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as our office will be closed Wednesday, September 30th for **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Stitches of Remembrance

Neepawa Poppy Project provides update, welcomes more contributors

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

One stitch at a time, things are coming along nicely for the Neepawa Poppy Project. The Neepawa Banner & Press had the opportunity to receive an update from the organizing group on Monday, Sept. 14, and get a sneak peak at their progress.

Some of the members of the local Poppy Project initiative had gathered at the Neepawa United-Anglican Church's CEC building that day to bind completed poppies together to form a poppy blanket. Representative Lane Englund explained that this is being done using a durable garden mesh, which the crocheted poppies are being secured to.

"We have for sure down there," Englund said, gesturing down the length of the mesh to a bright red patch at the end of a set of joined tables, "already 250 tied on. And that was about eight feet."

She added, "We have committed 3,000 (poppies), so we're going to have quite a few feet."

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PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Stephanie Elman, Bea Betz, Brenda Ferguson, Lois Graham, Melanie Bernette, Janice McCracken, and Lane England were all hard at work at the Neepawa United-Anglican Church recently, attaching hand-made poppies to a garden mesh for Neepawa's own poppy blanket. The project is ongoing.

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Beautiful Plains says ‘not yet’ to new phys ed curriculum

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Beautiful Plains School Division is taking a patient approach to Manitoba’s new health and physical education curriculum, choosing not to immediately participate in the two-year pilot program.

Late last month, the Province announced the introduction of the ‘Every Body, Every Day’ policy, which makes in-person physical education mandatory for students from kindergarten through Grade 12. Approximately 100 schools across Manitoba are participating in the two-year pilot, during which teachers and parents will have the chance to provide feedback on the curriculum.

Jason Young, the Superintendent for Beautiful Plains School Division spoke with the Banner & Press, and confirmed no schools within the Division will be a part of that initial 100. Young explained that the timing of the provincial announcement, so close to the start of the new school year, played a significant role in that decision.

“Being that the announcement and curriculum release was not made until Aug. 27, we felt that our system and students would

be best served by not rushing an implementation that still had many unanswered questions,” he said.

The ‘Every Body, Every Day’ project is the first major update in 25 years and includes new learning outcomes addressing issues such as:

- *Mental-health impacts of social media;*
- *Artificial intelligence;*
- *Vaping and supplement marketing; and*
- *e-scooter safety.*

Young did note that those are topics which are already discussed in our schools as part of every day programming to help our kids stay safe.

He concluded the conversation by stating the division recognizes the need for an update, but wants to examine the changes carefully before moving ahead.

“After 25 years the curriculum needed to be updated as many things in our world have changed,” Young expressed. “That being said, we also want to make sure we are looking closely at what is in the new curriculum and the impacts prior to jumping in.”

It’s expected that the Division will use the current school year to review the new curriculum with staff.

Working ‘The Field’ helps end world hunger

2026 Springhill Farms charity project report



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAKE HAMM

Producers out harvesting wheat at Springhill Farms on Aug. 29 for the charitable project known as ‘The Field’, which annually supports the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The harvest was recently completed, with the product set to be delivered and its yield tallied.

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Producers were hard at work at Springhill Farms recently. Combines and other large machinery were on-site to harvest for ‘The Field’— an annual local effort to help the Canadian Foodgrains Bank end global hunger.

“The harvest was 160 acres of hard spring wheat,” said Jake Hamm, a representative for The Field.

The final tally for the yield of that golden harvest was not yet available. However, it is expected to provide a welcome boon to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank’s efforts. According to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank:

- About 645 million people in the world experience hunger;
- Nearly 98 per cent of people experiencing hunger live in developing countries; and,

• Approximately 80 per cent of displaced people live in countries affected by long-term hunger.

Through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, over \$1 billion in food related assistance has been contributed to combat hunger throughout the world.

Anyone who would like to lend a helping hand by participating in Springhill Farms’ ‘The Field’ is asked

to contact Jake Hamm (204-570-2446), or fellow The Field representative David Wollman (204-476-6767).

In his closing comments, Hamm extended a word of gratitude on behalf of the ‘The Field’ team, stating, “A big thank you to businesses and individuals already supporting the efforts in our effort to end hunger.”

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Looking Back

1976: Allum declared Ladies' Golf champion

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
September 17, 1901**

Local Nimrods went forth in battle array yesterday to hunt the fleet-winged prairie chicken. Who got the biggest bag could not be decided last night.

Neepawa butchers have had difficulty recently in getting sufficient beef cattle to supply the local market. Some have been brought from the west.

Vigorous vegetation is boasted of on all sides but it is doubtful if any one can produce a longer potato vine than Jas. Skelding, who pulled one last week measuring six feet and one inch in length.

It is claimed that skim milk or buttermilk readily mixes with kerosene, forming an emulsion which destroys insects without danger or injury to animals or plants on which they might be, that might result from use of pure oil and water.

A report comes from London, England, that in future the command of

the Canadian militia is to be given to an officer closely connected with the Dominion. This is taken in official circles to mean that the next appointee will be a Canadian.

On Oct. 1, the Morden Chronicle will pass into the hands of Geo. McCuish, of the Winnipeg Tribune staff. J. F. Galbraith, the retiring proprietor, is one of Manitoba's oldest and most respected journalists. Mr. Galbraith intends removing either to Oregon or Washington.

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Renewed assurances are given by the Provincial Treasurer that the CNR will build into Neepawa this year. He says it was the steel strike that caused delay!

A progressive farmer in the Carman district says that every week during this past spring and summer, his average weekly receipts from the sale of butter and eggs have been nine dollars.

Brown's millinery

opening Friday and Saturday.

**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
September 21, 1926**

Glencairn: Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Gladstone called here on their way to McCreary on Saturday. Mr. Rogers presented Mrs. Clements with a beautiful bouquet of flowers out of his garden. He took second prize for the best garden in Gladstone.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
September 20, 1951**

Neepawa's third school now in operation in S. D. No. 126, the ultra-modern West Park School and Auditorium, was officially opened Saturday evening. Miss Hazel Kellington officiated at the opening ceremonies in the auditorium, cutting the ribbon drawn across the stage and declaring the new building open.

Kelwood: Gordon Stimpson received word that he was awarded a bursary from the Technical Institute, Winnipeg. He plans on completing grade XI this year.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
September 16, 1976**

Thirteen year-old Dale Szucki from Polonia wasn't on the winning ball club, but he definitely came out a champion in the recent Canadian Beaver League Baseball Championships.

