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Crosswalk concerns will be addressed

Shift of pedestrian crossing at Mountain Avenue approved

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

There will be changes made to a notorious crosswalk in Neepawa later this year. Town administration confirmed during the recent Council meeting, that they have received approval from the Province to move a pedestrian crossing located at Mountain Avenue and Hospital Street. The crosswalk will shift from the south side of the intersection to the north side. That change will be made at the end of the current school year.

The relocation was due to concerns from the Town, as well as the Beautiful Plains School Division related to serious safety issues for pedestrians and drivers in the

area, especially on school days. The issue received further attention recently when a community petition, lead by Brad Mummery, garnered several signatures. In his presentation to council back in February, Mummery stated that at peak traffic times, the area is, at best a logistics nightmare, and at worst, a tragedy waiting to happen.

The change in location for the crosswalk had to be approved by the Minister of Highways because Mountain Avenue is a former provincial highway and still falls under the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Government.

The pedestrian crosswalk was originally installed at its current location in 2019.



PHOTO BY KAY DE'ATH

23-year-old Sorrel Quarter Horse Luke has seen a fair share of storms over the years. The system that passed through the Westman region being the latest of them.

Neepawa Town Council meeting - Mar. 7, 2023

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Town of Neepawa held its first council meeting of the month of Tuesday, Mar. 7. The full agenda started with a Spruce Plains RCMP report from staff sergeant Colby Argue. The update featured a review on the number of police calls for the region year-over-year to date, as well as information on the procurement of body cameras for officers. (see separate story on page 8)

Council reports

- Councilor Jason Nadeau provided updates on three separate boards in which he serves as a representative on behalf of the Town. The first was related to the Yellowhead Centre volunteer board, who met on Feb. 27. Notable items discussed included local efforts to create a community lacrosse league, which would play out of the Arena. As well, it was confirmed that the ice will remain in place inside the rink until mid-April. The insurance for the pair of Ice Bikes purchased last year, has been acquired, allowing for programs related to the bike to move ahead. The Yellowhead is

also looking at bringing the circus back to Neepawa. Nadeau also provided a quick update on the Rosburn Trail Division and Westman Regional Library Board.

- Councillor Yvonne Sisley attended the Neepawa Veterinary board meeting on Feb. 22. It was reported that the Clinic will have a first year veterinary student working there during the summer. As well, councillor Sisley elaborated upon councillor Nadeau's comments related to the Ice Bike, stating that on Friday, Mar. 17, the ArtsForward Days off School program has booked an afternoon session at the Yellowhead.

- Councillor Darryl Gerard noted that Finance Committee meeting took place on Feb. 22 and that preliminary discussions on the municipal budget are on the go. He added that some recent funding changes by the province will have an impact on the budget. Expanded details on that were brought up by the chief administrative officer later in the meeting.

- Councilor Murray Parrott participated in a meeting with MLA Eileen Clarke

on Feb. 23. Transportation matters and utility service fees were discussed. As well, as part of the Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic board, Parrott sat in on a meeting with Assiniboine Community College (ACC) and Prairie Mountain Health on Feb. 27, related to new nursing program planned for Neepawa (see Mar. 3 edition of the Banner & Press). the planned roof repair at the Clinic will also start next month

Manager of operations

Denis Saquet noted that the community's transportation survey is ongoing and that the water reservoir project has had some issues with a few pumps, but it is being looked after. The lagoon project - Phase two has seen the pouring of some concrete walls completed and is, overall proceeding

nicely. As well, the Neepawa Golf & Country Club renovation project is moving ahead with the installation of a new bridge on the course expected to begin on Mar. 17.

Chief administrative officer

Colleen Synchishyn provided council with some clarification on what recent funding announcement from the Manitoba Government could mean for Neepawa. In late February, the Province announced an additional \$47 million in unconditional funding would be distributed to municipalities this year. Synchishyn noted that for Neepawa, that would mean an additional \$255,014.98 this year from the municipal operating grant. In total, Neepawa will receive \$624,736.81 in uncon-

ditional operating funding. This will be the first increase in the grant since the provincial government instituted a freeze in the funding seven years ago.

Next, Synchishyn discussed the new ACC nursing program set for Neepawa. She noted that the start date is expected to be in January 2024, though that timeline is not official just yet. An information session will take place at the Neepawa Legion on Mar. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Land approval

An offer has been made to the Town of Neepawa on a small portion of land located just north of the former Chicken Delight property, at the corner of Highways 16 and 5. The sale was approved by Council, with the addendum that any transaction would only proceed if the full sale of the Chicken Delight property moves forward. The identity of the interested party was not disclosed at this time.



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Looking Back

1973: Junior Red Cross aids needy Manitobans

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**125 years ago,
Thursday,
March 17, 1898**

The new list of telephone subscribers just printed contains 93 names, which makes this the fourth largest exchange in the province. It now covers the town so thoroughly that a connection with it is much more serviceable than ever before. The local management are to be congratulated on their satisfactory and successful service and it is hoped that connection with city and adjacent towns may be secured at no distant day.

G. M. Taylor, of the City Planing Mill, Portage la Prairie, and a member of the council of that town, was married in Neepawa yesterday to Miss Libbie McKenzie, sister of Mrs. Adam Daum. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mr. Daum by Rev. R. Paterson and the newly wedded pair left on the evening train for their future home in Portage la Prairie.

A burning chimney at T. E. Adams' residence on Monday gave the fire brigade a run. No damage.

Thos. McKone, of Glendale, has engaged the services of a Galician girl from Yorkton as a domestic. This is the first venture of the kind in this vicinity and if both parties should be satisfied,

Galician immigration may be further promoted as a solution of the servant girl question.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
March 16, 1923**

Franklin: We are pleased to note that Mrs. Bond, proprietress of the Franklin boarding house, is to continue business here in Franklin. Having worked up an exceptionally fine business, which is the subject of much favourable comment by all who frequent the place, the news of continued operation is very welcome.

A suspicion that the coal strike of last summer was engineered by the mine owners has been found to be a fact. There had been over-production and the purpose was to raise a scare of scarcity and maintain high prices.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
March 18, 1948**

Earl Jiggs Tomlin is C.N.R. agent at Holmfild Manitoba. Earl was born and raised in Neepawa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tomlin. During his high school days and at college, Earl was prominent in track and field events one of the smoothest hockey players ever developed on local ice and a golfer of no mean ability. He was overseas in the RCAF. His wife is the former Agnes Burns, of Neepawa.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
March 15, 1973**

Just over \$4,000 is already in the bank, money raised by the CKDM Canadian Amateur Talent Night held in the auditorium, on Friday, Mar. 9, and sponsored by the Neepawa Knights of Columbus...

