

Field of Visions fundraiser planned

In our community at this very moment something revolutionary and extremely important is happening to benefit our schools, community and the health of our citizens.

For those of you with children who are involved in school sports like soccer, you know that the places to play and practice in the R.M. of Springfield leave much to be desired. The fields are un-safe, not level, and often flood in spring time and at periods of heavy rains. The school-based running and track teams have no training location, with their only option to run on the streets of our towns.

We live in a rural community, with tons of open space around us, so why isn't there a proper track and playing field for us to use?

All of this is about to change. Students in the Springfield Collegiate Visions & Ventures Business classes are pleased to present to you "The Field of Visions Project," an ini-

tiative to build a new track and playing field for the present and future students of SCI, SMS, Oak Bank Elementary, Ecole Dugald School, Hazelridge and Anola Schools.

This new sports area will include a competition grade field for sports such as soccer, rugby, football, field hockey and lacrosse, an 8-lane competition grade asphalt track, and areas for shot-put, discus, javelin and long jump, plus seating for over 100 people. This new field will be crowned (that means no more flooding), and will be located next to Springfield Middle School, where the current gravel 'track' is located.

This will be the most state-of-the-art track and field complex in the R.M. of Springfield and the R.M. of Brokenhead. This complex will serve to benefit all of the residents of both Rural Municipalities.

Our first fundraising/public awareness event was the Field of Visions Gala, a semi-formal dinner and dance held at the Brokenhead River Recreation Center on May 6th, 2006.

This sold-out event was a great success and raised approximately \$7,500, allowing us to have the existing field area surveyed and have Class-C engineering drawings produced

along with costing estimates. Our next step is to start the Capital Campaign to raise the roughly \$350,000 - \$550,000 needed to build a new field. Estimates on the field construction vary according to the durability of the new field and its life expectancy (10 versus 20 years).

On Saturday November 17th, the Field of Visions Committee and the Grade 11 Visions and Ventures Business Class at Springfield Collegiate Institute are hosting "The Field of Visions Red Carpet Event."

This event, which will be held at the Brokenhead River Recreation Complex (320 Veterans Lane) in Beausejour, will consist of a formal dinner and dance (with Garvin Rock) and a 45-minute fashion show being presented during the dinner. There will be also be a silent auction, with all proceeds going directly towards the Field of Visions project.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at Springfield Collegiate in Oakbank. Support the future of your community and your kids access to quality sports facilities by calling 444-2404 to reserve your tickets today. All donations gratefully accepted. Tax receipts are available for in-kind as well as cash donations towards the Field of Visions project.

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