Dale was picked up by the Gilbert Plains ball club, the Manitoba champs, to play in the Invitational Canadian Beaver Championships

in Medicine Hat on Sept. 4, 5 and 6.

The Gilbert Plains team lost the Canadian Championship by a heart breaking one point to the Eastern Canada champions, Nova Scotia. The final score in that game was 11-10 for Nova Scotia.

But, after the final game, Dale was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the series.

Chris Heywood has high praise for the local volunteers who helped make the Neepawa Summer Games a success...

Heywood knows perhaps better than anyone how much work was put into the preparations for the Games. As volunteer secretary for the Neepawa Summer Games Committee, she downplays the countless hours she put in herself answering questions, the telephone, letters and looking after all the nitty gritty details that have to be taken care of.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
September 18, 2006**

Erickson: Erickson's Glen Shellborn will be presented with the 2006 Distinguished Cooperator Award at a ceremony next month.

Council revised its financial plan at a public meeting Tuesday, transferring \$120,000 from its Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. There were no objections.

The transfer clears the way for the purchase of a Kenworth fire rescue unit, to replace the unit that



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Ladies' Golfing Champion Stella Allum was pleased with her performance in a tournament in September of 1976. She is pictured here with an award that was presented to her.

has been in use for over 20 years.

Kelwood: Start planning for next year's fair as the Kelwood Agricultural Society will be marking 100 years.

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Sunday Sept. 20th United Church Service at 10:30 am. Gladstone Legion members will be in attendance, and lunch will follow the service.

Tuesday Sept. 22nd. Crosses will be laid on the Veteran's graves at 1:30 pm at the Gladstone Cemetery.

Tuesday Sept. 22nd Crib at 1:30 pm.

Wednesday Sept. 23rd Early Bird Membership Drive 1-3pm.

Wednesday Sept. 23rd Bingo at 7 pm.

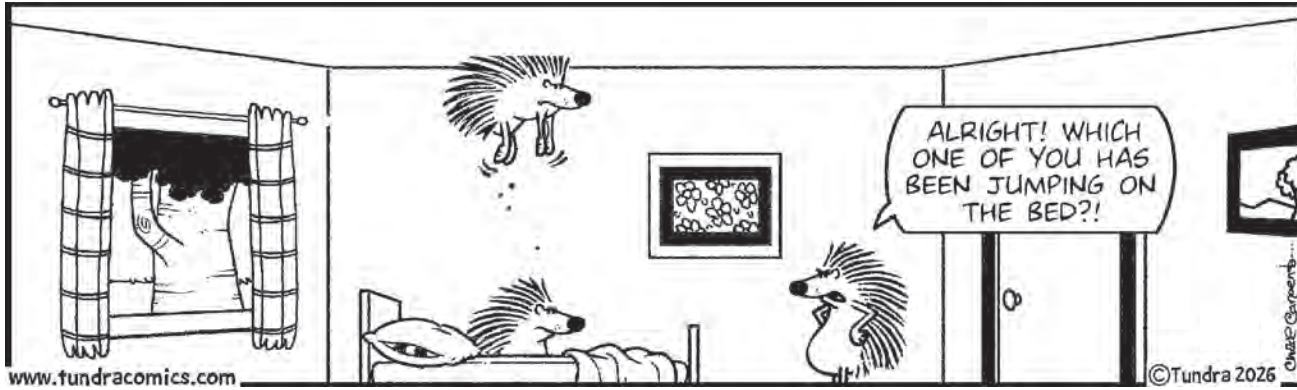
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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Be aware—history may be erased

According to an article in Forbes magazine published on Aug. 17, 2026 there is a big move afoot by big tech companies. The Forbes magazine article claims that big tech companies are buying up rare books currently and by the hundreds. They reportedly take the purchased rare books to a warehouse, cut the spines off the books, then run the pages through a document feeder and scanner. That gives them an electronic copy of the book. That in itself is disturbing because the purchased books are allegedly being destroyed and shredded. That gives the big tech companies exclusive access to that rare or irreplaceable information. There is then the very real possibility that these tech companies could take that electronic copy and edit it to say what they want a book to say or what some people want it to say. That's an extra level of evil and I find it quite despicable.

I'm reminded of all the local newspapers scattered across Canada and almost all of them have archives and that includes the Rivers Banner, The Neepawa Banner & Press and the Virden Empire-Advance. These three papers are owned by the Waddell family. Tucked away in a safe room, hopefully community papers have access to those archives. This illustrates a point that I've been making for a few years now about the importance of print. I've always maintained that print is the most dependable medium. Audio can be modified, video certainly can be modified, online presentations can certainly be modified. That said, I've maintained that print copies that are saved and archived are permanent



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and that is true to a point but if print documents can be scanned and converted to an electronic format, they can also be changed so people who want to ignore history can simply re-write it by changing a document electronically. For example, if a document like a local newspaper were to get into the hands of these big tech changers it's quite possible the history of a community could be re-written unless of course it has been kept somewhere else in a print form. It's easy to understand why the tech companies would want to do this. By his process, they would have exclusive access to be the only channel of access to history, to literature and to any facts that pertain to a particular community or event. I doubt that anybody will be able to pass laws strong enough to overcome the processing drive and energy of

big tech companies. They do already in many ways control every aspect of our lives. When they have access to media, access to local government, provincial or federal governments we will be totally dependent on big tech to provide us with their “version” of history or programs or facts.

They used to say, “Get it in writing”. It may be more to the point in the future to say, “Keep it in writing? and I don’t mean a chopped up, re-configured version that’s according to ‘Big Tech’s’ will and profit. Books, newspaper records and documents belong in archives and libraries, not a shredder bin at a recycling centre.

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HOMEBODIES

RITA FRIESEN



Day trip discoveries

I say it with reluctance, but summer is over. It has been a time of rest, learning, family time and time for solitude. A splendid combination.

In early summer a girls road trip took us to thrift shops in southwest Manitoba. Our guide had us stop at a small country church as well; St Mary’s St Alban’s Church near Kaleida, built in 1892. The granite field-stone church has a simple toggle lock on the front door. The faith family meets in the building in the summer months, sharing worship time in homes in winter. The Anglican Community found that a fully locked door invited break-ins and theft. We were invited to spend time and relock the door as we left. At the front was a tribute to a young man, George Alexander Harris, who had come from Britain, studied at the U of M, became a priest, served the area and then signed up, served and sacrificed in the Second World War. While serving as a chaplain to a parachute battalion his plane was shot down and his parachute entangled with another’s. His calm words during the free fall gave the young soldier the sense to assume the safe landing position. Harris took the brunt of the landing force, the companion testified to Chaplain Harris’ guidance. Outside was a meticulously maintained cemetery and an open bell tower that invited one to fill the air with the sound of music.

