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NMS puts the 'fun' in fundraising

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Neepawa Middle School (NMS) students have once again shown that a little friendly competition…And a lot of whipped cream can go a long way for a good cause.

NMS students recently raised an incredible $17,192 for the Terry Fox Foundation, with its' annual fundraising campaign. This amount was a massive increase over last year's already impressive amount of $7,752.

This year's endeavour got underway during the second full week of classes and challenged students to raise money. A large contingent answered the call, as 75 students actively fundraised in the community and another 105 contributed by purchasing Terry Fox inspired T-shirts.

Anyone who raised more than $100 earned the opportunity to pie a teacher in the face, while those raising $200 or more had the added privilege of choosing which teacher would take the pie! Two students stood out with especially impressive fundraising totals. Eve Vinnell raised $1,246, while Hayden Rourke brought in $655.

The big payoff came on Tuesday, Sept. 29, when Pie Day saw 41 of the Middle School's 63 staff members take a pie to the face, all in the name of a great cause.

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Students of Neepawa Middle School (NMS) raised $17,192 in support of the Terry Fox Foundation, and celebrated that achievement on Sept. 29.

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Voters hear candidates' plans for Neepawa's future

Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce hosts Candidates Forum

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

A capacity crowd gathered in the backroom of the Neepawa Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 7 for the Council Candidates Forum. All seven candidates were also on hand for the event, looking to make their pitch to the undecided voter as to why they should represent the Town on Council for the next four years.

The forum was organized by the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce and featured submitted questions addressing issues important to local business owners and residents. The topics included the maintenance of existing streets and sidewalks, expanding affordable housing options and increasing daycare capacity.

Audience members also had the opportunity to pose questions, including one concerning whether the Town of Neepawa should assume responsibility for operating the Yellowhead Centre, which is currently managed by a volunteer board.

Opinions on that topic varied, with some suggesting a closer partnership between the Town and the facility was overdue, while others expressed confidence in the existing operating model.

Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce president Ally Potrebka said the organization was extremely pleased with the overall response.

"Participation from both the candidates and the community members, showed an appreciation for Neepawa. It's clear that everyone in attendance is proud to call Neepawa 'home' and are dedicated to moving forward in a way that supports the whole community."

Potrebka also noted that the Chamber was pleased to see that the candidates appeared committed to supporting local businesses and emphasized the importance of a thriving business community to the town's overall well-being.

The Chamber thanked the candidates for participating, as well as all the attendees for their support. The Municipal Election is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28.

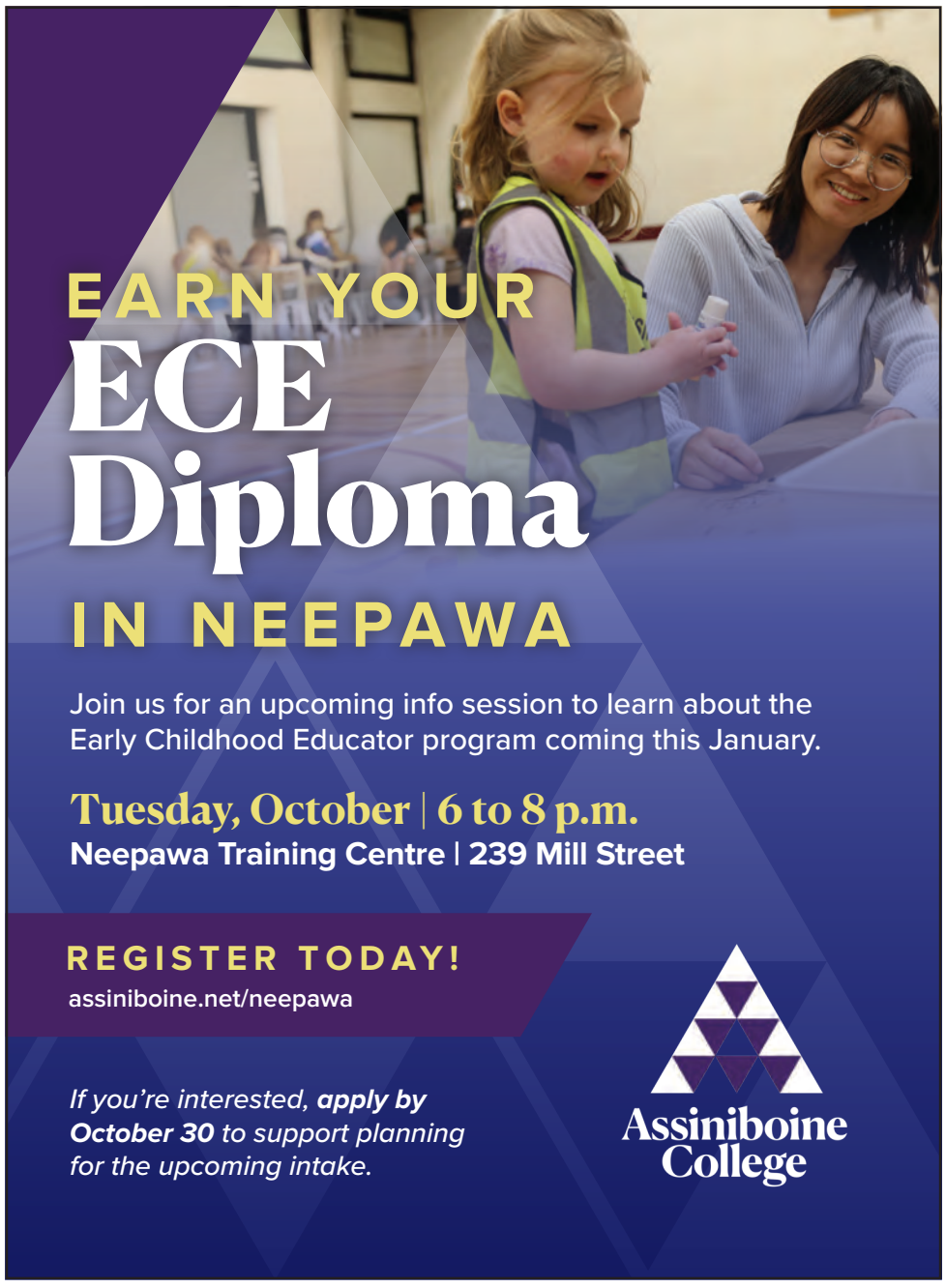
PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

(Top image) All seven candidates for Neepawa Town Council, attended the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 7. The event was also extremely well attended by local business leaders and undecided voters, looking to inform themselves on the important topics of the town.

A piece of history returns

PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

The small item here is a case from Geo. Burnett, Watchmaker and Jeweller. The business once operated in Neepawa, though the precise years it was in operation are not known by the Neepawa Banner & Press at this time. However, there were ads for the business in the 1953 Neepawa Press. The item was brought to Neepawa by a couple who were briefly visiting from another province. It was left with the Neepawa Banner & Press to be donated to a historical organization, and has since been forwarded to the Beautiful Plains Museum on their behalf.



1979: Food processor employee retires after 39 years

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
October 15, 1901**

Several tons of earth slid into the excavation for the water wheel at the electric power house last Thursday night. It will take several days to remove it. It is a fortunate thing for the workmen engaged that the slide occurred at night, for had it happened while they were in the hole they would have been crushed to death.

Hon. John. A. Davidson spent Sunday in town and to his little circle of adorers spoke as positively as he did all summer that the C.N.R. would be built into Neepawa this year.

It is reported that some grading is being done in Oakdale on the much promised C.N.R. line to Neepawa and the rag still floats above the opera house.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
October 15, 1926**

Invitations are out for the Mount Carmel Preceptory dance in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday evening next.

Two weeks should be ample time for thorough preparation of pigs and sheep for the boys and girls club fair.

Are we to have skating and hockey this coming winter? The rink has been advertised as 'for sale' for some time, and as yet there does not appear to be any purchaser in sight.

A traveller from Clear Lake to Kelwood via Minnedosa and Neepawa, reports the worst stretch of road between Birnie and Kelwood. This is a reflection on Rosedale council which we hope to have dispelled before this time next year.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
October 18, 1951**

Thousands of Winnipeg and Manitoba residents extended a warm "western welcome" to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visited the Manitoba capital Tuesday. From their R.C.A.F. plane at Stevenson Airport, they were cheered to the echo by throngs of people who stood for hours in the frigid atmosphere for a glimpse of the Royal Couple.

John P. Lawrie, 76, of Brookdale, former MLA for the provincial riding of Norfolk, died on Oct. 17 in Carberry hospital… Interment will be in Brookdale Cemetery.

Construction has started on a government liquor store in Neepawa.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
October 14, 1976**

The government of Manitoba is trying to establish a daily exercise program for elementary schools, but Linda Richardson and her students at Hazel M. Kellington School are a step ahead of them. Every day the entire student body of HMK exercises for 15 minutes, usually around 11:30 a.m.

Last week 116 students participated in a mile and a half cross-country race through the streets of Neepawa.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
October 16, 2006**

A Minnedosa soldier injured in Afghanistan received a hero's welcome as hundreds of people lined the streets of his hometown last Sunday.

Minnedosa mayor Duane LaCoste was the first to welcome Corporal Scott Collen back to town, asking him how he felt…

Collen suffered a collapsed lung, broken leg, bruising and tissue damage after a suicide bomber blew himself up in Kandahar Sept. 18…

Collen's left leg is still in a cast and he faces months of rehabilitation.

Collen's mother Lois said the outpouring of support from the community has helped the family through a difficult time, adding her son's homecoming made for the "best" Thanksgiving ever."

