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Winds of change

\$500M wind project targets R.M.s near Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

A significant new renewable energy project will soon be on the horizon, both figuratively and literally, a little north of Neepawa.

On Tuesday, Apr. 14, the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), along with the Red River Métis Power Corporation and Renewable Energy System (RES), announced a \$500-million renewable wind energy initiative. Named Fleury Winds, this 200-megawatt development is expected to be established around the ring of the community of Polonia (Huns Valley). The proposed site will connect to Manitoba Hydro's existing substation in the area.

In a media release confirming the project, MMF Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Jack Park expressed his optimism on this partnership with Renewable Energy System.

"Building on the [Memorandum of Understanding] we signed with RES [in January], the proposed Fleury Winds project aligns with our shared objectives for Indigenous-led strategic renewable energy development," said Park.

Early engagement efforts are already underway, with project representatives meeting with local municipal leaders in the Rural Municipalities of Minto-Odanah and Rosedale. As for the region's community members, they had an opportunity to learn more during an open house held on Apr. 15 at the Polonia Community Hall. The Banner & Press will have details for that gathering in our next edition.

The end of a two year search

WWI medal reunited with soldier's family



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Pictured: Mitch Cuthbert of Brandon (formerly Gladstone), shown at right, with Ritchie Davidson, descendent of Pte. Nelson Davidson of Russell. The two met late last month, and a presentation of the medal took place.

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

"It's not always about what you find. Sometimes it's about where it ends up."

These were the words

spoken by former Gladstone resident Mitch Cuthbert after a story two years in the making finally reached its conclusion. This was the reunion of World War I soldier Nelson Davidson's memorial

Silver Cross with whom it matters most— family.

Pte. Nelson died during active service overseas with the First Canadian Mounted Rifles (Saskatchewan Regiment) in 1916 during the

defence of Ypres Salient. A brother, Pte. Robert Davidson of the Canadian Infantry's 78th Overseas Battalion, was also killed in the line of duty that year.

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'I'll be there for people who need it'

Minnedosa mother works to reduce homeschooling barriers

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

With 20 years of experience at her disposal, a mother from rural Manitoba is doing her part to make homeschooling more accessible. Enter Larissa MacDonald, a Minnedosa mother of eight, a former educational assistant in the public education system, and a former staff member of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

MacDonald has been homeschooling since 2006, is currently a board member of the Manitoba Association of Christian Home Schools, and is an administrator for the social media group known as Westman Home Schooling Connection. Providing her expertise to parents for up to 16 hours per month of her free time, MacDonald dedicates herself to answering parents' questions online, providing information, and even conducting in-person consultations.

Highlighted for her efforts in the Apr. 9, 2026 edition of the Brandon Sun, MacDonald stated, "I would say it's my ministry. It's my passion. It's what I love to do. I love my children and I love spending time with them, and I want to enable others to do so as well."

MacDonald later added, "When you pull from the public system, you take all the responsibility for educating your children on yourself, and the options are numerous. Meeting someone who has been there, and done that, can give people the confidence that they can do it too."



PHOTO SOURCED FROM THE BRANDON SUN

Larissa MacDonald pictured while in Brandon, one of the Westman communities she serves with her years of expertise in homeschooling.

'One of my greatest success stories'

While her efforts have directly aided parents by making the transition less daunting, they have also had positive impacts on the students themselves. This was reflected in the account provided to the Brandon Sun by Emily Gould, of Minnedosa.

After two years in Kindergarten in a public education setting, Emily's daughter had not been able to learn subjects such as colours, numbers, and letters. Feeling that homeschooling was needed, Emily and her husband, Nelson, were able to connect with MacDonald over the 2025 Christmas break for an in-person consultation. MacDonald reportedly remained with the Gould family for two hours.

"It helped, putting our minds at ease, saying we could do this," Emily said in the Brandon Sun.

After making the switch,

Emily and Nelson's daughter successfully graduated from Kindergarten late this past March.

"She knows all of her colours, numbers, letters, she's started to read, she's doing math... She's doing all of the things at kindergarten level or above kindergarten level," said Emily. "It's just really incredible watching her really thrive."

Regarding the family's breakthrough, MacDonald was quoted to say, "To see what Emily talks about on Facebook, I'm just thrilled. She's probably one of my greatest success stories."

MacDonald's enthusiasm for lending a helping hand shows no sign of slowing any time soon. In her closing words of the Brandon Sun article, MacDonald stated, "I don't plan on quitting helping to mentor homeschoolers. I'll be there for people who need it. Simply the fact that they do choose to homeschool is rewarding to me."

Take nothing, but pictures; leave nothing, but footprints

By Diane Warner
Neepawa Banner & Press

As the snow melts and the spring warmth hits the air, the crocus fields in Arden, MB start to bloom a vibrant shade of purple. Shortly after the bloom, the community celebrates with their Annual Crocus Festival the Saturday of the 1st weekend of May (May 2). This year will be a special celebration as it marks their 25th anniversary.

The Arden Ridge is famous for its history as a trail for First Nations people, European settlers and a jog in the Canadian Pacific Railway. The ridge was formed by the Glacial Lake Agassiz and is the furthest west shore. Arden raised songwriter Rob Waddell writes about the ridge as "a memory of a lake". Arden, the ridge and the crocus figure prominently in Rev. Keith D. Boughton's book *Crocus Country*. Boughton, born and raised at Arden and from one of the founding families says, "The Arden and area crocus will continue at their task of creating beauty, joy and comfort in the Crocus Capital of Manitoba."



FILE PHOTO

A crocus in bloom near Arden in 2025.

An inspiring part of the Crocus Festival is the Photo contest.

Photos from the Wild Crocus Photo Contest will be displayed for all to see! If you wish to enter the contest contact crocuscontest@gmail.com for more details! Do hurry as the deadline for entries is April 20.

The Wild Crocus are delicate flowers, they only bloom for a short period of time.

Take nothing, but pictures; leave nothing, but footprints.

Arden Crocus Fest reaches its 25th anniversary



PHOTO SOURCED FROM 'ARDEN CROCUS COUNTRY MANITOBA'

The above photo, taken by Marlys Minnie, shows a bounty of crocuses in bloom.

By Austin Lewis
Freelance writer

The Arden Crocus Fest in Arden first began back in 2001. This year marks the 25th annual Crocus Fest. The Arden Crocus Fest is on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the Arden Community Hall in Arden, Manitoba.

The Arden Crocus Fest this year will feature a Rainbow Auction, in which prizes will be handed out to

some lucky winners. There will be the Duck Race, which will be now virtual instead of being outdoors. The Duck Race is about participants choosing a wooden-shaped duck with specific numbers on its wing, and the race will be tuned in to a TV screen instead of being on the Whitemud River. In the earlier years of the Arden Crocus Fest, the Duck Race was called the Pooh Stick race, which was quite similar. Now for the last two years it has been the Virtual Duck Race.

The Crocus fest this year has Entertainment for Kids. This year's kids' entertainment will feature Mr. Circus and a petting zoo. The petting zoo will be open from 11AM-1PM, and Mr. Circus will have

a special performance at 2PM for all the guests in attendance. During all those events, there will also be wagon rides to the Crocus monument with a stop at the Arden Lansdowne Museum which is located in the former United Church. The rides are scheduled on continuously from 10AM-1PM.

The Arden Crocus Fest annually runs the Crocus Photo Contest for amateur photographers, which features a "paper photo" entry format. The photographers will have to take a maximum of three photos per person. The photos will also be judged by the Crocus fest attendees and the winning entries get a cash prize.