Last week, my sister and I explored a small part of the Interlake region. There we found Saint Cyril and St Methodius — built by and for a Polish settlement of some seventeen families. The first structure was destroyed by fire. They rebuilt and that one was struck by lightning and burned. The current one stands well maintained and carefully locked. A three window church; a place of reverence and devotion. This open bell tower also invited one to give the rope a hearty tug!

The third church we visited was right by Camp Morton, St. Benedict’s Roman Catholic Church. Set just off the main road, surrounded by trees and blessed with a shrine, it welcomes regulars and guests all year round. Modern times — the memo on the door invites one to turn off their cell phones cause that’s not how God contacts them! The stained glass windows are simplistic and holy. Here, too, is a bell tower. This one is tourist proof!

Three little churches. One used in summer and on occasion. One fully retired and still revered. One in regular use. Each one of them lovingly built on gifted land with gifted labor. Whenever folks settled they wanted a school and a church. At times one building could serve both purposes. Was it that after having endured the hardship of immigration, the loneliness and isolation of a new land and the back breaking work of settling that one needed a place of corporate worship? What has changed? Loneliness certainly hasn’t, nor has hard work for safety and sustenance. If a new community is built today - what would the first community building be? A recreation centre? A restaurant? A casino? Times certainly change. Values change. Maybe it’s time to refocus...

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History with Helen: First combine on the prairies

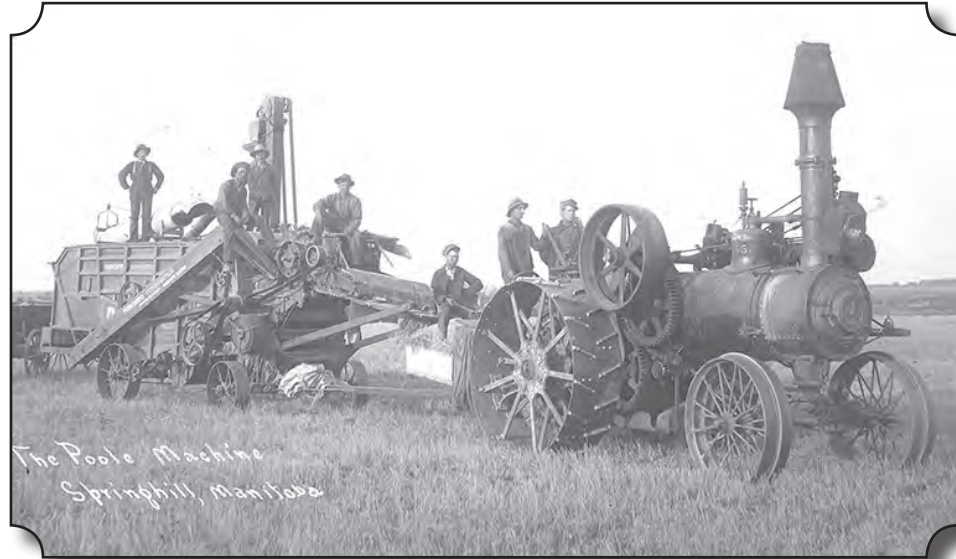
By Helen Drysdale
Neepawa Banner & Press

It is fall and as I drive in the country, I witness the power of the huge combines moving through the fields steadily eating up the crops. The air fills with the harvest dust as the semi-trucks are being filled. It is quite a different scene from my farmer father's harvesting days. His last combine was a Super 92 Massey Ferguson with a cab. It had a hydrostatic drive that allowed you to turn on a dime at the end of the swath to get back on the next swath. The hopper held 60 bushels of wheat.

Harvesting has come a long way since the days when farmers had to cut down the crop with a scythe or a cradle, gather it up and bind it into sheaves, separate the kernels by beating the cut stalks with a flail and separating the kernels from the chaff by winnowing. A strong man could cut two to three acres per day and a second man following along would gather it up and bind it into sheaves. A man with a flail could thresh about seven bushels of wheat a day.

When the threshing machines came on scene the larger ones took 25-30 men to run the operation. Eight teams of horses hauled sheaves with several men per team. Each load of sheaves had to be unloaded, the wire that held the sheaves together untied and then men to feed the sheaves to the thresher. As well there needed to be an engineer to run the steam engine, a fire man to feed the steamers, a waterman to keep water in the steamer's tank, and a separator person to keep everything oiled and in working order on the thresher. Then the poor women who had to feed the men five times a day!

As machines were being invented to combine all three operations (reaping, threshing, winnowing) into one operation this led to the invention of the combine harvester, or combine. Over the years inventors kept improving the combine to drastically reduce



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manpower and sped up the harvesting process.

In Saskatchewan, just west of the Manitoba border new farmers were settling the Sand Plains. In 1910 several wet years began. This sandy soil produced earlier crops than the heavier soil. Those wet years encouraged two farmers, Colin Shand and Harry Edmonds to order a Holt Combine Harvester and Thresher imported from California. This new machine was unloaded at Grand Trunk Pacific siding at Welby in the early fall. The two partners were farming a little more than two sections of light sand near Welby. The Shand-Edmonds farming enterprise was discontinued in 1914, and the combine was left on the farm. It was used for scrap metal during the First World War.

The following is taken from a Saskatchewan historical marker recalling "First Harvest of Saskatchewan Grain by Combine:

"Measuring 30 ft x 42 ft and capable of cutting a 20-foot swath, the Standard Level Land Machine used by Edmonds and Shand was pulled by a 30-60 hp Hart-Parr gasoline tractor. A wagon hitched to the rear collected the grain as it was threshed. Power to drive the combine was supplied through huge ground wheels and, as in many other giants of the day, the bulk of the implement was made up of gears and chains necessary to transmit power to other moving parts. Considering the size and com-

plexity of the machine, it is not surprising that a full day was required to make the first round of the field. Prior to the combine, the typical threshing crew consisted of 20 to 30 workers, while a combine crew consisted of only four or five men to operate the combine.

One shortcoming of the machine was its failure to eliminate weed seeds. In their last year of farming, Edmonds and Shand lost 4 carloads of grain that had been heated and spoiled by green seeds.

Acceptance of the combine was slow on the prairies. Its advantages were savings in time and labour, but moist unpredictable climate posed a serious problem. Since wheat seldom ripened evenly, the early harvested crops usually contained green seeds and late harvested crops usually had already begun to shell out in the field. However, during the First World War, the manpower shortages necessitated greater dependence on machines, a trend which continued after the war when farmers,

faced with increased wages and lower prices for grain, turned towards increased use of the combine."

