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A 'paw'fect choice for Business of the Year

Neepawa Veterinary Clinic honoured at Chamber of Commerce AGM

By Eoin Devereux
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While animal welfare is everyone's business, for Dr. Liz Ostendorf and her staff at Neepawa Veterinary Clinic Ltd, it's so much more than that. On Monday, Jan. 30, Dr. Liz and the Clinic were honoured as the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year. The award was bestowed during the Chamber's Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Neepawa Legion Hall.

For Dr. Ostendorf, hearing the clinic named as Neepawa's top business for 2022, was an unexpected honour, especially on a day that was already a special one for her.

"Yeah, I didn't realize that my staff had nominated us, so they actually surprised me with it on my birthday that we were being recognized with the award. So yeah, Happy Birthday!" Dr. Ostendorf noted, with a chuckle.

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The staff and management of Neepawa Veterinary Clinic Ltd, from left to right: Paytan Addley, Dr. Liz Ostendorf, Brooke Anderson, Sierra Maddever, Chris Inkster, Daisy McKee, Kira McCormick-Adema and Kali Lukin.

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'It's nice to see our work recognized'

Penno's awarded 1st place at AgDays Innovation Showcase

By Casper Wehrhahn
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An Eden business ended their Ag-Days trip on quite the high note recently. Penno's Machining and Manufacturing took home the first place banner for the 2023 Ag Days Innovation Showcase's animal and livestock category. A \$500 cash prize from Manitoba Ag Days and a \$1,000 advertising voucher for The Canadian Cattlemen Magazine, sponsored by Glacier Farmmedia, were also awarded as part of the first place prize.

This honour was earned for their trademarked Hay Handler, which originally made its debut in the Aug. 26, 2022 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

"We are very happy to receive the award— it's nice to see our work recognized," said Howard McKay, owner of Penno's Machining and Manufacturing. "Interest was very strong at AgDays and we got much positive feedback from farmers and dealers."

For those who are not familiar with the Hay Handler, it is a double bale fork which allows farmers to pick up two round bales at a time for loading and unloading their bale racks. Each fork can be raised independently, so that the operator can pick up two bales side-by-side or one bale at a time.

This is able to be done via the ability for each fork to raise upwards and outwards individually for picking up bales. They can also be set to work in tandem to pick bales up off the racks, keeping each fork at the same level. In this case, the operator can still adjust the spacing between each bale depending how far apart they want their rows.

The original idea for this specific agricultural utility— moving two bales at once— sparked from a customer request that McKay received. From there, the rest of the design developments and creation came through trial and error, testing and a group effort from many different people. The whole process, including patent application, had taken approximately two



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Kay and Howard McKay (centre left and centre right), of Penno's Machining were congratulated by Melonee Ochitwa of Discovery Farm (far left), Mike Cousins of Manitoba AgDays (left) and Colin Regier of Western Producer on their showcase win.

years to complete.

After the Hay Handler became official, eight units had swiftly been sold. Since then, that total has increased to 12.

"Getting the principle of a new product out there is hard," McKay shared. "I

feel this award will help."

McKay added, "[Right now we're] working on building inventory and getting everything in order to ship units to the U.S."

In his final comments, McKay told the Banner & Press that he has quite

enjoyed the Hay Handler's evolution, stating, "I've always wanted to patent something. I learned lots

along the way and had lots of fun."

He added, "The best thing is getting the feedback

from customers— that the unit works very well and that they are happy with the Hay Handler."

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1973: Toastmasters chapter formed at Neepawa

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**110 years ago,
Tuesday,
February 4, 1913**

Kelwood: The diphtheria is about all gone, Mr. Stevens is out again after being shut in for three weeks.

According to legend, we are to have six weeks more of severe weather. There was sunshine on Sunday (St. Candlemas Day).

**100 years ago,
Friday,
February 2, 1923**

Oberon: Our open air rink is proving to be quite a bonanza (not a banana). The sheet of ice last week was in perfect condition, drawing a large crowd from Brookdale and Harte, as well as the locals.

Peaceful picketing was rejected by Manitoba legislature by a vote of 32 to 19.

Imprisonment and lashing will be inflicted on two robbers convicted in Winnipeg. That is cruelty—not justice. Why not make robbers work for the state for the remainder of their lives and the state pay to those who were robbed the earnings of the culprits in excess of costs? That would be justice.

**90 years ago,
Friday,
February 3, 1933**

Kelwood: Dinty Moore's club celebrated their first anniversary with a turkey dinner Saturday night...

Those present were Dinty Moore, Casey, Mac, Laster de Pester and ladies.

Bethany: The Coldstream Guards came over Saturday for a game of hockey and played the Midgets. Score 4-1 in favour of the visitors.

**80 years ago,
Thursday,
February 4, 1943**

Mentmore: Word has been received by Mrs. F. A. Sirrett that her son, Serg. Ebb Sirrett of the R.C.A.F. in Endland, made his first flight over Germany, Dec. 27.

Mentmore: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davidson received a cable Saturday from Douglas, who is serving with the R.C.A.F. He was safe and well and has been transferred from the north of Scotland to Malta.

**70 years ago,
Thursday,
February 5, 1953**

The end of 1952 saw two long-time residents of Neepawa retire from active business when Jim Rodgers and Jack Mulvena, both veterans of the Rogers Fruit Co. staff, retired on pension.

Mr. Rodgers started his career with the company back in 1909 and went on the road as a traveller in 1913. When Rogers Fruit bought the former Wigmore property on Hamilton St. in 1919, Jim was made manager, a position he held continuously until his retirement in December.

Jack Mulvena has been warehouse foreman with the company since the branch was opened here. A native of Quebec province, Jack joined the staff of the R. J. Graham Fruit Co., of Belleville, Ont., in 1903. After a short time, he changed to railroading and spent 10 years with the Grand Trunk in Ontario. He came west in 1914 and joined Rogers Fruit the same year; he was transferred to Neepawa when the branch opened here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kuharski, of the Springhill district, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

on Jan. 12 with all their children present.

**60 years ago,
Friday,
February 1, 1963**

Charlie Pedlar was presented with his 65 year Jewel at the regular meeting of Neepawa Lodge 16 of the IOOF Monday, Jan. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cripps, of Neepawa, recently celebrated 50 years of married life.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
February 1, 1973**

Ed Kasprick, proprietor of Neepawa Harrow Works, has developed a new type of harrows which eliminates many of the problems of the conventional type. It's a one-piece welded unit fitted with high carbon, flat, twisted teeth, which are socketed rather than threaded into place...

Several of the new units have been tested in various types of soil during the past year and farmers have been pleased with the results.

Three Neepawa men have spearheaded the organisation of a chapter of the International Toastmasters Inc. here and 26 applications for members have already been received...

Toastmasters was formed more than 40 years ago at Santa Ana, California and its popularity has spread to many nations. Its main purpose is to instill confidence in its members so that they are more able speakers in public and in daily conversation...

Arrangements are now being made for the first meeting of the Neepawa chapter, which will be known as Beautiful Plains Toastmasters Club and it will be held as soon as



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Mert Bosiak of Brandon, lieutenant governor of the western region of District 64; Ove Larson, Elmer Wiebe and Lorne Reid of Neepawa; along with Eric Struhlmuller of Winnipeg, district governor; all spearheaded the formation of the Neepawa Toastmasters Club in 1973.

a suitable date can be established.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zinger Sr., of Bourke Street, Neepawa, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on the weekend of Jan. 27.

**40 years ago,
Thursday,
February 3, 1983**

An over-capacity crowd and dignitaries from many government and municipal offices marked the grand opening of Kinsmen Courts.

The 52-unit senior citizen housing project, built as the Neepawa Kinsmen centennial project, opened its doors to residents one year after sod-breaking ceremonies.

Leonard Bergen, 27, of Winnipegosis, has been named Manitoba's premier commercial beef producer for 1982.

**30 years ago,
Tuesday,
February 2, 1993**

Bill and Emma Gibson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 7, 1992.

Belated birthday greetings to Myrtle Wilson, who recently celebrated her 76th birthday.

Plumas: The Neepawa Hounds rented the skating rink ice on Jan. 23 to 24 for their tournament. They had eight teams entered.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
February 3, 2003**

The spill of 450 litres of sulphuric acid at Carberry's Midwest food Products has been ruled accidental by Manitoba Conservation.

Arvyn Gray of the provincial department said the spill, which took place at 1:00 p.m. a week ago Tuesday, was confined to a small area when a storage tank overflowed.

A bulk chemical truck had been unloading water treatment chemicals into the tank when acid spilled

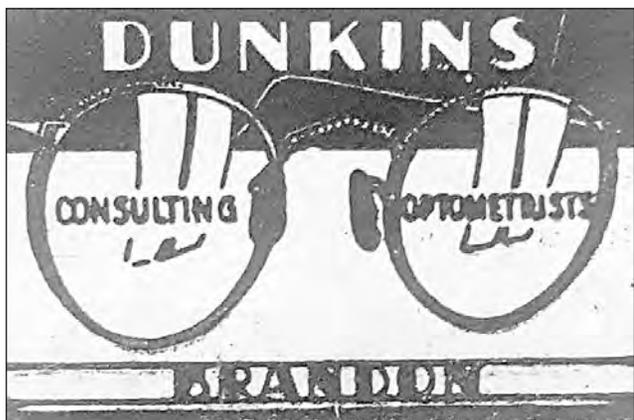
to the ground and under a utilities building...

The spill forced the plant, which employs 425 people, to evacuate workers and close for several hours Tuesday while the cleanup took place. The plant reopened at 8:00 p.m.

Demolition started on Gladstone's Agricore United grain elevator last week. The terminal had already been taken out of commission.

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**You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.**
Psalm 86:5 (New International Version)



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By Chad Carpenter



Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Fifteen minutes...

There is usually a list, or a pile, of things that should be done, or I want to get done. I keep adding to the list/pile, and every once in a long while I settle down and get things done. It always amazes me that the task I dreaded and postponed takes about fifteen minutes. Case in point- my sister created a picture frame using a plain wooden frame, a scrabble tile holder, and the tile spelling out 'sisters'. The picture, of course, was of two of my sisters and myself. Several of the tiles had come loose and every time the picture was moved or jostled, the tiles fell out. I have a glue gun, glue sticks, and an abundance of time... This week I took the fifteen minutes to repair the whole thing. Fifteen minutes and the tiles have been wandering for years.

Another case in point- a long time friend and family member is in rough waters. We used to exchange lengthy, thought provoking and thought inducing letters, back when cursive writing was the norm. Again, I have the pen, the paper, the envelope and the stamps. So why does it become such a huge ordeal... I admit I cheated on this one. I have found the cursive font on my processor, and after offering words of hope and encouragement, and sharing portions of my life journey, I hit 'send' and with moments she received an email letter. The response was almost immediate, and the thanks profuse. Again it took fifteen minutes and made a difference on a loved one's day. Fifteen minutes.