McCreary: Tammy Gillis, middle daughter of Bob and Sharon Gillis, recently appeared in a Sunday edition of Vancouver's The Province newspaper, where she was featured in an article on Acting in Vancouver…

Tammy just finished working on a Paramount Pictures feature film that was shot in Vancouver, called Shooter, starring Mark Wahlberg.

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Mrs. Ann Kawka (right) gave her boss, Len Sanderson, president of Neepawa Food Processors, a hug after he presented her with a gift from management in Oct. of 1976 for her retirement. She was also presented with a gift from her coworkers. She was at the food processsing plant for 39 years.

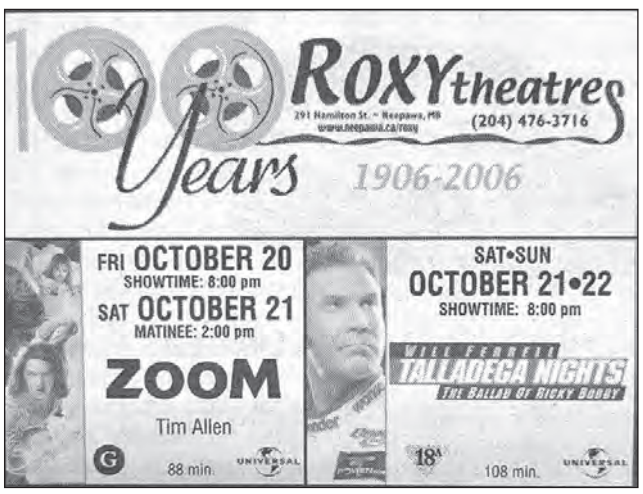
**It is the Lord your God you must follow,
and him you must revere.
Keep his commands and obey him;
serve him and hold fast to him.**
Deuteronomy 13:4 New International Version

Candidates correction:

In the Oct. 9 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press, the year councillor candidate Mary Ann Marquez-Hunstad moved to Canada was stated to be 2019. Please note that the correct year for her move to Canada is actually 2009. Thank you to candidate Marquez-Hunstad for the updated information.

Meet the Council Candidates correction

In the Oct. 9 edition, the Banner & Press inadvertently spelt Rafael Flores first name incorrectly, using the English/Hebrew version (Raphael) instead of the Spanish/Portuguese form (Rafael).The Banner & Press apologize to candidate Flores for the error.



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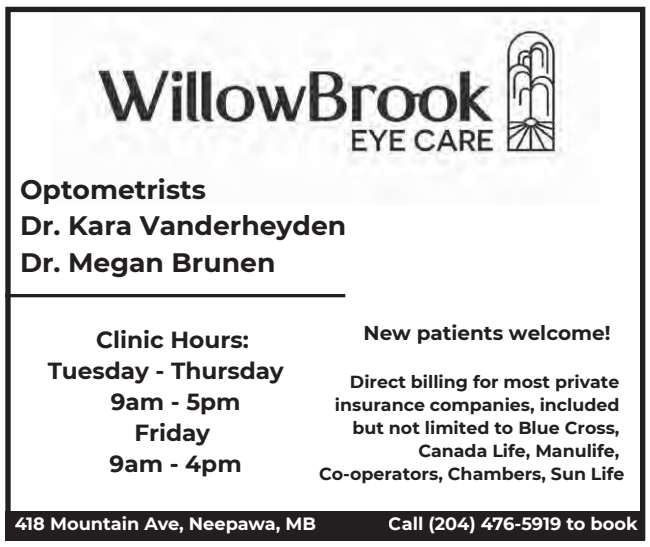
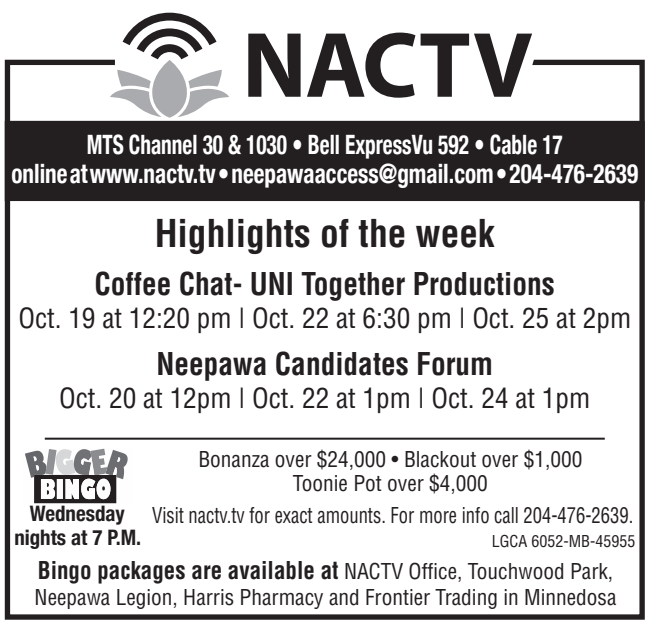
Looking to watch a movie at the local theatre? These were the options available in late October of 2006! This ad is from the Oct. 16, 2006 edition of The Press.





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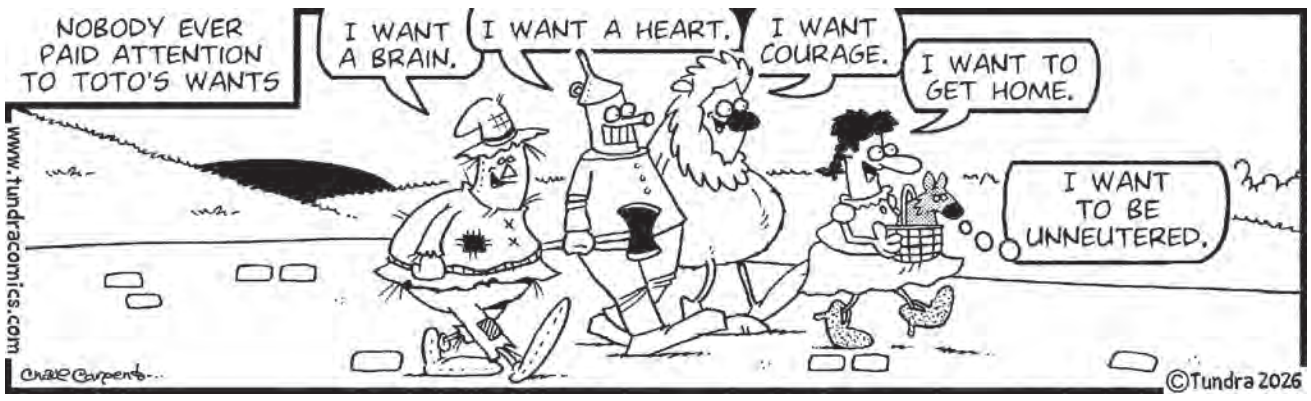
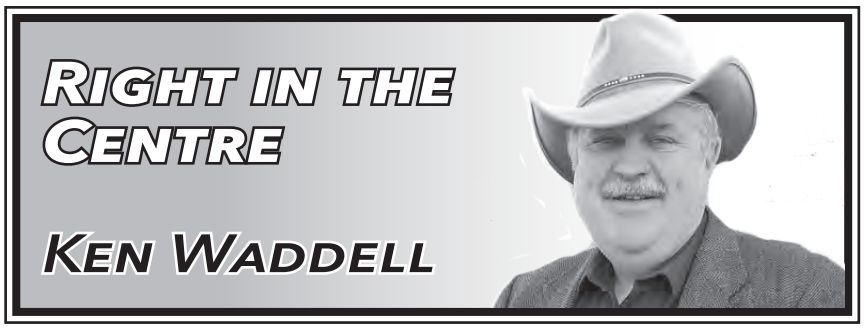


Coming events



There are a number of events coming up this fall that may change our world. Probably the most important for us directly here in southwestern Manitoba are the municipal elections.

As I have said many times, civic politics is the most important level of government for us in Manitoba. It's important to keep an eye on provincial and federal politics and even international politics, but it's municipal affairs that most closely affects our daily lives and our future.

There is a provincial election in British Columbia where current Premier David Eby has called an election long before it was necessary. Mr. Eby says he needs a new mandate to battle the effects of the American tariffs.

But it seems more likely that he saw that the opposition parties were in complete disarray and it would be an opportune time to call an election and obtain that much desired four years of majority government. The polling so far doesn't look good for Mr. Eby.

There was also an election in Quebec recently where the Parti Quebecois obtained a minority government position with only 28 per cent of the popular vote.

In Alberta, there is going to be a vote on whether or not to hold an independence or separation referendum in that province as some Albertans have no love towards the federal government. And perhaps not even towards the rest of Canada, but I doubt that there will be enough people in Alberta who vote to have a referendum on separation.

And then there is the famous midterm elections in the United States. A lot of people are holding their breath to see if the midterms will go so badly for Donald Trump that he might change his ways depending on the results of the election. I don't know if I want to predict the U.S. midterm elections because the Democratic Party has gone so far left in the past five years that a lot of people in the middle of the voting spectrum don't want anything to do with the Democratic Party. One of the most famous of known Democrats would be comedian Bill Maher who has come out many times indicating that the Democratic Party has moved so far left even his liberal views of the political world are having trouble reaching consensus.

