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By Eoin Devereux
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Ready for the worst, hoping for the best

Minnedosa prepares for Little Saskatchewan River crest

Having endured a historic flood back in 2022, the people of Minnedosa know firsthand how quickly conditions can change. Yet, despite a week of uncertainty over floodwaters and forecasts, the community is holding onto hope that they've done enough to meet this latest challenge head-on.

Due to last week's massive storm system throughout western Manitoba, the Little Saskatchewan River has continued to creep ever so much higher along the banks that pass through Minnedosa, with a mid-week peak expected.

Mayor Ken Cameron said that preparations for the crest have been ongoing since the weekend at specific vulnerable points. Initially, municipal crews, along with Parks and Recreation staff, emergency personnel and volunteers spent days reinforcing flood protection systems. Thousands of sandbags, assembled by locals, have been placed around vulnerable areas, with an additional 60,000 delivered by the Province earlier this week. As well, Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization supplied two trailers



PHOTO BY RRAIN PRIOR

On Monday, July 6, provincial officials advised the Town that one row of stop logs would be removed from the Minnedosa Spillway to accommodate increased inflows from upstream.

carrying around 6,000 feet of Tiger Tubes, which are large, water-filled barriers designed to supplement traditional sandbag dikes.

Additional flood protection are now being focused on low-lying neighbour-

hoods, with Victoria Bay receiving large 'Supersandbags' as another layer of defence. Preventative closures have also been implemented on Oxbow Trail and several campground tent sites.

Mayor Cameron told

the Banner & Press that they were feeling cautiously confident.

"We are feeling a lot better, just because we've got a lot of sandbags out," said Cameron. "We're feeling prepared and if the water

starts coming more, we can add sandbags to where it already is. [The situation] is still very fluid and can change overnight, basically, or less than that. The current forecast is not showing us rain, so we're happy about

that, but again, we all know how that goes. It could change in two hours, right? So right now, everybody is cautiously optimistic."

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All things considered, it could have been a lot worse

Neepawa able to withstand massive rainfall

By Eoin Devereux
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Despite enduring one of the heaviest rainfalls in recent memory, Neepawa's infrastructure appears to have passed the test. The massive thunderstorm system that swept across western Manitoba on Monday, June 29, delivered 101.4 millimetres (mm) of rain to Neepawa. Some localized reports, however, suggest that number may actually be an underestimate.

Either way, Environment and Climate Change Canada reported that Neepawa witnessed one of the largest downpours of any community during the storm, surpassed only by Boissevain (152 mm), Deloraine (129.8 mm) and Minto (113.3 mm). Closer to home, Neepawa's total was comparable to Plumas (101.3 mm) and Rivers (100.8 mm).

Despite the exceptional amount of rain, much of Neepawa's infrastructure withstood the deluge. Town CAO Colleen Synchyshyn said that while the storm caused localized flooding in several locations and forced the evacuation of the Riverbend Campground, the overall outcome could have been far worse.

"We were very lucky there. And then, of course, the water did slow coming out of the northwest, which was kind of nice as well," said Synchyshyn. "[As of Thursday, July 2], the Riverbend Park has certain areas that are still flooded, and as well, we're still watching the Hamilton Street Bridge to protect the integrity of that structure."

Synchshyn also noted that there are several roads that sustained damage during the storm, that they are keeping a close eye on.

"Brydon Street took a bit of water and so did Brown [Avenue]. That's all buckled

up," she said. "That's still closed until we've assessed. if there's structural failure underneath, or whether it's just pushed up the asphalt. We won't know just yet, until we get a good look."

Town staff are also continuing to monitor Ada Street, which will be assessed to ensure there has been no permanent structural failure."

While roads and portions of the park sustained some damage, Synchyshyn said the Town's infrastructure performed exceptionally well under the extraordinary volume of water.

No comparison to 2020

The 101.4 mm that fell directly on Neepawa far exceeded the 14.4 mm recorded during the infamous Canada Day flood on July 1, 2020. Although that earlier storm produced relatively modest rainfall within town limits, areas surrounding Neepawa received more than 150 mm, sending enormous volumes of runoff toward the community.

That runoff ultimately overwhelmed the berm at Park Lake, breaching the structure and draining the lake into the southern portion of town in one of Neepawa's most memorable weather-related disasters.

This week's storm presented a different challenge, but municipal officials are pleased that the infrastructure was largely able to withstand an unprecedented test.



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Watch out for that tree!



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Another thunderstorm passed through the region earlier this week. Fortunately, it did not bring with it the massive drop of rainfall that had occurred the week earlier. It did, however, bring some strong winds, that did a fair bit of damage to tree branches across Neepawa. Clean up efforts have already looked after the debris.

Neepawa set to host Beef Roundup

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MANITOBA YOUTH BEEF ROUNDUP

Neepawa is hosting the 19th Annual Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup weekend. From Friday, July 31 to Sunday, Aug. 2, 96 Junior Beef Producers will gather for the event, which takes place at the Stride Exhibition Grounds.

Juniors age 6-25 from Manitoba, Northern Ontario and Southeastern Saskatchewan will compete in competitions like Judging, Showmanship, Grooming, Graphic Design, Art, Photography, and Sales Talk to name a few.

The weekend starts off on Friday, July 31 with an Ag Challenge involving life learning skills, then on to the Educational Workshops on Carcass Evaluation, Cattle Handling, Farm Safety, Podcasting and Leadership.

Saturday will focus on Judging Cattle, Sheep and other classes. The Senior and Intermediate Members will be competing for a spot on the Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup Agribition Judging Team. Pee Wee and Juniors will be learning basic skills like halter making, Showmanship, grooming etc.

The afternoon on Sat-

urday will focus on Team Grooming and Team Judging and usually the highlight of the weekend is the Cookoff Competition. The Team Members will work together to prepare a meal for the judges using Steaks. Along with the presentation is the extravagant costumes and unique recipes.

Sunday, Aug. 2 is our cattle show day, with 120 head of All Breeds of Beef Cattle along with a big number of commercial females. Showmanship begins at 10:00 a.m. and the show begins at 2:00 p.m. with two rings going at once.

A highlight of the Weekend will be the Parade of Champion 4-H heifers and the Supreme Champion Female. To round off the

weekend will be the awards banquet and supper.

Anyone who is interested in the Beef Industry and Juniors that are the Future of the Beef Industry is invited to come out and watch the enthusiasm and dedication they have to our industry.

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Looking Back

2006: Roxy Theatre celebrates 100th birthday

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
July 9, 1901**

W. Stirling, buyer here for the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, is in Arden at present shipping out the wheat in store there. While he is away Hopper & Co. will supply Lake of the Woods flour to all enquirers.

The contract for grading the C.P.R. extension from Wellwood to Brookdale has been let to P.R. Lamb. Work is expected to begin at once.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
July 9, 1926**

Brookdale: Keep off the road from Rory Fraser's corner to Ingelow. A cyclone or something in the form of an unmanageable grader played havoc with it a few days ago.

D. K. Brown is receiving congratulations from many friends on his appointment as manager of the Manitoba Government beer distributing warehouse in the Oddfellow's Block. He is getting the interior in order and stocks from all the different breweries so that his temperance friends may be promptly supplied.