In 1922, Massey-Harris (now Massey Ferguson) sent one of its pull-type combines to the Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Dominion Experimental Farm for testing and use on the prairie. At that time many other companies were building their versions of the combine such as International Harvester and J.I. Case. This marked the beginning of combine use in western Canada. In 1925 there were 17 combines in use in the three western provinces and by 1930 there were over 9,500.

The combines of today have cabs that have climate-controlled comfort, seats with electronic controls and lumbar support, touchscreens that monitor each combine's performance, check fuel consumption, yields, moisture sensors, autosteer, and so much more. This is not our grandpa's farm equipment.



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The new Holt combine on the Sand Plains.

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Fall is here

There's no mistaking the first signs of fall. I turned my furnace on for the chill in the air. Another sign is the shortening of daylight. I have said many times lately as I want to do something outside, "It's dark already!" So instead of salads for lunch, soups simmering in the pot and the ovens on for a casserole for supper. Enjoy these two recipes to take the chill off.

Cabbage soup

This soup recipe is simple, hearty and comforting meal.

1 Tbsp. oil	1 small cabbage,
1/2 lb. minced pork	shredded (4 to 5 cups)
1/2 tsp. salt	2 bay leaves
1/4 tsp. pepper	2 tsp. dried Italian seasoning or dried dill
1 medium onion, diced	or seasoning of choice
2 garlic cloves, minced	Sour cream,
2 celery sticks, sliced	if desired for garnish
1 medium carrot, sliced	
1 tetra pack beef broth	
1 small can of	
diced tomatoes	

In a Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium/high heat. Once hot, sauté the ground pork for about 4-5 minutes, or until cooked through, breaking it apart with a spatula as it cooks. Season with salt and pepper. Add in the onion, garlic, celery, carrot, beef broth, diced tomatoes, cabbage, bay leaves and seasonings. Stir to combine and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer, cover, and cook for 30-35 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with a dollop of sour cream if desired.

Beef nacho casserole

When you're craving something warm and cheesy with a Mexican influence try this casserole. To serve a larger family (or to have some leftovers for another meal), double all of the ingredients and prepare the casserole in a 9 x 13-inch dish.

1 Tbsp. oil	1/2 tsp. salt
1 lb. hamburger	1/4 tsp. pepper
1 medium onion, diced	2 cups nacho chips,
1 1/2 cups chunky salsa	slightly crushed
1 small can kernel corn	2 cups shredded cheese
3/4 cup mayonnaise	of your choice
1 Tbsp. chilli powder	

Heat the oven to 350°F. Spray a 2-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In a large frying pan over medium-high heat, cook the ground beef and onion until the meat is no longer pink. Drain off the excess grease. Stir in salsa, corn, mayo, chili powder, salt, and pepper to the beef. Spread the meat mixture in the bottom of the prepared dish. Top the meat with the nachos and then with the cheese. Cover. Bake for 35-45 minutes until thoroughly heated through.

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A massive contribution towards conservancy was announced by Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC) last week. Via media release on Sept. 10, the NNC revealed that it was joined by the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford, supporters, and government officials last month to celebrate the conservation of more than 1,300 hectares of land.

This swath of landscape, known as the North Cypress-Langford Conservation area, is located just east of Brandon, in the Assiniboine Delta, and includes endangered grassland habitat. It is described as supporting “a diverse range of forest, wetlands and Great Plains Prairie species, like prairie skink, yellow rail, and various rare milkweeds.”

“This project is about grassroots, in all senses of the term. The leadership of the rural municipality of North-Cypress-Langford serves as a model for communities across Canada: enabled by strong partnerships and a shared vision for long-term prosperity, this project shows that livelihoods and community well-being can

grow together with nature,” said Anrea Laughren, vice president for Prairies Region with NCC.

According to the NCC, “Prairie grasslands are among the most at-risk ecosystems on earth”.

In North Cypress-Langford, these same landscapes are credited with benefits such as:

- Storing carbon deep in roots and soil, supporting climate resilience;
- Filtering and retaining water; and,
- Supporting land-based livelihoods such as ranching.

“To build a lasting legacy for future generations by responsibly setting aside resources today — that is our vision for a sustainable future. Our reserve fund will provide a sustainable foundation for protecting our natural environment, safeguarding the aquifer, supporting the health and well-being of our community, strengthening our local economy, and preserving the heritage that define who we are,” said Rob Van Kommer, councillor for the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford. “By investing in the priorities that matter most, we will protect



PHOTO BY DARRYL WIEBE

A scene from the Aug. 26 tour of the North Cypress-Langford Conservation area.

what we have, prepare for what lies ahead, and ensure that our community remains a vibrant, resilient, and sustainable place for generations to come.”

Julie Dabrusin, minister for Environment, Climate Change and Nature, further highlighted the importance of this contribution to the conservation of nature.

“Grasslands have supported food systems for wild-

life and humans throughout history,” said Dabrusin. “Protecting the grasslands of North Cypress-Langford is an important step in advancing Canada’s effort to address climate change and conserve our natural landscapes.”

According to NCC, “Continued sustainable

grazing by local livestock producers, community members and conservation partners will help to maintain the natural processes that grasslands depend on, while also supporting local communities and economies”.

This project is credited to have been made pos-

sible with support from the Government of Canada through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund, Jim Richardson, Katharine & John Schulz, Richardson Foundation, The Winnipeg Foundation, and other private donors and supporters.

Roxy Theatre brings the classics back to Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

If you are of a certain age, there was a time when going to the movie theatre felt like a little bit of magic. The lights would dim, the screen would flicker and for a few hours, the outside world just completely disappeared. Back then, it was more than just watching a movie, it was an occasion. A moment in time that sometimes stays with you for decades after the fact.

The Roxy Theatre in Neepawa is hoping to recapture a little of that feeling by bringing some familiar favourites from the past back to the big screen. Earlier this month, the Roxy screened a pair of Harry Potter movies as part of the film series’ 25th anniversary. In a similar vein, audiences can travel back to 1989 on Saturday, Sept. 19 with the classic summer blockbuster Batman, which is being presented

as part of Batman Day, an annual global celebration of the iconic comic book character.

Roxy Theatre board chair Kate Jackman-Atkinson said the booking of these ‘vintage’ films was possible because studios occasionally re-release older films as special events. Jackman-Atkinson noted the board decided to take a chance on this unique opportunity and try something a little bit different.