It doesn't always work out that smoothly! I have been wanting to shift a medium size piece of furniture- small enough that I can do it myself! - and place a bookshelf in the space. I have the bookshelf. I certainly have the books! This time it was a case of deep cleaning the space and the bookshelf, and choosing which books were needed. Me and books spells time... I do get side-tracked fairly easily. So it took a good bit more than fifteen minutes and it is/was another chores ticked off.

And now the reveal, I am, by nature, a procrastinator. One fifteen minute project got de-railed. The garment under reconstruction has been setting on the sewing machine for long enough. I need to find a solution or discard the project. I think I am waiting for inspiration to strike and a satisfactory resolution be attained... I am waiting... so that fifteen minute project can't be counted as a success.

It truly amazes me what can be accomplished in brief periods of time. I took fifteen to clean the interior of the dishwasher, liked that so much I cleaned the fridge and freezer. A few more minutes in the kitchen and the toaster and the microwave were once again fit for continued usage. That was a series of fifteens, and it was satisfying. I appreciate fifteen minute power naps, and fifteen minute coffee breaks, and fifteen minute phone chats. Heck, much of my day, if productive at all, as been fifteen minutes here and there. One quarter of one of the twenty four hours of the day- and I get/got something accomplished...

Seeking the truth

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John Chapter 8, New International Version.

The above quotation, especially verse 32 is often quoted. No politician that I have known quoted it more often than former NDP premier Gary Doer. I heard him say it many times. He didn't always follow it as he often would shout in the Manitoba legislature, "The Conservatives fired 1,000 nurses." That wasn't true, and he knew it, but the effect of that convenient sound bite resonated so well and sucked both the media and portions of the voting public into believing it.

No matter how many times it was refuted, many people accepted the fired nurses statement as truth. What I understand actually happened is that in the 1990s, individual hospitals and care homes contracted with nurses. When regionalization took place, those contracts were terminated and converted to contracts with the regions. Just as a matter of interest, the current Prairie Mountain Region is made up of several of the 1990s version regions and now stretches basically from the US border to Swan River and from Hwy 34 to the Saskatchewan border.

The nurses were not fired but given new contracts. There were a few less nurses in positions due to moving out of province and retirements but I was told it was less than 100.

The point is that with a Manitoba election coming up, the three political parties, the unions and many others will be offering up their version of the truth. I say "version of the truth" as the actual truth may be elusive.

The Progressive Conservatives will say that they got through COVID-19, have made extra expenditures to help people offset the cost of federal carbon



RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL

tax, are funding several rec centres and new hospitals and reducing school taxes on property. The opposition parties and unions representing government workers will claim that the PCs bungled C-19, have cut health care dollars and aren't spending nearly enough on numerous other projects.

I have spoken to politicians and union people both personally and through this column. It is hopefully apparent to them and readers in general that when it comes to history, politics and policies that this paper will not knowingly publish things that aren't true. This paper will also offer various opinions on the pages by way of columns and letters to the editor.

I am not saying we haven't fallen short from time to time but readers should expect the truth and if a statement isn't true, it better be in quotation marks and attributed to a particular person, political party or union.

Voters have a responsibility to evaluate all they hear and read and decide what is true and what is simply political posturing. In keeping with the Bible quote at the top of this column, it is only the truth that sets people free.

Not knowing the truth, or not accepting it, is what nearly destroyed the United States over slavery. Rather than fight the deadliest war, the Civil War, the United States could have spent the cash to compensate the slave owners. And that's just the cost in dollars and doesn't include the deaths, injuries, agony and

discord that still affects the US today.

Not telling the residents about the sale of the huge tracts of land in Manitoba in 1869 and the plans to develop the agricultural capacity of the west, has scarred Canada's relations with the Metis and First Nations people to this day.

In today's era, health care is a big topic and it has been splattered with untruths for decades. Canadian medicare was not invented by Tommy Douglas but by Matt Anderson, the reeve of the RM of McKillop, Saskatchewan. It was operated on a municipal level after being adopted by a provincial Liberal government in 1938. It was well over 20 years before it came into effect for all of Saskatchewan and then Canada. Tommy Douglas worked hard for medicare, but he was not the father, not even close.

Today, the theme is that health care needs more money but if you talk to anybody in the industry, from workers to politicians to union leaders, money is not the whole answer. Money may not even be the most important factor. The common theme is that front line workers are not consulted enough.

Truth is found in the trenches and it's rare for politicians or union leaders to actually visit the trenches and actually seek the truth.

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Laying the foundation

Last week's column gives me a good foundation on which to build a series that I hope will help us rethink our views of those around us.

For years, we have heard people of all political, social, economic and religious beliefs speak out against racism in our society. Their statements have been carefully worded and they have produced many positive changes in Canada's laws.

So then, why does it seem (to me, at least) that racism in our society is getting worse instead of better? How have we become a society in which people feel that they must "play the race card" to receive fair treatment when applying for a job or get justice for wrongs they have suffered? How have we reached the place where we need public inquiries to identify "systemic racism" in some segments of our society? What is wrong and, more importantly, how can this wrong be corrected?

Part of the problem can be traced to the way our society deals with racism. We expose racist activities where we find them (as we



should). We demand change from those who are guilty of racism (as we should). But legally, that is all that we can do.

If we want to eradicate racism in our society, we must identify the root of which racism is the fruit. To do that, we must turn to the one who created this world and put us in it.

Every year, the Canadian Council of Churches designates January 18-25 as Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's resource package (International Booklet) was prepared by the Minnesota Council of Churches, using the theme "Do good; Seek justice." Given some of the recent events in the State of Minnesota, I was glad to see their Council of Churches address the spiritual component of racism.

The International Booklet contains a homily suitable for use at an Ecumenical Week of Prayer Service. Hidden in one of the footnotes for this homily is the best explanation of racism's roots that I have ever read.

"There is only one race," the note reads; "and that is the human race. However, we must acknowledge that the myth of race has caused the reality of racism. Race is not biological, it is a social construct which separates humanity according to physical traits. It is important to acknowledge that while the term may not be used in various parts of the world, it (racism) has been used as a tool to effectively divide and oppress groups of humans." (Source: www.weekofprayer.ca/2023-wp-cu-resources <<http://www.weekofprayer.ca/2023-wp-cu-resources>>)

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Those words identify the root of racism far better than I ever could. And they identify one critical question every person on earth must answer through whose eyes will I see the people around me? Through my eyes or through God's eyes?

If we look at people through our own eyes, we will focus on the differences; on the things that separate us into different people groups and sow the seeds that lead to racist beliefs, embed them in our minds, and further divide an already fractured society.

But if we look at people through God's eyes, we will gain a deeper appreciation for our heritage (see last week's column) as descendants one common ancestor and thus, members of one human race.

You must decide if you will see others through your eyes or God's. I cannot make that decision for you. I would, however, advise all people to choose carefully and choose wisely. Your future and the future of our society could depend on it.

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Thank you to the Kelwood Volunteer Fire Department for their excellent work on the morning of Tuesday Jan. 24 at the vehicle accident at the Kelwood corner. They worked effectively to rescue a driver and did it in very cold and snowy conditions.

Doug Wood, Kelwood, MB



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God is with us

By Vlad Makyeyev
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One word in the book of Acts in the New Testament has drawn my attention recently. I mean the word we can hear on the news all the time.

Acts 23:12-13, "When it was day, the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. There were more than forty who formed this plot" (NASB).

The religious zealots of Israel would simply suggest to the Roman officer that he bring Apostle Paul down to the council, as though they were going to inquire more about him.

Then those men would kill Paul, be quickly released from their oath, and then have steak, mashed potatoes, and a Greek salad for dinner.

The enemies of Apostle Paul could not even imagine for a moment that God would rescue Paul from their murderous conspiracy by the means of a young fellow.

And I wonder how many of those forty fanatics ended up starving themselves to death because of their failed conspiracy.

Those men were confident that they were right with their cause. And nowadays too many people in our world think that they have righteous cause when they vow to stop Christians from preaching the gospel/good news of Jesus Christ.

What these people do not know in their unbelief and ignorance is that God is with His children, and the enemies of Christ cannot win. They may win battles, but God wins the war.

God knows everything

and He cares for the needs of His children. God's Word stands forever. There is no one mightier than Creator God. Nothing and no one can stop God from fulfilling His purposes in this world around us. So do not worry, be happy in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He is coming soon for His Bride. Just wait and be prepared.

Romans 8:28, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose".

Gladstone's Glory Years: Strachan's class of 1915



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This photo, dated to 1915, appeared in chapter nine of the Gladstone's Glory Years booklet series. Although no names for the Sunday School students were available, Mrs. (Rev) Strachan was identified as the teacher.



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OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Oatmeal economics

In today's economy, our budgets are stretched to the limits. Grocery shopping is a significant expense in that budget. Did you know that the most economical breakfast food to buy is oatmeal? As an oatmeal porridge connoisseur, I see the prices on those ever shrinking boxes of cold cereal and I think that the price of those flakes are indicative to the price of steaks! Basically, the more processing a food goes through the more expensive it is.

Not only is oatmeal porridge more affordable, it is so much healthier for you. Those Scotsmen had the right idea. Oatmeal eaters not only feel fuller longer than their cereal eating counterparts, they eat less at their next meal. Oatmeal's high fiber levels help keep blood sugar levels steady, which helps to prevent rapid spikes in blood sugar after a meal. Besides being a healthy source of carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and proteins, oats have proven to be a great assistant against digestive problems, diabetes, high cholesterol levels and money flying out of your pocket book.

Breakfast cereals are loaded with unnecessary amounts of sugar, sodium, preservatives and additives which oatmeal does not contain. Beware of instant oatmeal, as those little packs contain a lot of sugar and other not so good stuff. They also cost much more than the regular oatmeal which does not take that long to cook. To add variety to your bowl of porridge get creative. Mix in your favorite fruits like bananas, apples, blue berries etc., add spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, or pumpkin pie spice, swirl in peanut butter, or top it off with your favorite nuts and seeds.

Easy to make, I like this in the summer as I prefer a cold breakfast then.

Overnight oatmeal

2 cups preferably large flaked oatmeal	1 cup vanilla yogurt
1 cup milk	1/2 cup toasted nuts or seeds
1/4 cup maple syrup	of your choice
1 tsp. vanilla	fresh fruit of your choice, such as diced
1/4 tsp. cinnamon	apples or bananas

In a large bowl, combine oats, milk, syrup and vanilla. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Just before serving, stir in yogurt. Top with nuts and fruit of your choice.

I first tasted this in a B and B we visited in Nova Scotia and being a prairie girl have made it with saskatoons instead of blueberries. Yum.