A pancake breakfast and hotdog lunch will be available.

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1976: Fire devastates Plumas business

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

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

Riding Mountain: J. L. Ames is erecting a convenient and commodious stable.

Freeland: Robt. Robertson is having his house raised four feet and a shingle roof put on it, which greatly improves the appearance. J.A. Whiteman is the carpenter.

Northern Pacific railway projects seem to be going on with a view to continued connection with this province. There is, therefore, reason to hope that the line now terminating at Beaver may come to Neepawa some day.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
April 16, 1926**

Kelwood: Somebody has been slashing down trees in the memorial park this past

season. Notice is hereby given that anyone found cutting trees there without authority will be prosecuted.

Edrans: The local brickyard reports that men and auxiliary machinery are being rapidly rounded into proper shape for the turning out efficiently, of the best possible product, one that shall be a credit to the fair name of Edrans. Manager R. Hales is very optimistic, and is making intensive plans for the busiest season of the National Clay Products Co. Everybody happy.

Edrans: William Armstrong is back with us again. He will be remembered as one of the entertainers of the 1925 brickyard staff. Welcome to Edrans, Bill. "One of the lower five" eh what.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
April 19, 1951**

More than 90 employees

and former Canadian National Railways employees gathered in Hunt's banquet room Saturday night to honour two of their former fellow employees John Biles and Archie Pink, both of Neepawa who were retired on pension by the company.

Mr. Biles recently made his final run as an engineer, while Mr. Pink completed 34 years of service in the mechanical department of the C.N.R. here.

The Neepawa Chamber of Commerce will erect signs at the east and west approaches to the town near No. 4 Highways as soon as the frost leaves the ground, Clarence Chamberlain, chairman of the tourist and transportation bureau, told the Press Wednesday.

Lansdowne Council at meeting Apr. 10 discussed proposed hard surfacing of road from Arden to No. 4 highway.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
April 15, 1976**

A financial report that revealed an after-tax and expenses revenue of almost \$240,000 and total sales in excess of \$6,800,000 was the highlight of the annual meeting of the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op, held Friday, Apr. 9, at the Neepawa Legion Hall.

McCreary: The local board of the United Grain Growers met Monday, Apr. 5, to discuss purchase of the Pool elevator at McCreary and the construction of a new high through-put elevator here. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 1976.

Sherry Kruzer, of Neepawa, recently won the Manitoba High School Girls' bowling championship held in Winnipeg. Sherry's scores were compared provincially and she came out second



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The photo above isn't a scenic view of rolling hills, but rather a mess of twisted metal and charred ruins. This was all that remained of Buschau Laminated Structures in Plumas after a fire raged through the building complex in April of 1976. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

highest in Canada.

A general meeting of the Neepawa and District Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday evening, May 13...

At the executive session, the proposed budget for the 1976 operation of the Chamber was brought down. John Antonik, who prepared the budget, outlined recommended expenditures of \$5,240 which includes a grant towards Summer Games costs and an increase in funds towards the operation of the tourist booth.

Cordova: Mr. and Mrs. George Gwyer were guests of honor Wednesday evening, Apr. 7, when approximately 50 friends and neighbours met at their home on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

Plumas: Seven youth from Plumas participated in the youth bowling championships held Saturday, Apr. 10, at the Polo Park Lanes, Winnipeg. Bowlers from Plumas, Kim McInnes, Roberta Rink, Blaine Schettler, Mark Buschau, Arnold and Gordon Coutts and Gerry

Budnick, combined with bowlers from Neepawa and Minnedosa make up a three-team group.

Of the combined teams, the girls' team placed second.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
April 17, 2006**

A plan to relocate 19 government jobs from Neepawa and Minnedosa to Portage la Prairie still stands, despite pleas from community leaders to rethink the proposal.

Most of Riverbend Park was flooded last Wednesday, although by Thursday water levels in the Whitemud River were receding.

A provincial plan to

enhance laughter capacity in the province by introducing a \$2 a head checkoff is proving unpopular among some cattle producers.

The president of the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association said most members view the checkoff as a "back-door tax".

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**Now, brothers and sisters,
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1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4 (New International Version)

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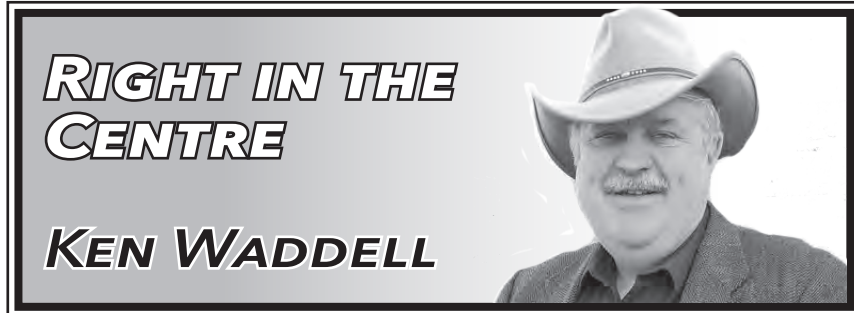
A tale of several towns

The Waddell family-owned newspapers include the Virden Empire Advance, the Rivers Banner and the Neepawa Banner & Press. We have archives going back over 100 plus years, so it's interesting to do some historical research.

This week I am looking at five of the largest towns in our overall coverage area. The towns and their respective populations are listed as follows: Rivers (population 1,803), Carberry (population 1,618), Neepawa (population 5,826), Minnedosa (population 2,741 and Virden (population 3,118). All are town-only population except Rivers which includes the population of the whole municipality.

Since 1971, all these towns have built new recreation centres. Neepawa built in 1971 and opened 1972. Three of the towns, Rivers, Minnedosa and Virden built more recently. Those three facilities are very modern and up to date. Carberry's arena is between these three and Neepawa for age but has been kept up and looks quite modern. All the complexes are town owned, except at Neepawa.

Neepawa's Yellowhead Centre (YHC) has become the poor cousin of the five above mentioned rec complexes. So what are the differences? One factor is age. The YHC started its life as the Neepawa Salt Well. Built in 1943 and closed in 1970, the salt plant fell into the possession of the Town of Neepawa and was painstakingly turned into the Yellowhead Centre in 1971-72. YHC opened in the fall of 1972 and replaced a rink that was built in 1936 (I believe). If that date is accurate, then the YHC is now 18 years older than the rink it replaced. The old rink was Town of Neepawa owned, but the decision was made that the YHC would be owned and operated by The Neepawa Centennial Project Corporation Inc. under a local community board. That is a major difference between Neepawa and the four other towns mentioned above. In fact, it is different than almost every arena in Manitoba. The Town of Neepawa takes no responsibility for the YHC except for an annual grant that is very much smaller than what the other towns provide. While the community board model worked well for many years, from the inception to making a building headed for demolition into a nice hall and arena. Neepawa will forever be obliged to the original committee and succeeding boards for getting the YHC to where it is today. The YHC has very good ice, there have been a number of upgrades



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over the years, the most recent being a new overhead score clock, new boards; arena insulation etc. But many people question if that's the model that can carry Neepawa into the future. Newer and better facilities in the other four towns would seem to point to the strengths of the town-owned model versus the community volunteer board model. The community model at one time kept Neepawa's facility at the head of the pack but that is no longer the case.