“We are always looking to show things that will bring people into the theatre,” Kate Jackman-Atkinson shared. While the Roxy has had mixed results with classic films in the past, Jackman-Atkinson noted that could change if audiences show their interest. “We don’t have specific plans to incorporate classics, but if there’s interest, we want to show what people want to see, so we would definitely look at doing more of this.”

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Neepawa's Got Pride brings entertainment for all



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The weather was quite favourable for many activities and events this past Sunday. Among those was the third annual Neepawa's Got Pride, organized by Neepawa And Area Pride. The event took place at ArtsForward from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with all welcome to attend. Shown here are some scenes from the day, including music and choreographic performances by drag artists, kids' story time, and checking out the variety of available information and vendor booths.

A loaded shotgun, stolen truck and attempted assault in Neepawa

Winnipeg teen arrested in weekend incident

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

An 18-year-old from Winnipeg is facing a long list of serious charges related to his weekend pit-stop in Neepawa. Spruce Plains RCMP arrested the suspect after a disturbance at a local convenience store turned into a confrontation involving a stolen truck and a loaded sawed-off shotgun.

In a media release detailing the incident, police responded to a call just after 3:00 a.m. on Sunday Sept. 13, of a possibly intoxicated man acting aggressively toward overnight staff. When officers arrived at a Main Street West convenience store, they positioned their vehicle behind a parked truck believed to belong to the suspect. Police say the accused then began backing the truck into the vehicle while an officer was inside.

The driver then moved forward attempt-

ing to maneuver around the RCMP vehicle, despite commands to stop. The truck was eventually boxed in when additional officers arrived. The suspect then exited the vehicle and was arrested.

Search of the truck uncovered a loaded sawed-off shotgun in the driver's seat and an open can of alcohol in the cupholder. Police say the suspect refused to provide a breath sample. Further investigation has determined that the truck had also been stolen.

Jacob Guiboche of Winnipeg, is now facing 19 criminal charges. The most serious of those include assaulting a police officer with a weapon, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and an array of firearm-related offences. He also faces two counts of failing to comply with a release order and one count of failing to comply with an undertaking. As of Monday, Sept. 14, the suspect remained remanded into custody.

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Helping hands to promote health

Neepawa Eats Healthy seeking additional volunteers

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Since it began organizing in 2019, promoting resident health has been the mission of Neepawa Eats Healthy (NEH). Right now, the initiative—formed in partnership with Prairie Mountain Health—is seeking more people to help them accomplish that goal.

“We want to try and build health. Focus energies on building health in the community, rather than perhaps always having to fix it,” said Sherrill-Lee Hyra, health promotion co-ordinator for Prairie Mountain Health and NEH representative.

“It just makes so much more sense,” NEH representative Glenda MacPhee added.

This is what has been referred to as ‘primary prevention’. To achieve this in the community of Neepawa, NEH has undertaken projects such as the annual Meal in 30 Under 30 program, Cooking with the Stars, workshops to build food related skills such as cooking, the installation of six garden beds at the Brent Hunter Memorial Park, and more.

Community partners have also played key roles in these undertakings.

“I think health belongs to the community, and we need to work together to figure out ways to promote wellbeing, and how we can come together on that. We’re really lucky to have community partners here in Neepawa that have an interest in that—to do some of that kind of work,” said Hyra.

Having more volunteers, however, would also be valuable in a number of ways. Helping with prep



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEEPAWA EATS HEALTHY



SCREENSHOT SOURCED FROM NACTV'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

From the garden to the kitchen, Neepawa Eats Healthy has been conducting a variety of programming and implementing projects to support healthy eating in Neepawa. Shown here are just a couple examples of that work.

Left: JJ Foard-Boivin, a volunteer, lent a helping hand during the installation process of Neepawa Eats Healthy’s garden beds project.

Right: Locals Reinster Gonzales and Raven Cabahug were the star chefs in episode five of Neepawa Eats Healthy’s Cooking With the Stars. Aired on NACTV, the cooking show highlighted recipes from the annual Meal In 30 Under 30 initiative.

for recurring and new projects, sharing ideas for programming, and more.

“We want to get that community context—people’s ideas— from the grassroots. When you can build that from the grassroots, you can have more impact,” said Hyra.

MacPhee added, “And just a bit more of a connection with what the needs might be. What will work and what doesn’t. Just getting more local info.”

The invitation to get involved is open to all, with meetings taking place once per month, for approximately an hour and a half, from September to May. Meetings are mostly virtual to accommodate members from out of town, but may include meetings at a community gathering space in the future depending on interest and growth.

“If there’s other folks who are interested in wellness and healthy eating, and how we support folks

in achieving that, that’s the folks that we’re really hoping to attract to our work,” said Hyra. “Even

if they’re foodies— y’know, they have a passion for good food.”

Anyone interested in

volunteering can contact either of the following Neepawa Eats Healthy members: Amanda Naugh-

ton-Gale (204-476-5869), Glenda MacPhee (204-476-0803), or Sherrill-Lee Hyra (shyra@pmh-mb.ca).



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'Anybody can help out' with Neepawa's Poppy Project

Participants near and far contributing to local Remembrance Day display

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A second pass will be conducted later on in the fastening process, with handmade poppies filling in any gaps that may exist.

"And this is going to be ongoing. If we get more poppies than we can stitch onto this year, then we can keep on going," said Englund. "Our hope is to be able to display it on the fence at the cenotaph this year."

Currently, the display timeframe is planned to be Nov. 1 to Nov. 12.

Not too late to get involved

This initiative has been a community wide project, with several residents, school crafting clubs, and the like pitching in. People from other communities—even as far as Rapid City—are also taking part.

"Anybody can help out that wants to," said Englund. "There's lots of opportunities here. And people can do it (make the poppies) at home."

Englund added, "There's



Pictured left: Melanie Burnette and Lane Englund showcasing a portion of the work that has been completed thus far. Additional work is yet to be done to this section. Gaps will be filled with hand-made poppies of various sizes (example at right).



PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

lots of interest, lots of response. It's good! And it's something we can carry on with, so that's interesting too."

As the project is ongoing, people who wish to lend a hand by making poppies may still do so. Helping

hands for the fastening of the poppies to the mesh are also welcome.

Anyone wishing to get involved may reach out to either of the following individuals:

•Susan Phillips, 204-212-1463.

•Melanie Burnett, 204-841-5000.

•Brenda Ferguson, 204-841-0865.

•Lane Englund (text only), 204-212-0136.