There's a lot of people in United States who still think Donald Trump is the greatest thing since sliced bread but there are a lot of people who are seeing that their grocery bills are going up and their gas bills have gone up and the cost of living is getting out of control for lower or even middle-class people. So there's enough uncertainty in the United States, I think right now, to make it difficult to predict how those mid-term elections will go. Then in Canada we might have an early election federally as Prime Minister Mark Carney could pull the pin and try to get a large majority instead of a small majority. It could happen but I think it would backfire somewhat but the situation in Canada is such that many Canadians seem to think that Mark Carney is doing a really good job. I will admit that Mark Carney appears to be doing a good job, but there are a lot of things that he has talked about that are simply sunshine and promises and not actual projects. I know there's some projects that have been theoretically approved, that would be favourable to Canada, but there's a number of stumbling blocks in the way. One is finances for sure, the other is approval by First Nations people and then there's labour availability. They talk about thousands of jobs and there aren't thousands of people to take those jobs. Certainly not people with the skills required to build pipelines, highways and large construction and housing projects. I would say that for the next couple of months we're going to be experiencing a lot of uncertainty politically and the other only answer is to carry on to do the best you can with what we have at hand. Farmers need to farm, newspapers need to publish, carpenters need to build. We just need to do the best we can with what's in front of us and go ahead. I think I wrote recently that a number of years ago while I was in a church service in a little church in Rapid City, Manitoba a man stood up and actually spoke what you would call a prophecy. It went like this, "You have in your midst all that you need to do what God has asked you to do." That's so true, it's been that way for a long time and that phrase rings so true with me. The other phrase that I've said many times is there are Four F's in life- faith, family, friends and finances and as long as we keep them in that order we will do OK. May God bless you and yours in the coming days.

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Sit with me a moment...

As I put pen to paper (finger to keyboard) to capture thoughts and emotions, I invite you to sit with me a moment. It's the last Saturday of September, grey, cool, and with just a hint of a breeze. I was sitting on the couch, reading, when I glanced outside. The front yard has a canopy of leaves, some deciduous and some evergreen, a perfect protection from the summer afternoon sunshine. Today that canopy felt a touch oppressive, and then I looked beyond. Just across the street two trees, one tall and stately and the other more shrub like, are dressed for fall. Their golden hues are like a candle blaze against the sombre greens and fading maples. The book was set aside as I marvelled at those shades of gold that broke the blah and caught my eye and my imagination.

Mr. Rogers, a children's television star, often reminded us to 'look for the helpers'. When witnessing an accident or natural disaster, to balance our emotions we are to see those who are working for the good of the people and the situation. The helpers. Let your mind sit with that for a moment. The helpers aren't always recognised, or recognisable. There are times when their efforts are in vain, and times when there is great success, and times, sadly, when the helpers lay down their lives. Having the history of 9/11 recently reviewed we can see all of those outcomes….

For me, this day, those two glowing trees caused me to reflect on who and what brightens my blah and lightens my way. First to mind is a trio — faith, family and friends. A word of encouragement goes a long way, on any day, but especially when the days have been challenging and tiring. Thank you to a dear friend who watched my week, felt and shared my sorrow, and baked me the bestest biscuits. The thank you notes I receive — and I truly don't expect them! Are some of the brightest candles burning. And when great grandchildren willingly run for a hug, arriving or leaving- well the entire galaxy is ablaze! The following series of thoughts were more sombre. When and how am I being a helper? Do I brighten someone else's day? We know that there are folks that make us happy when they appear, and folks that make us happy when they leave! May I be in the first category…I am learning, as I become more vintage, that there are days when it doesn't take much to see the sunshine, to feel the lingering warmth of real interaction with another living being. I love stopping to chat, waving a greeting across the street, pausing at a table to say hi. These bursts of sunshine are like those candles burning through the gloom — those trees I'm watching through my window. And just as I know that a strong wind will have those leaves a flying and piling in corners, they are not forever, but another point of beauty will appear. And so I shall accept the wonder and the blessing right now, and be prepared to find another, in it's time.

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Municipal Election 2026

As we prepare for the election, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28, the Banner & Press is curious about what exactly Neepawa voters see as the priorities for their next Mayor and Council.

Listed below are a range of responsibilities the leaders of any community must look after, to ensure a well run community. Please share with us your priorities. Mark within the boxes the numbers between 1 and whatever number of options you select, with #1 being the most important priority for you, #2 being your second most important priority, and so on.

Though there are 20 different choices listed, you don't have to list all 20. If you only have one priority, we want to hear about it. As well, if your priorities are not in the listing, please let us know. Send us your list, either by dropping off a copy of the page to the Banner & Press office, or take a picture of the page and email it to news@neepawabanner.com. All the results will be published in the Oct. 23 edition, just a little ahead of election day.

- ☐ Repair of existing municipal streets
- ☐ Repair of existing municipal sidewalks
- ☐ Repair/replacement of existing Water and Sewer lines
- ☐ Construction of new streets
- ☐ Construction of new sidewalks
- ☐ Construction of new water and sewer lines
- ☐ Expansion of affordable housing development
- ☐ Expansion of affordable apartments/rentals
- ☐ Expansion of available daycare spaces in existing facilities
- ☐ Construction of new daycare facilities
- ☐ Construction of new Rec Centre *(Arena w/walking track & basketball complex)*
- ☐ More funding to improve existing parks, bike and walking trails
- ☐ More funding for upgrades to the Municipal Pool
- ☐ More funding for upgrades to the Ag Grounds, baseball/softball complex
- ☐ Streamline permitting/establish competitive tax policies to attract new business
- ☐ An overall reduction of the existing property taxes
- ☐ Allocate more budget for law enforcement and fire services
- ☐ More creation of lighted pedestrian crosswalks
- ☐ More ticketing of illegal motor vehicle operation *(i.e. -U-turn parkers)*
- ☐ Restriction/ticketing of e-scooter operation within Town limits

My priority in voting this year is related to:_____

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Helen Drysdale

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Fall squash

Winter squash is called "winter squash" because they'll keep for most of the winter (three to six months) in a cool, dry place. Always wash the outside of squash before preparing it to use. Many people believe all winter squash taste alike, but that is not the case.

Buttercup squash is my favourite. They have a sweet, nutty flavor and creamy texture. They are round and green about the shape and size of a small pumpkin with orange flesh. These are great in soups, curries and stews and wonderful steamed or roasted for a delicious side dish. It has a tough skin that's best left on when roasting. Because of its sweetness, this squash is great in baked goods and mashes to a texture and taste close to sweet potato.

Butternut are shaped like a bottle, with a long neck and a short bulbous end. They have a light beige skin that's slightly orange. The flesh, on the other hand, is a deep orange. Butternut is one of the most versatile squashes. It is great roasted, steamed, sautéed, baked, or grilled. It is a go to for baking, stews and soups. It makes a wonderful side dish baked with a sprinkle of oil, salt, and pepper.

Hubbard squash's tough skin makes it challenging to open. This giant squash has a lumpy exterior that ranges in color from white, orange, light blue to green. It's skin colors vary depending on the variety. It's one of the biggest squash varieties and can weigh up to 50 pounds! This squash can be boiled, roasted, steamed, or sauteed and are excellent when mashed with butter, salt, pepper and a dash of nutmeg.

Acorn squash grows between one and three pounds, have a yellow to green skin, a bright orange flesh and they're shaped like acorns, hence their name. They're most delicious when baked and/or stuffed. It is easy to prepare; slice in half, bake with a little butter or oil and a sprinkle of herbs and eat straight from its bowl-like shell.

It's called "Spaghetti squash" because, when cooked, the golden flesh separates like strings of spaghetti. This pale-yellow squash has a hard, smooth shell. Boiled or baked, the flesh is then separated into spaghetti-like strands and served with sauces.

Stuffed Acorn Squash

3 medium acorn squash
3 Tbsp. oil, divided
1 cup uncooked rice of choice
2-1/3 cups chicken broth
1/2 tsp. salt
1 large celery rib, finely diced
1 small onion, finely diced
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1 tsp. Dash
1 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 cup almond pieces (optional)
2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 400°. Cut each squash crosswise in half; remove and discard seeds. Cut a thin slice from bottom of each half to allow each to lie flat. Place on baking sheets, hollow side up; brush tops with two tablespoons oil. Bake until almost tender, 30-35 minutes. Meanwhile cook the rice with the broth and salt until the rice is cooked. As the rice is cooking, sauté celery and onion in remaining oil until tender. Stir in Dash, oregano, cranberries, almonds and parsley. Remove from heat. Stir in rice mixture. Fill each squash half with some of the rice mixture. Return to oven, uncovered, until rice is heated through and squash is tender, 12-15 minutes.

Here is a slow cooker option for those days when you just want to dump and cook. This soup recipe is not fussy yet a meal on its own.

Slow Cooker Squash Lentil soup

4 to 5 cups peeled and cubed squash
1 medium onion, diced
2 medium carrots, diced
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 stalk celery, diced
1 cup dried red lentils, rinsed
4 cups vegetable broth
1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 tsp. ground coriander
1 tsp. ground cumin or more to taste
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 bay leaves

Place all ingredients in a slow cooker. Either cook the soup on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 6-8 hours. Remove bay leaves. Serve and enjoy.

Great for breakfast or use for a dessert with your favourite toppings.

Squash Pancakes

1 1/2 cups flour
2 Tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup cooked mashed squash
1 cup buttermilk or milk
2 eggs
2 Tbsp. oil
extra oil for cooking

Mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon together. In a second bowl, whisk the squash, buttermilk, eggs and oil until smooth. Pour the wet mixture into the dry mixture. Fold gently with a spatula until no dry flour remains. Let the batter rest for five minutes. Meanwhile, heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add a teaspoon of oil. Pour 1/4 cup of batter onto the hot pan for each pancake. Cook for 2-3 minutes per side until bubbles form on the surface. Flip and cook the other side and cook for two minutes more. Continue until all the batter is finished.

'It's not just about governance...'

