

# **Community Newsletter**

### Valleyview Co-op Fuel Good Day

Valleyview Co-op welcomes you to help fundraise in support of initiatives in your community on September 17th, 2024.

- Virden local school food programs
- Melita Melita Early Learning
- Pierson Pierson Early Learning
- Kenton Kenton Community Enterprise

Purchase fuel, a Big Cool or Co-operative coffee to make your community a better place.



### **Community Partnerships**

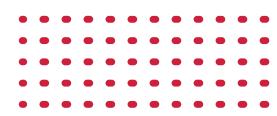


When you invest in your local Co-op, your Co-op invests back into your community. Valleyview Co-op is proud to announce investments in the following community projects:

- Agricultural Fairs held in Oak Lake, Oak River, and Harding.
- 4-H Virden and District Interclub, Oak Lake, Pipestone and Kenton.
- Pipestone Memorial Park.
- Melita Recreation Rejuvenation.
- Oak Lake, Mary Montgomery and Goulter Schools.

## **Community Spaces - Local Grant Awarded**





The Virden Ag Grounds Barn Rebuild project, a crucial initiative to modernize the current aging facility, is one of 14 projects that have received a portion of \$1 million as a 2024 recipient of Co-op Community Spaces.

Co-op Community Spaces grants help protect, beautify and improve spaces across Western Canada. Celebrating its 10th year, Community Spaces has invested \$13.5 million in 189 projects in three categories: recreation, environmental conservation and urban agriculture. FCL administers Community Spaces for more than 160 local Co-ops operating in 600 communities.

The space hosts several livestock related events annually including the Virden Indoor Rodeo.

## Valleyview Co-op Team Leader Spotlight

Laura Johnson, the food store manager in Pierson, began her career with Valleyview Co-op in 2015. She finds her work fulfilling for several reasons, including the joy of watching her younger team members grow in skills and confidence. Family is of utmost importance to Laura, and she values the work-life balance that allows her to spend quality time with her three children, niece, and nephew. Furthermore, her journey at Valleyview Co-op has allowed her to build lasting friendships with colleagues and other community members. Laura believes these relationships are the foundation of a healthy community like Pierson.