"We do also always have

one or two [poppy making] kits for sale in the church office," said Englund. "So if someone just happens to be going by, they can stop by and talk to Dawn on the days the office is open and

she'll help them out. Kits are \$6, or \$7 for a larger kit."

Workshops sessions for tying the poppies together are also being posted on the Neepawa United-Anglican Church's social media page.

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Valley Optical brings Eye Exam Day to Neepawa kids



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Pictured left to right: Bryan Jara, Hybrid Youth Support/Settlement Worker with NAISS; Blake McCutcheon, NAISS Vice board member; Dr. Derek Papegnies, optometrist; and Ilce Pineda, Executive Director of NAISS.

Submitted NAISS

Valley Optical in Neepawa hosted a Children’s Eye Exam Day on Sept. 2, 2026, giving local kids ages 0 to 18 the chance to have their eyes checked by optometrist Dr. Derek Papegnies. The day was part of a province-wide initiative, with optometrists across Manitoba, including another Neepawa clinic, offering similar events for local kids. Neepawa and Area Immigrant Settlement Services Inc. (NAISS) came alongside to help support the day.

The event was held at Valley Optical’s office at 424 Mountain Ave. Parents booked appointments ahead of time and brought their child’s Manitoba Health Card, and children entering Kindergarten who needed glasses could qualify for a free pair

through the Eye See Eye Learn Program. While families waited, NAISS staff pitched in to keep the kids entertained with activities in the office, helping the day run smoothly and turning what can be a nerve-wracking visit into a fun one for everyone. Appointments filled up quickly in the days leading up to the event as word spread through social media and community outreach.

“A huge thank you to NAISS for coming down and helping entertain the kiddos,” said Dr. Papegnies. “It was huge having you in the office. I could tell all the kids enjoyed themselves.”

NAISS says it was a pleasure to be part of the day and to help however they could. Dr. Papegnies has said he’d welcome the same support again if the event returns next year, and NAISS is happy to be there for it.

Loss of Winnipeg based team postpones RMFL opening

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The opening weekend of the Rural Manitoba Football League’s (RMFL) 2026 season was put on hold following the unexpected end of the Transcona Nationals.

The RMFL made the announcement on its social media on Thursday, Sept. 10 that the Nationals have folded for the season. This

decision resulted in the cancellation of all games from the opening weekend that had been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13. League executives have reworked the schedule for the remaining teams, with week one now officially getting underway on Saturday, Sept. 19.

As for what that means for the Neepawa Area Col-

legiate Institute (NACI) Tigers, they will now play their first game of the season on the road, travelling to Virden on Sunday, Sept. 20 to play the Golden Bears. As for the Tigers’ home opener, that will now shift to Sunday, Sept. 27 against the Moosemin Generals. Opening kickoff will take place at 1:00 p.m.

Youth raises over \$1,000 for Cancer Care Manitoba



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Little Alivia (pictured) has been all smiles this summer. Why? With the assistance of her grandma, Brandi Falk, she hosted two lemonade stand fundraisers this season. Offering lemonade, cookies, freezies, and crafts, Alivia’s Lemonade Stands for Hope collected and donated a grand total of \$1,920 for the Cancer Care Manitoba Foundation. Gratitude is extended to all who helped make it a success, from suppliers, to patrons and more.

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Obituary

Frank Ginter

January 26, 1936 to September 7, 2026



A Golden heart stopped beating
at the Deloraine hospital when
Frank Ginter took his last
breath for the last time
early Monday morning,
September 7, 2026 with
family by his side in his
90th year. Frank was born
between Plum Coulee
and Gretna, Manitoba at
the homestead of his parents

Helena and John Ginter on January 26, 1936, and grew
up in southern Manitoba. He worked on several local
farms in the 50s. In the early 60's he worked for the
Manitoba telephone system in many locations throughout
Manitoba. He then moved to a farm in the Glenella district
and farmed until his health required him to move into a
senior complex in Deloraine Manitoba. While farming
he helped many people in the area, including driving a
school bus for the Turtle River school division for many
years, picking up all the kids north of Glenella, developing
a lifelong bond with them and their families. He was also
on the Credit Union board, the hockey rink board, and the
president of his pride and joy, the Glenella Sabres hockey
club and was their volunteer timekeeper for all the local
home games. Through his farming years he did custom
grinding feed for the neighbors, custom square baling and
stacking feed in the surrounding areas.

Frank was predeceased by his parents John and
Helena Ginter, his wife of 64 years Margaret Fidler
whom he married on November 7, 1959 in Crystal City
Manitoba, her parents Ben and Rose Fidler, daughter
Beverly, son Curtis, along with his brother George sisters
Anne, Elizabeth, brother-in-law's Carl E, Karl P, Eugene,
Mike, Lawrence and sister-in-law Ruth.

Frank is survived by his son's Brent, Todd and daughter
Cindy, grandchildren Kayla, Kelis, Grace, and Great
grandchildren Everett and Waylon, sister Tina, brothers
Jake, John, and many brother and sister-in-laws, nieces,
and nephews.

We are extremely blessed to have had Frank for so
many years in our life, as a friend, husband, dad, grandpa,
and great grandpa. His wisdom and memories will forever
live in our hearts. Dad has left a huge emptiness in our
lives; we are comforted knowing he is resting peacefully
now.

A very special thank you to all the residents in the
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to his room. He really appreciated being treated so well
on "Cook's Choice" day. Thank You Louise! Your heartfelt
kindness meant so much to him and the family.

To everyone: You're caring, loving and kindness in all
your ways gave his heart and mind beautiful memories
every day. Thank You!

Funeral services was held on Tuesday, September 15 at
2 PM at the Glenella Community Hall, Glenella, Manitoba.

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Thank you to everyone in
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in KKI and more birthday
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for the cards and gifts you
all made this a perfect day to
remember. Lois LeBoutillier

Obituary

Clifford Allen Elke



Clifford Allen Elke passed away
peacefully on September 7,
2026, at the Brandon Hospital
at the age of 92.

Clifford was predeceased
by his mother, Cecilia Elke;
his father, Edmund Elke; his
sister, Marlene Armstrong;
his son, Timothy Elke; and his
brother, Brian Elke.

He leaves to cherish his
memory his loving wife of 60 years,

Jeannie Elke; his daughter, Tamara Elke Davis and her
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Hoyt, and Robert Miller and his partner Hope Billings; as
well as his great-grandchildren, Tanner Dron, Brock Dron,
Brynnlee Dron, Taylor Nicoll, Dalton Hoyt, Blake Hoyt, and
Deacon Pomedli.

Clifford was born on June 6, 1934, in the Rural
Municipality of Glenella, Manitoba.