The Yellowhead Centre building was salvaged out of the old salt well with a combination of town funding, local donations and grants from the federal and provincial grants. The hall portion was originally the salt plant warehouse, the actual salt processing plant was reduced down to a three story building to make the concession area, dressing rooms and waiting room area and the actual arena was mostly new construction. That said, a lot of salvaged material from the salt plant, the old Canadian Pacific Railway train station and perhaps other demolished buildings were used in the whole complex including the arena. When opened, the YHC was valued at \$345,000 (Neepawa Press Nov. 2, 1972). That's a long way from the \$15 to \$75 million that complexes cost today.

It would appear that the YHC is wearing out. There have been ongoing operational issues that have even forced the closure of the arena over the past two or so years.

There are several looming questions facing Neepawa. Does the community want a new facility? If so, when and where? What can the current building be used for? It's a very large asset. And considering that other towns took

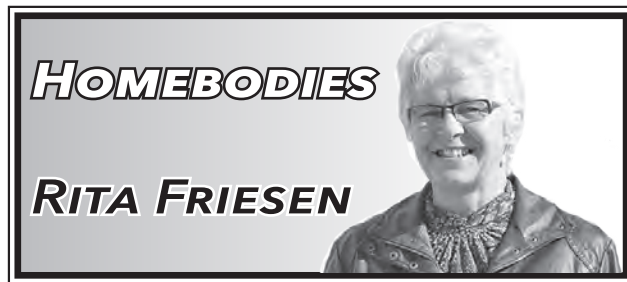
years to make those decisions and get a plan in place, how does the YHC stay operational in the intervening years? There needs to be an intermediate plan.

It should be clearly noted that while there was an immense thrust of volunteerism around the financing and construction of YHC back in 1972. That thrust of volunteerism carried on for many years.

However, an examination of the Neepawa Press archives of 1967-72 show there was also strong leadership and support from the Town of Neepawa. Perhaps the biggest question of all, will the Town of Neepawa resume its rightful leadership place by leading the way to the creation of better recreation facilities. Yes, volunteerism is a big part of the functioning of community facilities. But it would appear that there needs to be a much larger Town of Neepawa buy-in to lead the way, be it in finances, grant applications, planning studies and input from town employed staff.

And speaking of studies, there have been at least four studies done at considerable expense about the YHC in the past 25 years. None of them have been fully implemented as there simply isn't enough time, money and energy within most volunteer groups to get all the needed improvements done. Events and projects are the strength of volunteer groups and that has been demonstrated by major events such as large hockey tournaments provincial curling bonspiels at all five towns and the major rodeo at Virden.

Neepawa needs to switch to having the Town do what they do best which is leading so volunteer groups can do what they do best which is running events.



Spring fever?

There is a restless movement in my body, mind and spirit. I am flitting. Starting one project and then starting another, and perhaps even another. I long for sunshine, green grass and gardening.

There is more than one quilt project on the go, and dreams for several others. I don't usually start sewing projects as it gets closer to spring. But...I have a plan for a bookcase quilt for a family member. Replicas of books that her father loved, I love and two shelves of her collections— recreated from photos she shared. This means I am graphing for bookends, coffee mugs and sundry shelf items. Amazing, but I can, and am, doing it. Two shelves done and I am really quite pleased with them. The other quilt features those lovable Highland cows—so cute! There are sundry other fabrics that are calling. I may become a summer quilter.

It's my grow-op that is fascinating me. A shelf unit in my bedroom (with a kitten in the home there is no safe place, I sometimes forget to close the door!) is home to micro tomatoes, (almost ready to harvest), several types of petunias, cosmos, zinnia and sweet peas. I am learning how damp to keep the trays, when to pinch the tops and other 'stuff'. I was introduced to snail starting and I love it. The pop plastic strips (bubble wrap!) are working well for me. With the help of my gardening mentor - thanks Dawn! - I have learned how to carefully wrap very moist soil in a snail like coil. And then unwrap, and plant the seedlings deeper, and rewrap in due time. (Reminds me of my mother creating jelly rolls, and those were award winners). Next comes the cucumbers and melons. Playing in the dirt is refreshing and energizing.

Last week I was introduced to a song that struck me deeply. Perhaps I had heard it before, but this time I heard it, listened to it and identified with it. "The Older I Get", by Alan Jackson. It's where I am at this stage of life. The older I get; "it's the people you love, not the money and stuff that makes you rich...the longer I pray, I don't know why, I guess I've got more to say...the more thankful I feel for the life I've had and all the life I'm living still" That's me, at this stage. May it always be so. When I shared this with my son, he sent me a link to "Thank you Dad". This one is AI generated, the words still ring true. We concluded that these were songs that Ed would have loved, and learned, and therefore we would know them as well!

I want to be sitting in the back yard. Green grass. Birds atwittering. Buds bursting. Signs of new life everywhere. I know the day is coming and I am thankful, trying to be patient. The winter didn't seem overly long but this spring seems endless. A warm sunny day or two followed by a snowstorm. And repeat. So I am walking, and puttering and dreaming. But I'm restless!

From the archives

Editor's note: : The following articles from the Neepawa Press (plus this week's Right in the Centre column on page 4) show some of the history about how Neepawa's Yellowhead Centre came into existence.

Pool-gym-aud complex suggested as '70 project December 22, 1967

A community recreation complex to include an indoor swimming pool and gymnasium – auditorium, which would provide facilities for “year round” recreation, has been recommended as the Town of Neepawa Second Centennial Project for 1970, the year of Manitoba's Centennial celebrations. The recommendations was made in a report to Town of Council Tuesday night by Councillor Gerald Murray, chairman of the Council Centennial Committee. Other members of the special committee are Councillors Wally Cram, Max Elstone and John Fedorowich.

The committee report also contained three other recommendations in connection with the Second Centennial Project:

- That a new committee be formed of the 1968 Council at the inaugural meeting to continue the work on this project and further that Councillors Cram and Elstone should form a part of this committee.
- That the Council of 1968 authorize the committee to engage consultants to prepare preliminary drawings and cost estimates and discuss suggested sites, and that this be budgetted for in the 1968 budget
- That the 1968 committee work towards finaliz tion of investigations so that a vote on the proposed complex could be held in the fall of 1968.

Recommendations made by chairman of finance December 22, 1967

In conjunction with the report submitted on a proposed Second Centennial Project for Neepawa, Councillor Gerald Murray, chairman of the finance committee of Town Council, made four recommendations for consideration by the 1968 Council. As chairman of the finance committee and also chairman of the Council Centennial Project, he wished to pass on ideas regarding the financing of the recommended Second Centennial Project. The four recommendations were:

1. That the 1968 Council consider the allocation of one full mill to the Centennial Reserve Fund for the years 1968, 1969, and 1970, rather than the present \$4,000 per year allocation.
2. That should a surplus occur from the 1967 operating budget, that all 1967 surplus funds be transferred to the General Reserve.
3. That the 1968 Council consider amending By-Law No. 1912 to increase the allocation to the General Reserve from one-half mill to one mill for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.
4. That the new 1968 Finance Committee attempt to keep the General Reserve Fund in as liquid a position as possible, so that funds would be readily available for the proposed Second Centennial Project.

His recommendations will be referred to the finance committee of the 1968 Town Council.

Yellowhead complex valued at \$334,000

At the annual meeting of the Neepawa and District Centennial Project Committee Inc. held Thursday, Oct. 26 it was learned that the replacement cost of the Yellowhead Centre recreation complex is now estimated at \$334,122, exclusive of furnishings and moveable equipment.