Thomas Mathews campaigning for Minnedosa's mayoral seat

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Editor's Note: The Banner & Press have reached out to both Mayoral candidates. As of the publication deadline, a response from Ken Cameron was not available. The Banner & Press will publish any such correspondences, should it be received before election day.

Throughout his life, Minnedosa resident Thomas Mathews has built an appreciation for what the town was, is and could be. Now, he's looking to step up in a new and meaningful way– by coming forward as a mayor-elect hopeful in the municipal election.

"I love this town– I think it has a tremendous amount of potential, and I would like this to be a place where my kids would have the opportunity to live afterwards," said Mathews. "[Moving to Minnedosa], it's just been the best decision we've ever made."

Originally from Ontario, Mathews studied at Brandon University's music school, and has worked in Erickson since 2005. During that time, he and his wife lived in Onanole for a few years before making Minnedosa their family's chosen home for the past 15 years.

He also bears experience as an appointed member of the Brandon University Board, and a variety of roles with the Manitoba Teachers' Society and the Rolling River School Division. Currently, he is still active as the Provincial Bargaining Chair for Rolling River School Division.

"In those positions I've had to demonstrate fiduciary responsibility, avoid conflicts of interest, be familiar with provincial legislation and local policies," Mathews explained. "So even though I appreciate that I'm going to have a learning curve when it comes to understanding the differences between how a board runs and how our town runs, I feel that I am up to that task."

SUBMITTED PHOTO
Minnedosa mayoral candidate Thomas Mathews.

Vows to remain accessible

If elected, Mathews aims to examine opportunities for youth beyond organized sports, economic development opportunities, adjustments to better accommodate seniors, especially those with mobility issues; and flood mitigation.

"I have to say that lately I've been humbled by the scope and cost of the [flooding] problem, but I still think that there's more that can be done for what could be another really serious flood season this spring. And just supporting the people that were most affected by the flood," said Mathews.

Another key point was public relations.

"I think the council over the last couple of years has done some really great work, but I think the public relations and the communication has been, sometimes, a little bit opaque," Mathews explained. "And unfortunately it allows misinformation about some really exciting projects to circulate, and it's the job of council to not just make the decisions, but to communicate the Five Ws of those decisions to the residents as well. So it's not just about governance, it's about public relations."

Mathews shared that much of his platform has been informed by the people. And, while he emphasized that he isn't going to make empty promises, he has vowed that he will continue to lend an ear to his fellow residents.

"I've been doing a lot of listening throughout my campaign, and if I'm a successful candidate, six months from now, 12 months from now, that's not going to change. I'm going to be accessible, and I'm going to listen," said Mathews. "I might not always be able to give people the answer that's going to make them happy, but I'll do my best to explain it to them in a way that makes sense."

Fatal vehicle rollover occurs near Neepawa

Banner Staff
Neepawa Banner & Press

A 24-year-old Brandon man has died following a single-vehicle rollover southeast of Neepawa on Friday, Oct. 9. Spruce Plains RCMP responded to the collision on Provincial Road 352 at around 9:35 p.m., with local firefighters and paramedics also attending the scene.

According to police, a truck was travelling north on PR 352 between Road 80 North and Road 81 North, when it left the roadway, entered the east-side ditch and continued into a field, before rolling.

RCMP report that the driver was ejected from the vehicle and passed away from sustained injuries at the scene. There were no passengers in the vehicle at the time of the collision.

Spruce Plains RCMP are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the fatal rollover.

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Local sponsors assist with Westman Youth Choir participation

PHOTO BY KIM SMITH

Local youths Aaron Dyck, Charleigh Carefoot, and Felix Carefoot are gearing up to perform on Oct. 17 to Oct. 20. On those days, they will take to the stage with the Westman Youth Choir at the Melita Strand Theatre, Deloraine Winchester Theatre, Killarney United Church, and Brandon's First Presbyterian Church. Lending a helping hand with this incredible opportunity are the Neepawa Kin Club, Neepawa Kiwanis Club, and Neepawa Rotary Club. Each group donated $300 each, for a total of $1,200. These funds have covered the majority of the students' registration fees.

Pictured from left to right: Blair Chapman, Neepawa Area Community Choir; Bob Durston, Neepawa Rotary Club; WMYC 2026 singers: Aaron Dyck, Charleigh Carefoot, Felix Carefoot; Amanda Naughton-Gale (Neepawa Kin Club); Angie Weisgerber (Neepawa Kiwanis Club).

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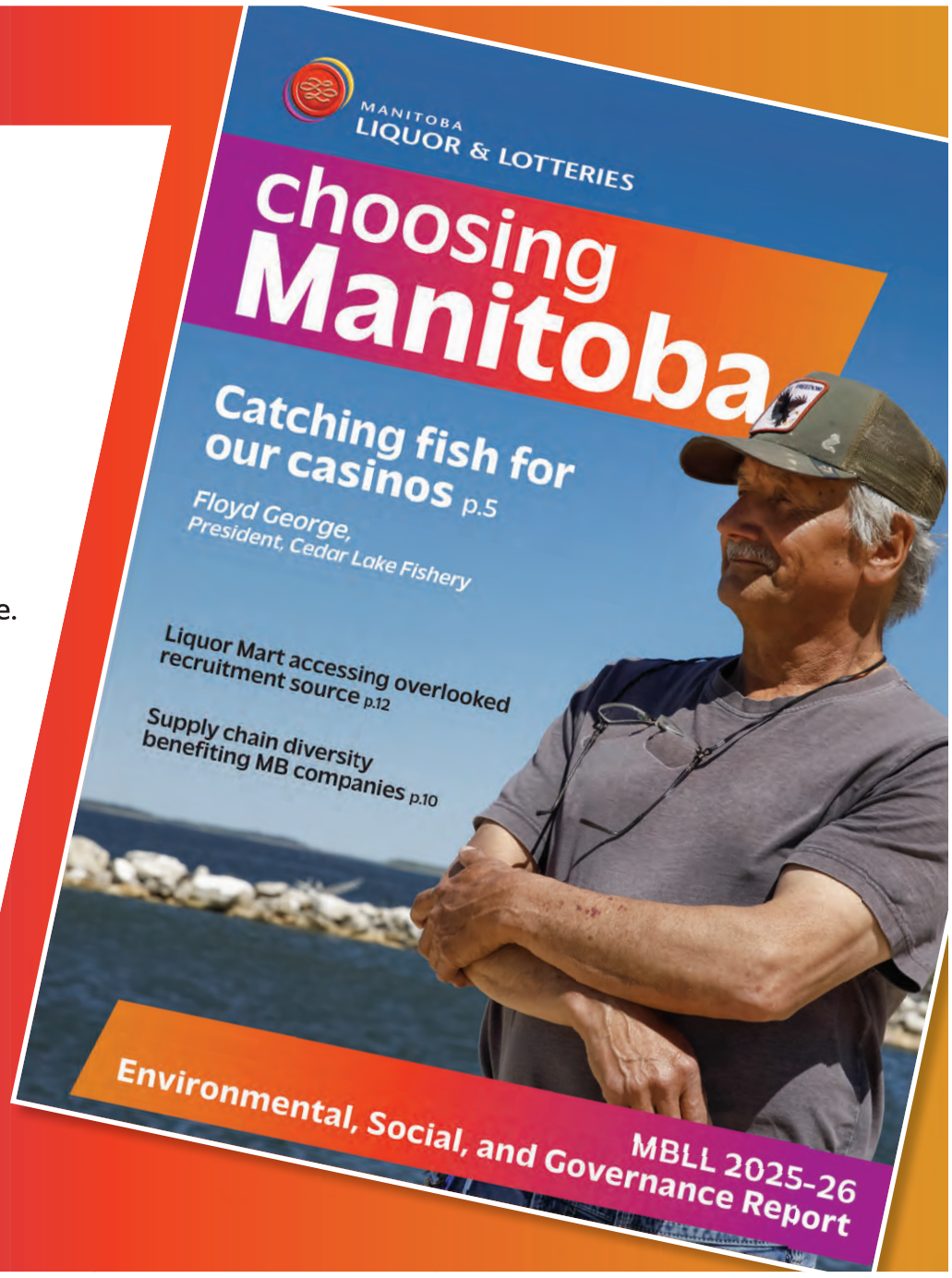

Early success inspires Waves of Hope to aim higher

Increases fundraising target for B.U. cancer research to $500,000

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Earlier this year, the Waves of Hope Dragon Boat team set what it thought was a formidable fundraising goal. As it turns out, when you're passionate about achieving your goal, that target was a lot less formidable than expected. Now, the team is setting its' sights even higher, all in an effort to support life-changing breast cancer research at Brandon University.

The Waves of Hope group consists of breast cancer survivors and supporters from across the Westman and Parkland regions. In January, the non-profit organization decided to raise funds to assist with the research of Dr. Mousumi Majumder of Brandon University

Dr. Majumder runs B.U.'s Breast Cancer Cell and Molecular Research Laboratory (BCCMRL). For the last several years, the lab has been working on research aimed at developing a simple blood test for early-stage breast cancer detection. In basic terms, this would detect tumors before they are visible on mammograms. If successful, this could radically change the outcomes of cancer for millions of people across the globe.

To assist this research, Waves of Hope set an initial goal of raising $150,000 over three years. Serious fundraising efforts got underway in the spring and the results have already exceeded expectations.

As of October, the group has already raised $90,000, while also securing future donor commitments that will bring that total to almost $200,000 over the next three years.

On Friday, Oct. 9, Waves of Hope member Michelle Gerrard presented Dr. Majumder with a $15,000 cheque during a Neepawa Titans home game. Proceeds from the Titans' jersey auction will also go directly to support the campaign.

