-for-profit has raised close to \$13,000 from its entry fees, for Kawasaki Disease research in Canada. The derby has also fundraised nearly \$ 45,000 in tournament prize.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rylen Soski Memorial Fishing Derby is happening from June 20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.** Entry fee is \$ 20 and you can participate by fishing anywhere in Manitoba, but only Walleye and Pike caught in Manitoba waters are eligible at winning derby prizes. To get more

information on how to enter or general questions, you are urged to either go to the Rylen Soski Memorial Fishing Derby Facebook page or call or text (204) 679-5000 or email at [rylen.memorialfd@hotmail.com](mailto:rylen.memorialfd@hotmail.com).

Participation in the Rylen Soski Memorial Fishing Derby is a great way to provide resources to help find a cure for Kawasaki disease, honor the memory of Rylen Soski and to assist the Soski Family in raising awareness of the disease that took their son.





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## St. John's United Church is Moving!



St. John's United Church, located at 52 Caribou Road, is changing locations. The current building, familiar to many over the past 60 plus years, has been sold. As stated by Heather Todd, St. John's United Church's Council Chair, "Several factors contributed to this decision which was made after thoughtful consideration over the past several years. As with many congregations our numbers became fewer for a variety of reasons, one of which was the Covid pandemic. People moved away from the community due to retirement or job relocation as is often the case for Thompson. We found ourselves with a group of caring people that wished to continue to worship and contribute to the community, but not needing the large space we currently had."

Heather commends the commitment of their group with the challenges they faced, "With this in mind, this small, but mighty congregation began looking for a new home. As a result of discussions with St. James Anglican Church, we will be renting space in their building at 10 Caribou to continue to worship together as often as possible while working around their schedule. This rental agreement will give St. John's a place to be, as well as financially supporting a neighbouring community of faith. A win-win! The building at 52 Caribou will find new life with a growing new community of faith which was looking for a permanent home."

St. John's United first began meeting formally in 1959 at Juniper School while Thompson was getting established and opened as the first Protestant church in their own building at the current location in the spring of 1962. Carl Nesbitt, who was the town planner at the time and whom the CA Nesbitt arena is name after, chose the lot for the church. "Thompson was filled with young families at that time and the church became a meeting place, not only for worship, but for many community events. Thompson's

first kindergarten was relocated from the living room of Doreen and Axel Lindquist to the upper room of the church.



The handmade tables and benches Axel made remain," says Heather.

Over the years St. John's has been a hub for weddings, baptisms, funerals, drama

and musical programs and of course the wonderful meals and outreach events for the community. It hosted auctions, fashion shows, bazaars, teas, rummage sales and have hosted 10,000 Villages Festival Sale and more recently the Nativity Walk. Several refugee families were sponsored over the years from Laos and Kosovo. Heather added "the United Church has always been about inclusion and social justice and many causes were supported or lobbied for. St. John's currently supports the Food Bank and the Wellbriety Centre in several ways and other local organizations as needs arise." The Kay Campbell Memorial Scholarship is offered annually to 2 northern students entering a helping profession. The congregation hopes to continue to support Thompson "as long as we have willing hearts and hands." In 2013 they formed an ecumenical shared ministry with Advent Lutheran Church, to become the Lutheran-United Church of Thompson, and worshipped together in one building until the recent closure of the Lutheran congregation. Rev. Leslie E. King retired in 2014 and since then they have been led by volunteer service leaders and helpers, something that they are very proud of. Past ministers included Rev. Lawrence Fetter, Rev. Jerry South, Rev. Don Duff, Rev. Glen Thompson, Rev. Allan Armstrong and Rev. Leslie E. King.

**Their last service in the building at 52 Caribou Rd. will be held on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** Rev. Leslie King as well as other special guests will be attending the service. A potluck lunch will follow and individuals are invited to bring a dish to share for that event. "There will be displays of our history over the years to peruse and of course, lots of sharing of memories," says Heather. For more information please call Heather at (204) 677-3269.





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# Thompson Music Parents Association



hours a year. You don't have to have a child in the music program, if you support our mandate, we would be a great fit for you," says Erin.

Having volunteered for the TMPA for the last 7 to 8 years, Erin loves to give back as she herself participated in the music programs growing up in Thompson. Luke, also volunteering for the last 7 to 8 years, no longer has kids in the music program but did have children participate when they were going through the Thompson school system.