A report submitted by J. Thomas Building Evaluations placed the value of the hall at \$104,986, the central service section at \$89,785 and the arena at \$139,351.

Forty persons, representing 18 organizations, were present at the meeting chaired by Gerald Murray. Following approval of a motion to increase the number of members on the board of directors from 16 to a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 25, a slate of officers was presented by Jack Huxley, chairman of the nominating committee.

No further nominations were

received by George Rey who chaired the election of officers and the following were declared elected by acclamation: Terry Atkinson, Dave Bennet, Merle Brydges, Ada Clarke, Glen Cummings, Bill Harding, Jim Instance, Orlie Johnson, Ralph Kilburn, Carman Lindsay, Wally Millan, Gerald Murray, Eleanor Nicholson, Cecil Pittman, Ron Roe, Robert Smith, Don Smith, Ross Tibbett, Walter Zeke, Jim Fleger.

The officers of the corporation will be selected by the directors from among their members.

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Nov. 2, 1972

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Arden United Church Women

Recently I have been sharing recipes from older community cookbooks. I have not tried all these recipes and I have been writing them out as they were originally printed. This means that sometimes some measurements might not be exact and sometimes the author assumed a knowledge of baking or cooking that we don't have anymore. A few generations ago, this wisdom was passed down from mother to daughter and did not need explanation.

Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Arden was built in 1893. The Ladies Aid was created the year before the church was built. They organized teas, socials, bazars and suppers to fundraise for the new church. This ambitious group of ladies purchased the church pews, pulpit, chairs and communion service from their activities. In 1927, the Arden Methodist Church and the Arden Presbyterian churches joined forces to become the United Church of Canada. The ladies continued to fund raise for various projects to support their church, community and many projects around the globe. In 1967 they compiled and published a Centennial Community Cookbook. I am sharing a few of the recipes from this cook book for you to enjoy.

Irish potato cakes Mrs. Ethel Goodwin

2 cups left-over mashed potatoes	1 cup flour
1 egg, beaten	3 tsp. baking powder
2 Tbsp. butter	1/2 tsp. salt

Mix well and knead lightly. Roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut into wedges. Fry in butter, bacon drippings or such until brown on both sides. Serve hot with main course.

Chili balls Marjorie Dyck

1/2 lb. ground beef	1/2 tsp. chili powder	1/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 lb. ground pork	1/2 tsp. salt	1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg		1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/4 cup milk	Sauce:	1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/3 cup rice	2 cups canned tomatoes	
1/4 cup chopped onions	1 cup water	

Mix meat thoroughly, add egg, milk, rice, onions, salt and chili powder. Shape into balls. Brown in a little hot butter. Combine tomatoes, water, onion, salt, chili powder and Worcestershire sauce in a pot and heat to boiling. Drop in the meatballs. Cover and cook slowly for an hour. Serves six.

Date nut tarts Mrs. Halton McGorman

1/2 cup butter	1 cup dates, chopped	Pastry shells, unbaked
1 1/4 cup sugar, divided	1 cup nuts, chopped	
3 eggs, separated	1 tsp. vanilla, divided	

Cream the butter with 1 cup sugar, add beaten egg yolks and one stiffly beaten egg white. Stir in chopped dates, nuts and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Pour into unbaked pastry shells. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 400°F for 15 minutes. Make a meringue with remaining 2 egg whites, add 1/4 cup of sugar and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Remove tarts from oven and spread with meringue. Return to oven, reducing heat to 325°F and bake for 15 minutes or until meringue is browned.

Shortbread cookies Florance Bradley

1 cup butter, room temperature	1/2 cup corn starch
1/2 cup icing sugar	1 cup flour

Cream butter and add sifted dry ingredients. Blend and shape into balls. Place on an ungreased sheet, press down with a fork. Bake in 300°F oven for 20-25 minutes. .

Apple gingerbread upside down cake Mrs. Ralph Lowe

Gingerbread:	1 1/2 cup flour	Sauce:
2 eggs	1 tsp. salt	1/4 butter
1 cup brown sugar	1 tsp. soda	3/4 cup brown sugar
1 cup sour cream	1 tsp. ginger	2 or 3 apples
1/2 cup molasses	1 tsp. cinnamon	

Stir together eggs, sugar, sour cream, molasses, add dry ingredients. Beat well together. Sauce: Melt butter in a baking dish. Add brown sugar and mix together. Arrange thick rings of apple in dish, cover with gingerbread batter and bake in a moderately slow oven (325°F) for 40 minutes. Invert to serve. Serves eight to nine.

Historic sites of Manitoba: Neepawa Salt Works

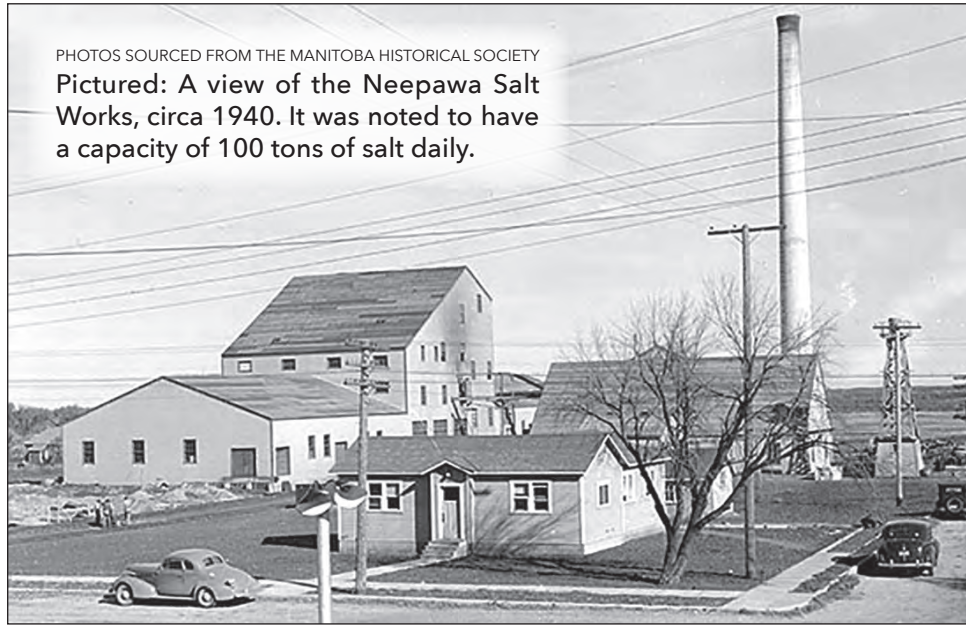
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The western portion of Manitoba is underlain by vast salt deposits created through evaporation of an inland sea that covered this area millions of years ago. Interest in exploiting these deposits commercially began when, in 1913, a government crew that was drilling for oil near Neepawa hit saltwater instead. In 1924, the Neepawa Salt Company was incorporated but the plant did not become operational until August 1932.

At first, the company produced 35 tons of salt per day, using water pumped from two deep wells evaporated in a vacuum apparatus. In 1935, it became

a subsidiary of Canadian Industries Limited (CIL) and it produced coarse salt used primarily by farmers and the meat-packing industry. A wholly new plant was built in 1940, about a half-mile from the original site, to meet the growing demand for high-quality salt. It consisted of two main buildings, enclosing 25,000 square feet of floor space and constructed at a cost of about \$350,000 by Carter-Halls-Aldinger, and evaporation pans built by the Manitoba Bridge and Iron Works, both of Winnipeg.