The next major fundraising event is scheduled for Oct. 25, when the Brandon Wheat Kings host their annual Pink the Rink game. That event will also feature a cheque presentation and jersey auction.

Gerrard said "Everybody's a little bit shell-shocked," by the success, which has prompted Waves of Hope to dramatically increase its target to $500,000 over the same period. For Gerrard and her teammates, supporting research happening close to home has made the campaign especially meaningful.

"We feel like it really has the ability to save lives. We're just 100 per cent in [Dr. Majumder's] corner," expressed Gerrard. "People are very excited that there's something this life-changing that is happening right in Brandon."

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Michelle Gerrard (on right) presented a cheque for $15,000, on Behalf of Waves of Hope to Dr. Mousumi Majumder, on Friday, Oct. 9. That money, along with the other amount raised over the lastfew months is being donated to assist Dr. Majumder's cancer research at Brandon University.

Gladstone market report

By Blaine Huston
Gladstone Auction

The Gladstone Auction Mart sold 1,424 head on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Our cows last Friday sold well. Good yielding cows were $2.00 to $2.20 and D3 older type cows $1.30 to $1.95. Bulls were $2.20 to$2.40. Here's how things shaped up on the feeder side of things

Gladstone Auction Mart

Cattle Market Report
Oct. 13, 2026

Steers

3-400 lbs.	$8.50 - 9.25
4-500 lbs.	$6.95 - 7.93
5-600 lbs.	$6.30 - 7.10
6-700 lbs.	$5.20 - 6.06
7-800 lbs.	$4.85 - 5.49
8-900 lbs.	$4.25 - 5.04
900+ lbs.	$4.15 - 4.75

Heifers

3-400 lbs.	$6.75 - 7.76
4-500 lbs.	$6.16 - 7.15
5-600 lbs.	$5.20 - 6.39
6-700 lbs.	$4.90 - 5.34
7-800 lbs.	$4.25 -4.93
8-900 lbs.	$3.85 - 4.39
900+ lbs.	$3.50 -4.20

Plainer-type cattle, cattle with horns, and bulls continue to see discounts.

Here are a couple market highlights from the Oct. 13 sale:

• 20 red and black x, big steer calves weighing 827 pounds and cashed there ticket in at $5.04 a pound $4,168 a head;

• 20 red and black x steer calves come in the ring weighing 662 pounds and brought $5.6550 a pound $3,940 a head;

• 30 black and red x steers weigh 514 pounds and bring $7.10 a pound $3,649 a head;

• We had nine red x heifers weigh 675 pounds And they sold for $4.89 a pound $3,301 a head;

• Three black heifer calves weigh 584 pounds and bring $5.54 a pound $3,235 a head; and

• Three black heifer calves weigh 584 pounds and bring $5.54 a pound $3,235 a head.

Hopefully that gives you a good idea of how the market shaped up.

Our next feeder sale is next Tuesday, Oct. 20, which is full. We have a butcher and feeder sale Friday Oct.23.

A lot of our fall sales are already full, so if you got cattle to sell please book in sooner then later. To book in please call the office at 204-385-2537 Thank you for being a part of our industry!

Fall crafts galore in Neepawa

PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

A Fall Craft Sale was held at the Neepawa Legion earlier this month. Shown above is a portion of the crowd that was in attendance, and below are a couple examples of the goods that were on sale.

‘We really wanted to improve the setting for our tenants’

Mural projects completed at floor two of Yellowhead Manor

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

There is much that art can accomplish in a home– whether it’s improving the overall atmosphere, or simply making it feel like it’s your own. Recently, those same things have been achieved within a portion of Neepawa’s Yellowhead Manor.

Within the Manitoba Housing building, on floor two, which is operated by Prairie Mountain Health, a set of mural projects has been completed.

“We started this project about a year and a half ago– we really wanted to improve the setting for our tenants,” said Wendy Speiss, home care resource coordinator.

The project includes two large-scale wall murals, a smaller door panel mural, and resident door murals. Each of these was completed over time, with the two larger murals completing the project this past September.

The two large-scale murals are located in the kitchen/dining area, and in the activities room. Both spaces are frequently used areas, with residents enjoying a full calendar of pastimes such as crafts, music, and more in the activities room.

Additionally, the resident doors brought more of a home-y style to their living spaces. The updated appearances bring the look of a panel door with a stained-glass window. The primary colour of the print for them was also selected by the resident living in each unit.

“The mural project is a very tenant-focussed ‘make it home’ project,” said Marsha Forgue, volunteer coordinator for Prairie Mountain Health.

Speiss added, “The tenants were so happy to see [the murals] go up!”

While this project has been completed, it was shared that there are some others in mind as well.

“There’s a little area at the one end of the hall that we’d like to bring some updated seating to,” said Speiss. “The residents love to gather in that space.”

In the meantime, the team at floor two of the Yellowhead Manor extend their thanks to all of the contributors who made the project possible– from donors to manufacturers.

“We really appreciate the help we’ve received for these projects,” said Forgue.

Forgue is also extending an invitation to people who are interested in volunteering or contributing musical entertainment.

“We’re always accepting,” said Forgue. “Please reach out to me if you are interested.”

Forgue can be reached via email at mforgue@pmh-mb.ca, or by phone at 204-476-7550.

PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Heather Boersma (home care case coordinator), Wendy Speiss (home care resource coordinator), Marsha Forgue (Prairie Mountain Health volunteer coordinator), Jackie Paramor (activity coordinator for Prairie Mountain Health Supportive Housing), and Cheerlyn Gavira (healthcare aide for Prairie Mountain Health Supportive Housing) were ecstatic to see the housing facility’s latest atmosphere improvement project. They are pictured here in front of one of the most recently added murals, located within the activities room.

Pictured: A partial view of the kitchen and dining space on floor two of the Yellowhead Manor, with a focus on the second of the large mural installations.

This large mural, and its partner in the activities room, complete the overall mural project which also included improvements to the appearance of all resident doors, and one general door mural.

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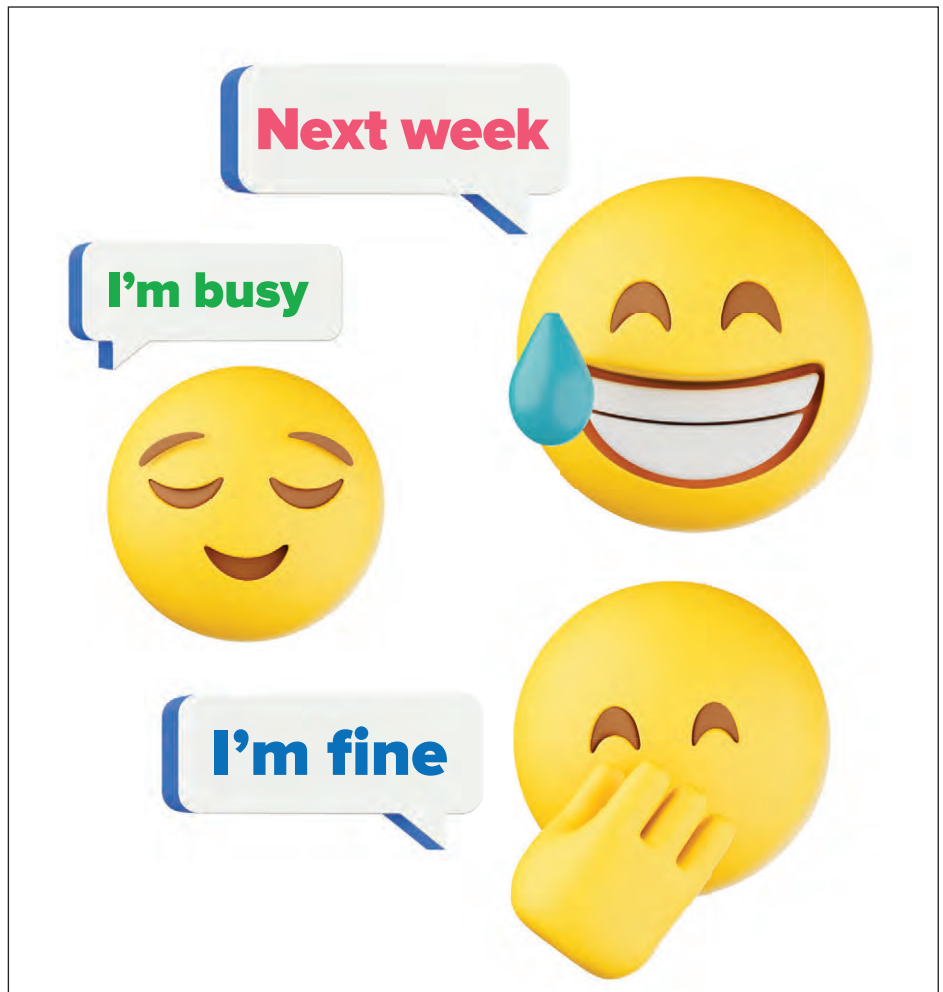

MJHL Standings

East Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Wayway	10	7	2	0	1	15
2. Virden	8	7	1	0	0	14
3. Dauphin	10	5	3	2	0	12
4. Swan Valley	8	5	3	0	0	10
5. Norman	11	5	6	2	0	10
6. **Neepawa**	10	2	6	1	1	6

West Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Selkirk	10	5	2	3	0	13
2. Steinbach	8	6	2	0	0	12
3. Niverville	6	4	1	1	0	9
4. Portage	9	4	4	1	0	9
5. Winkler	7	3	4	1	0	7
6. Wpg Monarchs	9	2	6	1	0	5
7. Wpg Blues	7	2	5	0	0	4