The purpose of the Knights Talent Night is a most worthy one. The proceeds will be used for the Touchwood Park Association for Mentally Retarded residence project.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
March 17, 2003**

If major funding announcements are precursors to elections, Manitobans can expect to be going to the polls shortly.

While in Neepawa last Wednesday as part of the westman tour, Premier Gary Doer announced the province will provide \$300,000 in specialized equipment for the Neepawa hospital.

He also said his government has "many, many more" announcements in the works.

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A knitting project carried out by the Junior Red Cross (which was made up of Grade 6 HMK students) in 1973 resulted in 43 pairs of mitts and one pair of slippers for needy children in Manitoba. The mitts and slippers were knitted by senior citizens, friends, relatives and some Eager Beavers. The children in the picture also did some of the knitting, did wool deliveries to people knitting and brought the mitts to school when completed.

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By Chad Carpenter



Waddell family history

This column is a departure from the usual but hopefully readers will find it of interest.

In 1987, after the death of my father, John Miller Waddell, and having lost my mother in 1986, I inherited a typical family treasure, a shoe box of pictures. For several agonizing nights I poured over the pictures.

What I had to start with is about 100 years of family history. With the help of friends who worked in the local archives office, I have also been able to trace the family back to 1831 in Scotland with a fair amount of assurance of accuracy.

As of 1987, with the death of my father, we had the following sketchy information about the family's arrival in Canada. The family came from Scotland, but we didn't even know where in Scotland. We had always been told that the family came in 1912 to Montreal. That my Grandfather, James Aitken Waddell was married to Anne Kennedy Waddell (nee Miller). With a naive acceptance of family lore, I wrote the following under an early 1900s picture that may well be the wedding photo for my grandparents.

"James Aitken Waddell and Ann Kennedy Waddell (Miller) on their wedding day. The Waddells immigrated from Scotland and were, according to family history scheduled to board the ill-fated Titanic but came on another ship. They settled in Montreal where James worked at his trade of iron moulding. He was a master moulder and specialized in bronze and brass."

James A. Waddell shows up in the Hamilton, Ontario area in 1911 and it seems he stayed for 10 months in the area working his trade. He returned to Scotland and come back.

"James A Waddell (age 32) arrived in St. John NB 8 Jan. 1913 via Saturnia from Glasgow, destination Galt, ON."

A later 1913 record show "On 3

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June 1913 at Quebec City via Saturnia destination Galt, ON, Mrs. Waddell age 31, William age 10 1/2, James age 7 1/2, John age 5 1/2."

So it was 1913, not 1912 and they didn't come together but six months apart which wasn't unusual. The husband would go on ahead, get some work and presumably a bit of money stored up and then the family followed.

This military sign-up application and the confirmation of James Aitken's birth date shows that while the family is indeed Scottish, James Aitken Waddell was born in Salford, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, on October 31, 1880 to William Waddell (born 1853) and Annie Waddell. In the 1881 census it shows that the family lived at Pendelton in Salford, Lancashire, England. William and Annie in 1881 census had William Waddell (4), Mary Waddell (2) and James Waddell (5mos.). In the 1891 census they show up at North Road, Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland and the children are listed as William (14), James (10), George (8), Alexander (5) and Thomas (2). Mary is not listed so she has either passed away or gone to live with another family. The 1901 census shows the address at Larbert but at N. Broomage and lists the family unit as husband William (48), wife Annie (44) and children, James (20), Alex (15) and Thomas (12).

James Aitken Waddell had brothers William, James, George, Alexander and Thomas back in Scotland who

may or may not have immigrated to Canada.

It appears that James Aitken Waddell's father, William was likely born in Larbert, Stirlingshire with an address listed as Skaithmuir. At least a William Waddell was born to a George and Jess Waddell living at that address. That corresponds with the 1881 census that lists James Aitken Waddell's father as a William Waddell born in 1853. George is listed as an iron furnace keeper which would also lead into William later being listed as an iron moulder, as sons usually followed fathers in their trade. William shows up as an 8 year old in the 1861 Scotland census. That would correspond with the later census data from 1881 and 1891 listed above. George Waddell in 1861 is head of the household, George (born 1831) and spouse, Jess (39) along with son William (7) but also Mason (6), Mathew (4) and George (8mos.). It also shows a Grace Penman (20), Andrew Penman (16) and Janet Penman (11). The Penmans may or may not have been relatives but were listed in the census as part of the household.

Every family has a story and like most people I wish I knew more history.

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Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Going home...

I may have mentioned, once or twice, that I am one of 46 grandchildren on my maternal side. That means I have forty-five first cousins. We are widely scattered and, of course, of varying ages. Our early years were lived secure in a nest of grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins, close to the cousins our age but certainly aware of everyone of 'us'. A few years ago one started a private public media hub, a cousins corner, where we exchange memories, share concerns and victories and encourage one another. This week we faced a tough one. My thoughts come slowly and with difficulty, and not everyone may be comfortable continuing to read...

One of my younger cousins, only seventy, has had cancer for several years. The medical world has run out of options and treatments, and the quality of life had taken that dramatic downturn. Doing careful research, and with the support of immediate family, my cousin chose MAID, medical assistance in dying. And chose to die, surrounded by family, at three o'clock in the afternoon on his birthday. The partner shared a last photo, my cousin comfortable as possible in a big comfy chair, surrounded by the people near and dear to him. Seeing how frail and very fatigued he had become our hearts were even more tender.

Every comment shared was loving and kind. Some of the regular cousin contributors were silent; grief, uncertainty, uncomfortable with the topic, or of a contrary opinion? It doesn't matter, the positive support was there. A number of cousins have already died, and several of the in-laws have died as well. We are familiar with grief, for everyone of us are orphans- no living mother or father. I am about the middle of the pack, so there are cousins older by a decade, and younger by more than a decade. We are entering the stage/phase of life where death is a fairly constant companion- feeling the loss of family and friends.

I admit, I do not know if I will chose MAID or not, so much will depend on the state of my mind and health. I do know that I will not, ever, judge anyone who does choose MAID. Back in 2014, when I was walking with Ed through the valley of the shadow of death, one conversation struck deep. (Many did, but this one made me think hard!) Laying there, in the hospital bed in the living room of the home he loved, he quietly said- 'we didn't treat our animals like this'. My reply was that the current law didn't allow for any options, and his reply- 'then change the law'. Just a few short weeks later I was called to speak to another one, a farmer, a family man, a man of integrity and values, and the conversation was almost verbatim. Here, I had heard in the space of less than a month, thinking men facing death, willing to accept the responsibility of making the choice of dying on their terms. For the sake of their pain wracked bodies, for the sake of their drug riddled bodies, for the sake of their loving and loyal partners meeting- as much as possible- all their needs, for the sake of the extended family watching the body wither and the mind fade...