By 1942, with a staff of 30 to 40 men, the works



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Pictured: A view of the Neepawa Salt Works, circa 1940. It was noted to have a capacity of 100 tons of salt daily.

reached full production of 100 tons daily of coarse salt, fine table and dairy salt, and compressed salt blocks for livestock. Four

vacuum pans 48 feet high and nine feet wide were used to "cook" salt 24 hours a day. It was believed to be the only salt works in North

America that produced salt from natural brine, as opposed to most plants where water was pumped into the ground to dissolve rock salt

and bring it to the surface. At its height, the facility produced about 22,500 tons of salt annually.


In 1951, the works were sold to a new company, Canadian Salt Limited (CSL), based at Montreal, Quebec. The opening of a potash mine near Belle Plaine, Saskatchewan in 1969 resulted in the economical production of salt as a byproduct. This led CSL to close the Neepawa plant in January 1970. Some of the complex was demolished or moved away but a part of it, deemed to be sufficiently solid, was incorporated into a community hall and sports arena built as a Manitoba centennial project. It remains in place today.



Above: The Salt Works as they appeared in 1958.

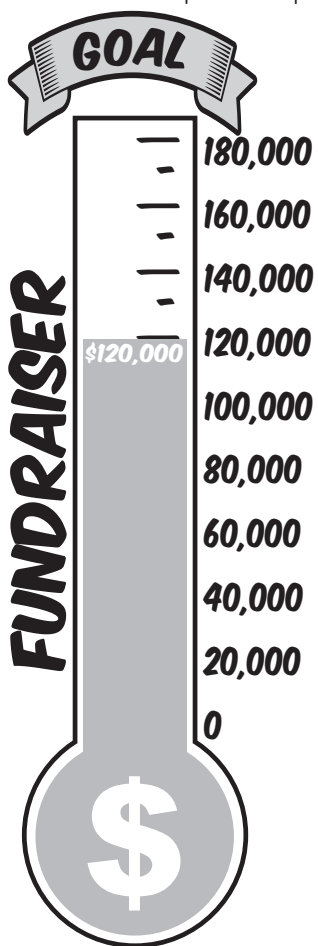


Right: A photo of the Yellowhead Centre dated to 2024. A portion of what remained of the Salt Works after its closure was used to create the Yellowhead.



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Minnedosa Regional Health Foundation is embarking on a fundraising campaign to purchase equipment for the Minnedosa Health Centre. After consultations with the staff and physicians, the following items have been identified to be important to improve and maintain medical care.



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The total cost for this equipment is \$180,000. Some purchases will replace the old equipment and some purchases will allow caregivers to provide new procedures at our hospital. All purchases will improve the care provided at Minnedosa Health Centre and ensure more of the patients' needs can be met locally. By providing the necessary tools, our doctors and nurses will have greater job satisfaction which creates a positive work environment. This positive work culture benefits patients and may attract new staff.

In the effort to support medical services for the community and surrounding area, the Minnedosa Regional Health Foundation encourages donations to achieve this goal. The Foundation is a charitable organization and income tax receipts are issued for all donations.

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Advocacy group encouraged by Clear Lake boating change

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Parks Canada has announced motorized watercraft will be back on the waters of Clear Lake this summer. After a two-year prohibition was put in place to prevent the spread of zebra mussels, federal officials confirmed on Wednesday, Apr. 8, that they will allow motorized vehicles use in 2026.

Parks Canada said the move follows “several months of public engagement, consultation with Indigenous partners, ongoing environmental monitoring, and a comprehensive third-party review.”

While the return of motorized boating is welcome news for many, it will come with a series of new rules in place designed to balance recreation with environmental protection.

Among the measures being introduced are an expanded no-wake zone to reduce shoreline erosion, two designated days each week reserved for non-motorized watercraft, and quiet periods at dawn and dusk when only paddlers will be allowed on the lake.

Officials say final program details are still being

worked out and will be shared ahead of the park’s operating season in May.

FFCL pleased with action

The announcement has been met with cautious optimism by Fairness for Clear Lake (FFCL), a community group that has pushed for the return of boating access. FFCL spokesperson Trevor Boquist said that overall, they’re pleased with the decision.

“We are encouraged to see a path forward for boating on Clear Lake,” said Boquist. “Clear Lake has always been a place where people connect with the water, and that experience is an important part of both community life and the visitor experience.”

The FFCL also acknowledged Riding Mountain National Park Superintendent Tom Sheldon, who they say has helped rebuild trust between the people of the Clear Lake and Parks Canada, over the last six months.

“We recognize the care and effort that has gone into this decision,” said Boquist.

From a mint to a meal

Rhythm Day Camp project instills confidence in Neepawa Kids

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

A group of young campers in Neepawa recently spent their spring break learning an important lesson in confidence and communication, and doing so in a fun, hands-on way.

Tara McCarty, alongside co-leader Sabrina Watson, launched their very first Rhythm Kids Camp during the break. The all-day program, which was held on Thursday, Apr. 2, was designed to help children grow stronger and more confident through movement, teamwork and communication.

One of the standout moments of the camp was the Trade Up Challenge, also known as ‘Bigger and Better.’ McCarty explained that the concept was simple, starting with just a single mint from Neepawa Rhythm - Spin and Yoga, the 19 kids in attendance set out on a 1.5-kilometre journey through town. Their goal was to trade their item for something bigger or better at each stop.

As part of the process, the kids stepped outside their comfort zone by introducing themselves to local business owners, explaining their mission and thinking creatively about how to make each trade worthwhile.

Local businesses opened their doors and embraced the efforts of the youngsters, turning this simple activity into a town-wide show of encouragement. Among those who participated were:



TOP PICTURE BY EOIN DEVEREUX. ABOVE LEFT AND RIGHT PICTURES SUBMITTED

The members of the Rhythm Kids Club made the round around several local businesses on Thursday, Aug. 2, as part of the Trade up Challenge.

- The Salvation Army;
- Tsibogs Eatery;
- Venus Hair & Body Care.
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Ultimately, the kid’s efforts paid off in a delicious way, as the final trade was able to obtain a pizza and spring rolls, a well-earned

reward for a successful challenge. But the real success story was the overwhelming support from the community.

“The support we received was incredible,” McCarty said. “It showed the kids just how strong and caring this community is.”

McCarty also noted

that what began as a small piece of candy turned into a powerful lesson in courage and communication.

“The kids had to really put themselves out there,” said McCarty. “They learned how to speak confidently, adapt on the spot and work together. It was incredible to watch.”

Market report

By Blaine Huston
Gl adstone Auction

We sold 1,932 head on Tuesday, Mar. 14.

We had about 230 butcher cattle to start the day on a very strong market, here’s how they sold:

- D1-D2 cows \$2.20-2.40.
- D3 older cows \$1.90-2.19.
- Feeding type cows \$2.40-2.67.

- Bulls \$2.65-2.85.

On the feeder side of things, I’d call it a very strong market. Here are some market highlights from Tuesday’s sale:

- We had a package of 37 red and black steers weighing 955 pounds bring

\$4.6250 a pound (\$4,418 a head).

- Four black steers come in the ring weighing 732 pounds and cash in at \$5.99 a pound (\$4,383 per head).