MJHL player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Matthew O'Sullivan (NMB)	9	10	19
2. Dylan Ruff (SVS)	7	10	17
3. Tyson Draper (VDN)	8	8	16
4. Trace Langan (SVS)	8	8	16
5. Kade Stringer (NMB)	7	9	16

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Addison McIntosh	5	3	8
2. Talen Wallis	2	4	6
3. Grayson Slaney	2	2	5
4. Ryder Heaphy	1	3	4
5. Jack Polasek	0	4	4

Game results

Dauphin 5-4 SO Neepawa

Friday, October 9

First Period
18:15 NPA G. Slaney (3)
ASST: C. Magarrell (1), K. Beard (1)
Second Period
01:27 DAU Q. Fisk (6)
ASST: Unassisted
11:10 NPA J. Reimer (1)
ASST: C. Stamp-Vincent (1), A. McIntosh (2)
Third Period
02:48 DAU B. Green (5)
ASST: L. Myhre (2), L. Spencer (2)
09:45 NPA C. Solem (1)
ASST: DJ Meloney (2), R. Heaphy (2)
10:04 DAU S. Swanton (1)
ASST: N. Collins (3), C. Magarrell (2)
13:52 NPA A. McIntosh (5)
ASST: N. Kozak (1), C. Magarrell (2)
19:23 DAU B. Muller (3) PP
ASST: B. Green (4), D. Miko (1)
Overtime No scoring
Shootout Neepawa: N. Kozak - No goal; G. Slaney - No goal; A. McIntosh - No goal. Dauphin: B. Green - No goal; Q. Fisk - Goal.
Penalties NPA 0/2 DAU 1/5
Goaltenders
DAU B. Yaschyshyn 34/38
NPA W. Nelson 36/40
Attendance Yellowhead Centre - 373

Neepawa 4-1 Norman

Saturday, October 10

First Period
No scoring
Second Period
06:20 NPA K. Beard (2) PP
ASST: R. Heaphy (3), E. Marks (1)
15:42 NPA E. Marks (1)
ASST: T. Wallis (4), C. Stamp-Vincent (2)
19:54 NMB B. Green (5) PP
ASST: K. Stringer (9), M. O'Sullivan (10)
Third Period
15:32 NPA R. Michalchuk (1)
ASST: A. McIntosh (3), S. Preston (2)
19:33 NPA E. Marks (2) EN
ASST: Unassisted
Penalties VDN 0/5 NPA 0/6
Goaltenders
NMB C. MacKenzie 37/40
NPA C. Nicolson 35/36
Attendance Yellowhead Centre - 319

Club 55 Bowling

Oct. 8, 2026: ***Ladies' High Single:*** Elsie Slimmon 215. ***Ladies' High Triple:*** Elsie Slimmon 507. ***Men's High Single:*** Russ Taylor 231. ***Men's High Triple:*** Russ Taylor 580. ***Other Good Scores:*** Vivian Oswald 169; Judy Gabler 166, 164; Elsie Slimmon 215; Muriel Porada 157; Russ Taylor 172, 177, 231; Iain Greig 189, 155; Frank Porada 150; Garry Tolton 165; Laurie Kohinski 155, 173; Chuck Morden 156, 167, 180; Darrell Gabler 153, 207, 156.

Titans show resilience in weekend split

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Titans started to show some very encouraging signs of progress over the weekend. First, the team collected a single point in the MJHL standings on Friday, Oct. 9, in a 5-4 shootout loss to the Dauphin Kings. The next night, Neepawa responded with a convincing 4-1 victory over the Northern Manitoba Blizzard.

Titans Associate Coach Keelan Saworski noted that the two-game stretch appears to offer a glimpse of a team beginning to find its footing, especially amongst the younger players.

"I think the weekend was a good sign for the young guys. I think everyone's getting more comfortable with the league, like with the rookies, and I think the vets are doing a good job, kind of helping them out along the way," Saworski said. "So yeah, I think it's definitely good to see them trending upwards."

Friday's contest against Dauphin was a back-and-forth affair in which Neepawa repeatedly found ways to regain the advantage. Grayson Slaney, Jacob Reimer, Cameron Solem and Addison McIntosh all scored for Neepawa.

Unfortunately, Dauphin's more experienced roster was able to tie it up late and send it into overtime. After a scoreless OT, Quinten Fisk picked up the decisive goal for Dauphin during the shootout, to win it 5-4. The Kings also held a narrow 40-38 advantage in shots. Goaltender Wyatt Nelson took the loss in goal for Neepawa, but did everything he could and then some to secure a victory, stopping 36 shots on the night.

Besting the Blizzard

Neepawa responded in encouraging fashion on Saturday, Oct. 10 against the Northern Manitoba Blizzard, ending a six-game losing streak with a 4-1 victory.

After a scoreless opening period, the Titans found the back of the net in the second. Kole Beard opened the scoring, before Eric Marks added another goal to put Neepawa ahead 2-0.

The Blizzard answered on the power play through Brady Green, cutting the deficit to one heading into the third period.

For the third period, goaltender Connor Nicolson locked in and frustrated the Blizzard with several sprawling saves.

For Nicolson, the key to handling the late game pressure was to simply to concentrate on the next shot rather than dwell on the challenges of the game.

"Yeah, you just got to go back to the basics. Just stay calm, save by save, and just keep going until the final buzzer," Nicolson explained to the Banner & Press. "I kind of just try to take it save by save. You know, there's a couple big ones at the end, obviously, but I just try to stay calm and just compose myself."

With Nicolson holding firm between the pipes, the Titans were able to feel confident about being aggressive on the attack.

Roan Michalchuk provided important insurance late in the third period, scoring his first goal of the season. Marks then added his second of the night into an empty net to seal the 4-1 victory.

These results pushed Neepawa's record to 2-5-1-1 on the season, with a game on Tuesday, against the Waywayseecappo Wolverines. Next up will be a pair of weekend games in The Pas versus the Blizzard. The Titans will return home on Oct. 24 to play the Swan Valley Stampeders. Start time at the Yellowhead Centre is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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REEVE
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COOK, Barr

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2. DAYHOLOS, Terry

For the Office of Ward 2 Councillor
1. STOTT, Tim
2. CAMPBELL, Cameron

For the Office of Ward 5 Councillor
1. CLARKE, Jonathan
2. WATERSTON, William

For the Office of Ward 6 Councillor
1. MANCHEESE, Jenna
2. HOULE, Marcel

For the Office of LUD of Alonsa Committee Members (3 Positions)
1. GORDON, Natalie
2. HARRIS, Harry
3. MOZDZEN, Charlene
4. SCHULTZ, Lexie

Note: Kerry Hopfner was acclaimed as Councillor for Ward 1, and Travis Turko was acclaimed as Councillor for Ward 3.

Ward 4 Councillor position is vacant.
LUD of Amaranth Committee Members – 3 Vacant positions.

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2026, between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the following places:
Reeve – Ward 1 Electors
Westlake Community Centre - Eddystone, MB
Reeve & Councillor Ward 2
Kinosota Community Centre – Kinosota, MB
Reeve – Ward 3 Electors
Alonsa Community Centre – Alonsa, MB
Reeve-Ward 4 Electors
Lud of Alonsa Committee-LUD of Alonsa Electors
Alonsa Community Centre – Alonsa, MB
Reeve & Councillor – Ward 5
Amaranth Community Centre – Amaranth, MB
Reeve & Councillor – Ward 6
Amaranth Community Centre – Amaranth, MB

Identification May be Required Before Being Allowed to Vote. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example – driver's license or passport) or at least two other documents that provide proof of identity.

ADVANCE VOTING

For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at The R.M. of Alonsa office, 20 Railway Avenue, Alonsa Manitoba and will be open Friday, October 23rd , 2026, between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, by fax, or by email to the Senior Election Official at Box 127, Alonsa, MB R0H 0A0, Fax (204) 767-2044, email info@rmofalonsa.com

If applying in person, a voter may apply between September 30th, 2026, and October 25 , 2026. A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail, fax, or email, a voter may apply between now and October 25, 2026. A voter applying by mail, fax, or email will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post or by making alternative arrangements with Senior Election Official. Identification is required.

Dated at the R.M. of Alonsa, in the Province of Manitoba, this 24th day of September, 2026.

Leslie Campbell, Senior Election Officia
Rural Municipality of Alonsa
(204) 767-2054 Phone
(204) 767-2044 Fax
Email: info@rmofalonsa.com

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Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 9th day of November, 2026 (Previously October 22, 2026), at the hour of 1:00 PM, at Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone, 14 Dennis St. East, Gladstone, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale (the "Arrears")
124000	SW 1/4 16-15-11 WPM - 86039 RD 64W, RURAL WESTBOURNE	L -$506,100 B -$49,200	$15,444.46
536100	AT GLADSTONE AND BEING LOTS 12 AND 13 BLOCK 72 PLAN 422 PLTO IN NE 1/4 30-14-11 WPM - 68 GALLOWAY ST, GLADSTONE	L -$12,800 B -$144,000	$15,899.08

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs for any property.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization must be provided prior to the start of the auction.
- The successful purchaser must bring to the auction and pay to the MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKEGLADSTONE a non-refundable deposit (the "Deposit") in cash, certifie cheque or bank draft in the amount of:
  - i) The Arrears for the property PLUS
  - ii) If the property is non-residential property, GST (5% of the Arrears) or, if the purchaser is a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration PLUS
  - iii) A fee of $504.00 for preparation of the transfer of title documents.
- The successful bid + GST + $504 is the "Purchase Price".
- If the Purchase Price is greater than the Deposit, the balance must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
- If the Purchase Price is less than the Deposit, the excess will be refunded to the purchaser within 5 days of the sale.
- In addition to the Purchase Price, any property taxes issued, but not yet due, and any unpaid municipal utilities must be paid by the purchaser within 20 days of the sale.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office including the registration costs and land transfer tax, if any.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2026.