In his younger years, his favourite past times were
hunting, trapping, and fishing. His first job was working for
Pete Hardsky on his farm. While working there, Clifford
was able to save enough money to buy a fishing shack
from Pete.

Clifford started his career working for Westroc
Industries in the underground gypsum mine at
Amaranth. When the mine moved to Silver Plains,
Manitoba, Clifford continued working underground
there as well. The mine eventually moved them back to
Amaranth, where they would call home for the rest of his
life.

In October of 1965, Clifford and Jeannie were
married in Amaranth, Manitoba. In 1966, they welcomed
their daughter Tamara, and in 1967, their son Timothy.
In December of 1977, they moved to Amaranth, where
Clifford continued working at the Westroc gypsum mine
until his retirement. He proudly gave 40 years of his
working life to Westroc.

Clifford loved to go fishing and hunting, enjoying the
outdoors and the simple pleasures that came with it. He
was also a life long gardener, enjoying tending to his plants
and flowers. Picking wild flowers with his grandchildren
was always a highlight for everyone. In his later years,
he found enjoyment in quieter pursuits—cutting the grass
and sitting on the deck or under the spruce tree, watching
the traffic go by.

After a long and full life, Clifford leaves behind a
family who will carry his memory with them and remember
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, 2026 to the date of auction and which costs will be
announced prior to the commencement of the sale.

The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an
Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain
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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!
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Your duties may include:

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We are looking for people who are:

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

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

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.
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Job duties include:

- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
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- 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.

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

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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 first year
- Comprehensive benefits 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.
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- 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.
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SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA

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 8th day of October, 2026, at the hour of 02:00 PM, at Rural Municipality of Alonsa, 20 Railway Avenue, Alonsa, 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")
237151	LOT 2 BLOCK 5 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 18 NORTHWINDS RD	L -\$11,400	\$3,512.74
237189	LOT 7 BLOCK 8 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 38 SIFTON RD	L -\$7,700	\$2,819.13
237190	LOT 8 BLOCK 8 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 40 SIFTON RD	L -\$7,700	\$2,819.12
237201	LOT 19 BLOCK 8 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 27 SIFTON RD	L -\$9,000	\$2,881.39
237206	LOT 2 BLOCK 9 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 17 SIFTON RD	L -\$9,000	\$2,881.40
331500	NW 1/4 20-28-12 WPM EXC FIRSTLY: ROAD PLAN 1948 PLTO SECONDLY: PLAN 22429 PLTO THIRDLY: ALL MINES, MINERALS AND SPECIAL RESERVATIONS AS RESERVED IN THE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM THE CROWN - NW20 28 12W	L -\$20,900	\$4,459.11

- 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 Rural Municipality of Alonsa 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".
 - 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 10 day of September, 2026.

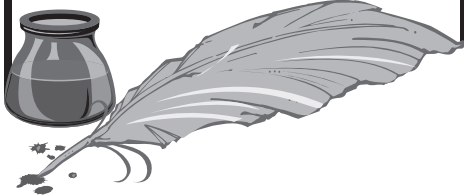
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Notice

The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
Public Notice:
2025 Audited Financial Statements

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2025 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's report for the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone are now available for inspection during regular business hours at the Municipal Office located at 14 Dennis Street East, Gladstone, MB.

Dated at the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone this 28th day of August, 2026, and issued pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act.

Koreen Braun
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
204-385-2332



PUBLIC NOTICE
RURAL MUNICIPALITY
OF ROSEDALE

2025 Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that the 2025 Audited Financial Report of the RM of Rosedale together with the related Financial Statements have been deposited in the Municipal Office, 282 Hamilton Street, Neepawa and are available for inspection by any person during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, or online at RMRosedale.com.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2026.

Mr. Jordan Willner, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of Rosedale



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK

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 14th day of October, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, at Municipality of North Norfolk, 27 Hampton Street East, MacGregor, 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")
190750	ALL THAT PORTION OF THE N1/2 OF NW 1/4 33-11-12W LYING SOUTH EAST OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE : COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DISTANT SLY 2376 FEET FROM THE NORTH LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, THENCE NLEY ON A COURSE MAKING AN ANGLE OF 46 DEGREES WITH THE WEST LIMIT, A DISTANCE OF 1320 FEET, THENCE ELY TO A POINT IN THE EAST LIMIT OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DISTANT SLY 528 FEET FROM SAID NORTH LIMIT - NW 33 11 12	L -\$700	\$5,227.92

Roll 190750: This property is land locked. Obtaining access is the purchaser's sole responsibility.

- 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.
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 - The successful purchaser must bring to the auction and pay to the MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK a non-refundable deposit (the "Deposit") in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** in the amount of:
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 - The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
 - The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2026.

Managed by:



Trish Gros
Chief Administrative Officer
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Kaleidoscope Concerts kick off with The VinceTones

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Kaleidoscope Concert Series

The VinceTones open the 2026/27 Kaleidoscope concert series on Saturday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. at ArtsForward Cultural Centre in Neepawa.

The VinceTones were the sleeper hit of this year's Harvest Sun Music Festival. Vince Andrushko is a bluesy guitar playin', singin' songwriter who currently resides in Kelwood. He has performed in Neepawa recently, including at Rotary's Paul Harris Banquet. Vince's music draws from the greats such as JJ Cale and Hank Williams with a splash of Roger Miller. He sings

about his experiences with nature and people, and his whistling — well you've just got to hear it for yourself.

The band is rounded out by two pillars of Winnipeg's music scene — Tom "Twisty" Fodey on bass and backup vocals, and Dan Russel on pedal steel guitar. These three musicians deliver a unique brand of honest, road-worn songs rooted in the classic country tradition with a relaxed unmistakable prairie sound.

Sometimes poignant, sometimes funny, always entertaining — these songs and stories will leave you feeling lighter and will stay with you long after the evening's over. Gather your friends and get your tickets for this fantastic evening of music.

Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and are available at ArtsForward or online at Eventbrite, or \$25 at the door. Tickets for students under 18 are \$5 at the door. Beverages will be available for purchase.

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'There is still so much that connects people'

A Homestay Program spotlight with Makenna Sumner – Part 1

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

During the past three years, area local Makenna Sumner has undertaken brand new experiences, strengthened her appreciation for another culture, forged lasting friendships, and so much more. Now, she wishes to highlight the exchange program that facilitated it all. The York-Benimaru 4-H Manitoba Homestay Program.

Held in partnership between the York-Benimaru Foundation, Manitoba Agriculture, and Manitoba 4-H Council since 1987, Makenna explained that it is “designed to promote global understanding and give young people the opportunity to experience another culture firsthand.”