Blue berry oatmeal bake

2 eggs	1/4 cup honey
1 1/4 cups milk	3 1/2 cups large flaked oatmeal
1 tsp. vanilla	1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/4 tsp. salt	2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

In a mixing bowl, stir together the eggs, milk, vanilla, salt and honey. Add in the oats and almonds to the milk mixture and stir together. Gently fold in the blueberries. Pour this into a lightly sprayed 9x9 inch pan. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Spoon into bowls and top with milk or yogurt.

Raisin cinnamon oat scones

1 cup oatmeal	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup buttermilk or milk with 1 tsp. vinegar added.	1/2 cup butter
2 cups flour	1 egg
1/3 cup brown sugar	1 cup raisins
3 tsp. baking powder	1 Tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt	1/4 tsp. cinnamon

To the oatmeal add the buttermilk and set aside. In a bowl add the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Cut the butter into flour using a pastry blender until the mixture is fine. Add the raisins to the flour. Stir the egg into the buttermilk and oatmeal and add to the flour mix. Do not over mix- just until dough forms a ball. Pat out onto floured surface and pat down to a large circle. Mix the table spoon of sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle over dough. Cut in half. Cut each half into 7-8 wedges. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven at 400°F for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

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Manitoba farmers urged to 'make the call' on World Wetlands Day

Ducks Unlimited Canada wants all producers to explore conservation options

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On World Wetlands Day, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) wants to recognize and help farmers who are taking action to preserve natural habitat on their land.

"Science shows that wetlands can improve crop and livestock production in many ways," explains Mark Francis, Ducks Unlimited Canada's (DUC) manager of provincial operations in Manitoba. "I encourage farmers and ranchers to celebrate World Wetlands Day by contacting DUC or the conservation group of their choice to map out a plan to preserve and restore these vital marshes and ponds."

Wetlands increase the number of pollinators in farm fields, which means better crop pollination and higher yields. Other beneficial insects found



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in wetlands are predators of common crop pests - flea beetles in canola, for example.

DUC research shows wetlands can cool the air temperature in local fields by up to three degrees Celsius, reducing heat stress in vulnerable crops. Another DUC study found restoring drained wetlands can reduce nitrogen and phosphorus running off farm fields into creeks, rivers and lakes.

To reward conservation-minded Manitobans, DUC plans to provide \$15.1 million in financial

incentives and programming in the coming year, including average payments of \$100,000 to landowners who commit to protecting wetlands.

A new guidebook detailing DUC conservation programs is available online at www.ag.ducks.ca

Since launching in Manitoba 85 years ago, DUC has partnered with more than 1,500 landowners to conserve more than 700,000 acres. However, southwest Manitoba continues losing approximately 3,200 unprotected wetland acres each year.

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Keystone Party schedules Town Hall for Gladstone

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The province's newest political party is hoping to make some major inroads within rural Manitoba. The Keystone Party of Manitoba, which was formally launched last year, has announced plans a Town Hall meeting in Gladstone at Stride Hall on Feb. 17.

In a media statement confirming the event, the group stated that "If you want to be a part of the movement that will empower Manitobans, join us [Feb. 17] in Gladstone." The release went on to state that party officials "Look forward to working

for [Manitoba residents]. Come out to hear more about the Keystone Party and share your vision for a better Manitoba."

The grassroots party gained official status less than a year ago. It is currently lead by Kevin Friesen of Manitou. The Keystone Party was born from its' assertion that "The current political system was not working for Manitobans and in order for there to be real change, it would require a differnt approach."

The meeting in Gladstone will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 17. The 2023 Manitoba General Election is scheduled for Oct. 3.

Neepawa Chamber of Commerce hears history of local success story

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce held their 123rd Annual Meeting on Jan.30 and the featured speaker told the gathering about a local success story. Rob Wolfe of Neepawa's Northstar Seed outlined the history and growth of the company that grew out of a group of eight Manitoba alfalfa seed producers.

The producer group included cousins Don and Jim Pollock and the venture started in 1982 in the midst of 21 per cent interest rates. Wolfe recounted that Northstar's accountant stated, "You are brave bunch." Shareholders were added over the years, products diversified and international markets developed. Wolfe said, "We are currently shipping forage seed all over the world. We kinda span the globe," and he proceeded to list a large number of countries.

Northstar expanded into Michigan in 2012. The company is involved with production and sales of all types of grasses and forage from hay to pasture to grass for sports fields. "Our products have been used in Olympic stadiums," said Wolfe.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Rob Wolfe, of Northstar Seed, recently served as the guest speaker for the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting.

Recently Northstar signed a deal to be bought by Germany-based, Deutsche Saatveredelung AG (DSV) which allows some of the original shareholders to retire. DSV had been a

customer for over 30 years. Wolfe summarized the company's growth and history with six pieces of advice. One, work with the best people you can find. Two, learn wherever possible.

Three, pack your suitcase and show up at meetings where no one knows you. Four, take calculated risks. Five, maintain your core competencies. Six, plan for growth.

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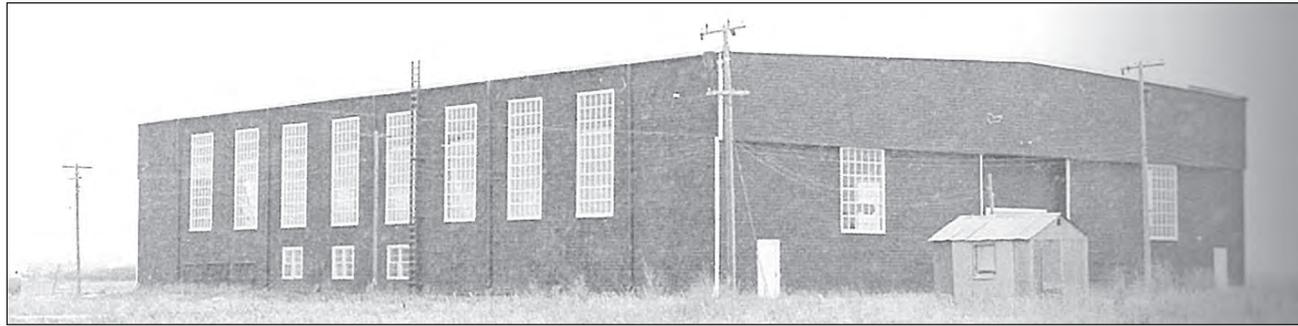
Edson Industries a source of commotion in the 1970s

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Acquisition of new industries was a key focus for Neepawa in the late 60s. This is because its largest industry, the Canadian Salt Co. Ltd. plant, made an announcement in June of 1968 that it was planning to move to Saskatchewan by October of 1969.

For those who may be unaware of this business's history, the plant had gotten its start as Neepawa Salt Works in the late 1920s. Then, it was bought out by Canada Salt in the early 1940s to become a Canadian Salt Co. Ltd. plant. The company's plans to move came not from lack of salt, as there was still plenty in the underground lake, but from cost. Instead of having to pump brine up from the lake, there would be salt available on the surface at the Saskatchewan location, provided as a byproduct of a nearby potash mining venture located between Regina and Moose Jaw.

The Neepawa plant employed 60 staff, the loss of which would have been a major blow to the community if new businesses were not brought in to replace it. However, the Neepawa and Area Development



PHOTOS FROM THE HISTORY OF NEEPAWA BUSINESSES (1883-2018)

The former Neepawa Airport armouries building, which became the home of Edson Industries when it moved to the town in 1968/69.

Corporation (NADCO) had been hard at work to draw in those replacements.

Among these was Edson Industries, a manufacturer of trailers and truck campers. Originally from Winnipeg, Edson moved to Neepawa in the fall of 1968 and began production in the town's former airport armoury in January of 1969. From there, it would go on to take its place as one of Neepawa's top industries. And, later on, a point of contention.

Marr's buys Edson

In September 1969, Marr's Marine Limited, a Winnipeg-based distributing firm for recreational equipment, bought out Edson Industries Neepawa Ltd., making it a subsidiary of Marr's. This purchase was made after an agree-

ment was reached between Marr's, Edson and NADCO. Through the deal, Marr's Marine gained the facilities necessary to manufacture its Marr-Craft travel trailer, which at the time had been being manufactured for the firm's distribution by Northwest Design and Fabrication Limited in Transcona.

For Neepawa, this meant Edson's expansion and an increase in job opportunities. Previously only employing 11 staff. By 1973, Edson Industries had 50 people on the payroll.

Later that year, however, is when the big kerfuffle began. Around May that same year, Edson Industries announced that it would be moving from Neepawa to the Oo-Za-We-Kwun training centre at Rivers in order to continue its expansion.

The reasons provided by Marr's/Edson for moving to Rivers for this expansion, as opposed to staying at Neepawa, were the lower floor rental rates and available floor space. The floor space at Oo-Za-We-Kwun was 84,000 sq ft, as opposed to 20,000 at Neepawa. Additionally, the fibreglass roofs of Edson's camper trailers were made by Fiberlex, which was also stationed at the centre.

The upset

Residents of Neepawa, including then-mayor Harry Smith, were upset about this news for a few reasons:

- The loss of jobs.
- The people of Neepawa and NADCO had raised \$50,000 to help get Edson Industries started when it came to town, as it was on the verge of bankruptcy.
- They felt that Edson Industries was being stolen or lured away from the community by federal funding.

Smith himself went on to contact the prime minister and other government officials via letter, expressing his displeasure with the use of such funding to aid the company's moving instead of helping it stay. Smith even led a delegation to Winnipeg to present this case.

Smith's case garnered response from the premier, minister of industry and commerce and the manager of West-Man Development, all of which stated their disapproval of such a use of funds.

These statements, in turn, got response from officials at

Oo-Za-We-Kwun and Marr's/Edson, who were displeased by the statements. Both asserted that no grants were involved, that the Department of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) nor the Department of Manpower were involved in the Edson negotiations and that the statements made by the officials were rife with misinformation.

Smith himself came to admit that he had incorrectly interpreted the situation when writing his letter, which led to the misunderstanding all around, as the other officials had gotten their information from the letter.

W. A. Marr also provided clarification that Edson had approached Oo-Za-We-Kwun and not the reverse. Additionally, that 90 per cent of Edson's current employees were being kept on payroll and provided some assistance to help them move.

Marr also stressed that the money Neepawa had loaned to Edson's in the past, when still under management of its previous owners, was paid back to any creditors immediately and an agreement made with NADCO. Any money owed NADCO, according to Marr, would be paid back in full plus 8.5 per cent to date.

The move to Oo-Za-We-Kwun was completed in August of 1973.

Edson's closure

In 1975, it was reported that Edson was employing a total of 80 persons, with 25 per cent of the company's

workforce being Indigenous as part of the Oo-Za-We-Kwun training program. Wages for Indigenous trainees was reimbursed by the government for the first six months of employment, though Edson Industries questioned whether or not the subsidy off-set production loss while the training was taking place. Additionally, costs to ship in parts was much higher since the business wasn't close to any large industrial centres. Edson Industries stated that this shipping cost was offset by the lower floor rental price.