It may be of interest to some of our readers to know of the recent graduation of Miss Theo McKone and Miss Aileen Donaldson, of the Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, on June 8.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
July 12, 1951**

The Town Council, at the regular meeting Friday, heard a report from Councillor Wm. Whitmore that extensions of water and sewer services on Brock St., Davidson St., would cost approximately \$7,019. Councillor Whitmore also reported that Walsh & Charles suggested that water meters might be ordered now for delivery in March, 1952, at the existing price.

The Mutual Life of Canada is pleased to announce that Mr. R. T. "Bill" Robinson of Kelwood has qualified for membership in the M L C Production Club.

Cpl. and Mrs. R. A. Willerton and daughters Lilian and Barbara spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. Willerton en route to Ft. Churchill, where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Argyle Paterson left Tuesday for Victoria, where he reports for duty on HMCS Athabaska.

During their visit here, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paterson held a reception in honour of their son, Argyle and his bride. Thirty-six friends and neighbours attended. It was Argyle's 21st birthday. He was on leave after 10 months with the RCN in Korean waters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allan, of Cabri, Sask., celebrated their 50th wedding

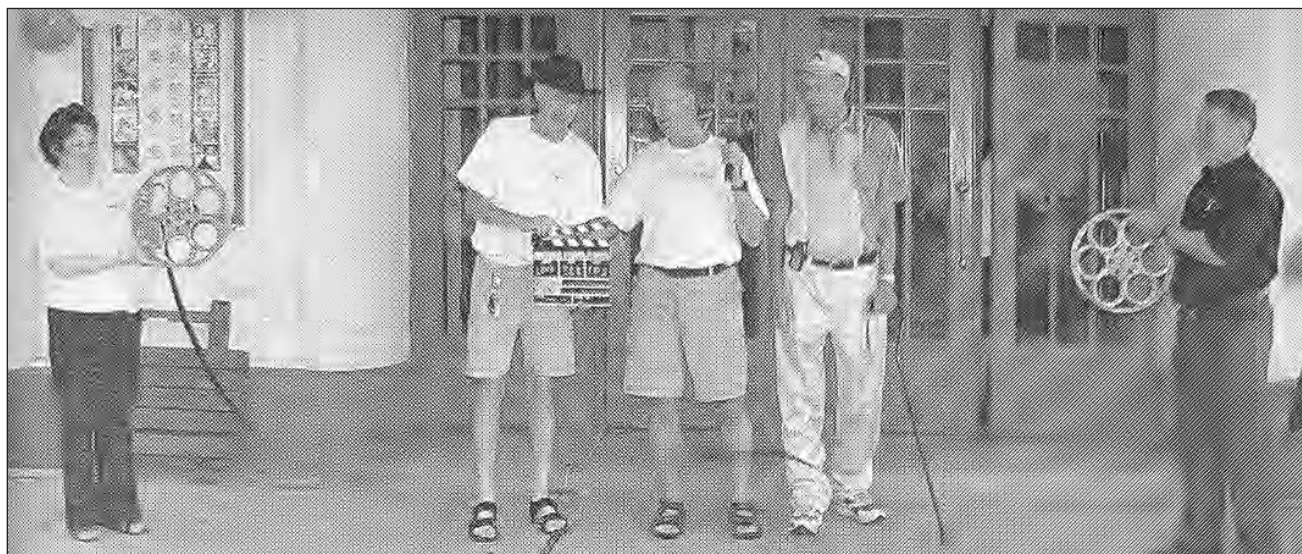


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Pictured: Norma Henderson and Allan Drysdale held the film as Dave Bennet, Brian Bailey and John Forke took care of the official 'film cutting' as part of the celebration of the Neepawa Roxy Theatre's 100 year celebration in July of 2006. This photo was in the July 17 edition of The Press for that year.

anniversary June 19. Mr. Allan formerly resided in the Cordova district.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
July 8, 1976**

The RCMP Touring Band, played at the Yellowhead Hall Friday evening, thrilling an audience of about 800 with their renditions of both new and old favorites.

Along with the visitors attending the Manitoba Holiday Festival of the Arts, there's another new face in town. Red River Community College student Dwight Dubowits has joined the Neepawa Press staff for the months of July and August.

The Manitoba Holiday Festival of the Arts in Neepawa has a special atmosphere about it, charged with excitement and anticipation.

More than 200 people from across the western provinces and Ontario are meeting from July 4-17, discovering others who share their interests and their own creative potential.

This year's festival officially opened Monday morning July 5 with the

sizzle of sparklers on a birthday cake. The Manitoba Holiday Festival of the Arts is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, marking the occasion with its second highest enrollment in its history.

Neepawa's new self service liquor store will officially open its doors to the public on Thursday, July 8, J. Frank Syms, chairman of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission has announced.

Plumas: Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Kreutzer were the honored couple at a surprise celebration of their 25th, as relatives, neighbours and friends gathered at the Legion Hall in Plumas.

Suzanne Hanson RDH, RDN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hanson of Neepawa received her Diploma of Dental Nursing from the Wascana Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, Regina, Sask., at the convocation held in the Regina Centre of the arts, June 26.

**20 years ago,
July 10,
Monday, 2006**

Everytime the emergency alarm sounds, the town

of Neepawa must feel as though it is walking a fine line between blame on either side.

If too few emergency responders answer the call, the town will come under fire for a lack of preparation and readiness.

If too many respond, as it seemed recently in a minor vehicle mishap on Mountain Ave., the town takes heat for wasting money.

This story, in fact, was prompted by a citizen's comment to that effect when the RCMP, ambulance and volunteer fire department converged on the scene at the corner of Mountain Ave. and Davidson street last month, after an 88 year-old woman was slightly injured after her walker was struck by a vehicle...

Neepawa mayor Bob Durston said when the 911

emergency number is called for a vehicular accident, it's a matter of policy for the town's fire truck, as well as police and ambulance to attend— even if that much emergency power isn't necessary.

"Yes, it's an additional expense to taxpayers, but when you get that 911 call, you have no idea of the severity of the situation. There's no way to know until you get there."

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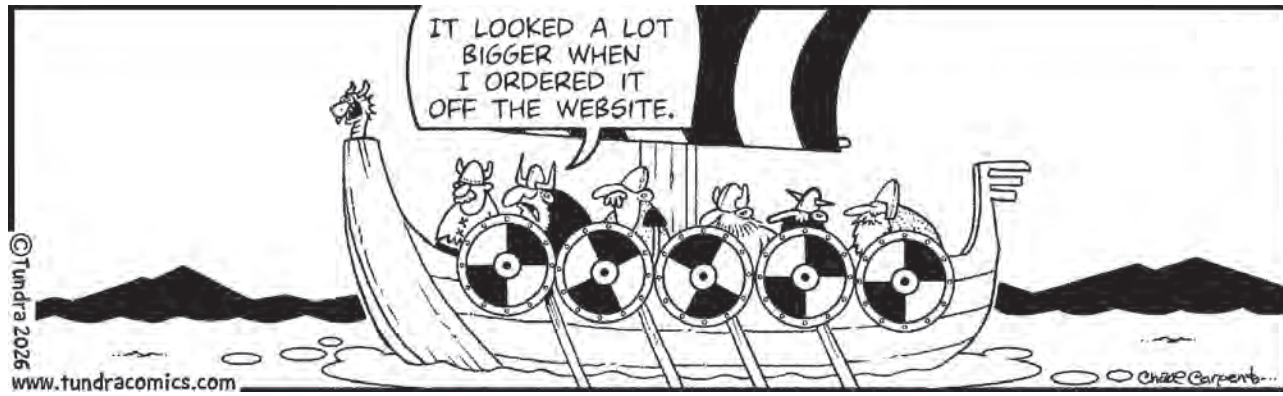
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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Big job ahead for municipal candidates

The next general municipal election is Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

All municipalities, towns and cities in Manitoba will go to the polls that day to elect Mayors, Reeves and Councillors. School boards will hold Trustee elections that day as well.