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4-500 lbs.	\$7.80 to 8.92
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6-700 lbs.	\$5.80 to 6.90
7-800 lbs.	\$5.05 to 6.14
8-900 lbs.	\$4.50 to 5.43
900+ lbs.	\$4.00 to 4.76

Heifers

4-500 lbs.	\$6.70 to 7.50
5-600 lbs.	\$5.80 to 6.77
6-700 lbs.	\$4.95 to 6.13
7-800 lbs.	\$4.40 to 5.30
8-900 lbs.	\$3.95 to 4.79
900+ lbs.	\$3.50 to 4.40

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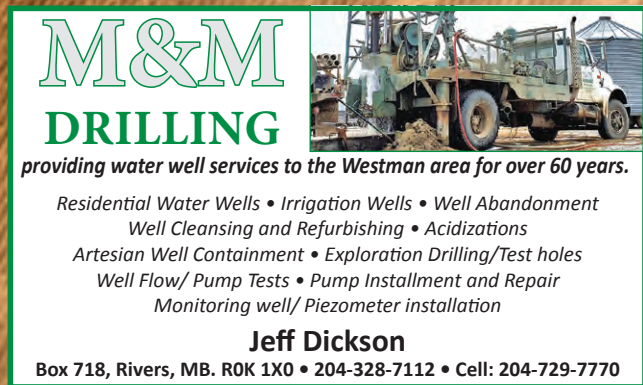


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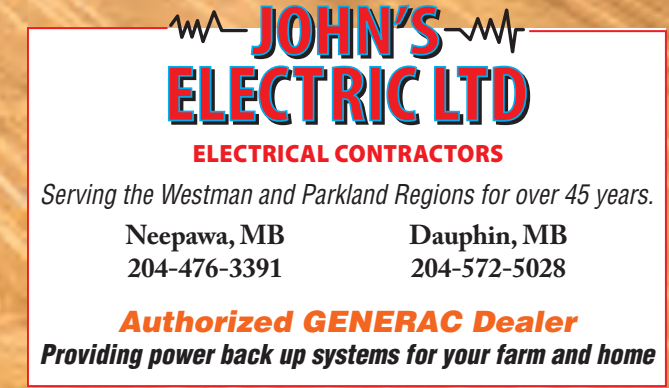
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Putting the prospects through their paces

Neepawa Titans hold Spring Development Camp in Minnedosa

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Titans are turning their attention to the future, after recently hosting their 2026 Spring Development Camp. The event was held at Minnedosa's Sunrise Credit Union Place from Apr. 10 to 12, and featured a strong turnout with just over 60 players in attendance.

Held just weeks after the conclusion of the Titans' 2025-26 campaign, the camp assembled a group of 2009 and 2010-born players, eager to showcase their abilities.

The majority of the first day of camp focused heavily on a variety of conditioning and situational awareness drills. Once the coaches and scouts were able to evalu-

ate the player's endurance and hockey IQ, attention turned to a series of full inter-squad games.

Titans head coach and general manager Ken Pearson said he was encouraged by what he saw over the weekend from these sessions.

"A number of players separated themselves over the course of the weekend. We feel there's a solid group that has put themselves in a position to be invited back to main camp in the fall," stated Pearson.

Pearson added that he felt that everything both on and off the ice for the camp ran very smoothly, which helped create a positive environment for both players and team staff.



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Just over 60 players participated in the Neepawa Titans Spring Development Camp, held in Minnedosa at the Sunrise Credit Union Centre from Apr. 10 to 12.

IWC win Neepawa Ballers Senior title



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The IWC Kings were victorious in the Neepawa Ballers Winter League Basketball final, defeating the Brandon Ballers 78-76 on Sunday, Apr. 11. The game was won with an amazing last second shot from beyond the three point line. Congrats to IWC.

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Tenders should be submitted to the municipal office at the following address by noon on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026.
Dated this 14th day of April, A.D. 2026

Wendy Wutzke, BSc, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne
Box 10, Glenella, MB R0J 0V0
Phone 204-352-4281
Email: rmofglen@glenella.ca

MUNICIPALITY OF McCREARY HOMETOWN GREEN TEAM SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Municipality of McCreary is inviting applications for the Hometown Green Team Program. We are seeking to fill two full-time seasonal positions responsible for mowing, maintenance, and horticultural care.

Applications should be marked **Green Team** and will be accepted until **12:00 Noon, Thursday, April 30, 2026**, by mail, delivery, fax, or email.

Please submit your resume with three references to the address set out below:

Municipality of McCreary
Box 338 - 432 First Avenue. McCreary, MB R0J 1B0
Telephone: (204) 835-2309 • Fax: (204) 835-2649
Email: municipality@mccreary.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The position will only be awarded to the successful candidates pending provincial grant approval.

The Town of Neepawa is accepting applications for a SKILLED LABOURER III - PUBLIC WORKS

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Successful completion, or willing to complete by 2026: Class I & II certification in both Water Distribution & Waste Water Collection through the Manitoba Water and Waste Water Association;

Permanent, full-time position (40 hours per week Monday to Friday). Must be able to work some flexible shift work when required, including overtime and on-call work. This position is offered in accordance with the conditions identified in the Collective Agreement between the Town of Neepawa and CUPE Local 1735-01.

Applications, including Resume, accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday April 24, 2026 @
Town of Neepawa, P.O. Box 339,
275 Hamilton St., Neepawa, MB, R0J 1H0
E-Mail: operations@neepawa.ca

Visit www.neepawa.ca for more details.

Thank You

THANK YOU

The Erickson Legion #143 would like to acknowledge and commend all our wonderful volunteers. With your support and commitment, you ensured the continued success of many events over the past year. Your dedication is so appreciated and valued. And to anyone wanting to join us, please feel free to come out and help us all make a difference.

Obituary



Sharon Lynne Oliver

Born ~ February 6, 1941
Neepawa, Manitoba

Passed Away ~ January 21, 2026
Neepawa, Manitoba

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Help Wanted



Industrial Plant Cleaner (NOC 65312)

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 10 positions.

The current starting wage is \$24.00/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
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
- Employee Referral program - \$500!
- Free parking
- Company events
- And more!!!!

Your duties may include:

- Cleaning and sanitizing butcher and slaughter production areas and everything in between to ensure top-quality food safety standards.
- Operating cleaning equipment like high-pressure hoses to clean production equipment.
- Using cleaning chemicals with respect and following Material Safety Data Sheets.
- Ensuring all Quality Assurance checks are performed.
- Maintaining a safe, clean, and organized work area throughout the facility.
- Collaborating as a team to meet tight deadlines, ensuring production floors operate on time.

We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and climbing.
- 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

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, 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.
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 In Person at 623 Main St. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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

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



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:

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- Fully integrated facility – Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
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- 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

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HyLife has an accommodation process for employees with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation during your employment because of a disability, please contact Jobs@hylife.com. An HR representative will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Reasonable accommodations will be determined on a case-by-case basis and our accommodation policy can be forwarded upon request.

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Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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.

The current starting wage is \$20.75/hour with incremental increases to \$22.05/hour based on tenure

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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
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Your duties may involve:

- 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. Understanding of animal behavior
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months 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

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invites applications for the following positions:

Permanent School Bus Driver - Route # 8
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See Division website for more details on these positions at www.beautifulplainsd.ca
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Invites applications for the following position:

Accounting Assistant
 at the Division Office in Neepawa, MB
 Full time permanent position commencing June 1st, 2026 or a date mutually agreed.

