

Communiton connecting the Weyburn community

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The 2016 Weyburn and District United Way Communiton is right around the corner and bringing something new.

Communiton will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28th and will continue 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th as opposed to the regular 33 hours straight offered in previous years.

The goal is to raise \$130,000 for eight member agencies.

Donations can be made online or by phoning in during the Communiton.

You can also see the full schedule for the two days here:




United Way
Weyburn & District
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35th Annual Weyburn and District United *Communiton*

**Friday, October 28 (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.) to
Saturday, October 29 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Cugnet Centre (Weyburn Comp)**

*Broadcast live
streamed online*



Communiton Schedule (Subject to changes)

<p>Friday</p> <p>8:00 AM OPENING CEREMONIES - WCS S.T.A.R.S. Show Choir</p> <p>8:30 AM WCS Grade 10 to 12 Concert Band, WCS Grade 9 Concert Band, WCS Grade 8 Concert Band</p> <p>9:40 AM Assinibola Park Elementary School</p> <p>10:30 AM St. Michael School</p> <p>11:30 AM Souris School</p> <p>12:00 Noon Queen Elizabeth Grade 1 to 3 Choir, Comp Junior Choir</p> <p>1:00 PM Haig School</p> <p>1:30 PM WCS Senior Jazz Band, WCS Grade 10 to 11 Choir, WCS Grade 10, 11 and 12 Choir</p> <p>3:30 PM Kearstin Pfeifer, Onello Bahingawan, Marissa Lillejord and Madison Altwasser, Weyburn Gold Wings</p>	<p>5:00 PM Orange Clam Clan, Sharon Elliott, Variations</p> <p>7:00 PM "You've Got Bankers", Camryn Greve, Lalita Maya bellydancing</p> <p>9:00 PM Richy Roy Magic Show, WCS STARS Show Choir</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>8:00 AM Rotary Club, Small Voices of Grace, Blaize Messer, Robin Stelter, The Blend, Reinhard Eisbrenner,</p> <p>10:00 AM Autumn and Emily Alexander, Don, Bridget and Cherith Alexander, Richy Roy Magic Show, International Women of Weyburn, Maraya</p> <p>12:45 PM Closing Ceremonies</p>
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HOUSE BANDS: Private Drive - Friday 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, The Thyme - Friday 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, Orange Clam Clan - Saturday 11:00 AM to 1

Let's Work Together

Goal: \$130,000

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Check out which organizations will receive benefits from the Communiton this year:

Care-A-Van:

The Care-A-Van Society is an organization in Weyburn that helps people with physical disabilities get around town.

"The Communithon, or the United Way, is a huge sponsor of the Care-A-Van that's where we get most of our funding from," said Majorie Mcleod from the Weyburn Legion, a Care-A-Van Society Member. The Care-A-Van operates similar to a taxi service that is wheelchair accessible. "If you have someone that can't get around in a vehicle, well there's transportation from them. If you're in a wheelchair you can't really phone a taxi, especially if you have a motorized vehicle, because they're not equipped to deal with it."

The money from the Communithon is used to maintain the service.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is one of the agencies that will receive money from this year's Communithon.

"The money that we receive from the Communithon will go towards vision rehabilitation services," said Jackie Lay Communications specialist with CNIB. "Those services include things like white cane training, dependent living skills, and computer technology training."

Lay also noted they work with school systems to help people to learn to read in Braille.

Red Cross:

The Red Cross helps people who have been affected by disaster such as house fires or city floods.

"Some of the other things we focus on is things like bullying prevention. We have pink day coming up in February where we're trying to raise awareness to stop bullying," said Stewart Kerr, community outreach communicator for the Red Cross.

The money received from the Communithon can be used by the Red Cross to help those with emergency needs.

Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan:

Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan has been one of the funding member agents for the Communithon for many years.

"We offer a variety of programs and services assisting individuals to achieve independence, self reliance, and full community participation," said Sheila Flasko, the manager of community impact for Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan. "(The money) goes right back into our organization and helps us to continue providing our program."

They provide programs such as rehabilitation, counselling, peer support, and many other programs for people with spinal cord injuries or other mobility disabilities.

Special Care Home:

The Special care home supplies activities and events for the residence of the special care home on the corner of Fifth and Douglas Street.

"The funding from the United Way is so important because we only have two teas, one in May and one in November, and that's the only source of our income," said Doreen Bilesky, treasurer for the special care home auxiliary.

The care home supplies everything their residence need ranging from birthday parties to gardening supplies.

Envision:

Envision is an organization that counsels and supports victims of abuse and assault. Envision has been a member agency with the United Way since 1995.

"It allows us to spend time helping individuals in the community learn new things which ultimately enables them to make the changes and choices they need to live healthier and happier lives rather than spending our time fundraising," said Lynda Rideout, assistant executive director at Envision.

She noted the money will be helping with their outreach program.

nThe Canadian Mental Health Association:

The Canadian Mental Health Association in Weyburn works with people that are living or struggling with mental illness.

"We have adult programming as well as youth programming," said Tasha Collins, program director at CMHA Weyburn. "The Weyburn and District United Way provides us with much needed funding and that funding goes directly into the program and services that we are able to offer."

One of their goals as an organization is to create a better quality of life for those living with mental illnesses.

Weyburn Big Brothers Big Sisters:

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring program for youth ages 6-16 that currently supports around 35 children.

"We have a few different groups," said Sharla Sept, Regional Director. "Such as traditional mentoring, which is our one to one program, in school mentoring which is done over a lunch hour during the school year and then we have some group mentoring programs called Game On and Go Girls."