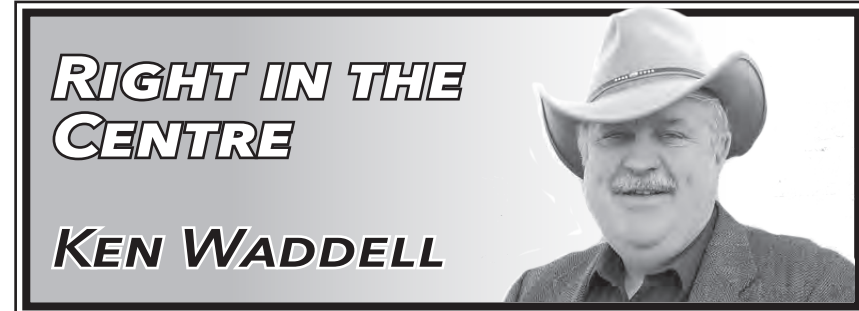
The only exception is that municipal elections will be held in Winnipeg Beach, Dunnottar, and Victoria Beach on Friday, July 24, 2026.

All jurisdictions in this paper's coverage area will face similar election realities.

For some areas, positions will likely go unfilled and appointments will have to be made.

All areas will fall short again in the way of infrastructure funding unless drastic changes come about. One change could be a major increase in taxes. Although it was likely a glib comment, more than one person has said that taxes would have to double to cover the shortfall in road, street, water and sewer upgrades that are needed or expected. Another change that might keep taxes closer to current levels is if voters lower their expectations. Yet another possibility is for the federal and provincial governments allocate more money towards crumbling infrastructure. That of course means higher taxes.

When it comes to roads, I believe that all jurisdictions could be a lot more diligent in patching and replacing surfaces. For example, there is a simple machine available that cleans out potholes and pavement breaks, applies new material and packs the patch into place. In the hands of an experienced operator, it's a quite efficient machine. With an inexperienced operator, not so much. Experienced or not, there are problems. Potholes and surface breaks, be they from vehicle wear and tear, water line repairs or frost problems, need to be fixed sooner, rather than



later. Without a machine on hand all summer and possibly owned by two or more close by jurisdictions, the work simply gets further and further behind. Councils need to bite the bullet and get the job done.

I have also never seen proper street cleaning after the patching so chunks of pavement and pebbles simply lay around and traffic grinds the debris into the pavement surface aggravating the wear and tear. It amounts to sloppiness and negligence if the truth be known.

I have also heard it said that some municipalities try to maintain too much pavement and I agree with that. A well maintained gravel road can be smoother than a poorly maintained paved road. Some urban areas don't even own a road grader so maintaining any gravel surfaces depend on neighbouring RMs to squeeze the grading jobs into their schedule.

Another problem is municipalities are still feeling the side effects of the government enforced amalgamation from a few years back. The NDP government of the day decided that all municipalities had to have 1,000 people, which in many cases made sense. At the same time, more government regulations keep getting piled on making it more difficult to get qualified CAOs.

Long term planning is needed to run a municipal organization and there seems to be little help from government. In fact, the province is more of a hindrance than a help in many cases.

To set up a sub-division to try and alleviate the housing shortage, can take years to get approval from a dozen or more government departments. Trust me, I know as I served as mayor of a town in two different terms.

There has to be meetings and studies and more meetings and decisions get severely delayed.

If a town or RM decides to even just lower a speed zone, they should be able to give notice and change the speed signs. That would be too simple and might lower some hours for a government employee. Speed zone changes are almost impossible to achieve.

This column sounds somewhat negative about local politics. I think the readers of this newspaper have the built-in confidence and competence to be a town/municipal councillor who would bring all councillors together and bring all citizens together to get the right things done (and convince taxpayers that higher taxes may be in the common interest of getting the right things done).

It would be better and easier to get candidates if the province would let locals make their own decisions. Simply put, we need more consensus, more local decisions and less nasty complaints from voters. One wise person recently said we need to have a situation where we criticize ideas not people.

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HOMEBODIES

RITA FRIESEN



The longing for beauty...

Spending time with my Sister the Younger allows me to be rested in body, mind and spirit. It allows time for introspection and reflection. Not that there are not other times and places that allow me these privileges. Part of it is shared history, part of it is shared values, and a whole lot of it is mutual respect and appreciation for individual talents and abilities. Whereas I am seriously into becoming more minimalist— downsizing!— she welcomes family heirlooms and treasures. These adorn her walls, enhance her rooms and surround one with memories and insights to values from times past.

One of the items that precipitated these musings is a hand embroidered wall hanging— a framed picture. Our mother excelled at handwork; knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing and embroidery.

Probably a dozen other crafting skills that I took so for granted that I never noted. The picture featured is of a little cabin, surrounded by trees and flowers. Looking closely one can identify any number of skilled stitches that allow you to feel the blossoms and sense the quiet strength of the trees, and the safety the home provides.

Homemakers strove to make their environment beautiful, working with what they had. Often the pillowcases and tea towels were richly decorated. The pillowcases often with a floral pattern and the tea towels with sayings or domestic scenes. Heck, I'm eighty, and somewhere in a box I have not yet sorted is a set of towels that I embroidered. Monday washday, Tuesday ironing... on through the week with cleaning and shopping before resting! The crocheted doilies and antimacassars protecting the arms and backs of stuffed chairs— practical and pretty.

In the time before IKEA and Amazon, rural folks, and probably others, but it's rural that I know, didn't have an over abundance of things.

In the "Little House" series, Ma treasured the china shepherdess, an object of beauty that was so carefully moved and displayed in every home. The first cut glass cream and sugar set, or pitcher, all precursors of the elaborate fine china sets that were so carefully amassed. The walls were not adorned with framed photos of family members. The business calendar was often the sole point of color and decoration in a farm kitchen, and sometimes the one from the year past was left up just for the beauty.

I can't number the farm homes I knew that had a geranium growing in the kitchen window. Often the pot was a coffee or lard can, and in winter the plant was carefully relocated to the center of the table, or nearer the stove to prevent the cold seeping in from the window damaging or killing it. That red blossom, and I thought all geraniums were red!, was the spot of promise in a fairly stark place.

This longing for beauty is natural and ingrained. We who have so much often accumulate on a whim. I remember when my mother proudly hung images of 'Pinky' and 'Blue Boy' on her bedroom wall. I have no idea if they were a gift or if she had saved her egg money, but they were forever treasured.