I have deep appreciation for my cousin, his bravery in making public his choice, for making me think...

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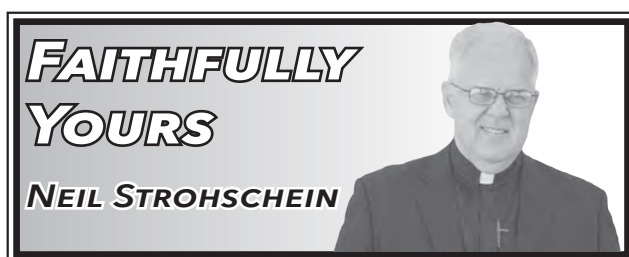
What I wanted; and what I got

The first days of Lent 2023 presented me with challenges I had not expected.

The biggest one came just over two weeks ago. I was in my home office, trying to write a Sunday Sermon. I had been at it for three days and was suffering from one of the most intense episodes of "Writer's Block" (or as I call it-Scrambled Brain) that I've ever experienced. I spent an hour or more staring at my computer screen. I would write a few words and then delete them-and so it went hour after hour.

Now, as far as I know, I am not losing my mind. I am not suffering from the early stages of dementia (despite how it may look to my family at times). Nor is my experience any different from that which many of my readers either have or are currently going through.

In my case, several unforeseen events happened within a two-week period. Three of them were very sad events. I shared



one of them in this space two weeks ago. A fourth reminded me of just how quickly someone can experience a major health scare. Fortunately, the person who suffered the scare has been given a clean bill of health. Several others (the details of which I will not disclose) were added to the mix.

On the day mentioned above, I was writing a sermon that I hoped would contain words of hope, help and healing that the people I serve each week need to hear. But on this day, I needed someone to give me the words that I was preparing to share with others; because I was feeling hopeless, helpless and was hurting deeply.

I have felt this way before. It is a very scary place

in which to be. It is one step away from total emotional burnout; and having gone through that twice in my lifetime, I have no desire to go through it again.

In the past, I have recalled the advice doctors and counselors have given me and have tried to apply their ideas to my current situation. This time, I did something I have never done before. I turned off my computer, sat in my "reading chair" (located right next to the coffee maker in my office), turned off all the lights, closed my eyes and said: "God, I give up! I can't do this anymore. Either show me a way to get through this turmoil or take me away from it. I'm tired. I can't go on. I need your help; and I need it now."

So, you may ask, what changed because of that prayer? Absolutely nothing!! God totally rejected every idea I had about how things in my life should change.

I didn't get what I wanted--but I got what I needed. From the moment I uttered those words, I felt waves and waves of peace come over me. I was reminded of these words, written by St. Paul: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

I was also reminded of Jesus' words: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34) Jesus' words are liberating words. In next week's column, I will share just how liberating they have become for me.

Put God first in your life

By Pastor Vlad Makyeyev
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33)

In the book of Daniel chapter 6 (in the Old Testament of the Bible) we can find a fascinating account of the faith and courage of God's prophet named Daniel.

Daniel was one of the three top state officials in the Persian Empire at that time. God's prophet Daniel was doing much better than the rest of servants of King Darius and the King was planning to appoint Daniel over the entire kingdom as his prime minister, 2nd in power and authority after the King.

Did other officials like that? Definitely not! In our human hearts we still have on and off lots of envy and jealousy if someone does something better than us.

The King's officials

did their very best to find some ground of accusation or evidence to bring Daniel down. They failed and finally they made a conspiracy against God's prophet.

Daniel 6:5, "...we will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God".

The enemies of God's prophet approached King Darius with their conspiracy. They suggested to the King to establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone in the entire Persian Empire who makes a petition to any god or man besides the Persian

King Darius should be cast into the lions' den (Daniel 6:6-8).

So, Daniel faced a gloomy situation. He had a choice to make either to stay faithful to His Creator God, God of Israel or pray/worship the King Darius for 30 days to save his skin.

Dear reader of this devotion, what would you do if you were Daniel in such a situation?

Daniel responded as a man of faith, devotion, and courage. He continued praying to His God, the only true and living God. Daniel 6:10, "Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneel-

ing on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before His God, as he had been doing previously". What a man, what a character of uncompromised faith and commitment!

The enemies of Daniel noticed that. In fact, they probably did not expect another response from the man of God. They rushed to King Darius and reported that King's law was broken of one of his top officials.

Next time we will see the end of this account and hopefully learn some valuable spiritual lessons from chapter 6 in the book of Daniel. If you have time in your busy schedule I would encourage you to read the book of Daniel.

Letters

COVID encounters

Editor, Neepawa Banner & Press,

The February 24th editorial "Trudeau's missed opportunity for unity" contends that Canada's Prime Minister "should have met with the convoy leaders, heard what they had to say and then come up with a reasonable answer". The problem being there were a number of groups involved in the convoy, each with its own issue. I had repeated contact with a number of convoy supporters. The contacts always left me in a position of being unable to come up with a "reasonable answer". Perhaps the editor may offer some assistance by providing examples of "reasonable" answers to the following positions that I encountered while socializing with convoy supporters.

The first convoy supporter I came into contact with contended that he had irrefutable evidence of the existence of a world wide conspiracy involving Trudeau, Satan, and the United Nations. This evil coalition was employing COVID-19 as part of a master plan to form a world government. When implemented, the plan would deny Canadians of all our traditional freedoms.

My second encounter, with some connection to the first, contended that the COVID-19 vaccines contained micro chips. Once injected these micro chips would allow government to monitor and control every moment of our future lives.

My third encounter, contended that the COVID-19 was all a hoax. It was nothing more than the common flu. The government perpetrated a state of fear in order to justify its attack on his freedom of movement.

The fourth encounter contended that God provided himself, as a true Christians total immunity from the COVID-19 virus.

This letter, and more, continued on Page 22

Those seeking protection from Covid 19 by vac-

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Thumbs up to Keith Loney and the Carberry Fire Department for responding to a call to my bale fire. Thanks for Keith's advice telling me or anyone to notify the fire department when burning bales etc.

Jim Robinson
North Cypress-Langford, MB



Thumbs up to the Department of Highways for taking down the large sign at the corner of #5 and #16 that was blocking the view of on coming traffic.