The TMPA will have their Annual General Meeting in September. "The specific date has not been set yet but

The month of June will be a busy month for our young musicians and our teachers in the music program. The Letkemann Theatre at RD Parker Collegiate (RDPC) will be the site of three concerts - **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabaret, **June 10<sup>th</sup>** is the Year End Junior Band Concert, and **June 11<sup>th</sup>** is the Year End Jazz & Choir Concert. All three concerts start at 7 pm. On **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, some of our young musicians will also be playing at the RDPC Graduation Ceremony.

Helping to support these events, our students and teachers, since 1985 has been the Thompson Music Parent Association (TMPA). "The Music Parent Association's mandate is to promote music education, support travel and education, and in general to support and inspire our students in our programs. We also coordinate membership volunteer time," says Erin Gobiell, Chair and Luke Deibert, Vice Chair and Secretary. Erin continued, "we also fundraise to support the approximately 400 students in our grade 6 to grade 12 programs."



we will be posting on our Facebook once the date has been set," says Erin. She also encourages people to go to their Facebook at Thompson Music Parents, where they post updates and live feed of the concerts and where they can also be contacted for questions. The Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation would like to acknowledge and thank the TMPA for all of the work they do on behalf of our kids.

It has been noted in their information, since 2015, the TMPA has contributed or pledged over \$ 50,000 to 21 different trips for our students. "Our biggest annual fundraiser is Winter Wonderland at McCreedy Park, we also have a silver collection at the concerts," says Erin. Joining Erin and Luke on the Executive is Myra Lowe, Treasurer and Melissa Defehambeault, Membership and Communication. "The main ask for the TMPA is to get more volunteers to help when we have concerts or for our Winter Wonderland fundraiser at Christmas time. With the amount of students we have in the music programs, our hope is to get more parents to help out. We would love to get more dedicated volunteers to put in a few





**NICKEL DAYS**  
**JUNE 19-22, 2025**  
**THOMPSON REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Select Shows Midway, Food Vendors, Softball, Parade, Fireworks, Family Games, Pancake Breakfast, National King Miner Contest, Fire Truck Pull, Laser Tag, Mini Putt, Beer Gardens, Jigging Contest, Arm Wrestling Competition, Sleepy The Clown, Performances by Gravel Roads and Cohen Sieg, Nickel Days Concert feat. headliner Dean Brody with opener Dreams & Rumours!

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## Junior and Senior Track and Field

After three weeks of tryouts, RD Parker recently announced their Track and Field teams that will be competed at the Zone Championships in The Pas on May 23rd and 24th and the upcoming Provincial Championships in Winnipeg June 5-7th. There was a high level of commitment that had to be demonstrated by the students as the try-outs in each event occurred at 7:30 am in the mornings and after school from Monday to Thursday. They also had to maintain a certain grade point average in their respective classes. Students were selected in both the Junior category, grade 9 and 10 and the Senior category, grade 11 and 12 for both the boys and girls. The students are competing in 17 different contests, both individual and team contests. For individual races, they include the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter, 800 meter and 1500 meter. Team relay races include the 4X100 meters, 4X400 meters, and the medley. Other individual competitions include high, long, and triple jump and the discus, shot put, and javelin. Good luck to the following students as they compete on behalf of the City of Thompson:



42 athletes travelled to The Pas to compete in the Zone Track and Field Championship. The athletes excelled, having 60 top 3 performances and earning R.D. Parker the AAA Zone Banner. 40 of the athletes earned a spot to compete at the MHSA Provincial Championships in Winnipeg. Congratulations to all the athletes.

| JUNIOR GIRLS            | SENIOR GIRLS  |
|-------------------------|---|
| Cassidy Bassett         | Bridgette Caddy   |
| Marissa Caddy           | Carly Courvoisier   |
| Lauren Nychporuk        | Natalia Dudas   |
| McKenna Osmund          | Hannah Haas   |
| Ayanna Permanand        | Gabriella Mosher  |
| Tayvsley Ross           | Clair Mullet  |
| Servete Shabani         | Sydney Power  |
| Kenya Sterzuk           | Sarah Stewart   |
| Leah Thevenot           |   |
| Nevaeh-Rae Wells-Donald |   |
|                         |  |
| JUNIOR BOYS             | SENIOR BOYS   |
| Nifemi Adeyemo          | Joseph Hall   |
| Cohen Anderson          | Caiden Johnson  |
| Aditya Chhabra          | Rovic Larino  |
| Parker Clements         | Nicholas Morris   |
| Kolby Cooper            | William Mosiondz  |
| Alex Grieves            | Cameron Murray  |
| Adnrew Hillick          | Ayomide Olubamise   |
| Cole Johnson            | Mishael Oyelami   |
| DJ Nichol-Sawh          | Lincoln Richcoon  |
| Colin O'Handley         |   |
| Alexandre Parent        |   |
| Stephen Shaw            |   |
| Noah Slack              |   |
| Sam Zawadsky            |   |
| Levi Zimmer             |  |