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Thanks from a grateful heart

On Thursday, July 2, I, Jean Borchardt took the Handivan to Stride Credit Union but they couldn't come back till after 3:00 so decided to walk and got as far as the Dollar Store and realized that I was out of breath and could not continue to walk any further. So I decided to call a good friend and explain my situation and she said she'd be there in a few minutes. I decided to walk to an open parking spot on Mountain close to old Barber Shop location, and I don't know exactly what happened but I fell off the curb and banged my head and landed on my right arm and caused some sore spots. A young Filipino mother came over to aid me and sat on the curb and helped me try to sit up and she was holding on to me and comforting me. Her daughter was about 3 or 4 and she was wondering what mom was up so. So I told my friend Gayle Vogt to go in my walker and there were some suckers. She found a pink one which was to the delight of the little girl. So many people were stopping and wondering what was going on. Some were so helpful and called 911 and it wasn't too long and an ambulance arrived. They put me on a plastic slab

and moved me on the gurney and got me in the ambulance. After looking me over to see the damage done, they checked vitals etc, and they took me to the Neepawa Hospital. The reason for this note is to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all stood by trying to help in some way. Dr. Kelly came in the evening and had checked the x-ray and there were no broken bones and so she said as long as I felt I could manage at home alone, there was no point in me staying in the hospital. So Gayle stayed with me and my daughter, Jeannette Dolding, was coming to see how I was doing but Gayle was just taking me home so Jeannette came and stayed with me till her husband finished at work. Somehow thank you doesn't seem enough, but words cannot tell all of you how much I appreciate your love and concern. Most especially the Paramedics., they were jovial and they made you laugh even though you were in pain. Thank you everyone. God Bless you all.

Jean Borchardt
Neepawa, MB

HELEN DRYSDALE
OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN
Beets

Ancient Greeks cultivated beets around 300 BC. but used only the leaves, not the root. In 16th and 17th century Europe the roots were eaten as well. When we think of beets most of us think of the root and not the greens. Baby beet leaves are delicious. Over the years beets have been used to cure hangovers, to treat fevers, constipation, aid digestion and make a delicious, sweet dessert wine. Even astronauts have eaten beets in space. In 1975, during the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, which brought together two former spaceflight rivals: the United States and the Soviet Union, astronauts from Apollo 18 were given borscht, (beet soup) by cosmonauts from the USSR's Soyuz 19. Beets can be eaten raw and shredded into a salad, boiled, steamed, baked, pickled, or cold as a salad after cooking. They are high in fibre, rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. I am waiting somewhat impatiently for my first planting of beets to be big enough to pick. I thin them for my first few meals and use this recipe to prepare them.

Baby beets and beet greens

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| 12-16 baby beets 1-2 inches in diameter | salt and pepper to taste |
| leaves and stems from these beets | 2 lemons slices or vinegar |
| 2 Tbsp. butter, or more | fresh chopped dill |

Beets: Wash the baby beets, and steam or cook in water for about 15 minutes until fork tender. Peel if desired and set aside.

For the greens: Wash the leaves discarding any that are wilted or brown. Remove the stems and cut them into smaller pieces. Heat the butter in a frying pan over medium heat, then add the chopped stems, cook for a few minutes to let them soften a bit before adding the leaves. Add the leaves and continue cooking for 2-3 minutes until the leaves are wilted. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and a squeeze of lemon juice or vinegar. While leaves are cooking reheat beets with butter and a sprinkle of fresh dill. Serve on a platter next to each other.

Here's a simple, classic potato salad made vivid with beets and fragrant with dill.

Beet and potato salad

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| 4-5 medium beets | 2 tsp. Dijon mustard |
| 2 medium carrots | 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill or more if desired |
| 4-5 medium potatoes | 1 Tbsp. sugar, optional |
| 1/2 cup celery, diced | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 cup chopped green onion | 1/2 tsp. pepper |
| 1-2 dill pickles, finely diced | dill or parsley for garnish |
| 2/3 cup mayonnaise | |
| 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar | |

Prepare the vegetables for cooking. Bring a large pot of water to a boil; add beets and cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Bring a separate pot of water to a boil; add potatoes and carrots and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Cool completely and chop into cubes. While cooling prepare the dressing by whisking ingredients together. In a bowl, gently combine the beets, potatoes, carrots, celery, onions and dill pickles. Add the salad dressing and take care not to combine it so much that it turns to mash. Add more salt and pepper, or even mayonnaise, should it be needed. Transfer to a salad bowl and garnish.

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs up to ArtsForward and the Art Trail of benches. We are in a lot of towns in a week and have found many places don't have a comfortable place to stop and take a break. The benches that are placed along the streets and avenues of Neepawa are greatly appreciated by seniors and young alike.
Christine Waddell
Neepawa, MB

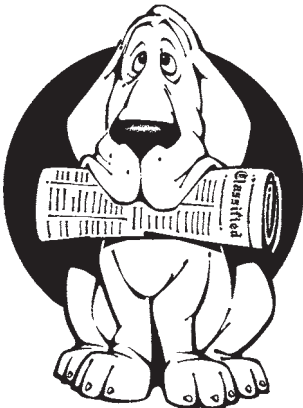


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Past Neepawa visitors receive book awards



FILE PHOTOS

Canadian authors Audrhea Lande (left) and John Warms (right), who made appearances in Neepawa earlier this year.

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Two authors who have made visits to Neepawa earlier this year have been honoured with new accolades. These individuals are Audrhea Lande, for her book 'On the Hunt for William Hallett: Discovering a Forgotten Métis Leader'; and John Warms, for his children's book 'The Girl Who Met Sasquatch'.

Both Lande and Warms had previously been named as nominees for the Manitoba Historical Society's current round of Margaret McWilliams Awards, which reviewed 10 books that were released in 2025.

Last week, the Neepawa Banner & Press was informed that Audrhea Lande was awarded the McWilliams Award in the 'Popular History' category.

While 'The Girl Who Met Sasquatch' did not receive accolades on this front, John Warms, whom the newspaper was able to contact, shared that he was honoured by the nomination.

His children's book also received recognition as a winner of the Literary Global Children's Book Awards in the 'Multicultural' category, and as a finalist in the 'Historical Fiction' category.

For Warms, he shared that this particular honour simply felt surreal.

By Rebecca Davidson
MLH

The Margaret Laurence Home opened mid-May and has been busy welcoming guests and taking part in community events. We have three hardworking summer students: Veronica Casigay, Rebecca Davidson and Kyla Wahoski.

Two evenings of June were happily spent by guests listening to Music on the Porch with Blair and Kim Chapman. The events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Now that we head into July, we are the pit stop in two Amazing Race events and have hosted a Stitching in Public event and the Crafter's DeStash sale. We are now preparing to celebrate what would have been Margaret Laurence's 100th birthday on July 18. To celebrate, we have birthday themed events, including a short story competition and a special screening of The Stone Angel.

The screening of The Stone Angel will be at the Roxy Theatre on Saturday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$10, and concession will be also available! Whether or not you are familiar with Margaret's work, come out to see the movie adaptation of one of her most famous novels being brought to life.

Be sure to watch out for our annual Book Sale in August, as well as our Fall Craft Sale on Oct. 3 at the Legion Hall.

Come to the Margaret Laurence Home this summer to learn more about the famous author who grew up in our community! Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Actually, I don't know what it will take for me to fully accept the reality of it," said Warms. "I may in time come around... but I do appreciate these great honours deeply and am humbled to be chosen to receive them."

Providing a final comment, the writer-researcher wished to extend his gratitude to all who contributed to the book, from his friend Marlene Colomb, who shared her personal account for the story; his granddaughter Breanna, who provided illustrations; to editors, proof readers and more.