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Oranges

When I eat oranges I always think of my dad and his stories of growing up in the dirty 30's. He remembered Christmas time and the thrill of finding an orange at the bottom of his stocking. Oranges were only at Christmas. Now we can afford oranges year round. This popular citrus fruit originated in South Eastern Asia and the earliest mention of oranges was in Chinese literature in 314 BC. From there, they spread to Malaysia and India. Renaissance paintings that show oranges on the table during "The Last Supper" are incorrect. Oranges were not cultivated in the Middle East until sometime around the ninth century. The sailors in the 1500s-1700s had been plagued with scurvy when they discovered oranges in south Asia. Not only did they take oranges home with them, but they also planted orange trees along their trade routes. This helped introduce the world to this fruit. Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon brought oranges to Florida in the 16th century, and Spanish missionaries brought them to California in the 18th century. Today, the country of Brazil produces nearly one third of the oranges and grapefruits produced in the world.

Oranges are unknown in the wild. They are a hybrid of the pomelo (Chinese grapefruit) and a mandarin. Their genomic analysis shows that oranges contain about 42% pomelo and 58% mandarin. There are now around 600 varieties of oranges. They are classified as three types: sour, sweet and mandarin. Sour oranges like Seville are used for making marmalade. Sweet oranges are varieties such as: Blood oranges, Navel oranges (the orange with the belly button) and Valencia oranges (juicing oranges). Mandarin oranges are smaller, a somewhat flattened in appearance and loose skinned making them easier to peel. A member of the mandarin family are the Clementine's thought to be one of the sweetest oranges. They were named after a family member of my mother, Clément Rodier, a French missionary who first propagated the cultivar in Algeria in 1902.

Three essential oils come from oranges. First, the oil of orange is collected from the rind and used mainly as a flavoring agent. The second oil is harvested from the leaves and small stems and is used in the perfume industry. The third type of essential orange oil is obtained from orange blossoms and is used to make flavorings and perfumes. I love the oil from oranges in household cleaners.

Orange juice is a breakfast staple in many homes and is the most popular juice worldwide. Oranges are a treasure trove of nutrients with vitamins, minerals, calcium, potassium, fiber, and folate. If you consume energy or sports drinks be aware that their nutritional value is insignificant; all they contain are electrolytes. If you want to switch to a healthier alternative, orange juice is perfect for rehydration and energy.

This is a simple, colourful and delicious salad bursting with orange flavor. You can substitute other greens in this salad such as Romaine or spinach.

Baby greens orange salad

- 1 bag baby greens mix-about 6-7 cups

3 medium oranges

1/2 cup thinly sliced red onions

2/3 cup pecans, toasted

Dressing:

1/4 cup oil
- 1/4 cup orange juice

2 Tbsp. liquid honey

2 Tbsp. red wine or apple cider vinegar

2 tsp. poppy seeds

1/4 tsp. salt

1 tsp. freshly grated orange zest

Arrange greens on a large platter or individual salad plates. Peel and cut the oranges into 1/4-inch thick round slices and carefully pop out any seeds. Top the greens with the orange slices, red onion and pecans. Whisk together all the dressing ingredients. When you are ready to serve, pour the dressing over salad, serve immediately and enjoy.

Orange cranberry loaf

- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature

1 cup white sugar

2 eggs

1 Tbsp. grated orange zest

1/3 cup orange juice

2/3 cup buttermilk or milk

2 cups flour

2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. cloves

2/3 cup dried cranberries

Glaze:

2 Tbsp. orange juice

2 Tbsp. white sugar

In a large bowl, beat together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in zest, orange juice and milk. In a small bowl stir together flour, baking powder, salt, spices and cranberries. Pour the flour mixture into the creamed mixture and stir until moistened. Turn into a greased 9 X 5 X 3 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350° F (175° C) for 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Remove loaf from oven, but not from pan. Glaze; combine the orange juice with the sugar. Poke holes with a fork in the top of the loaf. Spoon glaze over hot loaf. Let stand in pan for 10 minutes before removing loaf to rack to cool.



Preparing for Conversation

Going into a conversation without a plan (especially if it's a serious one) can leave you fumbling for words in the moment and your brain moving into panic mode. A plan can ease your brain in the moment. Some people may need to write it out. If you have any doubts going into the conversation or feel overwhelmed before you invite your partner to conversation, I highly suggest you write points down. Reading points off a paper during your conversation may not be for you but the act of writing it down can help you to better commit the steps to memory. Don't be afraid to write down potential positive effects of this conversation, this will help to remind you that you are being brave for a good reason

Some may like rehearsing the conversation out loud. One of my friends really likes to go for walks in the bush, he finds it really helpful in rehearsing difficult conversations and talks out loud as he walks. I quite enjoy talking to my dogs; the random snorts and licks can make it a bit distracting, but they listen well. If you are brave, talk to yourself in the mirror. This is a good exercise because you can not only check your words and vocal tone, but you can check your facial and body expressions while delivering your message.

One study I looked at highlighted the importance of mindfulness practice and its effect on preparation for and having conversations. For those who aren't familiar with it, in a nutshell, mindfulness is about coming out of your head and into the here and now and being present with the moment in a non-judgemental way. Mindfulness practice can help you to want to take an interest in your partner's thoughts and approach stressful events as challenges rather than threats. You

YOUR LISTENING EAR
DELSIE MARTIN

become outwardly focused, less focused on your inner script of doom and gloom or panic.

Before you invite your partner into conversation, sit quietly, and reflect. Set your mental intention for the conversation and a couple of brief points you might want to remember. It might look like this: I sit quietly, close my eyes, and think to myself, I want to embody respect, openness, and care. I want to remember to not interrupt and allow my partner to finish speaking. I breathe deeply focusing my attention on my breath and open my eyes. Setting a mental intention may seem ridiculous to some but it works. Your brain likes to fall into automatic paths of behaviour that it gets used to over time, if you want to engage in a behaviour or remember something that is outside of the typical you need to be intentional in changing that path.

It seems super obvious, but the timing of a conversation is very important but it's something we forget to

consider. Consider what times of day your partner seems most tired, irritable, or disconnected. It's natural for us to have a slump during the day so you may want to avoid having serious conversations during that time of day. It just adds an extra variable to affect the outcome of the talk. Your mood and your partner's mood are two essential variables that can affect the outcome of your conversation. If you have the ability to control the timing of your conversation aim for times where you are both in tune with the world around, you (not lost in your head) and in a problem-solving mood.

Delsie Martin (BA, BSW RSW, MSW candidate) is a masters of social work student with the University of Calgary. Anyone who may have feedback on the column or wish to have a question anonymously answered as part of the weekly column may reach Martin at delsiemartin@trueyouththerapy.ca. Martin's podcast, *The Relationship Review*, can be found on Apple, Amazon, Google and Spotify podcast platforms.

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Nick Beavington receives Community Service Award



Nick Beavington of Gladstone (on left) receives his commemoration from Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa MP Dan Mazier.