Edson's workforce grew to 180 people during peak seasons and 140 regularly by Nov. 18, 1977. This, however, would dwindle to just 64 people total by Jan. 18, 1978. The manufacturer experienced very little growth, save for its purchase of the bankrupt Parklands Plastic plant at Dauphin the prior year, where it planned to expand production.

In 1980, the Oo-Za-We-Kwun training venture was closed by the Department of Indian Affairs and the federal government offered the base up for sale. At this same time, Edson laid off several staff members due to high inventory.

Shortly after, in January of 1981, Marr's put the Edson operation up for sale. Then, in June, they were struggling to re-open its doors. One factor cited was fluctuation of staff, as Edson Industries lost staff whenever the future of the Oo-Za-We-Kwun training program was in doubt. This was due to employees assuming Edson would close if the program did.

With the closure of Edson Industries, employees and business officials sought other ventures.

Note: This information was culminated from reports via a variety of newspapers of that time, including the Neepawa Press, Brandon Sun, Rivers Gazette, Winnipeg Free Press and MacGregor Herald.



Pictured are individuals who were present when the Neepawa edition of Edson Industries was formed in 1968. From left to right are: Harsh Lerner, of Davidson & Lerner, who handled legal work and cooperated with NADCO to encourage Edson to start here; Howard Alguire, of Neepawa, a dealer for Edson campers in the past and a secretary-treasurer of the company; Bruno Mittelstadt, vice-president and production manager for Edson Industries; John Thomas, president of NADCO; and mayor Harry Smith.

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Mighty fine fishing at Lake Irwin



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Brad Mummery (above) and mentees Shawn (left) and Liam (top photo) Dennis went fishing on Lake Irwin recently, securing some significant catches. It was the Dennis boys' first time fishing, with Mummery saying they did really well because of their positive attitude. Some catches were released, as they were 30 inches or longer and were thus over the slot size.



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Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce hosts its Annual General Meeting

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It was a welcome return to normal for the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce (NDCC) during its Annual General Meeting on Monday, Jan. 30. For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held in person at the Neepawa Legion Hall, as opposed to being a video conference. That shift created a much more jovial feeling throughout all the night's festivities for Neepawa's business leaders.

Once dinner was completed, it was down to business, in both the figurative and literally sense. First, there was the welcome greeting to attendees by Chamber president Kerri MacPherson. After that, guest speaker Rob Wolfe of Northstar Seed provided a presentation and overview of the company and its connections both locally and globally (See full story on the presentation on page 7).

Next was the announcement of the Business of the Year. This year's recipient was the Neepawa Veterinary Clinic Ltd (Separate story on the business on page 1)

After those items were attended to, there were the Chamber president's remarks, as well as a review of the financials.

"The Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce once again faced a challenging year, as COVID restrictions continued to impact our community early in 2022. However, we are very thankful for the support of the business community as those restrictions were



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The board members for the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce for 2023. From left to right: Sherry Francis, Ally Potrebka, Kristine Loomis, Jordan Luhowy, Ken Waddell, Marilyn Crewe, Pam Miller and Kerri MacPherson. Absent from picture are board members Jeff Desender and Kay Mansell.

lifted and we were able to bring a number of meaningful events [to Neepawa] over the course of the year," said Chamber president Kerri MacPherson.

MacPherson lauded the success of the second annual restaurant challenge during the summer, the return of the Chamber Fair and expansion of the town wide garage sale.

As for the Chamber's

financial report for the year indicated that the total expenses for the year were \$61,792.52, compared to an overall income of \$60,677.61. While a loss is not optimal, with the uncertainty related to COVID restrictions early in the year, the losses could have been much larger. With more certainty in 2023, the Chamber is optimistic about the year ahead.

Neepawa Tourism
Neepawa Tourism partnered with the Chamber at its AGM for the third

straight year and providing an update on the year that was.

Tourism board chair Pam Brown shared some

details on several successful effort by the board to attract visitors to Neepawa, including:

- The second annual Riverbend Maker's Market;
- The inaugural Rockin' the Riverbend concert;
- The debut of the Riverbend Antiques Market; and
- Expansion of Neepawa Tourism mural walk.

As for Tourism's financial outlook, Neepawa's economic development officer Marilyn Crewe provide an update on behalf of the volunteer group.

The year-end figures noted total expenses last year at \$32,607.18, while the income of \$29,323.11. Those results created a loss for the year of \$3,284.07. Fortunately, for Tourism, over the years, it has accumulated a financial surplus that allows for these types of one off loss year-over-year to be absorbed without issue.

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Neepawa Vet Clinic honoured by Chamber of Commerce

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After the announcement on Business of the Year was made, Chamber of Commerce board president Kerri MacPherson congratulated the Neepawa Vet Clinic for its dedication and commitment to the region.

Dr. Ostendorf said while the recognition from the Chamber is incredibly humbling, it is not her's alone to receive.

"It is humbling. We don't get into this profession to be acknowledged and rewarded for, you know, doing what we do. I love what I do, and that's why I do it. And I wouldn't be here without my staff in general. I really cannot provide the services that I provide or the care that I provide to patients without them. So, ultimately we are a team," Dr. Ostendorf indicated.

The Vet Clinic practice has been owned by Dr. Ostendorf since 2016, who has been working in Neepawa since 2012. The practice focuses on the care and service of a wide variety of animals, from small house pets to large farm animals, and all those in-between.

There are nine full-time staff that work at

the Clinic, as well as several individuals who participate in a mentorship program.



Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce manager Jennifer Wiebe presents Dr. Liz Ostendorf of the Neepawa Veterinary Clinic with the 2022 Business of the Year award on Monday, Jan. 30.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Schedule of Events

February 7 - February 12, 2023

The Yellowhead Centre, Neepawa, MB



Tuesday, February 7th - CALCUTTA AUCTION

- 7:30PM - Doors open - no entry fee required
- 8PM - CALCUTTA AUCTION BEGINS - Yellowhead Centre Hall - Enter at West doors for auction only

Wednesday, February 8th - DRAW TIMES AS PER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 5-7PM - Chicken Chef Roast Beef Supper - \$21.50 plus tax - price does not include event admission - Yellowhead Centre Hall
- 7PM - OPENING CEREMONIES
- Sliders Lounge hours below

Thursday, February 9th - DRAW TIMES AS PER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 5-7PM - Chicken Chef Turkey Supper - \$21.50 plus tax - price does not include event admission - Yellowhead Centre Hall
- Sliders Lounge hours below

Friday, February 10th - DRAW TIMES AS PER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 5:30PM - 7:30PM - Steak Pit Supper - \$25
- ONLY 400 AVAILABLE - price does not include event admission - Yellowhead Centre Hall
- tickets available online or at Harris Pharmacy in Neepawa
- 9:30pm - Live Band - THE CHRIS GHIDONI BAND
- Sliders Lounge hours below

Saturday, February 11th - DRAW TIMES AS PER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 11:30AM - 1:30PM - Chicken Chef Lunch
- 2 Piece Fried Chicken Dinner - \$12 plus tax
- 3 Piece Fried Chicken Dinner - \$14 plus tax
- price does not include event admission - Yellowhead Centre Hall
- 5-7PM - Chicken Chef Lasagna Supper - \$18 plus tax - price does not include event admission - Yellowhead Centre Hall
- 9PM - Live Band - CROSSFIRE
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 Friday, Feb. 10th - 8:30am, 12:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:45pm
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Neepawa Tigers win big, both on and off the ice

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

While a recent home stand for the NACI Tigers was extremely successful on the ice, the success that was achieved off of it is much more important to the players, coaches and supporters of the team.

The Tigers played a pair of games last week at the Yellowhead Centre. The first of those was on Wednesday, Jan. 25 against the Hamiota Huskies, with Neepawa closing out the night with an impressive 4-0 victory. Myles Willerton, Brody Pollock, Tarek Lapointe and Jory Kulbacki all scored for Neepawa, while Gatlyn Plett picked up the shutout win in net.

A notable aspect of the evening happened just before the opening faceoff, however, as NACI was able to present a cheque for \$1,000 to Miles for Mental Health, a global initiative geared towards removing the stigma that surrounds mental health. Claire McCannell, the vice president of the local chapter accepted the cheque on the organization's behalf.

Tigers fight cancer

A few nights later, the NACI Tigers were back at it once again at the Yellowhead, this time versus the Virden Golden Bears. In this game, Neepawa started strong, scoring the first four goals of the night. That early dominance powered the Tigers to a 10-3 win.

Tarek Lapointe and Ward Brister both had five point performances. Lapointe had a hat-trick



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

NACI celebrates a goal versus Virden on Friday, Jan. 27. The Tigers would win the game by a score of 10-3.

and added a pair of assists, while Brister had four helpers to go with one goal. Other goalscorers included Rylan Sumner, Hayden Delaloye, Cohen and Jory Kulbacki and Callan Denbow, who contributed with two and two assists. Goal-tender Austin Michaluk picked up the win.

While those results on the stat-line were impres-

sive, the numbers brought in away from the ice were even better. The game versus Virden was the NACI's annual Tigers Fight Cancer fundraiser. This event raises funds for local programs through a progressive 50/50, a puck toss, a 50/50 held at the game and the players making and selling candy bags for several weeks prior to

the game. This year, all those efforts brought in an amazing \$5,400, which will be given to a few programs that support cancer patients right here in Neepawa.

Tigers co-coach Troy Brister told the Banner & Press this game, and more

specifically, the fundraising efforts related to it, mean a lot to the players and their families.

"Over the past four years, this event has grown tremendously. With this year's success, the Tigers have raised over \$9,000 for vari-

ous programs that support cancer patients in our town and surrounding areas," said Brister. "As soon as this game is mentioned, we have parents volunteering and the team stepping up to do whatever is asked of them. They are all eager to help out, especially knowing the funds raised stay right here in Neepawa. Many families have been impacted by cancer and they see the importance of what we are trying to do. Our parent group is proud to be able to give back to our community and thankful for all of the support they receive."

Brister added that seeing the stands full of supporters for this event, as well, demonstrates the support of the community and it means so much to the team to play in front of such a large crowd.



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Heather Brister drops the puck for the commemorative faceoff during the Tigers game against Virden on Friday, Jan. 27. Heather's son and Tigers defenceman Troy Brister (on right) participated in the puck drop.



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On Wednesday, Jan. 25, the leadership group for the NACI Tigers present a cheque to Claire McCannell, the vice president of the Miles for Mental Health initiative, a movement to break the stigma surrounding mental health.



Neepawa Titans Junior "A" Hockey Team



Mark these dates on your calendar!