"I may be the instigator of this book, but I feel far removed from any final creditation or success of it when I think of the numerous worthy participants who contributed so much in its development," said Warms. "My sincere appreciation reaches out to everyone who played a part."

Congratulations to both Audrhea Lande and John Warms on their recent accolades.

Happy 100th birthday, Margaret Laurence!



Pictured: Canadian author Margaret Laurence. Neepawa's Margaret Laurence Home is preparing to celebrate her 100th birthday next Saturday.

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If you would like to share your views concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by letter or email (TRC@gov.mb.ca) no later than **August 11, 2026**. After this date, the Livestock Technical Review Committee will complete its assessment of the application. Your letter or email must include your name and reference TRC 12-125.

All submissions in response to this proposal are considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry with identifying details removed.

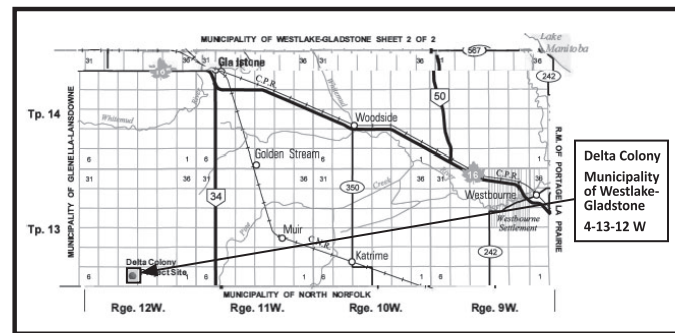
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'We've got a really great team and residents and community that have responded to our needs'

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On Sunday, July 5, the Town of Minnedosa declared a local state of emergency, giving municipal officials the authority to take whatever actions are necessary to protect people and property. The declaration will remain in effect until Aug. 4 unless it is rescinded earlier or extended.

The following day, provincial officials advised the Town that one row of stop logs would be removed from the Minnedosa Spillway to accommodate increased inflows from upstream. By Tuesday, however, the Province reported it would not remove any additional rows, a decision expected to help limit the amount of water ultimately reaching the community.

As of Tuesday, July 7, provincial forecasts indicated the Minnedosa Reservoir was expected to crest at an elevation of 1,683.5 feet, roughly two feet above full supply level. Water levels were still expected to rise by about another two feet from Tuesday morning levels before peaking.

While those numbers are still quite significant, Cameron said current projections are encouraging compared to some of the community's previous flood events.

“All the flow rates indicate [a crest] more like 2020, which wasn’t as bad as 2022, but that can change anytime.”

A great community

Throughout the community, that 'cautious optimism' has been backed by action. Municipal Emergency Coordinator Kat Polejewski explained that municipal crews, Parks and Recreation staff, emergency personnel and volunteers have spent days reinforcing flood protection systems.

“We’re working away tirelessly. Our team has been responding to the need of improving the flood protection wall that we’ve already established. However, we’ve recently gotten the update from the province and therefore we’ve increased by 1.5 feet our protection wall, so we



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Sandbags, Super Sandbags and Tiger Tubes have been placed strategically across Minnedosa, at what are believed to be the most vulnerable locations. Municipal officials, along with a large number of volunteers have stepped up to assist with the filling of the sandbags over the past few days.

are feeling quite confident that that will prevent the water from seeping in,” said Polejewski. “The emergency social services team, they’ve been providing food, water, snacks to the town staff. We have differ-

ent colonies that have responded to our emergency need. We've had volunteers that have responded over the weekend, and throughout the week, leading up to the crest. They're bringing their own personal trail-

ers, they're filling pallets, they're providing certain equipment as well. We've got a really great team and residents and community that have responded to our needs."

But even with all this collective effort, officials continue to stress that the situation remains uncertain, as river forecasts can change quickly depending on the upstream conditions

and any additional rainfall.

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Preparations underway for Maker's Market

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While the location may be different, the quality of craftsmanship you'll see will be very much the same at this year's Maker's Market in Neepawa.

The event, officially known as the Riverbend Market, is moving away from the river bend in 2026 to the Neepawa County Courthouse (282 Hamilton Street). Organized by Neepawa Tourism, this annual trade show is a showcase for Manitoba craftsmen and offers visitors a chance to shop local. Board member Jaclyn Farough believes the market's new home will benefit both vendors and shoppers.

"I think we are all feeling pretty good about our new location. We feel it makes the market more accessible and will hopefully draw more foot traffic for our vendors," she said.

Farough added that there are



FILE PHOTO

The Maker's Market finds a new home this year, as it is shifting to 282 Hamilton St. (The exterior of the Beautiful Plains County Court House)

19 confirmed vendors for this year, with over half of which being new to the Riverbend Market. Farough said that turnover of new a varied vendors that we'll be seeing for this year's Market is "Exciting to see."

The market will take place on Saturday, July 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted in support of youth recreation programming at Neepawa's Yellowhead Centre.



A 'fantastic day' of creativity and community fun

ArtFest and Amazing Race Neepawa organizers eager as preparations continue

Banner Staff
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Blending the arts with cross-town exploration, ArtFest and Amazing Race Neepawa are returning on July 18. Both events are being organized by ArtsForward, and will begin at 10:00 a.m., and continue on until 2:00 p.m.

ArtFest is marking its fifth edition this year, showcasing a variety of attractions. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a barbecue and refreshments; a display of newly painted benches, which will later be added to the Neepawa Art Trail; live musical performances, and more.

"Whether you're an artist, an art lover, or simply looking for a fun day out, ArtFest is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity that continues to make Neepawa such an inspiring community," said Yvonne Sisley.

Sisley added, "One of the highlights of this year's ArtFest is welcoming acclaimed British Columbia artist Perry Haddock for our Plein Air Workshop. It's a unique opportunity for Manitoba, and especially the Westman region, to host an artist of Perry's calibre. We're thrilled to have participants travelling from across Manitoba and beyond for this workshop. Shannon Desjardins deserves a big shoutout for this as this was her vision, and she has made it come to life."

'Everything falling into place'

For those eager to showcase their determination, Amazing Race Neepawa is the event for you. This event is a major collaboration between ArtsForward, community businesses, and organizations. Contestants travel to designated 'pit stops' throughout Neepawa, completing challenges prepared by the participating businesses and organizations.

This year, teams can expect an expanded roster of pit-stops and challenges.

"Returning teams will experi-



FILE PHOTOS

Local artist Meaghan Peters and her son Jackson painting a bench during one of the prior ArtFest events.

ence plenty of new surprises, while first time participants are in for a fun filled adventure exploring Neepawa in a whole new way," Sisley enthused.

Team registries for Amazing Race Neepawa are being accepted until 12:00 p.m. on July 17. However, teams looking to take advantage of an Express Pass (challenge skip) are required to register before July 12. To register your team, contact ArtsForward via email at artsforward@mynts.net.

As preparations continue for next week, Sisley shared that ArtsForward is "incredibly excited".

"It's been almost a full year of planning and while there's still plenty to do before the big day, it's exciting to see everything falling into place. These events are only possible because of the amazing support from our volunteers, sponsors, artists, musicians, businesses, and community partners," said Sisley. "We can't wait to welcome everyone to Neepawa and celebrate another fantastic day filled with art, creativity, community, and fun."