Submitted NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Dan Mazier, Member of Parliament for Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa, made a surprise visit in Gladstone earlier this month to formally recognize a community member for their contributions. In attendance with a group of friends, families, and neighbours at the Gladstone Royal Canadian Legion, Mazier presented local resident Nick Beavington with a formal community service medallion. 'In reading and speaking with others on Nick's contributions over the years, it became clear how selfless he was, and continues to

be, in supporting his community and those around him,' Mazier noted. 'People like Nick deserve to be formally recognized because sometimes they don't realize how much of a positive impact they have on the people of their community,' he added. Beavington was nominated for his work with the local Chamber of Commerce, various Happy Rock projects, and other volunteer efforts. Mazier launched an initiative inviting constituents

to nominate individuals who have significantly impacted the region in a positive way. The local MP plans to announce more award recipients throughout his constituency in the future.

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The Ace has been chased!



Congratulations to Leighton Peters who chose the Ace and won \$5,236.00 on Mar. 4 at the Gladstone Legion. A new game has started and the pot should be over \$2,000 this upcoming weekend. From left to right: Chase the Ace Co-chair Louis Robidoux, winner Leighton Peters, and chairperson Kerry MacLennan.

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6-700 lbs.	\$2.90-3.22
7-800 lbs.	\$2.70-2.84
8-900 lbs.	\$2.45-2.75
900+ lbs.	\$2.20-2.39
Bulls	\$1.20-1.50
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$2.80-3.12
4-500 lbs.	\$2.84-3.16
5-600 lbs.	\$2.65-3.06
6-700 lbs.	\$2.46-2.74
7-800 lbs.	\$2.23-2.41
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Cows	\$1.10-1.28

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RCMP body-cams could soon be in use in Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Spruce Plains RCMP will likely have a new piece of technology at their disposal in the very near future. In a presentation to Neepawa Town Council on Tuesday, Mar. 7, staff sergeant Colby Argue provided an update on the national implementation of wearable body cameras.

Sgt Argue noted that this initiative has recently committed to a contract with Motorola, who will supply around 15,000 cameras to detachments across Canada.

He also stated that local municipalities will have to bear 70 per cent of the expense, with Ottawa covering 30 per cent. With a total cost for approximately \$3,000 per

year per camera. Neepawa and surrounding rural participants would be committed to paying around \$2,100 for the equipment and management of data. The coverage of those costs would start in April 2024.

As well, Argue stated the cameras will increase the detachment's work load, as an officer or clerk will have to vet the information within the footage after it is downloaded.

For example, licence plates of vehicles passing by the scene of an incident would have to be manually scrubbed out of the footage in order to protect privacy.

An exact start date for the local roll out is not known, though on a national level, most detachments are expected to start wearing body cameras as early as this fall.

Book bargains making a return to Neepawa

Rotary Club prepares for annual book sale



FILE PHOTO

The Neepawa Rotary Club is hopeful they will be able to build off of the success they have achieved in previous years, with its used book sale.

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Rotary Club of Neepawa has started to gather books for its annual used book sale. Rotary member Murray Newton said this local fundraiser, which began back in 2018, is hoping to feature between 7,000 to 8,000 books. He did note, however, reaching that amount of variety will depend entirely on you.

"We're hoping people from around Neepawa will support us in the weeks ahead, by donating any

books they have. Perhaps ones they've read or have no use for anymore. If they could donate them to Rotary, we'd be very appreciative of the support," said Newton.

Four drop-off locations for books have been organized for the weeks ahead. Those spots will be at the ArtsForward Cultural Centre, Gill & Schmall Agencies, as well as the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op Grocery Store and Home Centre. Newton said Rotary members will spend the next few weeks

gathering and sorting the book collected, in preparations for the event, which is scheduled for May. He said while that is a lot of work, it's worth it as the proceeds of the sale go directly towards Rotary projects in Neepawa and around the world.

The Neepawa Rotary Club Book sale will take place in May at the now former Chalet Floor & Window Fashions building at 139 Main Street West. Watch for more information on the event in a future edition of the Banner & Press.

Gladstone's Glory Years: Where fire threatened



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This photo of Gladstone's Main Street (east side) was featured in chapter nine of the Gladstone's Glory Years booklet series. The photo was captioned "Where Fire Threatened in October of 1909".

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Submitted
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Brandon MB. – The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, in association with a number of participating partners, are pleased to announce the return of its popular #ForeverRoyal Community Ticket program for the 2023 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

The program, which was established in 2022, will see over a dozen local businesses and organizations donate complimentary tickets to families in Brandon and the surrounding area.

“Thanks to these great community partners, we will be sending several hundred families to this year’s Fair,” says Provincial Exhibition General Manager Mark Humphries. “Because so many families wouldn’t have the opportunity to take in the Winter Fair, this program will ensure that so many of them will have that chance to enjoy the excitement of this event.”



FILE PHOTO

The six-day event, which will run from March 27th to April 1st in Brandon’s Keystone Centre, will kick off Monday morning with the annual Sunrise Breakfast, presented by Sunrise Credit Union, the Victoria Inn, QCountry Radio and 94.7 Star FM, from 7:00 am to 10:00 am in the historic Dome Building.

Among the organizations benefitting from this program will be The United Way, Samaritan House Ministries and Westman Immigrant Services.

Joining the Provincial Exhibition in providing this year’s #ForeverRoyal tickets will be Cenovus Energy, Manitoba Hydro,

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Tickets to this year’s Fair, including “free” children’s tickets (courtesy of C&C Rentals and Recreation) and special RBC Family Day discount tickets for Wednesday, March 29th, are on sale now at www.provincialexhibition.com.

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Op ed: Election campaign has begun

By Cam Dahl
GENERAL MANAGER, MANITOBA PORK COUNCIL

Sometime before Oct. 24, Manitobans will go to the polls to elect the next provincial government. While we don't know the election date, the campaign has already begun, or at least, it should have begun for farmers if we want to see agriculture's needs reflected in the parties' policies.

The political parties are all getting prepared for the campaign to come. All are drafting their election platforms. All are setting up candidate briefings on key election issues. Will the aspirations and concerns of the province's farmers matter to the drafters of the party platforms? Will agriculture policies be based on the science that supports modern agriculture or be influenced by some of the misinformation floating about on social media? The answers to these questions largely depend on farmers and farm organizations.

Agriculture needs to engage

Manitoba's agriculture community needs to engage with political parties now, to ensure we see our needs reflected in every election platform. We need to provide our input while policies are being drafted, because reacting after the

election is called or after the policy platforms are published is too late.