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## Northern Arts Workshop



ImagiNorth held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northern Arts & Food Workshop from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Thompson Regional Community Centre. The workshop was focussed on connecting and collaborating across the arts, food and creative sectors in Northern Manitoba. There was an impressive list of speakers at the conference including the keynote speaker, The Right Honorable Michaëlle Jean, the 27<sup>th</sup> Governor General of Canada.

The ImagiNorthern team is made up of a partnership between the Flin Flon Arts Council, Thompson Mall of the Arts, Churchill Creative Collective, The Pas ImagiNorthern and a network of northern champions collaborating to bring Northern Manitoba to the world, driven by the

North and supported by Creative Manitoba and the Manitoba Arts Network.

Andrea Stephens, the current Thompson representative on ImagiNorthern team states, *“Our region consists of many artists that are extremely talented, with traditionally few resources to reach an international audience. ImagiNorthern is a consortium of artist supports which will spur economic growth with some of the greatest resources we have in the North – our people.”*

Fiona Rettier, is the recently hired Project Manager for ImagiNorth. As the Project Manager, Fiona explains the goal of ImagiNorth, *“is to connect communities and to help create a system by which we (artists) can all be successful. Thompson, Churchill, Flin Flon and OCN/The Pas has an artist community but we don’t really communicate with each other, we don’t share our projects enough, we don’t share our markets enough. The main goal is to connect people, connect artists.”* Fiona restates a common theme, not just for this workshop but what has been said over the years, *“There is a ton of potential...having the creative sector as a driver of economic*

*opportunity, its huge, there is so much potential.”*

Part of getting organized will be the ImagiNorth team working together over the next little while to firm up policies, procedures and a governance model for them to better support their overall goal of putting together the necessary framework needed to better position artists and producers to work together in the North.



Fiona Rettier & Andrea Stephens

### Winners of Badminton Championship

Dilshan and Ken successfully completed a clean sweep of gold medals during their badminton season. Their season started with winning gold at two consecutive invitational tournaments, followed by a zone championship and completed with a provincial gold medal. Both individuals are dedicated athletes in their own respects. Dilshan is a multi-sport Trojan athlete who represented his school’s soccer, volleyball, basketball and badminton teams. Ken is a true badminton athlete who devoted much time and effort practising his craft throughout the school year and is an integral part of the Thompson Badminton Club.

Dilshan has been able to maintain an 80% grade average through his grade 11 year, while continuing to dedicate his free time to RD Parker Trojan Athletics. Ken has maintained an 87% grade average in his grade 12 year, will be graduating with honours and will be looking forward to continuing his education in post-secondary school.



For special promotions or multi-booking rates please contact **Oswald Sawh, Executive Director at [executivedirector@tnrc.ca](mailto:executivedirector@tnrc.ca)**

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Please email resume to [scott.scaddan@stittco.com](mailto:scott.scaddan@stittco.com) or drop off at 31 Gay Street, Thompson, Manitoba.



# THOMPSON GAS BAR CO-OP THANK YOU!


The Board of Directors of the Thompson Gas Bar Co-op Ltd. invites you to  
**Customer Appreciation Day**  
**June 14, 2025 from 11 am - 2 pm**




Bring the whole family and enjoy BBQ, hot dogs, popcorn and drinks. Hourly prizes including \$100 Co-op gift cards. *Patronage cheques will be available starting at 11:00 am.*

**GRAND PRIZE: Pit Boss Wood Pellet Grill/Smoker including Hickory & Mesquite Pellets & Grill Cover**

Are you a business that needs to promote an upcoming sale or wishes to place an advertisement? Are you an organization that wishes to promote your services on an on-going basis? Are you a level of government that needs to place ads in printed form? The Citizen is widely circulated with at least **68 confirmed locations** around Thompson. Contact Oswald Sawh, Executive Director at (204) 677-0760 to find out what our ad rates are.



**JOIN THE 2025 DEFEAT DEPRESSION WALK!!!**

All are Welcome

Tentative Date: Week of June 9-13


**Start Location:** Thompson Regional Community Center (TRCC) and walk to the United Steelworkers center (4.4 KM round trip) for a hotdog BBQ

We're excited to announce that this year's Defeat Depression Walk, hosted by Vale's Manitoba Operations, will be a collaborative community event—and we're inviting all community members and organizations to take part!