Managed by:

TAXervice

Koreen Braun
Chief Administrative Office
MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE
Phone: (204) 385-2332
Fax: (204) 385-2391

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
TOWN OF NEEPAWA

Neepawa Land of Plenty

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **4th day of November, 2026, at the hour of 02:00 PM**, at Town of Neepawa Council Chambers, 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale (the "Arrears")
10500	LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 BLOCK 'A' PLAN 217 NLTO IN NW 1/4 33-14-15 WPM - 184 MOUNTAIN AVE, TOWN OF NEEPAWA	L -$48,600 B -$345,200	$30,744.27

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs for any property.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization must be provided prior to the start of the auction.
- The successful purchaser must bring to the auction and pay to the TOWN OF NEEPAWA a non-refundable deposit (the "Deposit") in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** in the amount of:
  - i) The Arrears for the property PLUS
  - ii) If the property is non-residential property, GST (5% of the Arrears) or, if the purchaser is a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration PLUS
  - iii) A fee of $504.00 for preparation of the transfer of title documents.
- The successful bid + GST + $504 is the "Purchase Price".
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- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office including the registration costs and land transfer tax, if any.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2026.

Managed by:

TAXervice

Colleen Synchyshyn
Chief Administrative Office
TOWN OF NEEPAWA
Phone: (204) 476-7603
Fax: (204) 476-7624

Help Wanted

Rolling River School Division

invites applications for

HEAD CUSTODIAN POSITION

Plan, supervise and perform cleaning, minor repairs / maintenance, safety related building and grounds checks and custodial administrative duties for assigned division building.

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TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

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This is a full time position,
(Monday – Friday, 5.5 hours daily).

Further information regarding duties, wage, hours & qualifications may be obtained by contacting the Turtle River School Division Maintenance Supervisor. Applications close when the position is filled.

Please forward all applications complete with 3 references to:
Stephen Oversby
Maintenance Supervisor
Turtle River School Division
Box 309
McCreary, Manitoba
R0J 1B0
Phone: (204) 835-2067
Email: soversby@trsd.ca

Turtle River School Division welcomes applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations may be available upon request. All applications are appreciated, only candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted. Successful candidates must complete a Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector and Child Abuse Registry check.

Notice

Neepawa Land of Plenty

NOTICE OF ELECTION

FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR
GERRARD, Darryl - ACCLAIMED

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR
Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Town of Neepawa will be taken to elect six (6) Councillors from the following duly nominated candidates:

CLARK, Dave
FLORES, Rafael Jr
MARQUEZ-HUNSTAD, Mary Ann
MINER, Jeffrey
NADEAU, Jason
PAGUIDOPON, Zaldy
PARROTT, Murray

VOTING PLACES
Voting places will be open for voting on **Wednesday the 28th day October, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at the Yellowhead Centre Hall, 175 Mountain Ave., Neepawa, MB

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MOBILE VOTING
For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility or one of the other locations listed below, a mobile voting station will be set up at each location on Election Day, during the following time periods:

Elks Manor	12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Country Meadows PCH	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Neepawa Hospital	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Yellowhead Manor	4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Kinsmen Kourts (1 & 2)	5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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Colleen Synchyshyn, Senior Election Officia
Town of Neepawa, Phone (204) 476-7603, cao@neepawa.ca

Thank you for reading the Neepawa Banner & Press

Help Wanted

Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

Why join our team?
HyLife is a global leader in food processing, with a vision to be the best food company in the world. To achieve this, we are currently expanding our team and have exciting career opportunities at 623 Main St. Neepawa, MB. We are actively seeking to fill 100 positions.

The current starting wage is $17.95/hour with incremental increases to $26.10/hour based on tenure as per our Collective Agreement

Quick Facts:
- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
- Fully integrated facility –Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:
- Competitive Wage
- Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation as per our collective bargaining agreement
- Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift Premium
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
- Employee Referral program - $500!
- Free parking
- Company events
- And more!!!!

Your duties may include:
- Slaughter, eviscerate, and mark hogs for further processing;
- Debone edible parts and remove inedible organs for parts;
- Cut pork carcasses into primal cuts for further processing, cutting, or packaging for local, national, and international premium markets.

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
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in meat cutting or slaughter or completed a program in Industrial Meat cutting
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English

HyLife is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities for all job applicants, including those who identify as a member of the following groups: Indigenous people, Newcomers to Canada, Older workers, Veterans, Youth, and Visible minorities.

Ways to apply:
Online at http://hylife.com/careers/ or mail to PO Box 10,000, 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.
Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main ST. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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Be a part of the HyLife experience – your journey starts here!

We thank all applicants, however, only those under consideration will be contacted

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REMINDER

AD DEADLINE TUESDAY NOON

Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

Freezerco Inc.
A subsidiary of HyLife Ltd.
30 Market Blvd., Steinbach MB Canada R5G 2X9
t:204.424.5359 | f: 204.424.5177

Why join our team?
Freezerco Inc. is currently hiring five (5) Hog Receiving Barn Workers to join our team at 623 Main St. E., Neepawa, MB. As a subsidiary of HyLife, a global leader in food processing, FreezerCo Inc. offers the opportunity to build a rewarding career in a safe, team-oriented environment while supporting one of Canada's leading pork production operations.
Starting wage: $20.75/hour, with incremental increases up to $22.05/hour based on tenure.

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- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
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- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:
- Competitive Wage
- Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation
- Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift Premium
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
- Employee Referral program - $500!
- Free parking
- Company events
- And more!!!!

Job duties include:
- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
- Sorting hogs into appropriate receiving pens.
- Ensuring humane and safe handling of hogs in our facility.
- Completing hog receiving documents to CFIA standards.
- Scraping trailers.
- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

To excel in this role, you should possess:
- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Knowledge of animal behavior is an asset.
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- 1 to 7 months of experience working with livestock.
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks
- Able to effectively communicate in English
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

FreezerCo Inc. is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all applicants, including Indigenous Peoples, newcomers to Canada, youth, older workers, veterans, and members of visible minority groups.

Ways to apply:
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Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main St. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

Business Address: Freezerco Inc. 106 Mill St. East, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

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Join FreezerCo Inc. and start building your future today.

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Technical Sales Specialist – Exports (Japan Market) (NOC 62100)

Location (On-Site): 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
Number of Position(s): 1

Why join our team?
HyLife Foods LP is a global leader in food processing with a vision to be the best premium pork company in the world. Our mission is to take care of our employees, customers, animals, communities, and our company.

We are seeking a highly skilled Technical Sales Specialist – Exports (Japan Market) to support and expand our business relationships within Japan. This role is primarily responsible for managing customer relationships, developing export sales opportunities, and ensuring alignment between customer requirements and product offerings for the Japanese market. The successful candidate will serve as the key commercial contact for customers and distribution partners.

What we can offer you:
- Competitive annual salary of $95,000.00
- Vacation entitlement in the firs year
- Comprehensive benefit package – dental, vision, extended health, and more
- Permanent full-time employment
- Employee Referral program – Minimum of $500!
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Your days will include:
- Preparing quotations and sales documentation, including pricing, contract terms, delivery requirements, and sales agreements.
- Promoting sales to existing Japanese clients while identifying and developing new business opportunities within Japanese distribution channels.
- Assessing customer needs and recommending appropriate products and solutions based on customer requirements and market conditions.
- Developing reports, proposals, presentations, and supporting materials to communicate product benefit and sales opportunities.
- Representing HyLife in export sales activities and maintaining strong relationships with customers, distributors, and business partners in Japan.
- Conducting sales transactions, negotiating commercial agreements, and providing input into product specification to ensure customer requirements are achieved.
- Providing ongoing customer support, resolving product and service-related issues, and supporting customer complaint investigations and corrective actions.
- Reviewing market conditions, competitor activity, product innovations, and emerging industry trends to support business growth and sales strategies.
- Advising customers on export requirements and regulatory considerations while ensuring compliance with customer and market expectations.
- Monitoring quality and production levels to ensure customer specification are met, including supervising product fabrication and supporting meat quality improvement initiatives.
- Facilitating training on product specification and requirements, supporting new product introductions, and working closely with Operations, Production, and Quality Assurance teams to ensure successful execution.
- Maintaining quality dashboards, conducting compliance audits, identifying opportunities for operational and sales improvements, and reporting on sales performance and business initiatives.
- Performing other related duties assigned.

To succeed in this role, you must possess:
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in business/commerce, marketing, agriculture, agricultural operations and related sciences, or international and intercultural communication.
- 3–5 years of experience in Japanese export sales within the pork industry, customer relationship management, and quality assurance and control.
- Fluency in both English and Japanese is required.
- Experience working with Japanese clients or distribution channels
- Strong understanding of export sales processes and product specification
- Knowledge of quality management systems and operational processes
- Strong analytical, reporting, and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication, negotiation, and relationship-building abilities
- Proficienc in Microsoft Offic and data tracking systems
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment

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Supporting our community

Neepawa Area Collegiate begins its annual HOPE Food Drive

Submitted
NACI HOPE Group

It's that time of year again! The Neepawa Area Collegiate HOPE group is once again taking part in its annual Fall Food Drive in support of our local Salvation Army Food Bank.

The need in our community continues to grow. August was a record-breaking month, with the food bank providing assistance to 110 households, representing 296 individuals in our community. This is a 32 per cent increase since January and a 69 per cent increase compared to August of last year.