What is on the policy wishlist for Manitoba's hog farmers? Right at the top is the need for recognition of the role that the pork sector plays in driving the provincial economy and developing communities in every part of Manitoba. Rural communities like Neepawa, Roblin, Killarney, Steinbach, and Notre Dame de Lourdes, are socially thriving, and becoming more diverse, directly because of investments in hog farming and pork processing. Our large urban centers like Brandon and Winnipeg are adding jobs and seeing economic growth because of the pork sector. 14,000 Manitobans from across the province depend on the hog sector for a well-paying, high-quality job. We want to see the party platforms take pride in these developments and commit to policies that will support this ongoing growth and development.

Preventing misinformation

Economically and environmentally sustainable agriculture growth depends upon science-based policies and regulations.

This sounds straightforward and uncomplicated, but often political discourse can be influenced by misinformation on modern agriculture that is spread through social media and even picked up by mainstream broadcasting and print publications. How do we prevent misinformation from becoming a party's policy and eventually legislation and regulation? The most important way is to have every party commit to effective and meaningful consultations with farmers and their associations before implementing a change in policy direction. Commitment to science-based policies and promises of effective consultation are key elements we all need to see in election platforms.

Every party will have policies related to greenhouse gas reductions and sustainability. Most Manitobans expect this, and candidates will need to address these issues if they expect to be elected. Like all of Manitoba's agricultural producers, hog farmers need to see environmental and animal care policies which acknowledge the fact that modern agricul-

ture provides the roadmap for achieving society's sustainability objectives. Reverting back to the farm practices of Ol' McDonald is not an ecological solution, but an unsustainable path that will lead to reduced efficiency, increasing environmental footprint, and the rural poverty of days gone by. Building upon the research and technological advances of modern agriculture will ensure the sector is economically and environmentally sustainable for generations to come.

Listening to the candidates and being heard ourselves

What can individual farmers do to advance these policy objectives? The answer is simple but requires a time commitment to carry out. We need farmer engagement if we are going to see political platforms that reflect the needs of our sector. Most

candidates for the upcoming election have been nominated. The agriculture community needs to get out and meet with them. I would like to see every pork producer adopt two candidates, one in rural Manitoba and one in a major urban center. Ask to sit down and meet with candidates that share a differing political perspective (you don't need to convince someone who agrees with you). Discuss with them the key request from the sector and do this before they are committed to a particular policy platform.

We also need to listen to candidates. Listening is just as important as delivering a set of requests. Listen to any concerns they may have about agriculture and commit to getting responses back to them. Provide this feedback to your farm organizations like Manitoba Pork and Keystone Agricultural Producers. Getting re-

sponses back to candidates is one way in which farm organizations like Manitoba Pork will help deliver common messages to all parties and candidates.

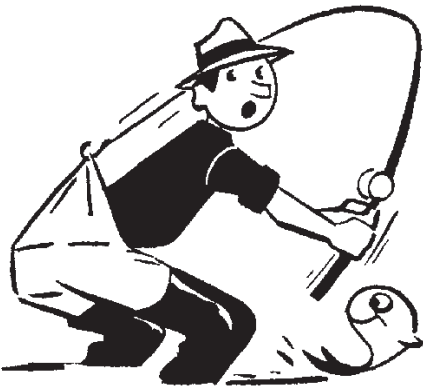
Political activists often say that "public policy is set by those who show up." What does this mean? It means that if we don't engage politicians our voice will not be heard, and our needs will not be reflected in party platforms. Now is the best time for individual producers to influence policy. Now is the time for farmers to actively participate in the political process.



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Prairie agriculture highlighted at ArtsForward



By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Students from the Beautiful Plains School Division were treated to a special art tour last week. Neepawa's ArtsForward hosted the event on Mar. 8, introducing the students to the works of Naomi Gerrard. Gerrard herself had been on the scene, talking with the students and discussing some of the techniques she used for each piece included in the exhibit, which is aptly titled Multi-Grains of Energy.

Each piece in the exhibit is a mixed media collage with grains incorporated into the art, creating a series of works celebrating the importance of Canadian prairie agriculture.

Gerrard grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania, going on to train as a registered nurse and complete a B.F.A. in art at the University of Minnesota before immigrating to Canada in 1980 with her husband and children. Currently, she is an active member of the Winnipeg Art Community, has participated in Canada and the USA and has taught classes and workshops as well.

In addition to incorporating prairie seeds in her works, Gerrard is also known for making her own paper and sometimes using paper fibres to create texture on a paper or canvas, using materials such as thread, yarn, cloth, plaster, sand and other natural materials. Colour is also an integral component of her works.

Multi-Grains of Energy is on display at the gallery until Mar. 30.

SUBMITTED PHOTO, ART BY NAOMI GERRARD

Above: Students listen as artist Naomi Gerrard explains her techniques. Below: A sample of Gerrard's mixed media work utilizing prairie seeds.



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Expressive Dance celebrates Clan gathering 2023



By Crystal Scott
EXPRESSIVE DANCE WITH CRYSTAL'S

Expressive Dance with Crystal's Highland dancers and families celebrated their 8th annual Clan Gathering on Saturday, Mar. 4. Crystal invited her Highland dance students from Dance Images/Brandon School of Dance and their families to join in as

well. The event was held at the Minnedosa Ukrainian Hall and was attended by 29 Highland dancers and over 100 family members. The afternoon started off with a showcase of traditional Highland dances, Nationals dances from the lowlands of Scotland, Jigs, Hornpipes and choreographies. There was an intermission snack midway through the dancing. The dancers who participated in the November 2022 dance

exams were then presented with their Highland Medals Test Awards. The event continued with a fabulous potluck supper. Followed by family games (egg n spoon race, 3-legged race, wheel barrel race, tug-o-war, "balance the Haggis", etc). The evening continued with an opportunity to get the families up to try a few old-time pattern dances like Road to the Isle, Heel Toe Polka, Seven Step, Four Horseman Schottische, Waltz, Two-step and a few other tunes. A great addition to the evening was the local musicians; Cary Clarke, Clark McNabb and Fred Scott who played the tunes for the dancers and their families to dance to. Thanks to all those who helped out in any way to make this a memorable fun-filled family event.

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Billions of people across the globe take medications each day. Certain medications can help people with potentially debilitating or even deadly conditions live normal lives, while others can help people overcome relatively minor issues like muscle aches or seasonal allergies.

The American Heart Association notes that mixing drugs can produce unexpected side effects. This can make it dangerous for people already on prescription medications to use over-the-counter drugs for issues like headache or seasonal allergies. Understanding the potential interactions between their prescriptions and common prescription and over-the-counter medications can help people stay safe.

• **Antihistamines:** Antihistamines are widely used to alleviate symptoms of the common cold or seasonal allergies, such as runny nose,

itchy eyes and sneezing. The AHA notes that, when taken along with blood pressure medication, antihistamines can contribute to an accelerated heart rate and cause blood pressure to spike.