Whether you're a business, non-profit, school, or community group, we welcome you to walk with us, promote your organization, and stand together for mental health awareness. This is a great opportunity to show your support, connect with the community, and help raise funds for local mental health initiatives.

**Organizations are encouraged to:**

- Register a team and raise donations that will support local mental health initiatives - Walk, run, or bike the 4.4 km route – pets are welcome!
- Set up a booth or display at the TRCC lobby of your organization's services
- Share information about your services or initiatives
- Help spread the word and raise awareness and unite to defeat depression and build a stronger, more supportive community—together.



## Thompson Community Foundation

### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

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### Grant Announcements

**Tuesday June 24, 2025**

### Boreal Discovery Centre Inc.

**AGM 7:00 - 7:30pm**

**Grant Announcements 7:30 - 8:00pm**



**Job Posting - Operations Managers**

The Royal Canadian Legion Burnt River Branch #244 (the Legion), is now hiring for an Operations Manager. The Legion operations include a bar, gaming room and one large and one small hall that is rented out for events such as bingos, socials, conferences, special events and meetings. This is a full-time position, at 40 hours a week. The rate is \$ 26/hour - \$ 29/hour based on qualifications and experience. Main duties is to provide day-to-day management of the operations of the Legion that include:

- Supervision of staff;
- Promoting the operations of the Legion;
- Managing hall rentals;
- Managing bar operations;
- Facilitating Legion fundraisers;
- Provision of administrative functions associated with the Legion operations.

The successful candidate will have:

- Direct or related experience in the hospitality industry;
- Experience in customer service;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Class 5 Drivers license and access to a vehicle;
- Able to be bondable;
- Financial and budget management skills.

Experience in supervising staff will be considered an asset. Standard days of work is Tuesday to Saturday but the Operations Manager will need to have the ability to have a flexible work schedule depending on what events are occurring.

If you wish to apply, please forward a cover letter and resume to:

**Attention:** Legion Executive  
Royal Canadian Legion Burnt River Branch # 244  
101 Elizaeth Drive  
Thompson MB  
R8N 1S7  
**Email:** maps@mymts.net



Thanks you to the Grade 2 Class of Ms McDonald at Deerwood Elementary School for raising \$185 plus donations of food and toys for the Thompson Humane Society. Jetta, one of the dogs up for adoption at the shelter, came to accept the gift on behalf of the THS.



**Engaging fathers to enhance the safety and well-being of their children**

### ABOUT PROGRAM

**Caring Dads** is a group program for fathers (biological, step, or common-law) who have the potential to negatively impact their children or family. The program combines elements of parenting, fathering and child protection practices.

- \* **Child-centred Fathering**  
Prioritizing the child's well-being and emotional security
- \* **Respectful Co-parenting**  
Recognize that the other parent is a crucial part of the child's life and treat them with respect
- \* **Father Motivation**  
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**REGISTER NOW!**

**UPCOMING SESSIONS**

- **May 28, 2025**
- **September 10, 2025**

**Caring Dads, a groupwork program for fathers**

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When you choose to move into a sober living residence like MAPS, you are giving yourself the best opportunity to harness the power of the life skills and coping mechanisms taught to you during your treatment.

**Group Counselling**  
MAPS provides men and women with the opportunity to address issues and receive support from other men and women facing similar struggles. Group counselling is the primary service offered.

**Individual Counselling**  
We offer short-term individual counselling to those who attend the group. You and the counsellor will have weekly counselling sessions approximately one hour in length. In this time, you and the counsellor will work through steps towards the goal that you have established for yourself.

**PROGRAMS**

**HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**  
This program is geared to men. The goal of this program is to change unhealthy behaviours and identify the type of relationship you will like for the future.

**WOMEN & ANGER**  
Learn how to manage anger, improve your communication skills, and address the underlying emotions connected with your anger.

**CARING DADS**  
Engages fathers who have the potential to negatively impact their children or family. Program combines elements of parenting, fathering, and child protection practices

**ABOUT US**

A person's attitude and behaviours are strongly influenced by societal expectations. Due to social and economic changes, people have come to question what is expected of them. As a result, they are increasingly willing to access supportive therapeutic services. MAPS provides the necessary support while being sensitive to cultural, economic, gender, and sexual orientation issues, as well as to personal and situational difficulties.

