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Volunteers integral to community success

Jim Rennie, Mayor

This month, local residents and people from across the country were treated to the outstanding Sled Invasion event, and this event's success largely rode on the shoulders of volunteer help.

The Whitecourt Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, along with over 160 volunteers and numerous sponsors took the time to ensure the Polaris Pro-Freestyle Air Offs, poker rally and ASA banquet went off without a hitch. Their dedication to this event is proof of just how much volunteers contribute to the betterment of our communities.



Many other community events and programs also require volunteer assistance to ensure smooth running and successful outcomes. In recognition of various volunteer achievements in the community, Woodlands County is holding its annual Agriculture Services Supper and Community Services Volunteer Appreciation Night at the Topland Community Hall on March 6.

Our Community Services Department has received numerous nominations for the awards ceremony over the past couple of months that outline the contributions of committed individuals, organizations or agencies. Awards will be presented in recognition of outstanding achievements in business, civic and public service categories, while our premier Golden Heart Award will honour an individual for continuous community involvement and personal sacrifice to help others. This is sure to be a spectacular evening for all, and tickets are available for just \$20 (includes dinner and entertainment from renowned comedian Paul Sveen). To register, call toll-free 1-866-584-3866 by March 3.

For further information about the 2009 Agriculture Services Supper and Community Services Volunteer Awards, or any other County matters, feel free to call me at (780) 778-8400, email me at jim.rennie@woodlands.ab.ca or visit our website at www.woodlands.ab.ca.