Neepawa Titans regular season home games

February 3 at 7:30 pm vs Steinbach • February 17 at 7:30 vs Winnipeg Blues
February 19 at 6:00 vs Winnipeg Blues • February 25 at 7:30 vs Portage
March 5 at 6:30 vs Steinbach • March 17 at 7:30 vs Selkirk

Neepawa Titans Events!

February 18, 2023 - Neepawa Titans Snowmobile Derby
Contact Tom Yandean at 204-386-2050

March 3, 2023 - Neepawa Area 15th Annual Sports Dinner

Guest Speakers:
Tyler McGregor, Captain of Canada Paralympic Sledge Hockey Team
and Comedian Dan Verville

Tickets \$100 - Available at Titans Store, Neepawa Banner & Press & Harris Pharmacy (After Feb. 12)
A portion of the sports dinner proceeds will be donated to local Cancer Care Programs.

April 14-15 - Neepawa Titans Developmental Camp, Neepawa Yellowhead Centre

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Presented at the Neepawa Area 15th Annual Sports Dinner
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

Nominations will be judged on the basis of:

- The nominee's contribution to the growth or strengthening of sport and recreation in Neepawa
- Outstanding leadership skills
- Volunteerism and personal involvement in sport or recreation
- The impact and lasting contribution of the nominee's efforts

In order to assist the organizers assessment of the nominations, nominators are asked to provide supporting information in a formal letter of nomination.

Please email all nominations with
ATTN: NOMINATION - SPORTS DINNER to
guinnbro@mts.net

Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 17, 2023

MJHL Standings

Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Wayway Wolverines	40	23	12	3	2	51
Dauphin Kings	41	24	14	2	1	51
Swan Valley Stampeders	42	23	14	4	1	51
OCN Blizzard	43	22	16	2	3	49
Virten Oil Capitals	41	23	17	1	0	47
Neepawa Titans	44	17	18	8	1	43

Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Steinbach Pistons	41	31	10	0	0	62
Portage Terriers	41	30	9	1	1	62
Winkler Flyers	42	26	10	5	1	58
Niverville Nighthawks	41	20	17	1	3	44
Winnipeg Blues	44	15	22	6	1	37
Selkirk Steelers	41	14	23	3	1	32
Winnipeg Freeze	41	3	36	2	0	8

Game results

Friday, Jan. 27 Winkler 4-2 Neepawa

First Period
06:45 WKR M. Svenson (23) PP
ASST: T. Penner (15), T. Sambrook (34)
11:41 WKR Z. Nicolaoas (16) PP
ASST: T. Penner (16), Z. Brault (20)
18:58 NPA W. Highet (9)
ASST: C. Trimble (12), C. Thompson (3)

Second Period
00:42 WKR T. Penner (22) PP
ASST: T. Sambrook (35), Z. Brault (21)
16:41 NPA C. Gudnason (7)
ASST: J. Romanyk (12), C. Thompson (4)

Third Period
18:48 WKR T. Sambrook (9)
ASST: G. Waltz (5), T. Penner (17)

Scoring

	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	1	1	0	2	0/5
WKR	2	1	1	4	3/4

Goaltenders
NPA M. Lobreau - (L) 29/33 saves
WKR M. Klassen - (W) 28/30 saves
Attendance: 894 - Centennial Arena

Saturday, Jan. 28 Winkler 3-1 Neepawa

First Period
No scoring

Second Period
07:33 WKR Z. Nicolas (17)
ASST: C. Dittmer (2), L. Fillion (5)
12:08 NPA H. Stocks (19) PP
ASST: B. Wood (25), E. Poirier (8))

Third Period
14:41 WKR M. Svenson (24)
ASST: Unassisted
17:08 WKR J. Legaarden (15)
ASST: M. Svenson (21), D. Andrew (14)

Scoring

	1	2	3	Total	PP
WKR	0	1	2	3	0/2
NPA	0	1	0	1	1/6

Goaltenders
WKR A. Comeau - (W) 32/33 saves
NPA M. Lobreau - (L) 22/25 saves
Attendance: 328 - Yellowhead Centre

Brookdale 6 End Mixed Bonspiel & 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament

March 10th -12th 2023

Entry Fee: \$210/hockey team \$160/curling team
Includes 4 supper tickets and entry into draw for 2-\$1000 travel vouchers! (must be present at time of draw)

Hockey Entries call/text Mark 841-3367 or Gord 841-3655

Curling Entries – call/text Kelly 476-0688 or Brent 724-0942

DJ Saturday night / transportation provided

Neepawa Titans must overcome beasts of the east to secure playoffs

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titan's path to the playoffs will take them through the most difficult portion of their MJHL regular season schedule.

With just 14 games remaining in the season, the Titans will play 11 times against clubs from the Eastern Division. It includes three match-ups against the current top team in the MJHL, the Steinbach Pistons, two versus the always difficult Portage Terriers and one final clash with the Winkler Flyers, who just recently won three straight games against Neepawa.

The rest of the eastern schedule is against the Winnipeg Blues (*two games*), Selkirk Steelers (*two games*) and Niverville Nighthawks (*one game*), who are all still vying for the fourth and final spot in the playoffs on that side of the bracket.

The only divisional games left are a pair versus



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the Swan Valley Stampeders, and one against the Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

With 11 of their final 14 games this season against Eastern Division clubs, such as the Winkler Flyer (pictured), the Neepawa Titans are hoping to generate a final push to get back into playoff contention in the West.

the first of these all important games will be on Friday, Feb. 3, when the Titans host the Steinbach

Pistons at the Yellowhead Centre. Start time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Gladstone defeat Neepawa in overtime



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

With their recent overtime win against Neepawa, the Gladstone Lakers improved to 12-4-0 in the standings and are in first place in the Tiger Hills Hockey League East Division.

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It was an old fashion 1980s' style shootout at the Yellowhead Centre on Sunday, Jan. 29, between the Neepawa Farmers and Gladstone Lakers. And when it was all said and done, it was the Lakers who came out on top, posting a 7-6 win in overtime.

The first period was a wild back-and-forth, as Gladstone scored just

44 seconds into the game. Neepawa would collect the next three goals, before the Lakers responded with three of their own, to make it 4-3 after 20 minutes.

Things calmed down in the second, with both clubs adding one goal apiece. While Neepawa scored twice early in the third to take the lead, Gladstone would tie it up before the end of regulation. For the OT session, Jesse Toth secured the win for

the Lakers just 1:39 into extra time. That final goal capped off a huge game for Toth, who had six points (3 goals - 3 assists) in total. Neepawa's top performances came from Kyle McDonald, who had five points (2G - 3A) for the Farmers.

With the win, Gladstone improves its record to 12-4-0 on the Tiger Hills Hockey League season, while Neepawa dropped to 6-10-1.

Neepawa Men's Bonspiel declares winners



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Pictured here are the winners for the Neepawa Men's Bonspiel, which was held from Jan. 27 to Jan. 29. Largest end was won by Hammar Jackson.

Above: The winners of the first event, sponsored by Enn's Bros Ltd and ShurGro Services, were Kevin Paramor, Tyler Grumpelt, Jason Doerksen and Ron Kulbacki. Coming in second, third and fourth were Murray Newton, Adam Jakubowski and Jack Follows.

Top right: The second event, sponsored by Neepawa Pharmacy and McLaughlin GM, was won by Paul Robertson, Jeff Cook, Hunter Dundas and Kieran Baron (missing from photo). Following in order were the Hans Pedersen, Darcy Eng and Jack Kulbacki rinks.

Bottom right: Winners for the third event, sponsored by John's Electric and Gardewine, were Grant Babcock, Duane Lang, Darryl Oshanyk, Bradley Oshanyk. Those following were the Darcy Eng, Kyle Cversko and Keith Babcock rinks.



My journey from Bristol to Neepawa (Manitoba)

By Cabdi Jaamac

SUBMITTED

Margaret Laurence can be considered one of the greatest writers in Canadian history. Seventy-two years ago, Margaret Laurence, along with her husband Jack Laurence, went to Somaliland, which was ruled then by Great Britain. Jack Laurence was an engineer who won a contract from the British Empire to dig 40 dams for the people of Somaliland, who were mostly nomads. The plan was to have rain water fill the dams in the spring and rainy season so the people and their livestock could drink from it later. This became an opportunity for Margaret Laurence, who presented her talent in writing in Somaliland. She wrote her first book in Somaliland after seeing the gift that God gave to the people with words and poetry, which has a far-reaching meaning. There's not many nations in the world that can claim that.

Margaret Laurence presented her first book "A Tree for Poverty". The title is derived from a passage from Abokor Awad Beelle's poem, who had exchanged many poems with another poet from Hargaysa called Laf-ambe. In those poems, they exchanged different ideas. The book "A Tree for Poverty" was the first Laurence she published as Margaret Laurence. Tens of books followed, including short stories and novels, all of which she wrote after she returned to her home in Canada. In the end, she wrote her memories from Somaliland in another book she named "A Prophet's Camel Bell" which she published in 1967.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, me, Mohamed Osman Robleh and Mohamed Mataan left in the early morning from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Both Mohameds and I agreed to leave Winnipeg at 7 a.m.

and target Neepawa, the small town where Margaret Laurence was born in 1927, where her grandparents, who were originally from Scotland and Ireland, used to live. Margaret's father was born in Neepawa.

We have arrived Neepawa at 9:40 a.m., which was little bit earlier than the time that our hosts were expecting us at the house that Margaret was born in, which is a museum now.

We had coffee and tea at a coffee shop, not far from the Margaret Laurence House and spent a short time waiting for the appointment. After our drinks, we headed to Margaret Laurence's house, where Mr. Blair Chapman, who is the chairman of the committee that manages the Margaret Laurence Museum, and Brenda Ferguson, who is one of the museum staff, were waiting for us.

After a short greeting, we went inside and went room-by-room into the Margaret Laurence house, where we saw many interesting things that we did not know about Margaret Laurence. Also, we took some memorable pictures.

We presented Blair and Brenda gifts we brought from Somaliland, which included Hangool, Gorof, Fandhaal, Kebed, Kabo Jaangadri and other tools that our ancestors used in their daily life, back in the time that when their life depended on something, they peeled it from a tree or harvested from their livestock.

The journey that took Margaret Laurence and her husband Jack Laurence to Somaliland was a long journey, from Canada to England to Cairo by flight. Then, there was no direct flight from Cairo to Hargeisa, or any other city in Somaliland. So, they had to take a ship from Cairo to Berbera. Margaret Laurence named it "The Innocent Journey" and said so in a

chapter of her book Prophet's Camel Bell.

So, the main question is 'why did Margaret Laurence, and her husband came to Somaliland?' That is an important question which deserves a correct and sufficient answer. The people of Somaliland who, were nomads, have lived for centuries without water and with water scarcity. It's the biggest tragedy that has befallen those people for as long as history remembers. Water was always far away, scarce and previously transported by camels and now by tanker trucks (Booyado).