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# Calendar of Events

| June - 2025  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
| 1  | 2   | 3<br>40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cabaret Concert (RDPC – 7:00 pm)   | 4   | 5<br>School of Social Graduation – TRCC<br><br>Juniper School Drop in Badminton (7 pm – 9 pm) TRCC                                       | 6<br>Parent & Me - Craft&Play (9am-10:30am) TRCC<br><br>Nights of Columbus Track & Field TRCC | 7<br>Touch A Truck (Kiddie's Northern Daycare Fundraiser) 12:00 pm – 4 pm TRCC Parking Lot<br><br>Drop in Badminton (3 pm-4:30 pm) TRCC                 |
| 8<br>Drop in Pickleball-12+ (3pm-4:30pm) TRCC<br><br>Drop in Volleyball-12+ (1 pm-2:30 pm) TRCC                            | 9<br>Drop In Basketball 12+ (3:30pm-5pm) TRCC | 10<br>RDPC Drop in Badminton (9 pm – 10:30 pm)<br><br>Year End Junior Band Concert (RDPC – 7:00 pm)                         | 11<br>Drop in Basketball-18+ (8pm-9:30 pm) TRCC<br><br>Year End Jazz and Choir Concert (RDPC – 7 pm)  | 12<br>Juniper School Drop in Badminton (7 pm – 9:00 pm) TRCC<br><br>Rainbow Relations 2S+ and Indigiqueer Drop-In night 5:30 pm -7:30 pm | 13<br>Parent & Me - Craft&Play (9am-10:30am) TRCC   | 14<br>Drop in Basketball-18+ (8 pm-9:30 pm) TRCC  |
| 15<br>Drop in Pickleball-12+ (3pm-4:30pm) TRCC<br><br>Last Service at St. John's United Church Before They Move – 10:30 am | 16  | 17<br>RDPC Drop in Badminton (9 pm – 10:30 pm) TRCC   | 18  | 19<br>Nickel Days<br><br>Juniper School Drop in Badminton (7 pm – 9 pm) TRCC   | 20<br>Nickel Days<br><br>Rylen Soliski Memorial Fishing Derby Starting (June 20 – June 29)    | 21<br>Nickel Days<br><br>National Indigeous People's Day (10 am – 4 pm) MacLean Park  |
| 22<br>Nickel Days  | 23  | 24<br><b>Thompson Community Foundation AGM 7 pm Boreal Discovery Centre</b><br><br>Drop in Badminton (9 pm – 10:30 pm) TRCC | 25<br>UCN Graduation - TRCC   | 26<br>RDPC Graduation – TRCC<br><br>Juniper School Drop in Badminton (7 pm – 9 pm) TRCC  | 27  | 28<br>Lay Vaccination Clinic 1pm – 4:30pm THS Animal Shelter<br><br>Drop in Badminton (3 pm-4:30 pm) TRCC<br>Drop in Basketball-18+ (8 pm-9:30 pm) TRCC |
| 29<br>Drop in Volleyball-12+ (1 pm-2:30pm) TRCC<br><br>Rylen Soliski Memorial Fishing Derby Ending (June 20 – June 29)     | 30  | 31<br>RDPC Drop in Badminton (9 pm – 10:30 pm) TRCC   | Thompson Public Library Hours of Operation<br>Tuesday – 11 am – 7 pm<br>Wednesday - 11 am – 7 pm<br>Thursday – 10 am 5 pm<br>Friday – 10 am – 5 pm<br>Saturday – 10 am – 6 pm |  |   |   |

| LOCAL RATES & INFORMATION     |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
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| Size                          | Price        |
| 1/16 page (2C x 2.9")         | 35.00        |
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| 1/2 page ( 6C x 7.75")        | 250.00       |
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## June is Pride Month



### THOMPSON Pride 2025

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- 09** **JUNE pipe ceremony & flag raising**  
city hall/maclean park  
pipe ceremony: 8:30am  
speakers, flag raising: 9:00am
- 10** **rainbow relations: community circle**  
for members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community & their support folks  
ininiw kiskinwamakewin centre @ UCN  
5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 11** **2SLGBTQIA+ round dance**  
light dinner will be served  
st. lawrence hall  
6:00pm – 9:00pm
- 12** **rainbow relations: drop-in**  
beaded pride flag keychains/pins & medicine bags  
trcc multipurpose room  
5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 13** **pride bbq**  
BBQ, music, & entertainment  
55 selkirk avenue (MKO parking lot)  
12:00pm – 4:00pm
- 14** **all ages karaoke & dance**  
juniper centre  
6:00pm – 9:00pm