Maintain accounts payable, purchase order processes, GST/PST and equipment/asset database

Deadline: NOON, Monday, April 27th, 2026
 See Division website for more details on this position at www.beautifulplainsd.ca
 Click on Job Postings.

Career Opportunity



Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op is hiring
SEASONAL CLASS 1 AND 3 DRIVERS
 for our upcoming **AGRO SEASON** at our **AGRO CENTRE'S in NEEPAWA & GLADSTONE, MANITOBA.**

Who we are:

Co-op does business differently. As a co-operative, we believe in working together to serve Western Canadians, delivering profits back to our communities and investing in sustainable growth. To learn more about who we are and how you can help bring our brand to life, visit us at www.neepawagladstoneco-op.crs

We are looking for:

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 We are seeking experienced Class 1 and Class 3 truck drivers to join our team. The ideal candidates will possess a valid driver's license and be able to provide a commercial driver's abstract dated within the last 30 days at the time of the interview. Employment will range from 2-6 months.

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At Co-op, we embrace diversity and inclusion, and we're working to create a workplace that is as diverse as the communities we serve. We support and provide an environment that allows all to bring their whole selves to work.

Apply online at www.neepawagladstoneco-op.crs or contact us at j.bray@neepawagladstonecoop.com

Applications can be mailed to:
 Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op
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Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
2026 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Pursuant to Section 162 (2) of The Municipal Act, that Council of the RM of Rosedale intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing: April 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM, Council Chambers, 282 Hamilton Street, Neepawa

Copies of the Financial Plan and additional information can be viewed online at RMRosedale.com or at the office at 282 Hamilton Street during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 am).

Dated this 10th day of April, 2026.

Jordan Willner, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of Rosedale

**MUNICIPALITY OF McCREARY
PUBLIC NOTICE
2026 FINANCIAL PLAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act, that the Council of the Municipality of McCreary intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing:

April 28, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

**Council Chambers at the Municipal Office
432 First Avenue, McCreary**

Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the proposed financial plan will be made available for review and may be examined by any person during regular office hours of the municipal office located at 432 First Avenue. Questions and comments may also be directed by letter to the Chief Administrative Officer or by email to municipality@mccreary.ca.

Dated this 25th day of March 2026.

Lorilee Ryzner, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of McCreary



**The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah
REGARDING THE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah on the 14th day of May, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the financial plan are available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the municipal office at 49 Main Street, Minnedosa, MB.

Aaren Robertson, C.M.M.A., C.A.O.
Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah



**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE
FOR GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on October 28, 2026.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Officer (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise, or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of head of council:
between May 1, 2026, and September 22, 2026

For the office of councillor:
between June 30, 2026, and September 22, 2026

To make an appointment to obtain a registration form, contact the SEO at the telephone number or email listed below.

Laura Burke, SEO
Phone number: 204-685-2472 or 204-871-2380
Fax number: 204-685-2616
EMAIL: elections@northnorfolk.ca

Dated at MacGregor, MB on April 13, 2026

Laura Burke
Senior Election Officer
Municipality of North Norfolk

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Interested applicants should forward a resume and cover letter no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 22, 2026, to info@taylorlawpatersons.ca

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**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**



On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person who wishes to make them in respect to the following matter:

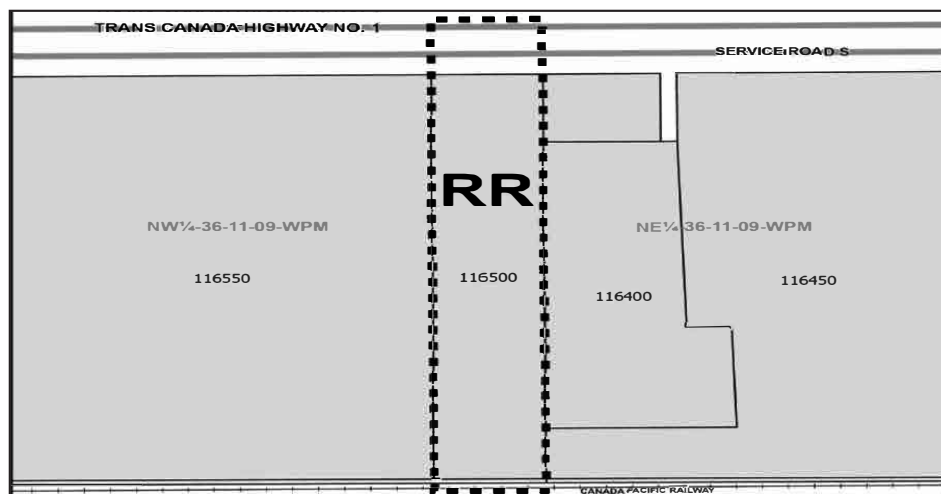
THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK BY-LAW NO. 138-2026 being an AMENDMENT to the MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW 121-2025.

HEARING LOCATION:
Municipality of North Norfolk Council Chambers at 27 Hampton St. E, MacGregor, Manitoba

DATE AND TIME:
Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW 79/2021:
To amend part of Development Plan Overview Map of the Nor-Mac Development Plan By-Law by redesignating from "R/A" RURAL/AGRICULTURAL POLICY AREA TO "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL POLICY AREA.

AREA AFFECTED:
Redesignate land part of NW 36-11-9WPM legally described as, roll 116500 as shown outlined in a heavy broken line on the map attached here from "R/A" Rural/Agriculture Policy area to "RR" Rural Residential Policy Area.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Theresa Bergen, Chief Administrative Officer,
Municipality of North Norfolk
Phone 204-685-2211

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the locations noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on:

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Officer (SEO) before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

CANDIDATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED:

- For the office of Head of Council (Reeve) between May 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026
- For the office of Councillor between June 30, 2026 and September 22, 2026

at the **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA** office at Alonsa, MB during regular office hours

To obtain a registration form or for more information, contact:

Tami Dumanske
Senior Elections Official

Phone: 204-767-2054

Email: cao@mofalonsa.com



Carberry

**DISCOVER. GROW. BELONG.
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FINANCIAL PLAN 2026**

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act, that council of the Town of Carberry intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing:

May 4, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
44 Main Street, Carberry, MB

Copies of the proposed financial plan are available on our website www.townofcarberry.ca, or at the office at 44 Main Street during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Dated this 17th day of April, 2026

Teresa McConnell, C.M.M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Carberry

**NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST /
PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION
Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone**

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at:

Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone office at 14 Dennis St E, Gladstone MB, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm or by contacting the SEO (address below)

At this time the Senior Election Officer (SEO) (or designee) will be available to update the voters list by:

- (a) adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- (b) deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- (c) making such other correction of errors to the list as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

A person is eligible to have their name added to the Voters List if he or she is:

- 1) a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- 2) a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to election day.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before September 22, 2016

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:

A voter may apply in writing to the SEO (at the address) no later than September 18, 2026 to have their name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or email and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

Dated at GLADSTONE in the Province of Manitoba, on April 17, 2026.

EILEEN PETERS
Senior Election Officer (SEO)
204-871-4495
seo@westlake-gladstone.ca

MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE
Box 150, Gladstone MB R0J 0T0

Notice

**MUNICIPALITY OF McCREARY
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On the date and at the time and location described below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect of the following matter:

BY-LAW NO. 04-2026 being a new Development Plan By-Law for the Municipality of McCreary.