Farmery Brewery was one of the pit stops during the inaugural Amazing Race Neepawa (formerly Amazing Race Downtown Neepawa) event last year.

Neepawa Nitros compete at Softball Provincials



PHOTO OF NEEPAWA MINOR BALL

The Neepawa Nitros U13A Softball Club.

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Nitros turned in an impressive performance at the U13A Female Softball Provincial Championship.

Held at Butler Recreation Park in Winnipeg, last weekend Neepawa were one of 48 teams from across Manitoba, competing for the title. The Nitro were seeded in Pool E, and would breeze through round-robin play, posting a perfect 4-0 record.

Neepawa's tournament came to an end on Sunday, unfortunately, in a tightly contested quarterfinal

matchup against Boissevain, falling 8-7.

In a noteworthy twist, Sunrise Credit Union, before earning a decisive 14-5 win over the La Broquerie Rampage.

The Nitros continued their winning ways on Saturday, defeating Assiniboia West 7-4 and the Ste. Rose Stingers 8-3 to secure first place in their pool heading into the playoff round.

Although their championship hopes ended early, the Nitros still showcased their skills against Manitoba's top U13A teams. Congratulations to the players, coaches and families on their season.

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Secure at least a second place finish in Santa Clara League

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Cubs went into the final week of the Santa Clara Baseball League's regular season with a chance to be either finish in first or fourth place. But with three games in five days and their fate not completely in their own hands, the Cubs definitely had their work cut out for them.

The first of these games fell on Wednesday, July 1 versus the Minnedosa Mavericks, and the Cubs would have reason to celebrate on Canada Day with an impressive 9-1 victory.

It didn't look like it would be that way for Neepawa early in this matinee matchup, as the Mavericks loaded the bases with nobody out in the top of the second inning. The Cubs' defence responded however in spectacular fashion to get out of the inning. After collecting the first out, fielder Brad Wilson made a diving stop at second base to record the second out, preventing multiple runs from crossing the plate. While one Minnedosa runner did score, the Cubs escaped further damage when Ryan Gower tracked down a fly ball with a running catch in the outfield for the inning-ending third out.

Trailing 1-0, the Cubs

answered back in the bottom of the third. With runners on first and third and nobody out, a passed ball allowed Gower to score the tying run. Later in the inning, Wilson delivered an RBI single to score the runner who had advanced to third, giving Neepawa a 2-1 lead after three innings.

Minnedosa threatened again in the top of the fourth but stranded two runners on base. The Cubs capitalized in the bottom half of the inning, loading the bases before pushing across two runs to extend their advantage to 4-1.

Neepawa continued to apply pressure in the fifth, as a miscommunication by the Mavericks on a squeeze play left home plate uncovered, allowing Lincoln Murray to score and increase the Cubs' lead. Neepawa would then put the game out of reach with a four-run sixth inning, making the final margin 9-1.

Taylor Fletcher was outstanding on the mound for Neepawa, tossing a complete-game four-hitter, allowing just one unearned run over seven innings and striking out four.

A huge challenge in Plumas

It was a must win game for both the Neepawa Cubs and the Plumas Pirates on Friday, July 3. So natur-



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Some heads up fielding and clutch hitting from the Neepawa Cubs in their final three games of the regular season, has earned the team, at least a second place finish in the Santa Clara Baseball League.

ally,...they tied. The Cubs rallied back from an early 4-1 deficit to leave Plumas with a 4-4 result. Both Garrett Rempel and Lincoln Murray hit home runs for the Cubs., with Rempel starting things off in the first, and Murray knocking one out late to tie the game at 4-4.

Pitchers Garrett Rempel and Rylan Denbow both threw complete game efforts for their respective clubs, with Rempel regis-

tering eight strikeouts, to Denbow's four.

A must win versus Austin

The final regular season game was a make or break for the Neepawa Cubs. A win on Monday, July 7 against the Austin A's would ensure, at least a second place finish in the standings and a first round playoff bye. A loss, however, would send the Cubs tumble all the way down to fourth place

Santa Clara Baseball League

	G	W	L	T	Win %	Games Back
Neepawa Cubs	15	9	3	2	.667	-
Plumas Pirates	14	8	4	2	.679	-
Portage Padres	15	9	5	1	.633	0.5
Austin A's	15	7	5	2	.571	1.5
Minnedosa Mavericks	14	1	9	4	.214	6.5
Carberry Royals	14	3	11	0	.214	6.5

	AB	H	RBI	SB	HR	Avg
Riley Borody (Portage)	46	20	20	2	0	.435
Ryan Benson (Neepawa)	53	22	14	7	1	.415
Tyler Olson (Portage)	54	21	12	1	2	.389
Carter Schettler (Plumas)	46	17	12	7	2	.370
Connor Braun (Plumas)	46	17	7	7	0	.370

Minimum 45 at bats AB: At Bats. H: Hits. RBI: Runs Batted In. SB: Stolen Bases. HR: Home runs. Avg: Batting Average.

and would make things much more difficult come the start of the post-season schedule.

Fortunately, for Neepawa, they pulled off a huge 6-4 win over Austin.

Kellen Hockin and Lincoln Murray shared hero status on this night, as both of them hit separate three run home runs, to secure the victory.

Zac Plett pitched for Neepawa, and went six innings, for the win, his second of the season. Kellen Hockin came in for the final inning to make the save.

With this results, Neepawa temporarily sits in first place, one point ahead of the Plumas Pirates. Plumas still has one game remaining on their schedule against Minnedosa Mavericks on Wednesday, July 8. A Pir-

ates win gives them the pennant, while a Mavericks victory will allow Neepawa to take the regular season title. Either way, the Cubs are guaranteed, at least a second place finish.

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Plumas Pirates final two road games recap

By Austin Lewis
FREELANCE WRITER

The Plumas Pirates begun their final four games of the regular season, which started off in Carberry against the Carberry Royals. They hoped to get themselves back in the win column after back-to-back losses against the Austin A's.

The game was officially underway, and already the Pirates struck first as they scored four runs in the top first inning for an early 4-0 lead. Carter Schettler lead the charge with a single to left field, which resulted in Dean Rosling's scored run, Sam Koncz scored on a walk, Rylan Single hit a sac fly in which Rylan Denbow scored, and Carter Schettler scored on a stolen base.

However, the Carberry Royals got four runs of their own as they scored a two run homerun in the bottom first inning, and they hit a double down

the middle which scored two runs in the bottom second inning.

Throughout the game it had been nothing but a three-and-out fest for the Pirates, and their game against the Royals ended in a 4-4 tie. Pitcher Eric Sigurdson finished the game with six strikeouts.

One week from then, The Plumas Pirates made their way back to Portage for a special Canada Day Game. This was their final road game of the regular season this year.

The game was underway and once again the Pirates struck first in the top first inning on Rylan Denbow's double, which gave Schettler the scoring run. After that, the Padres scored three unanswered runs in the bottom first inning from single to midfield, a groundout and a Plumas failed double play, and a stolen base, for a 3-1 Portage lead.

After three innings of baseball, the game was tied up at three, with Sam

Koncz's single to right field in which Denbow and Connor Braun scored the two runs.

In the second half of the ball game, The Pirates went on a scoring rampage. Carter Schettler's single deep to midfield which Riley McBride scored for the lead, Sam Koncz hit a double to midfield which scored two more runs for 6-3 lead in the fifth inning, top sixth inning, Carter Schettler with a three-run homerun made it 9-3, and top seventh inning, Carter Schettler with a double down the middle which DJ Meloney and Connor Braun scored the other two runs for an 11-3 lead.