So, for Somalilanders today and 72 years ago, when Margaret and Jack arrived in our land, the major problem is water. There was some brief time in the mid-70s, that Siyad Barre with the help of the Chinese government made it possible for almost every house in Hargeisa to have water. Even that effort was limited to Hargeisa only. So, why is there no one who produces enough water

for the rural and urban areas of Somaliland after that? Margaret Laurence attempted to answer that and said in her book Prophet's Camel Bell that the main reason why the people of Somaliland and their livestock are thirsty is because their land is not productive. But Margaret Laurence did not know that the people they left 72 years ago are still dying of thirst, even those who live in the capital of Hargeisa. The capital they knew with a population of 50,000 people in 1972 is now 1.5 million. In my opinion, the answer is not as Margaret Laurence thought. The real reason that the people of Somaliland have been thirsty for 72 years is because of the stubborn minds of those who rule, those people who call themselves politicians. They are the real problem. They are the group who don't have a solution for the problems that are facing the people and they are the ones who aren't listening, even if somebody offers free advice.

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Albert John Kingdon (Ab) was born on July 9, 1931 in Winnipeg. He grew up in Winnipeg, Clanwilliam, and Kelwood, MB. He enlisted in the Canadian Army (Active Force) as a Private in January of 1949. Ab served in Canada, USA, Japan, and Korea as part of the Princess Patricia Canadian

Light Infantry. He trained as a paratrooper and saw active duty as a mortarman during the Korean War. Ab was honourably released on February 25, 1953.

After returning from active duty, Ab was employed by Manitoba Telephone System (MTS) until his retirement in July of 1986. Ab married Joyce Adamson in 1959. They had two children, Kathy and Kelly.

Ab enjoyed coaching kid's hockey, playing softball and hockey, spending time on the farm, visiting family and friends, and travelling. Ab was very active with the Korean Veterans Association, Kelwood Legion, Neepawa Volunteer Fire Dept., Yellowhead Arena project and various sports teams over the years.

Ab is survived by: daughter Kathy (Daniel), son Kelly (Oona), grandson Trenton (Stephanie), granddaughter Nicole (Clinton), great grandsons Révin and Oryx, partner Karol Onyschak and family.

White's Funeral Home, Neepawa, MB
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In loving memory

Joseph Alfred Wilfrid Boiteau

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*Our hearts are full of memories
 With pride we speak your name
 Though life goes on without you
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Obituary

Irene Zalluski

May 17, 1941 - January 22, 2023



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our dear Mom, Baba, and great Baba, Irene Zalluski. Mom passed away at the Dauphin Regional Health Centre on January 22, 2023 at the age of 81 years.

Mom was born in McCreary, MB on May 17, 1941 to parents James and Olga Kutcher.

Mom will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; son Ken (Jenny) and their family; Chantelle (Shane) and their children Magnus, Kane, Kendrick, Christian, Kayla, Carley (Spencer), daughter Darlene and her family; Nicole (Shane) and their daughter Rhiannon, son Chris (Mindy) and their family; Keegan & Lucas, son Griffin (Wendy) and their family; Lexie (Ray) and their children Gannon, Kinsley; Kirsten (PJ) and their children NJ & Brigitte, Shannon (Carson), Jamie, and Nathan.

Mom also leaves to mourn her passing; her siblings Russell (Mary), Julie, Cher (Shirley), Ann (Gus), Leonard, Patsy (Andy), Glen (Elsie), Brent (Jackie) as well as brother-in-law George Zalluski, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Mom was predeceased by her husband John of 50 years. Her parents James and Olga Kutcher, infant brother Don and sister Clara, brother in laws Walter Kopytko and Charles Rosznagel.

Mom attended the Mellonville School. After schooling, she worked at Freddie Tryball's restaurant in McCreary as a waitress. While Mom was working, an elk hunting party came in and that's when Mom met the love of her life, John (JP) Zalluski. The couple were married on a beautiful October 1st, 1960, day. Four years later they started their family with Ken followed by Darlene, Chris and Griffin.

While raising her family, Mom worked at McCreary Personal Care Home, Agassiz Lodge and babysitting. She was a dedicated volunteer and spent numerous hours volunteering her time making perogies, working at the complex and bingos.

Anyone that knew Mom knew that she loved to garden. Mom could grow anything and she always grew enough to feed all her family and anyone else in need.

Along with gardening, Mom loved to play bingo. Come hell or high water, Mom and her bingo buddies were on the road. Mom kept bingo dappers in her purse just in case. Mom's other hobbies included picking wild strawberries and blueberries; curling whether on the ice or on TV; knitting dishcloths; listening to the polka party and if you ever needed to know the weather, just ask Mom - she had everything written down on her kitchen calendar. Mom also loved playing cards with her senior friends and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral Service for Irene was held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Alonsa Community Hall, Alonsa, MB. Interment followed in St. George's Cemetery, Alonsa, MB

Should friends so desire, donations may be made in memory of Irene to a charity of one's choice.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Gudmundson and the nursing staff at the Ste. Rose Hospital, Ryan Raffray for officiating the service and Sneath Strilchuk Funeral Services for their assistance with the arrangements.

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Obituary

IRENA SLIWINSKI (née KOZWOLSKA)

March 24, 1935 - January 13, 2023



Irena was born in Butyny, Poland to Józef and Leotyna Kozwolski. In 1939, her family suffered forced displacement by the Russians to Siberia. When they were freed, Józef joined the Allied Forces, fighting in the famous Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy. Irena spent the rest of the war years with her mother and sister, Kazimiera, in a refugee camp in Masindi, Uganda.

At the end of the war, the family moved to Birkenhead, England. Despite having to learn a new language, Irena excelled in her studies. She married Edward Sliwinski on October 31, 1954. Not content with being a house-wife, she found a job as a clerk working for Vernon's Football Pools (lottery) in Liverpool, taking the famous "Ferry across the Mersey" daily.

Motherhood came soon after, but it didn't stop Irena from seeking new ventures. She enrolled in sewing classes and the couple invested in a Singer "Slant-O-Matic". Though incredibly expensive at the time, the sewing machine allowed Irena to work from home, doing alterations quickly and efficiently for a local tailor shop. When the family moved to Winnipeg, Canada in 1967, the Singer came with them. Irena began a custom dress-making company from home. Many days the Singer sang into the wee hours.

When the children were older, Irena sought employment outside of the home. She worked briefly at Mallabar's making theatrical costumes, and then at Simpson's Sears in the alterations department.

After a couple of years, she was ready for a career change. She enrolled in a typing class. Late night sewing machine sounds were replaced with the tapping and bell-ringing of an old, manual Underwood.

Her final, and longest (15 years), employment experience was with the University of Manitoba as a secretary in the Faculty of Dentistry. She loved the work and the professors she worked with. She utilized her organizational skills and nurtured her life-long love for learning. She mastered electronic word-processors and finally computer programs - before the WYSIWYG screens. Irena was well loved by all the students, including her future son-in-law. One of her jobs was to organize the Friday Pedodontic Clinic. Mrs. Sliwinski helped many a desperate dental student find patients to fulfill their clinical requirements.

In 1990, Irena and Edward retired to Gimli, MB but Irena wasn't finished with reinventing herself. Ever a creative soul, she began to explore her love for art. She registered in some courses and studied on her own. Slowly, her unique style emerged. Utilizing mixed media and an intuitive approach, patiently allowing images to appear, she created paintings with deep spiritual themes. Soon she was winning awards and having her own art shows. Her talent was affirmed with an invitation to join the Manitoba Society of Artists. Her paintings have hung in the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the Centennial Concert Hall, and in private collections around the world.

Irena and Edward made a final move to Neepawa, MB in 2013.

Irena was pre-deceased by her husband, Edward, on October 21, 2022. She is survived by her sister, Kazimiera Szymanska.

Irena was a loving Mama to son Marian Edward (Jan), daughter Isabella Moyer (David), and son Adam (Nadia) and proud Babcia to Luke, Jenny (Jason), Claire (Brian), Anna (Jason), Joey (Dana), Benedict, and Grace (Matthew). Babcia's love was also showered on her great grandchildren Tori, Beck, Irelan, Jeffrey, Nicholas, Jake, Finn, Oliver, Brooks, Audin and Leo.

William Brent Irwin

December 19, 1955 - January 22, 2023

William Brent Irwin, age 67 years, passed away peacefully at the Brandon Regional Health Centre surrounded by his family on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Brent was born on December 19, 1955, in Birtle, Manitoba to Joseph and Fern (nee Smith) Irwin.

At age 5 years, Brent moved to Minnedosa, where he attended school until grade 9. He then moved to Wellwood at age 15 years, and went to school in Carberry from grades 10 to 12. Brent moved to Carberry in 1975 and lived there for 43 years.

On November 25, 1978, Brent married the love of his life, Margie Van Kommer. Together they had two beautiful children, Steven and Stacey.

Brent began his career as a farm labourer, and later a parts manager and part owner of Mid-Plains Implements, where he dedicated much of his time. He retired in the spring of 2018, and moved to Brandon to be closer to his children and grandchildren that summer.

Brent enjoyed travelling, with a trip to Europe being a highlight for him. He was an avid curler and golfer and loved sports of all kinds. Brent competed in five men's provincial curling championships (1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2002) and two mixed curling championships (1977, 1979). In 1995, Brent's team won their first four games, making the A event semi-final and causing a great deal of excitement for the town of Carberry. His competitive nature and love for the game was passed down to his two children, and Brent ended his own curling career to become a professional curling spectator. He spent many years cheering on both Steven and Stacey at the provincial and national levels and enjoyed trips to various places in Canada with family and friends.

Brent took great pride in watching his children and grandchildren compete in everything from curling to hockey, baseball, golf, soccer and swimming. Brent loved nothing more than being a grandpa to Jady, Ethan, Knox and Zerna. They were the light in his life through the many struggles Brent endured with his health in his last few years.

Brent is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Margie; children and grandchildren, Steven (Stacey), Jady and Ethan, Stacey (Matt), Knox and Zerna.; sisters Joanne and Cheryl; siblings-in-law Neil (Esther), Bya, Bert (Debbie); and many nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Brent's wishes, a private graveside service will take place at the Carberry Plains Cemetery at a later date.

Donations in memory of Brent may be made to a charity of your choice.

"In the hearts of those who loved you, you will always be there".

Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.memorieschapel.com.