In August alone, the local food bank distributed an incredible 6,678 pounds of food to families and individuals in need. In 2025, the food bank assisted an average of 62 households per month. Today, that average has increased to 97 households per month.

Many of those accessing the food bank are working individuals and families who simply cannot keep up with the rising costs of groceries, fuel, and everyday necessities.

FIL EPHOTO

Pictured: HOPE Group members pictured during the 2025 edition of their Fall Food Drive. Right now, the group is prepping for their 2026 drive!

These statistics are just a small reminder of how important and valuable our local food bank is to our community. Every donation makes a difference. We are proud to support the Salvation Army Food Bank through our annual Fall Food Drive and encourage our community to give generously.

On Oct. 20, the HOPE group will be hanging bags supplied by the Neepawa Rotary Club on all doorknobs in our community. To help fill the food bank we are asking for the following items: canned fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, Cheese Whiz. pasta and pasta sauce, Ramen noodles, ready-to-eat school snacks, baking supplies, coffee, tea, Kraft Dinner, soup, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, laundry soap and dish soap. (All items must be in their original unopened packaging).

On Oct. 27, the HOPE group will be coming around in the evening to collect the donations and take them to the Salvation Army. The HOPE group asks that you leave your filled bag in a visible, well-lit space by 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 for pickup. Monetary donations are also greatly accepted.

Please note that if your home is missed inadvertently on pick up night, we ask you to take your bag to the Salvation Army or call them at 476-5869 for it to be picked up the next day.

The HOPE group and the Neepawa Salvation Army would like to thank everyone in advance for all your generous donations!

William Morton Collegiate Institute Athletics report

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The William Morton Collegiate Boys and Girls Volleyball teams were recently in action.

Submitted
William Morton Collegiate Institute

Varsity girls played their first mini tournament of the Zone 7 regular season in Gladstone on Oct. 6. The girls played both Neepawa and Elton and lost by scores of 10-25 and 17-25 against Neepawa and lost to Elton by scores 15-25 and 17-25.

"I'm proud of the way this team stayed united, supported one another, and kept a positive attitude when things didn't go our way. Wins build confidence, but challenges build character." said Coach Danielle Henderson.

Varsity Boys played in their first mini tournament of the Zone 7 regular season in MacGregor on Oct. 8. The boys played two matches against Carberry and MacGregor. The boys played Carberry first and lost a close match by scores of 27-25, 18-25, 14-16 and then played MacGregor and won the match by scores of 25-14 and 25-17. Coach Collin Smith shared that "It's always nice to have competitive games against our divisional rivals (MacGregor and Carberry). Our teams have shown a lot of progress in the first couple of weeks of the season and they are hardworking and eager to continue to improve."

Upcoming WMCI Warrior games/tournaments
(Oct. 16-24)

• JV Girls Volleyball - 6:30p.m. MacGregor vs WMCI and 7:30p.m. Minnedosa vs WMCI at Minnedosa Collegiate on Oct. 21. Oct. 23-24 at Hamiota all day tournament.

• JV Boys Volleyball– 6:30p.m. Neepawa vs WMCI and 7:30p.m. Carberry vs WMCI on Oct.21 at Carberry.

• Varsity Girls Volleyball– Oct. 17 at Westpark Collegiate all day tournament. 6:30p.m. WMCI vs Minnedosa and 7:30p.m. WMCI vs Rivers at Rivers Collegiate on Oct. 20.

• Varsity Boys Volleyball– Oct. 16-17 at Elton all day tournament.

WMCI Student Athlete Profile

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Name: Lenjo Uebersax. **Sport:** Cross Country. **Grade:** 9th Grade. **Years competing:** Three years. **Pre-Game Meal:** Granola Bar.

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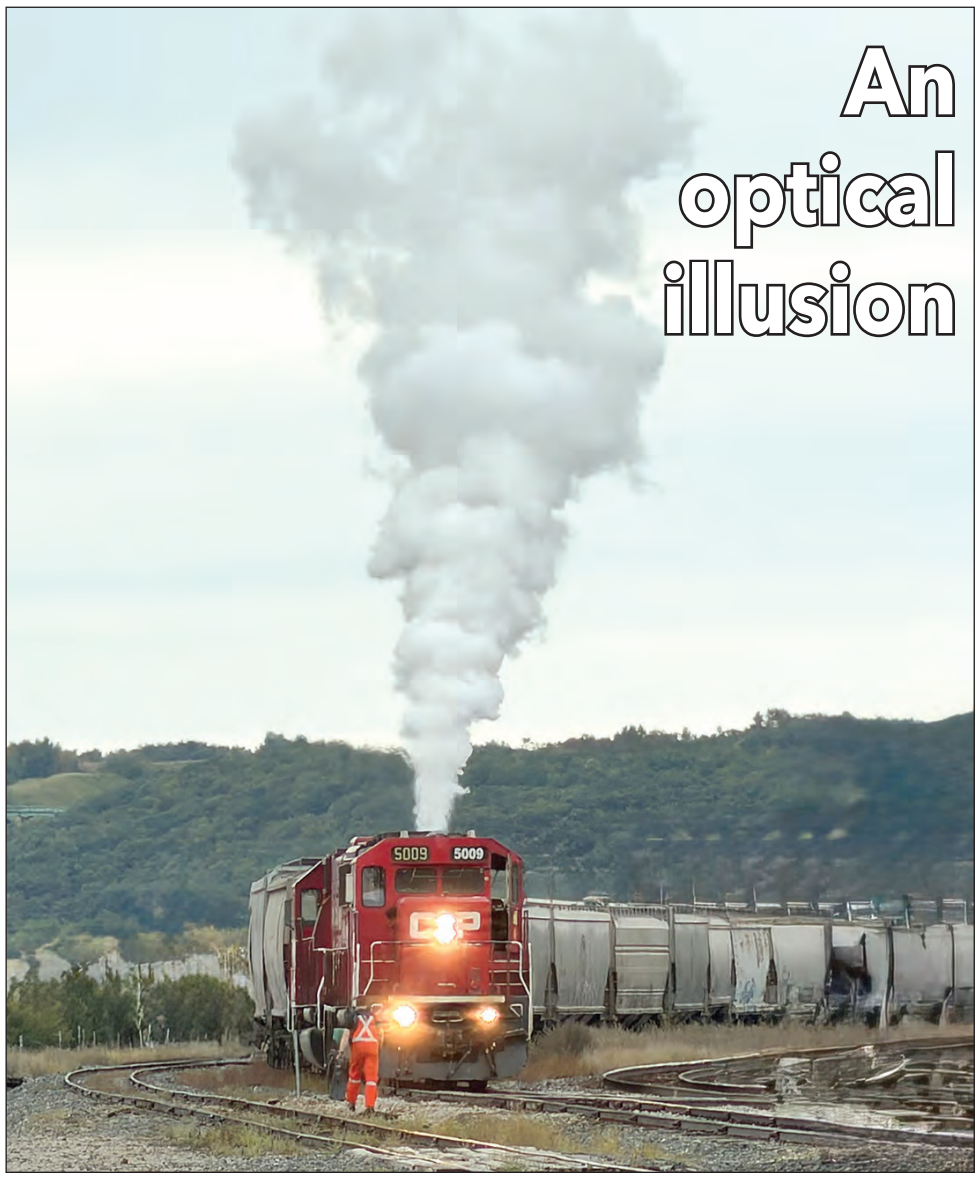
Name: James Derocher. **Sport:** Cross Country. **Grade:** 10th Grade. **Years competing:** 3-4 years. **Superstition:** Stretch before race. **Pre-Game Meal:** Sandwich



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Trains in Western Canada haven't been steam powered since the 1960s but this train engine in Minnedosa seems to be operating at full steam ahead. The illusion is created by the steam from the Minnedosa ethanol plant that at the very moment the photo was taken, the diesel engine was in perfect alignment.

Second half comeback propels NACI Tigers over Southwest Sabres in must-win game

By Austin Lewis
Freelance Reporter

The Neepawa Tigers got set for their final home game of the regular season, as the Southwest Sabres came to town on a cold and rainy NACI Field. It was a must-win game for the Tigers to put themselves in a great position for the playoffs. This game was also the cancer care game.

Once again, the Tigers started the game on defense, however from their own two-yard line after they gave up an 98-yard kick return from Southwest reciever Kaden Fisher, which lead to a touchdown drive just four plays after. Along with a converted 2-point attempt for an 8-0 Southwest lead. Later on in the first quarter, Lexiin Amyotte in his first game as a running back, scored his first touchdown of the season from 15 yards to get the Tigers on the board but down by two. Shortly after that, the Southwest Sabres scored a touchdown from 22 yards to extend their lead to 14-6 to end the first quarter. In the second quarter, after two great drives on defense by the Tigers, with the offense back on the field, Tigers tight end Zack Morrison scored a seven-yard rushing touchdown, to bring the Tigers within one point down 14-13 up until halftime.

In the second half, The Tigers held the Southwest Sabres to zero points after the defense dominated the second half once again thanks to Charli Mignault, He got himself four tackles including three tackles for a loss of yards. In the fourth quarter, and in the final three minutes, wide receiver Jesse Whitlaw scored a 41-yard rushing touchdown which proved to be the game-winner in a 21-14 second half comeback victory for the Tigers. With that win, The Neepawa Tigers put themselves in a great spot for the playoffs with a 2-2 record. Congratulations to Easton Mckee, Charli Mignault, and Lexiin Amyotte on being the DQ players of the game. With the home games officially over, the Neepawa Tigers will head to Neelin High School to take on the Neelin Spartans Sunday, Oct. 18 at 3:30 p.m.

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