Delving further, Makenna explained that there are two different ways to engage with the program. First, as a host for Japanese exchange students—an opportunity available to any Manitoba family every August.

“Families interested in hosting do not have to have any school aged family members at all, or even be active 4-H members to apply,” Makenna highlighted. “Many families with young children host every year, and the Japanese students always



Pictured left: Makenna Sumner (middle) and Japanese exchange student Kokona (left) who visited in 2025. Pictured right: Exchange student Haruka horseback riding for the first time, with Makenna Sumner as her dutiful mentor. This was just one of Haruka's experiences at the Sumner family farm during her 2024 visit.



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enjoy spending time with all members of their host family.”

Second, as a Manitoba exchange student to Japan. This particular opportunity is accessible to any Manitoba 4-H member aged 16 to 18 who has first participated as a host for at least two weeks.

Easy to connect

As a member of the Neepawa Belles, Beaux, and Builders 4-H Club, Makenna has participated in both facets of the program. This week, the Neepawa Banner & Press will

focus on her experience as a host.

“I had the chance to meet and participate in fun activities with Japanese students hosted by other families in my 4-H Club,” Makenna recalled. “Each year, the Japanese students were so kind, friendly, and eager to understand more about Manitoba. Even through brief interactions, it was so easy to connect with them, inspiring me to learn more about the Homestay program and Japanese culture.”

Applying through the Manitoba 4-H website, the

Sumner family acted as hosts for two terms—first in 2024, and again in 2025.

“[The Japanese exchange students] go through a competitive application process and work very hard for the opportunity to stay with a family in Manitoba. Many of the students have interest in improving their English skills, wish to study or work in North America in the future, or hope to build their global perspective by experiencing local lifestyles, culture, and agricultural practices,” Makenna explained. “When acting as a host, our main role is

to welcome the Japanese students into our home and make them feel like a part of our family during their stay.”

A key part of being a good host, Makenna noted, is communication.

“Because English is not their first language and they are in an unfamiliar country, an important part of hosting is to find ways to effectively communicate and to be supportive,” said Makenna.

Small moments, big impact

As a farming family, the Sumners had a particular interest in sharing that aspect of their life.

“We were excited to give the students a chance to experience life on our family farm and in our community since that environment isn't something many have experienced before,” said Makenna. “We made an effort to show them the source of some of the products they use back home, canola or pork for example, because Japan is a major export destination of Canadian agriculture products!”

In addition to life on the farm, the Sumners also had a packed list of other activities and Manitoba destinations planned. Walks around Riverbend Park, movies at the Roxy Theatre, tubing, small town music festivals, and more.

“[Planning ahead] allowed us to stay organized, but often, it was the small

everyday things that made the most impact on the student,” Makenna enthused. “Such as seeing their face light up after trying poutine for the first time, or watching as they admired the vastness of a prairie night sky with bright stars and northern lights.”

While the opportunity to showcase daily life in Manitoba was exciting, Makenna expressed that one of the most rewarding aspects of hosting was being able to learn from the exchange students as well.

“My family and I have ended up learning just as much from the student as we hoped to share with them. They would show us pamphlets and tell us about their schools, hobbies, culture, and beautiful scenery of their home,” said Makenna. “Generously, they would share tastes and traditions of Japan, from snacks, cultural art, and a home-cooked Japanese meal.”

Makenna added, “Overall, I learned that there is still so much that connects people, even when challenged by language barriers and cultural differences.”

In her closing thoughts, Makenna told the Neepawa Banner & Press that her own experience with the Homestay Program inspires others to participate.

“The Manitoba 4-H Council is always looking for host families, so I would recommend anyone interested in getting the opportunity to be part of an exchange to consider this program,” Makenna enthused. “In my experience, the activities we did with the students usually ended up as highlights of my summer. Because we wanted to show them different parts of Manitoba, my family was inspired to visit places and try things that I had never done before either. In that way, the program wasn't just an opportunity for the students to experience something new, but it also encouraged our own family to appreciate more of what we have close to home.”

Note: A story on Makenna Sumner's experience as an exchange student to Japan through the Homestay Program will appear in a future edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.



Pictured: Makenna Sumner (far right), and Japanese exchange student Kokona at the Winkler Harvest Festival, enjoying some live music in August of 2025.

'We look forward to seeing you there!'

Local family invites all to seventh annual Logan's Walk

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Aspirited young man and his family are inviting the community to band together once again. The Cox family, of Neepawa, invites all who are able to join them at the Langford Walking Trails on Sunday, Sept. 27, for the seventh annual edition of Logan's Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness.

The event will begin at 3:00 p.m., with a barbecue and refreshments to follow.

"We've had so much support from our community since day one, and it's really neat to see people come out year after year to support Logan," said Brandi Cox, Logan's mother. "We're so grateful for everyone who continues to show up and support him. It really doesn't go unnoticed."

Logan's Walk has been hosted annually since he was born and diagnosed with Down Syndrome— a developmental disability caused by an extra chromosome. In addition to boosting awareness for Down Syndrome, the walk also acts as a fundraiser.

To date, Logan's Walk has raised a grand total of \$22,952. That number is inclusive of both its early donations to the Manitoba Down Syndrome Society, and its recent shift to Neepawa's Touchwood Park. Funds raised will continue to remain close to home



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDI COX

This young fellow with the energetic smile is Logan Cox. Logan and his family are eager to host their seventh annual awareness and fundraiser walk next weekend!

this year.

"All proceeds from Logan's Walk will go towards the Touchwood Park Association's accessible playground," said Brandi. "We really like to keep the funds local and support such a great facility in our community. It's also a place that Logan may use himself one day, which makes it even more meaningful to us."

The playground is located in Neepawa at 445 Commerce.

Donations can be given directly to Touchwood Park via e-transfer to payables@touchwoodpark.ca, using the password Logan. Alternatively, cash donations can also be given at Logan's Walk. Touchwood Park

asks that donors include their mailing address and a note of designation for the playground, as they will be issuing charitable receipts for donations of \$10 or more.

A donation jar will also be available at the Langford Walking Trails on the day of the event, with either cash or cheque being accepted.

To all who are able to attend, Brandi added on behalf of the family, "We look forward to seeing you there!"

Note: For those who may be unfamiliar with the Langford Walking Trails, it can be found six miles east of Neepawa on Highway #16 and three miles south on Road #81 at the Whitemud Watershed Wildlife Management Area.



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Participants enjoying the outdoors at the 2025 edition of Logan's Walk.



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