Arrangements with Memories Chapel
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Obituary

Herbert Gerald Block

October 2, 1932 - January 21, 2023



With his family by his side, Herbert Gerald Block passed away on Saturday, January 21st, 2023, at the Health Sciences Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Herbert was born on October 2nd, 1932, in a farmhouse in Tenby, Manitoba.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Ruth, daughter

Sandra Powis (Patrick) and his most amazing son Regan Block; sister Norma Oswald (Ervin), nephew Darrell Oswald (Gail), nieces Lori Oswald, Heidi Donahoe (Matthew), Angela Masters (Joe) along with numerous other sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Olga Appelt, Herman Block and stepfather Rudy Appelt.

Herb spent his early years growing up in Tenby, Manitoba, attending a one room school that still stands today. He enjoyed catching gophers, playing with his cousins and all the usual boyhood adventures. After his father passed away in 1947, Olga, Herbert and Norma moved into Winnipeg for three years. Upon their return Herb continued farming with his stepfather Rudy until 1998 when he sold the farm and retired to Arden, Manitoba.

In 1962 Herbert married Ruth Oswald from Steinbach. He built their house mostly on his own and set out raise a family. During his farming years Herb served as the Director of the local Credit Union and on the church council at Christ Lutheran Church in Waldersee. He realized his lifelong dream of becoming a private pilot which eventually led into a crop dusting business.

H and R enjoyed many trips including Europe, Brazil, Alaska, the east coast, Hawaii, California and Texas. His most memorable trip was spending his 85th Birthday in Kenya and South Africa on safari with Sandra and Patrick.

Herb greatly enjoyed game hunting, fishing, history (especially WW2), geography, maps, mushrooms, curling and fixing things the farmer way.

Most of all he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Whether it was going for coffee at McDonald's, going to Dallas Cowboys games with Regan and Ruth or just watching the local news.

We miss you so much. Our lives are forever blessed because of you. Fly high Herbert.

In lieu of flowers we ask that family and friends make a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba.

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Thank you to all the staff at the Carberry Personal Care Home for the many, many kindnesses shown to our Mama/Babcia in her final months and days. The good souls that work in this amazing facility embody and model the three words in PCH. Though Mama was only there for three months, we were amazed at how well staff knew her. When pointing this out, the simple answer was "we spend a lot of time chatting". The professionalism and skill of the nurses and aids was outstanding in the health care that Mama received. And, all who work there contribute to the home/family atmosphere. Words can't express the gratitude in our hearts for all the many "Kochana's" (dear ones) that cared for Irena.

A special thank you, also, to Dr. Desilets for the many years of loving care for both Irena and Edward. Physicians who give so generously of their time and expertise amid a hectic schedule are a treasure, and she was treasured by both. Thank you.

Isabella and David Moyer and family

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The family of Effie Szymesko would like to thank the staff from the McCreary/Alonsa Personal Care Home for the excellent care given. Thank you to Dr. O'Hagan and Dr. Paradis for caring for Effie.

Also a special thank you to all the home care workers that provided care and support over the years. Thank you to Ryan from Sneath-Strichuk funeral Services for his excellent guidance in planning for Effie's funeral arrangement.

Thank you to Very Rev. Father Oleg Bodnarski. Thank you to Conrad and Rosemary Anderson for catering the lovely lunch.

Many thanks to our friends and family for their support and their gifts of food, flowers, cards and donations.

Your love and support during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

The FAMILY OF EFFIE SZYMESKO

Help Wanted

Margaret Laurence Home

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Seeking student returning to full time study in the fall. This position is 35 hours per week starting mid-May and ending September long weekend.

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Obituary

Irene Helen Toth (Nee Pare)

April 27, 1927 - January 29, 2023



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Irene Toth at Third Crossing Manor in Gladstone, MB. We have lost a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, aunt, and friend.

She leaves to mourn her passing her four children - Gloria (Dave), Sherri (Gordon), Donna (Craig), and Dean. She also leaves ten grandchildren - Michelle (Dennis), Nicole, Dwayne (Daphne), Sean (Christine), Holly (Scott), Matthew (Rochelle), Andrew (Marisa), Brynae (Nelson), Jenna (Dan), and Jesse. Great-grandchildren are Tracy, James, Hailey, Dallas, Calli, Tristan, Keira, Maeve, Beau, Weston, Payson, and one great-great grandson Nicholas. Also surviving are sisters-in-law Matilda, Hilda, and Doreen. She was predeceased by her husband Lloyd, daughter-in-law Wanda, and brothers Armand and George.

Irene Helen Pare was born on April 27, 1927 in Meyronne, Saskatchewan. In 1945 she married Lloyd and they enjoyed a marriage of 66 years until Lloyd's death in 2011. Beginning their marriage, they moved to Manitoba with Lloyd's large family, first to the Pine Creek district, after which the young couple moved to Gladstone. Soon they purchased a farm in the Mayfeld district and in 1960 bought the Mayfeld General Store where Irene became the postmistress. In 1970, she began working at the Gladstone Post Office, rising to position of postmistress in 1984 until her retirement in 1988.

Sociable, friendly, and of a positive nature, Irene was an active and capable member of any organization with which she became involved. She taught 4-H and was active in community organizations. Having a natural affinity for numbers, she was often the treasurer of the group, her last commitment of that nature serving as treasurer for several years for the Gladstone Senior Drop In organization.

Irene curled for several years in her younger days, grew and processed a huge garden every summer, sewed avidly, and knit socks, mittens, and even a few curling sweaters. She became such an accomplished quilter that children and grandchildren lined up to receive a treasured quilt. There was always a quilt as a shower gift, a much appreciated and special memory of Irene. As a result of her warm and welcoming nature, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren looked forward to spending time at Grandma's and enjoying her baked treats. In all, hers was a long life, well lived, just as she was well loved.

The family would like to express sincere appreciation to the home care staff at Centennial Apartments for their assistance during Irene's years there. Many thanks also to the staff of Third Crossing Manor who cared so well for Irene in her declining years.

Cremation has taken place and a family celebration of her life will take place at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Irene's memory may be made to Gladstone Seniors Inc., Box 642 Gladstone MB R0J 0T0.

Arrangements by Clarke's Funeral Home of Gladstone.

Obituary

James Alan Harper

July 15, 1954 - January 19, 2023



It is with sorrow that the family of James (Jim) Harper announce his passing in a tragic electrical house fire in Neepawa at the age of 68 years. Jim was born in Neepawa to James and Reta (Patterson) Harper.

Jim lived in the Neepawa area most of his life farming in the summer and working various others jobs along the way. He will be fondly remembered by many as the custodian of the Yellowhead Community Recreation Centre, where he served for many years. He will also be remembered by many folks in and around the area of Wabowden as someone who loved working in the Northern bush for the railway providing water management services. Jim spoke often of his love of the north. He found peace and tranquility there being in nature and hearing the soothing call of the loons. It was a place like no other.

Jim will be remembered as an intelligent man who was philosophical in his outlook. He was a storyteller and someone who valued being a straight-shooter, no pageantry kind-of-man. A man who was definitive in his views. He was so passionate about his beloved Chicago Blackhawks that he could not watch them play as it was too emotionally charged for him to bear. He also had a great passion for music — it was the life force that ran through his veins. Expressing his emotions was difficult for him, however, he was always able to express himself well through other people's music. When he wanted you to hear something he deemed important, he would make you stop and listen. And he quite often liked to converse on different planes of existence. If you were one of the lucky ones, he would invite you to join him there.

Jim leaves behind his daughter Shawna Kelly and her son James; son Derek Harper and Mary Elliott and their children Bodie and Lila; son, Curtis Harper; daughter Janis and Derek McKelvy and their children Kara, Hayden and Riker; mother, Reta Harper; and sister, Judith Harper. He was predeceased by his father, James Harper.

A celebration of life will be held at the Neepawa Legion on Thursday, Feb 2nd from 1 to 3pm. Drop in for a gathering of friends and family where we can share some food and memories.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Helen Drysdale who was a good friend to Jim, and to all the firefighters and emergency personal that attended to him.

As an expression of sympathy if you so choose, you may make a charitable donation to the Beautiful Plains Museum. Email money transfer: beautifulplainsmuseum@gmail.com; or cheque payable to the Beautiful Plains Museum, Box 1732 Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.

When you hear the call of the loon, know that Jim is there. May he rest in peace.

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Obituary

Maria (Mary) Johanna Spek (nee Puhl)



On Monday, January 23, with loved ones at her side, Maria (Mary) Johanna Spek (nee Puhl) peacefully passed away. She was 92 years old. Born in Amsterdam, Netherlands on April 7th, 1930, she grew up in Den Helder and enjoyed a happy childhood, raised under the love and protection of her grandparents, aunts, uncles and of course, her kind and loving mother.

While working as a clerk in the town office, she met the only man she ever loved, Johannes (John) Spek. When he decided to immigrate to Canada, it seemed their relationship had come to an end but after a short time, he wrote, asking her to marry him, and she gladly accepted. They were married by proxy, with her cousin Freek standing in as the groom. Less than a year after joining her husband in Canada, and much to everyone's surprise, Mary and John welcomed twins. Over the next eight years, they were blessed with three more children and purchased the family home which she lived in until the time of her passing. Seven years later, with the birth of their youngest daughter, the family was complete.

Mary enjoyed working in her garden, playing cards with friends and most of all, spending time with her big family of whom she was very proud.

Mary is survived by her children, Dirk (Gwen) Spek, Rita (Louis) Spek-Robidoux, Nel (Maurice) McLarty, Joanne (Brad) Doell, Jannette (Howard) Besser; cousin Freek Puhl; sister-in-law Dina Spek-Boontjes; brother-in-law Bob Bonte, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as her dear friend Jope. She is preceded in death by her husband John Spek, daughter and son-in-law Alfreda and Mark Johnson; mother Maria Johanna Puhl; mother-in-law Neeltje van der Bas-Spek; father-in-law Dirk Spek; half-sister Elizabeth Bonte; sister-in-law Berta Spek-van der Ben; and brothers-in-law Jan Boontjes and Jan van der Ben.

A graveside service was held on Monday, January 30th at 2:00pm at the Gladstone Cemetery.

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Applications for all noted positions will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 22, 2023.
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Please forward all applications complete with 3 references to:

Stephen Oversby
Maintenance Supervisor
Turtle River School Division
Box 309
McCreary, Manitoba
R0J 1B0

Phone: (204) 835-2067 (extension 213)
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Neepawa, MB, R0J 1H0
Fax: 204-476-7624 Email: cao@neepawa.ca

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Skills Requirements:

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- Education or food preparation or meat cutting experience.
- Ability to use hand tools, stand or walk for extended periods, lift heavy items and work in cold environments.
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- Task management and customer service skills.
- Knowledge of food safety.