The AHA also cautions people taking sedatives, tranquilizers or prescriptions to treat high blood pressure or depression to consult their physicians before taking antihistamines.

• **Bronchodilators:** Bronchodilators relax and open the airways in the lungs and are used to treat various lung conditions, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD.

These drugs make it easier to breathe and are available via prescriptions. But patients with heart disease, high blood pressure, thyroid disease, and/or diabetes should discuss the potential interactions between bronchodilators and other medications they may be taking with their



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physicians.

• **Cordarone:** According to Drugs.com, Cordarone is used to treat potentially deadly abnormal heartbeats. Cordarone can cause severe problems that affect the lungs, thyroid or liver, and can be dangerous when combined with other drugs. For example, the AHA notes that patients who take more than 20 milligrams of Zocor, a drug used to lower “bad” cholesterol and potentially

to lower the risk of stroke, heart attack and other conditions, while also taking Cordarone are at risk of developing rhabdomyolysis.

Rhabdomyolysis is a condition marked by the breakdown of muscle tissue that can lead to kidney failure or death. The AHA also says that Cordarone can inhibit or reduce the effects of the blood thinner Coumadin.

• **Nicotine replacement products:** People taking pre-

scriptions for depression or asthma should consult their physicians before taking any nicotine replacement products.

The Federal Drug Administration notes that doctors may want to change dosages of patients' current medications before recommending they take any nicotine replacement products. The FDA also advises people to speak with their physicians before trying these products if they have diabetes, heart disease, asthma or stomach ulcers; have had a recent heart attack; have high blood pressure but do not take any medication for it; or have a history of irregular heartbeat.

Drug interactions can complicate treatment of various conditions. People currently on medication are urged to speak with their physicians before taking any new medicines, including over-the-counter drugs.

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Neepawa Ballers proud to represent the community on and off the court

Team of local all-stars participate in Brandon Tournament

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Some of the best hoopers from the Neepawa Ballers Basketball League recently headed down the road to Brandon to showcase their skills, and more importantly the spirit of Neepawa. A team consisting of around a dozen participants in our local league were invited to the tournament, which was played on Feb. 25 and 26.

Rafael Flores Jr. organized the team after receiving the invitation a few weeks earlier. He said while it was a little bit of short notice to get everything together, they were still very honoured to receive the invite. He added they feel as though they did represent the town in a positive way.

“We were invited to participate in their mini tournament. [It was] short notice for us like maybe just two weeks, [so] we don’t have much preparation for practice because we don’t have any time. [However] it was still a lot of fun to be invited and to play,” said Flores. “For

us, it was not only about winning, it’s also how you play the game. We wanted to go and represent our beloved town, Neepawa. It’s like our heritage; you play representing your own town back in the Philip-pines.”

Flores Jr. said the team played a pair of games over the weekend, and though they didn’t come away with a victory, they’re still very proud of how they showcased the local talent.

“They witness that there are some good players in Neepawa. Some Filipino players and some Canadians there from Neepawa representing the community,” Flores stated.

As for participating in the event again, Flores Jr. said it’s something they are very much open to.

“I’ve already had my teammates asking if we can have like, once a month, have training or practice [as a team]. And we are also planning to make [two pairs of] jerseys, because that jersey we were using was from other players that we borrowed. We want to represent Neepawa.”



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Neepawa Tigers upset Killarney in high school hockey playoffs

Improbable game three comeback sends Neepawa to finals

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers' dream run in the Westman High School Hockey League championship continues as they have bested the Killarney/Wawanesa Raiders. The Tigers defeated the best team in the league 2-games-to-1 in their best-of-three semi-final series on Tuesday, Mar. 14 in Killarney. The victory was even more impressive, as Neepawa achieved an amazing late game come from behind win to move on.

With less than three minutes left in regulation, the Tigers trailed in the win-or-go-home showdown, by a score of 2-1. A late game hooking penalty against the Raiders, however, provided Neepawa with the chance they needed, as Jory Kulbacki scored a pair of goals to give the Tigers the late lead, and ultimately the series victory. Kulbacki also scored the team's first goal earlier in the game, which happened late in the first period.

Game three had originally been set for Sunday, Mar. 12, but had to be rescheduled due to the snow storm that travelled through the region over the weekend.

The fourth seeded Neepawa Tigers now advance to the finals of the Championship bracket, where they'll meet the third seeded team, the Swan Valley Tigers. Swan was able to reach the final with an upset of their own, besting the Dauphin Clippers (#2 seed) 2-games-to-0. The schedule for the Championship series was not available before the Banner & Press publication deadline. It will be avail-



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Tigers bested the Killarney/Wawanesa Raiders in the WSHL semi-finals 2-games-to-1.

able when announced on the Westman High School Hockey League website, or through the Banner & Press social media platforms.

The game by game recap

The semi-final series opened up on Tuesday, Mar. 7 at the Shamrock Centre Killarney, with the Raiders earning an 8-5 victory over Neepawa. The Raiders took control quickly, scoring the first four goals of the game. The Tigers tried to climb back into it, but simply couldn't put a significant dent in Killarney's lead before the end of regulation. Jory Kulbacki and Riley Davie each scored a pair of goals for Neepawa, with Davie also adding an assist to his game stats. Cohen

Kulbacki scored the other goal for the Tigers, while Tarek Lapointe registered a three point performance.

The results would be a little bit different for Neepawa on Mar. 10 at the Yellowhead Centre, as they beat the Raiders 4-2. A fair sized and boisterous crowd helped inspire the home team throughout the game. That collective got even louder, after Tristan Friesen scored the first of the night, to give Neepawa an early lead. The Raiders would reply with a power-play goal just before the end of the first, to make it 1-1.

For the first ten minutes of the second period, the Tigers had several great chances at a goal, with a pair of breakaways and one shot ringing off the outer portion

of the post. That persistence would pay off, however as Jory Kulbacki scored his fifth goal of the playoffs with 9:32 remaining in the second. That was the only goal of the middle frame.

For the third, Tarek Lapointe picked up, what would end up being the game winner, a little over three minutes into the action. Killarney clawed one back on a power-play, but the Tigers' Riley Davie returned the lead to two with just 4:17 remaining. That was enough for Neepawa to close out a 4-2 win. Goal-tender Gatlyn Plett picked up the win for the Tigers, facing 33 shots over the course of the game.

Briley Wood named MJHL first team all-star

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The exceptional season of Briley Wood has been recognized by the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, as the 20-year-old forward has been named a first team all-star. Wood recorded 53 points in just

37 games this season with the Titans this year after joining the team in November.

Other first team all-stars included Lucas Brennan (Selkirk Steelers), Ryan Botterill (Portage Terriers), Trent Sambrook (Winkler Flyers), Owen Wareham (Dauphin Kings) and Kobe Grant (Swan Valley Stampers).