Although the Padres gave the Pirates trouble as they scored four runs in the bottom seventh, The Pirates prevailed with an 11-7 victory over the Padres on the Canada Day special. Carter Schettler and Sam Koncz each contributed dominant performances in the victory.

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By Helen Drysdale
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Have you ever heard of silk trains? They were trains loaded with raw silk from the Orient that ran from the port of Vancouver through the Rockies, across the prairies, through the Canadian Shield to Montreal and on to the Silk Exchange in New York. Most of the silk was processed by the multiple firms around New York City. Silk was a beautiful material afforded only to the wealthy as it was highly priced. The silk was used to make luxury items like scarves, ties, shirts and dresses. The first shipment of raw silk arrived out of Vancouver in 1887 soon after the last spike of the cross-Canada rail line was pounded in.

The "Silker", as it was known, used locomotives that were fast and had been designed for high speeds. At Vancouver, waiting for the ship to unload the silk, the train was readied ahead of time with the cars coupled to an engine that was fired up to full steam, ready to go. Locomotives were changed along the route. It took approximately four to seven minutes to service these trains and replace the locomotive with a new one at each designated point. From each station, the departure time of the special was wired to the next stop and further up the line. Armed guards were the only passengers and situated in the last car. There was never a silk train robbery on Canadian soil. Despite high speeds of the trains there were few recorded accidents.

The silk trains had the right of way over all railway

traffic with no exceptions, even the Royal trains. The telegraph keys clicked out steadily to ensure the message was out that the silk train was coming through, get out of the way and onto siding. A train carrying Prince Albert, later to become King George VI, was held on a siding while a silk train went through. Many people thought that the hurry was because that silkworm cocoons were being transported spinning their little hearts out as the silk train sped across Canada. This story was not true as the cargo being carried was raw silk, not a perishable product. Why

the speed? The rush was all about the exorbitant cost of insurance. Insurance companies started the clock as soon as the bales were unloaded from the ship to until it was unloaded at its eastern destination. For the rail companies the revenue from silk transportation was much higher than for transporting other goods thus worth the extra effort.

The first years it was the Canadian Pacific Railway that had the silk trains but by the early 1920s the Canadian National Railway had the opportunity of competing for this prestigious train shipment. To get their shipments across

the country every minute counted. Special cars were built that were shorter than normal boxcars, to take curves at higher speeds. The average speed was about 40 miles per hour between Vancouver and Montreal, counting station and servicing stops. One silk train reported to have travelled the 133 miles between Brandon and Winnipeg in 131 minutes. Between 1925 and 1932 C.N. operated over 100 special silk trains across Canada. In October 1927, the largest C.N. silk train consisted of some 21 express cars in two trains and carrying 7,200 bales of silk worth seven million dollars, approximately 111 million in today's money. Canadian Pacific's best silk-train time was three days and 13 hours between Vancouver and New York in 1931.

Care had to be taken when handling the bales of silk. Storage areas had to be dry and clean. The cars were lined with varnished wood and special paper to protect the shipment from dampness and dust.

History lessons with Helen: The silk train

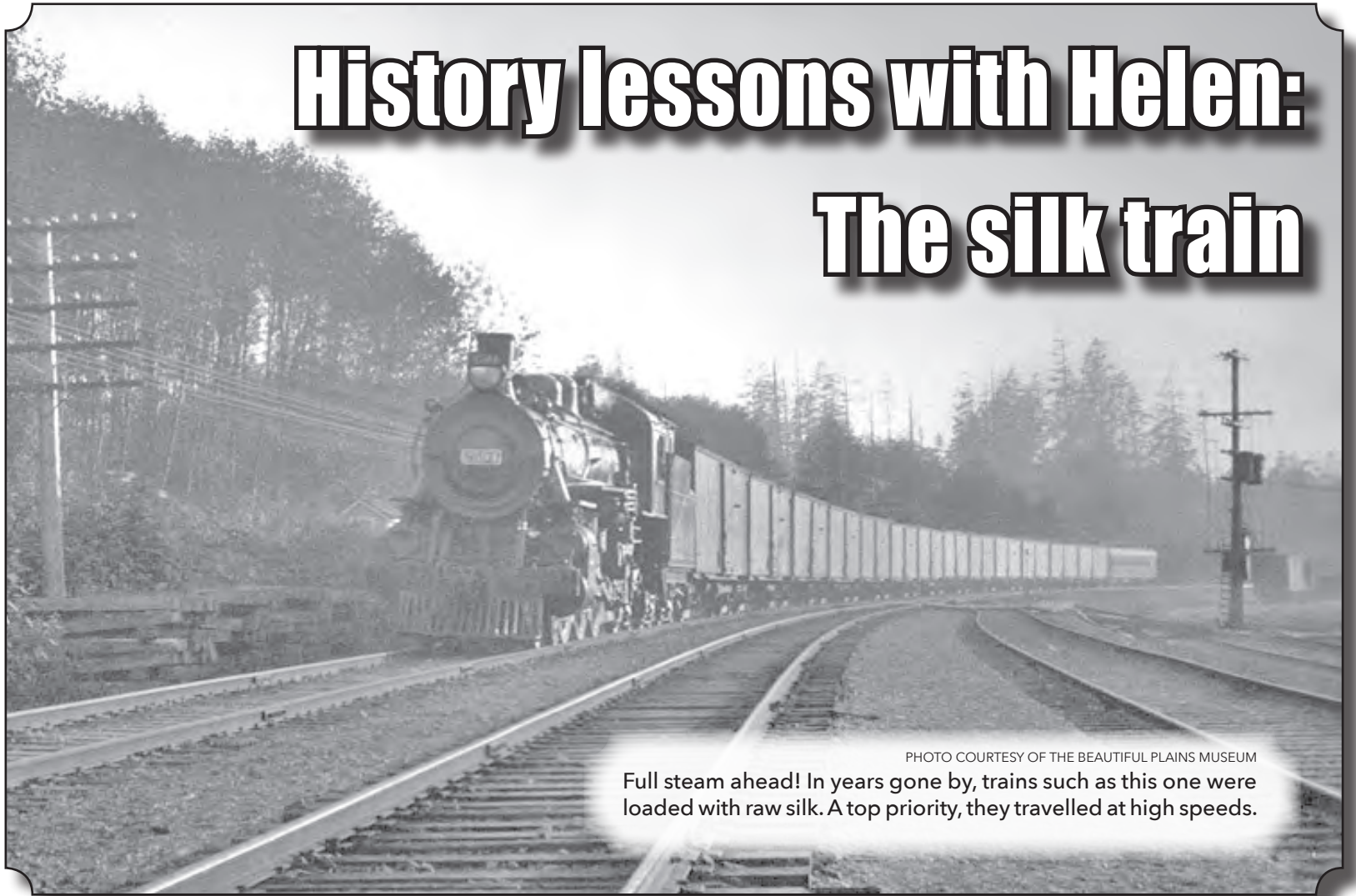


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Obituary



Alice Emily Anne Lee

After a life beautifully lived, Alice Emily Anne Lee passed away peacefully on July 5, 2026, at the age of 87, with her family by her side. Anne leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, compassion, and a lifetime of caring for others.