Language of work: English

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Contact information: 204-385-2506
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TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

invites applications for
Kindergarten Here I Come Instructor
April 2023 - June 2023

Applications close at noon on
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For more information
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Submit letter of application and resume to:
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or
Bev Szymesko, Superintendent
Turtle River School Division,
Box 309, McCreary, MB R0J 1B0
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**Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne
PUBLIC NOTICE-LAND TENDER**

Council of The Municipality of Glenella – Lansdowne will be accepting tenders for the purchase of NE24-15-14 wpm (80 acres)

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders should be submitted to the municipal office at the following address by noon on Monday, February 6th, 2023.

Dated this 18th day of January 2023.

Wendy Wutzke, BSc, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Glenella – Lansdowne
Box 10, Glenella, MB R0J 0V0
Phone 204-352-4281 Fax 204-352-4100
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FOR SALE BY TENDER

Please accept our invitation to submit a sealed, written tender for the respective property situated within the Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne, in the Province of Manitoba, and described below to be received by:

TAYLOR LAW PATERSONS LLP
Box 309, 269 Hamilton Street
Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
Attention: SARAH J. FAST
Telephone: 204-476-2336
sfast@taylorlawpatersons.ca

Legal description of the property is as follows:

THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 10-15-13 WPM – 160 acres vacant land (145 cultivated acres – 70 acres grain, 75 acres pasture and balance bush) Property has a well-maintained perimeter fence.

Title No. 3051631/5

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on any representations made by or on behalf of the Vendor.
- Tenders must be received on or before **9:00 a.m. on February 15th, 2023.**
- Only Tenders in sealed envelopes marked "TENDER" and referencing the legal description of the property, will be considered.**
- Tenders must be accompanied by a ten (10%) percent deposit by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to Taylor Law Patersons LLP. Deposits accompanying unacceptable bids will be refunded.
- Highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Possession date to be 30 days after acceptance of Tender.
- The bidder whose Tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering the terms and conditions of sale.
- On acceptance of the successful Tender, the balance remaining will become payable on the Closing Date. If the balance of the accepted Tender is not paid as of the Closing Date, the Deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
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- If part of the Purchase Price is to be paid from the proceeds of a new Mortgage, payment of that amount may be delayed by the time required for registration of the Mortgage at Neepawa Land Titles Office and for reporting to the Mortgagee, and if so, that amount shall bear interest payable to the Vendor at the same rate as the new Mortgage until paid.
- The Tenderer will pay the applicable GST or provide acceptable undertaking to self-assess.
- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be responsible to pay all the 2023 property taxes.
- Possession will be provided to the Purchaser as of the Closing Date.
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- Parties will be notified of the Acceptance or Rejection of the tender by February 17, 2023.

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**Call Jeff at 204-476-2112
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Legal description of the property is as follows:

THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 10-15-13 WPM – 160 acres vacant grain land (140 cultivated acres) with pens and corrals. Property has a well-maintained perimeter fence

Title No. 3051748/5

**** VENDOR WILLING TO RENT BACK ANY PENS AND/OR CORRALS INCLUDED IN THIS SALE – Agreement to be reached between the parties directly and no conditional on the sale.**

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on any representations made by or on behalf of the Vendor.
- Tenders must be received on or before **9:00 a.m. on February 15th, 2023.**
- Only Tenders in sealed envelopes marked "TENDER" and referencing the legal description of the property, will be considered.**
- Tenders must be accompanied by a ten (10%) percent deposit by way of certified cheque or bank draft payable to Taylor Law Patersons LLP. Deposits accompanying unacceptable bids will be refunded.
- Highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Possession date to be 30 days after acceptance of Tender.
- The bidder whose Tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering the terms and conditions of sale.
- On acceptance of the successful Tender, the balance remaining will become payable on the Closing Date. If the balance of the accepted Tender is not paid as of the Closing Date, the Deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
- If part of the Purchase Price is to be paid from the proceeds of a new Mortgage, payment of that amount may be delayed by the time required for registration of the Mortgage at Neepawa Land Titles Office and for reporting to the Mortgagee, and if so, that amount shall bear interest payable to the Vendor at the same rate as the new Mortgage until paid.
- The Tenderer will pay the applicable GST or provide acceptable undertaking to self-assess.
- The bidder whose tender is accepted will be responsible to pay all the 2023 property taxes.
- Possession will be provided to the Purchaser as of the Closing Date.
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Jessica Belcher - New Habitat Conservation Specialist

By Wayne Hildebrand
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Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation is pleased to announce that Jessica Belcher will be replacing Wes Pankratz (retired) as the Habitat Conservation Specialist out of Minnedosa.

"Jessica is a perfect fit for the position and Minnedosa office," said Curtis Hullick, Field Manager with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation (MHHC). "MHHC strives to hire local staff to fill our regional offices throughout rural Manitoba to support delivery of our conservation programming."

Jessica was raised on Bos Family Farms, a cattle farm along the Little Saskatchewan River near Rapid City. She has a biology degree from the University of Regina and a variety of environmental work experience from across the prairies.

"I am excited to get started in my new role and to build on all the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured is Jessica Belcher, the new Habitat Conservation Specialist that will be working out of Minnedosa. She is replacing Wes Pankratz, who has retired.

great work Wes did in the region," said Jessica. "It is a great opportunity to work with landowners

in a landscape that I am familiar with. My role is to meet with landowners to deliver conservation

programs that support wildlife habitat, water quality, biodiversity and healthy watersheds."

"My first priority is to get out on the landscape and interact with landowners," Jessica said. "Engaging with landowners and building relationships is vital to the success of habitat protection and stewardship in Manitoba."

Jessica started with MHHC in 2019 as a technician surveying protected habitat lands across most of agro-Manitoba. "In the past few years as the monitoring specialist, I have seen how both flooding and drought has impacted farms," said Jessica. "I am excited about conservation programs that MHHC offers that can moderate some of the negative impacts of climate variation. I also like that MHHC pays farmers to protect and conserve habitat that may otherwise be lost."

Jessica's office is right beside Tanner's Crossing Park, located at 30 Main Street in Minnedosa. Her region generally includes Erickson, Nee-

pawa, Gladstone, Forest, and Rivers, centered by Minnedosa and Rapid City. She encourages anyone interested in conservation opportunities to drop by the office, call/text at 204 573 4840, or email her at jbelcher@mhhc.mb.ca.

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A night of mystery at the Roxy



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Attendees of the stage performance 'Assassinating Thomson' at the Roxy Theatre were well entertained on Jan. 30. The performance was part of the Manitoba Theatre Centre's regional tour, and was created and performed by Bruce Horak. Horak created a painting of the audience while telling his own story and that of the unsolved murder of Canadian painter Tom Thomson.

Birthday bash at the Yellowhead



PHOTO BY MARLA STEEN

Grayson Steen and his friends were celebrating his birthday in the Neepawa Titans' Emperor's Lounge in the Yellowhead Centre during the Jan. 22 game. The Titans were facing off against the Winkler Flyers.

Correction

The photo featured above, regarding Grayson Steen's birthday celebration, was originally printed in last week's edition of the paper. However, the photo credit was made in error to Christine Waddell.

The Banner & Press is re-running the photo with the corrected photo credit, which belongs to Marla Steen. The Banner & Press apologizes for this error.

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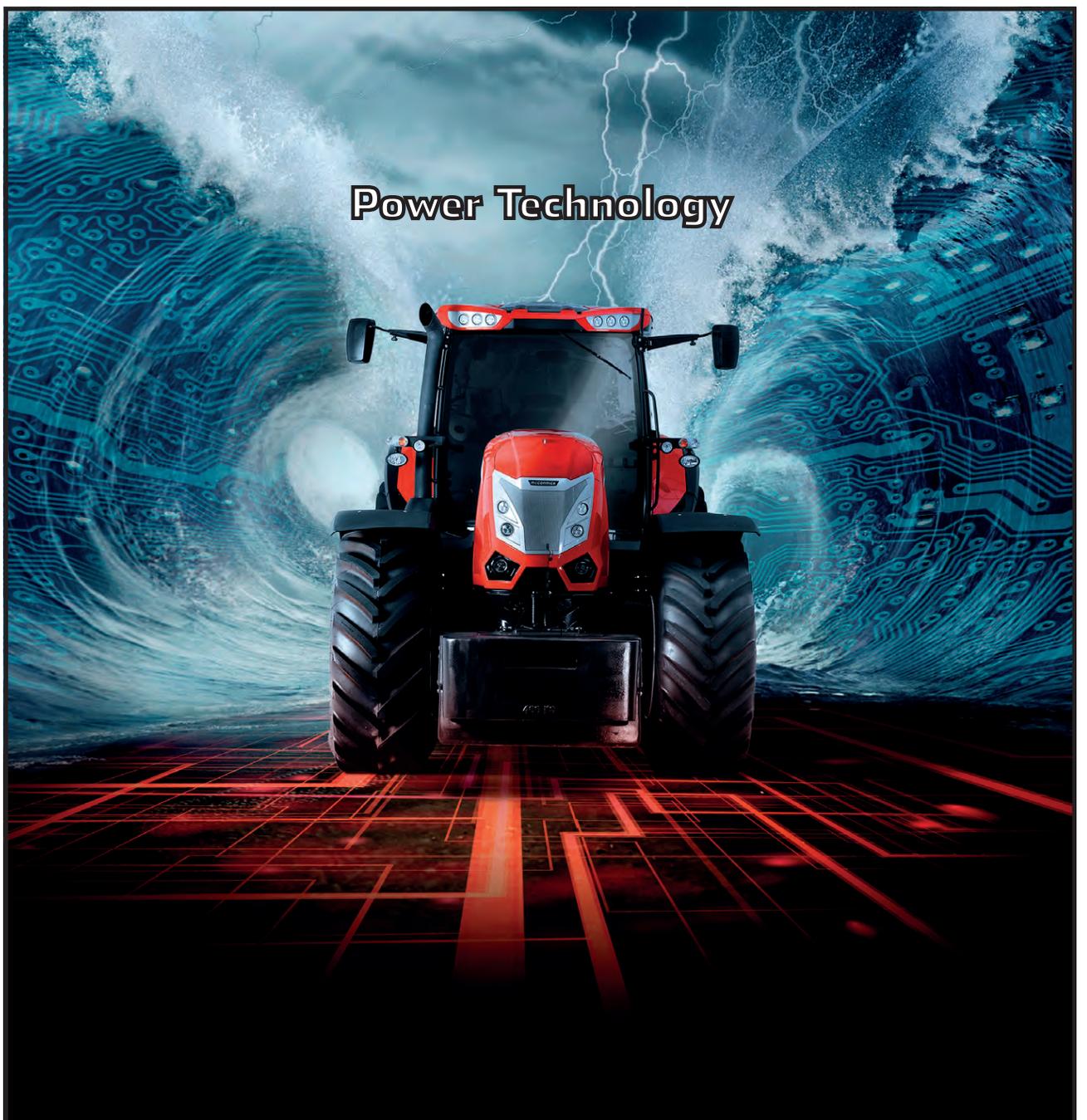


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