HEARING LOCATION:

Municipality of McCreary Council Chambers
432 First Avenue
McCreary, Manitoba

DATE & TIME:

May 19, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW NO. 04-2026

The intent of this By-Law is to adopt a Development Plan By-Law for the amalgamated Municipality of McCreary. The proposed Development Plan sets out the community's goals, objectives and policies to guide future development within the community.

The Development Plan will apply to all land located within the Municipality of McCreary.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Municipality of McCreary
Box 338 – 432 First Avenue
McCreary, Manitoba R0J 1B0
Phone: 204-835-2309
Email: municipality@mccreary.ca

A copy of the proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during regular office hours, Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from, upon request.

**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MINTO-ODANAH

Please be advised that a municipal by-election will be held on October 28, 2026.

Prospective municipal election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations:

For the office of Reeve: Between May 1, 2026 and September 22, 2026

For the office of Councillor: Between June 30, 2026 and September 22, 2026

at the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah office, 49 Main St. S., Minnedosa, Manitoba during the regular hours of business.

To obtain a registration form contact the S.E.O. at the email or telephone number listed below.

Dated at Minnedosa in the Province of Manitoba, on April 14, 2026.

Aaren Robertson, Senior Election Official
Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah
Box 1197
Minnedosa, Manitoba
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**MUNICIPALITY OF McCREARY
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VARIATION ORDER
001-2026**

The Municipality of McCreary, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at the Municipality of McCreary Council Chambers – 432 First Avenue, McCreary, Manitoba on Tuesday, April 28 2026, at 4:00 PM at which time and place Council will receive written or verbal representations from the applicant and any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following application matter:

Application for Variance Order under the Rural Municipality of McCreary Zoning By-Law Number 2004-03

Where: 114121 Road 90W – NW 6-20-15W
Property Owner: Stanley Henowitch
Applicant: Stanley Henowitch
Proposal: To vary the maximum site area from 10 to 40.93 acres

Zoning: AG Zone

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from, upon request.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorilee Ryzner, Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of McCreary
Telephone: 204-835-2309

**Additions To The Voters List and/or
Personal Security Protection Requests**

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act (MCSBEA), the Rural Municipal of Alonsa Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa can have their name added to the Voters List, or have information about the voter already on the list; corrected.
- Any person can request to have their name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting locations.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Elections Official, in person, by email, or mail to:

Rural Municipality of Alonsa
Box 127 - Alonsa, MB - R0H 0A0
Phone: 204-767-2054
Email: info@rmofalonsa.com

Tami Dumanske
Senior Elections Official



**PUBLIC NOTICE
Additions to the Voters List
and/or Personal Security
Protection Requests**

Municipality of North Norfolk

In accordance with Section 36 of The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act, the Voters List for the Municipality of North Norfolk is open for changes or revisions.

- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of the Municipality of North Norfolk can have his or her name added to the Voters List or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.
- A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official, in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

Municipality of North Norfolk
27 Hampton Street East
P.O. Box 190
MacGregor, MB R0H 0R0
Telephone No: (204) 685-2211
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The next Municipal General Election takes place in October of 2026.

Laura Burke,
Senior Election Official

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The pothole report

This page is dedicated to tracking down and spotlighting some of the rough patches of roads and parking lots in Neepawa, so that you can avoid them. Please note, some patch work has already begun and will be spotlighted as well. If there are good or bad locations you've noticed, please email a picture and their location to news@neepawabanner.com. But also, inform the town office and the local businesses where the issues are located, because they can't fix 'em if you don't tell them about it.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Near the corner of Mountain and Ellen in Neepawa, between the Canada Safeway and the 200 block strip mall.



PICTURE BY BANNER & PRESS STAFF

The front driver's side tire of this vehicle was the victim of crumbling parking lot divide for a business on the 200 block of Davidson Street.



PICTURE BY BANNER & PRESS STAFF

Patching is underway across Neepawa as several potholes along the 400 block of Mountain Ave have been filled

Family grateful for World War I medal's return

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Mitch Cuthbert originally found the medal in spring of 2024 while metal detecting in Russell, where he had been temporarily staying for work. After uncovering the Silver Cross at the Odikia park, both Cuthbert and his parents began working toward locating a member of Pte. Davidson's family. And, in September of 2025, the story was brought forward to the Neepawa Banner & Press.

At that time, Cuthbert had shared that if a member of Pte. Davidson's family could not be found, the medal would instead be donated to either a museum in the Russell area, or the Russell Legion.

However, as reported in the Mar. 31, 2026 edition of the Russell Banner, the Silver Cross now resides with descendant Ritchie Davidson.

"It represents what that family went through. That's why it was important to re-



FILE PHOTOS

Above left and middle: Shown here is a close up of the front and back of the World War I memorial Silver Cross, as it appeared when shown to the Neepawa Banner & Press in 2025. The medal would have originally been presented to Pte. Davidson's mother, Martha.

Pictured right: The late Pte. Nelson Davidson, of Russell, who was killed in action in defense of the Ypres Salient in June of 1916.

turn it," Cuthbert said in the article. "For the Davidson family, the return of the medal provides another link to relatives whose lives were cut short more than a century ago. The two brothers are a part of a larger extended family in the Russell area, and their

story has been passed down through generations."

Speaking personally on the medal's reunion with the family, Ritchie was quoted to say, "It was pretty special to see it come back to the family. It's not something we expected to ever find."

The medal was well prepared for the reunion. Cuthbert and his family had organized a 'shadow box' display which contained a photo of Pte. Nelson, his information, and the medal itself—complete with a new ribbon.

The gratitude of Ritchie



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and his family was evident in the Russell Banner article. On behalf of the family, he stated, "This story is really about a kind man and his family who found an heirloom of the Davidson

family and worked so hard to find us and return it to us. It adds to our understanding of our family history, and we're very grateful that it was found and returned."

2026 Arden Mixed Bonspiel winners declared



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The winners have been declared for Arden's 2026 Mixed Bonspiel, which was held from Apr. 3 to 5 at the Arden Curling Club. Congratulations to each of the teams. Above: James Paramor, Denis Orton, Marg Goodwill, and Myles Gowan, winners of the Plett Construction First Event.



The winners of the Tridekon Second Event were Hammar Jackson, Allan Jackson, Siobhan Jackson, and Harvey Jackson.

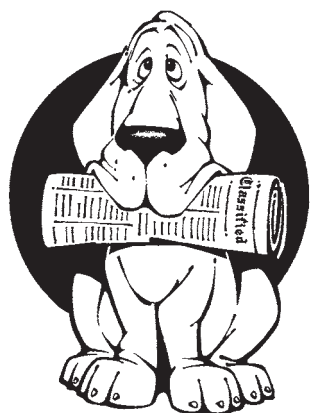


The winners of the Kulbacki Ag Supply and CAMO Cattle Co Third Event were Mathew Kulbacki, Ollie Kulbacki, Tara McCarty, Susan Kohinski, and Candice Newton (missing from photo).

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Sounds of the world in rural Manitoba



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Two communities were treated to a free pop-up performance by the renowned duo known as Jâca last week. On Apr. 8, the award-winning clarinet and guitar group entertained at Brews Brothers Bistro over the lunch hour, and in Minnedosa during the evening.

The duo, composed of Dr.s Wesley Ferreira (right) and Jaxon Williams (left), have toured North America, South America, and Europe since 2018, bringing their style and charm to both art series and music festivals, as well as national television and radio, worldwide. Their music is described as "cross-vidid, folk-inspired melodies", blending in genres such as Spanish Flamenco and more.

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