Anne was born on October 24, 1938, on the family farm near Minnedosa, Manitoba, weighing just three pounds. Her Aunt Rhoda wrapped her in cotton batting, nestled her in a men's shoebox, and kept her warm on the oven door. Anne defied the odds from her very first day, and that fighting spirit remained with her throughout her life, serving her well as she courageously battled cancer in her later years.

Anne was the daughter of Fred and Lola Harbottle and spent her childhood in Minnedosa alongside her brother, Bob (Marian), and her sisters Kathleen (Gino), Delle (Caz), Rhoda (Donny), Jane, and her youngest sister, Denise. Their home was always filled with music. Every payday, her father would bring home a new record, and the family would sing and dance together. Anne's love of music never faded. Although she couldn't read music, she could effortlessly harmonize to almost any song and found great joy singing with the Choraliers, the Neepawa United Church Choir, and the trio AnnDorAda.

On May 24, 1958, Anne married the love of her life, Desmond Arthur "Bud" Lee. Their courtship may have been short, but their marriage was an extraordinary partnership that spanned 63 years. Together they built a home where everyone felt welcome. Their door was always open. No invitation was ever needed and friends and family gathered frequently.

Together, Anne and Bud enjoyed many memorable trips through Bud's business, but some of their happiest times were spent camping with family and dear friends, especially the beloved "Rowdy Bunch." Anne also treasured every opportunity to travel to England to visit her extended family.

Throughout her life, Anne found countless ways to serve her community. She spent many years working in the iconic corner building on Mountain Avenue in Neepawa that housed several local businesses, including Strock's Hardware, Marr's Clothing, Ebner's Men's Wear, and Myra's Clothing. Whether working as a clerk, store manager, or talented seamstress, Anne became such a fixture that the family often joked, "She just went with the building."

Later, Anne found her true calling as an Educational Assistant at Neepawa Area Collegiate, where she worked with students with special needs. She built meaningful and lasting relationships with her students and their families, some of which continue to this day.

Anne believed deeply in giving back. She was an active member of the Neepawa Lionelles, the Neepawa Golf and Country Club, Neepawa United Church, Touchwood Park Board, volunteered as a candy striper back in the day and helped with Palliative Care. She drew upon her own life experiences to offer comfort, encouragement, and practical wisdom to those facing difficult times. Helping others wasn't something Anne did, it was simply who she was.

Anne will be remembered for her gentle heart, quiet strength, unwavering faith, and sense of fun. She embraced life with joy and remained active for as long as she could. She golfed three times a week well into her later years and proudly chose the stairs over the elevator whenever she had the chance.

Anne is lovingly remembered by her son David Lee (Jo), her daughter Barbara Kaspick (Lindsay), her grandchildren Daniel, Kris, Jordan, Tanner, and Mason, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who became family.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Bud; her daughter, Elizabeth; her son, Bryan; and her precious granddaughter, Bryn.

Although Anne experienced profound loss throughout her life, she never allowed it to diminish her compassion or her generosity of spirit. Instead, she continued to lift others up with quiet strength, unwavering faith, and a heart that always found room for kindness.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the exceptional staff of the Assiniboine Centre in Brandon, the many physicians who cared for Anne over the years, and the countless friends whose love and support meant so much to her. Your kindness brought comfort not only to Anne but to all who loved her.

A celebration of Anne's life will be held on Thursday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m. at Neepawa United Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Neepawa Palliative Care Unit.

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Your duties may include:

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- Available to work an 8-hour Night Shift from Monday-Friday, between 11:15 PM to 9:00 AM
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in sanitation, or industrial cleaning, or heavy-duty cleaning
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

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FreezerCo Inc.

A subsidiary of HyLife Ltd.
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Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

Why join our team?

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- Scraping trailers.
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- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Knowledge of animal behavior is an asset.
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Your duties may include:

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We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Open to working in colder/warmer environments
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- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English

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Box 420, Gladstone MB R0J 0T0
Phone: 204.385.6112
E-mail: anizamani@pcsdonline.ca

The next School Board Trustee General Election takes place on October 28, 2026.

Ash Nizamani
Senior Election Official

Dan Mazier takes on new opposition role in Ottawa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Dan Mazier will be heading into the next session of Parliament in charge of a brand new portfolio. It has been confirmed that Mazier, the M.P. for Riding Mountain, has been appointed the Shadow Minister for Government Transformation, Public Services and Procurement.

In this new role, Mazier will scrutinize the federal Liberal government on issues related to government procurement, specifically the work of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC). In a media release announcing the shift, Mazier said it is an honour to take on the role.

"After 10 years of this Liberal government, Canadians have lost faith in their federal government spending money responsibly. I will hold this government to account and ensure the federal government procurement process is performed faithfully, with respect for taxpayers' dollars at the forefront," said Mazier. "After months of fighting corruption on the Health Committee and exposing tens of millions of dollars in government waste, I look forward to continuing this work in my new role."

Mazier previously served as the Shadow Minister for Health. He also served during his tenure in Ottawa as



FILE PHOTO

Riding Mountain M.P. Dan Mazier.

Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Connectivity.

He said his work on the House of Commons Health Committee helped expose government waste and prepared him for his new responsibilities. Parliament is scheduled to return for the fall sitting in mid-September.



NOTICE OF REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for the October 28, 2026 School Board Trustee General Elections will be accepted by email: anizamani@pcsdonline.ca, or in person, or by an agent, or by mail, or by fax at:

Pine Creek School Division Office
25 Brown Street, Gladstone MB, Fax 204.385.2825
June 30 – September 22, 2026
During regular business hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Or at one of the following accessible locations:

MacGregor Collegiate Institute 150 Fox Street N., MacGregor MB September 17, 2026 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	William Morton Collegiate Institute 141 Morris Ave., Gladstone MB September 21, 2026 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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No registrations will be accepted past the deadline of September 22, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

The obligation to ensure that the registration papers are received on time rests with the person registered.

Ash Nizamani, Senior Election Official, Pine Creek School Division
PO Box 420, 25 Brown Street, Gladstone, MB - R0J 0T0, Phone: 204-385-6112
Email: anizamani@pcsdonline.ca

Tender



The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah Request For Tenders

The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah requests written tenders for the construction of a Pressure Reducing Station located on the NE 11-14-17 wpm, for the Municipal Water System in the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah.

All written tenders to be received by the undersigned by no later than 12:00 p.m., July 24, 2026.

Send tenders marked "Construction of a Pressure Reducing Station for the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah" to:

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Email: admin@mintoodanah.ca

Tender Packages are available by contacting the Municipal Office.

For further information contact: Operations Foreman, Rodney Robinson at (204) 867-7603.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted, and the Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, to waive defects, or to accept any tender which may be considered in the best interests of the Municipality. The Municipality, in its entire discretion may reject or accept all or any part of the tenders or any of the tenders submitted under this tender call.

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This is the second year that the Spruce Plains Justice Committee has been able to award a bursary to a graduating student from Neepawa Collegiate, who showed an interest in Social Justice. Every year, Spruce Plains has a grade 12 student participate in Restorative Justice activities.

Pictured above is Siri Warwaruk on the left, receiving the funds from Meg Fehr, chairperson of SPJC.

The funds are awarded to those students who will be pursuing post-secondary education.

Siri will be continuing her education next fall at Brandon University.

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