

FUNDRAISING FOR NEW EMERGENCY SERVICE GEAR

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Rapid City Emergency Services hosted a fundraising supper on Saturday, April 20. They were raising money for a gear washing machine and a gear dryer. The money raised on Saturday is definitely going to help purchase these two pieces of equipment. Cancer is now the number one leading cause of death in firefighters. It used to be heart attacks but not anymore. Rapid City Emergency Service Crew is doing everything they can do to try and prevent firefighters from getting cancer.

There was an awesome turn out from the community and surrounding area showing their support for this great cause, close to 170 people came out for the meal and prizes.

The supper was great! Roast beef, baked potatoes with all the fixings, beans, salad, buns, and a variety of desserts to choose from.

The department and their spouses helped to make the night a huge success “A big thanks to the spouses,” says Ryan English, “and to all the donors who gave prizes for the penny auction, 36 prizes in total.”



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Close to 170 people came out to support the emergency services in Rapid City.

The Rapid City Emergency Services department will be doing a pancake breakfast down at the rodeo grounds on May 18, 2024, during the Rapid City high school rodeo May long weekend.

June 22, 2024, is the Rapid City Fair. The fire department is doing an open house that day for everyone to come see the fire hall.

Manitoba government celebrates Earth Day by restoring funding to environmental non-profit organizations

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On Earth Day 2024, the Manitoba government is restoring funding to three environmental non-profit organizations to help take tangible action on climate change, Environment and Climate Change Minister Tracy Schmidt announced today.

“Manitobans are seeing the impacts of climate change first-hand and they want to know that our province is doing it’s part to protect our air, land, and water for future generations,” said Schmidt. “Instead of taking action on climate change, the previous government cut funding to organizations doing important work to reduce emissions and protect our environment. We’re restoring that funding.”

The three organizations are:

- Climate Change Connection
- Green Action Centre
- Manitoba Eco-Network

Climate Change Connection received \$100,000 to advance awareness, capacity building and action on climate change across Manitoba.

“This support is so important, not just for Climate Change Connection but for the people of Manitoba,” said Curt Hull, project director, Climate

Earth Day cleaning crew at Rivers Station



On Earth Day this team went out and cleaned up all the garbage around the Rivers Station, VIA Stationette, the train park area and around the train area east and west. They were doing their part to keep the community clean.

Left to right: Back Row: Kelvin Lamb, Donna Morken; Middle Row: Barb Sveistrup, Diane Marriott, Carol Hassard, Susan Citulsky, Heather Lamb; Middle of Front Row: Riley

Change Connection. “There is a real need and desire amongst Manitobans for more education about climate change and what solutions look like. This support enables us to expand our outreach and connect with more people.”

A grant of \$230,000 for the Green Action Centre will help advance climate action on adaptation planning, the circular economy, active transportation and outreach initiatives across Manitoba.

“Green Action Centre is grateful for the provincial funding being restored to the organization, as it will help us to amplify and promote the work we do,” said Josep Seras Gubert, executive director, Green Action Centre. “We truly believe the only way to fight climate change and its destructive

impacts is through collective action. Going green can be done at home, school, or at our workplaces, through composting, riding the bus or buying energy efficient appliances, but in order to do this at an accelerated pace and have a bigger impact, we require support and resources. Earth Day is a day to celebrate and demonstrate support for climate actions and solutions. We look forward to working with the Manitoba government to continue to find ways to reduce the province’s emissions while improving Manitobans’ lives.”

The Manitoba Eco-Network received \$60,000 to help further inner-city climate adaptation work in Winnipeg through the Climate Safe, Green City project.