MJHL Standings

Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
x-Swan Valley Stampers	56	34	16	5	1	74
x-Virden Oil Capitals	56	35	20	1	0	71
x-OCN Blizzard	56	31	19	2	4	68
x-Dauphin Kings	57	32	21	2	2	68
Wayway Wolverines	56	29	22	3	2	63
Neepawa Titans	56	22	25	8	1	53
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
x-Portage Terriers	56	42	11	1	2	87
x-Steinbach Pistons	55	40	14	0	1	81
x-Winkler Flyers	55	33	15	6	1	73
x-Niverville Nighthawks	55	24	27	1	3	52
Selkirk Steelers	56	21	29	4	2	48
Winnipeg Blues	56	16	32	7	1	40
Winnipeg Freeze	56	4	49	3	0	11

X = CLINCHED PLAYOFF POSITION Y = CLINCHED DIVISION
Z = REGULAR SEASON CHAMPION

Neepawa Titans game results

Wednesday, Mar. 8
Swan Valley 5-2 Neepawa

First Period

08:23 SV A. Rajsigi (12)
ASST: J. Keck (32), J. Jones (39)
11:30 SV J. Keck (29) PP
ASST: T. Sauder (34), W. Marcotte (24)
14:29 NPA H. Stocks (28) PP
ASST: E. Poirier (11), C. McLeod (16)

Second Period

14:00 SV J. Keck (30) PP
ASST: A. Rajsigi (34)

Third Period

00:19 SV S. Arp (10)
ASST: N. Wilson (19)
04:20 SV S. Arp (11)
ASST: N. Wilson (20)
09:46 NPA C. Trimble (11) PP
ASST: C. McLeod (17), B. Wood (33)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 1 0 1 2 2/6
SV 2 1 2 5 2/3

Goaltenders

NPA G. Renwick - (L) 30/35 saves
SV K. Grant - (W) 34/36 savesna

Friday, Mar. 10
Neepawa 3-1 Winkler

First Period

19:05 WKR Z. Nicolas (22) PP
ASST: T. Penner (19), M. Svenson (27)

Second Period

03:21 NPA H. Stocks (29) PP
ASST: B. Wood (34), D. Noonan (8)

Third Period

09:53 NPA H. Stocks (30)
ASST: C. McLeod (18), C. Smith (21)
13:38 NPA C. McLeod (12)
ASST: J. Blake (9), C. Bendtsen (13)

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

Goaltenders

NPA G. Renwick - 16/17 saves
NPA M. Lobreau - (W) 24/24 saves
WKR A. Comeau - (L) 28/31 saves
Attendance: NA - Centennial Arena

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U13 Female Titans win bronze!



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Submitted

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Female hockey has proven once again to be strong in Neepawa! The U13 Female Titans won bronze at the Rural A U13 Female Provincials in Hamiota on Mar. 5. Entering the weekend, the girls knew they had a chance to make the medal round, but also knew the competition would be tough. They would have to be committed and ready to

play hard each game. The top 10 rural teams in the province all came with the same goal in mind and the level of play proved to be the best it could be. The girls showed determination and incredible team focus all weekend, tying their first game against the Westman Falcons 2-2. The second game was played Friday evening against Rock Lake with a 2-1 win, followed by a 2-1 win over Elkhorn on Saturday. Coming up short

against the Southwest Stars on Sunday morning, losing 3-2 in overtime, the girls secured a spot in the bronze medal game. Determination, teamwork, and grit lead them to a 3-1 victory over Morden to bring home the bronze.

Once again, the year began with a collaboration of Neepawa and surrounding area. The dedication of players, coaches, and parents, and the commitment to make the season a success allowed the team

to form. With players from Neepawa (5), Arden (1), Carberry (2), Onanole (1), Rolling River First Nation (1), and McCreary (4) the team was formed. The bond and energy that the girls bring each practice and game never ceases to amaze the coaches, parents, and fans. The girls have soaked up the new skills and direction the coaching staff have provided this year and their efforts were rewarded with the bronze!

Minnedosa has Gladstone on the brink of elimination

THHL playoff update

By Eoin Devereux

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Minnedosa Bombers are one win away from a return trip to the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL) Final. Minnedosa, who are the East Division's second ranked team, have jumped out to a 2-games-to-none series lead over the Gladstone Lakers in the Divisional Final. If the Bombers are able to close out the Lakers in game 3, on Wednesday, Mar. 15 (*Game completed after Banner & Press publication deadline*), Minnedosa will advance to the league final for the second straight year.

Game one of the best-of-five series was played on Friday, Mar. 10 in Gladstone, and saw Minnedosa claimed a 3-2 win in overtime. After a scoreless first period, the Bombers picked up a pair in the second, while the Lakers had one. For the majority of the third, that's exactly how it would remain, until Trey Evenson scored the game tying goal, with just 33 seconds left in regulation. In overtime, however, Minnedosa would be the one celebrating, as Jon Kowal picked up an unassisted goal, to give the Bombers the road win.

Game two would be the very next night in Minnedosa, and would be a much more decisive 4-1 win for the Bombers. For the second straight game, the opening 20 minutes would be scoreless. It remained the same for well over half the second period, until Tony Partridge scored on the power-play. A few minutes later, Ryan Heino and Shane Jury added to the lead, making it 3-0 Minnedosa going into the third.

Jacy Kennedy picked up one for Gladstone early in the third, on a power-play chance, but that would be it for the rest of the night for the Lakers. Jury added his second goal of the game and 10th of the play-offs on an empty net opportunity with just seconds remaining in regulation.

Miniota/Elkhorn dominant

One of the newest teams in the Tiger Hills Hockey League is seemingly coasting through the playoffs on its path to the final. The Miniota/Elkhorn C-Hawks joined the league this year, along with the Rivers Jets, as both clubs transferred over from the North Central Hockey League. Historically, the C-Hawks have been a North Central powerhouse, and they appear to be continuing that tradition in Tiger Hills.

After going 17-1 in the regular season, Miniota/Elkhorn has gone undefeated in the post-season. As well, they currently hold a 2-games-to-0 lead over the Killarney Shamrocks in the West Division Final. The C-Hawks won both games by identical seven goal margins (10-3 and 8-1). Game three of the series was played in Miniota on Wednesday, Mar. 15. The results will appear in a future edition of the Banner & Press.

Neepawa Figure Skating Club update

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NEEPAWA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The Neepawa Figure Skating Club (NFSC) has had a successful year of competitions. Some of our skaters attended the Virden Fun Skate in January. In the Star 3 event, Ivory Gerring brought home the bronze ribbon. In the Star 4 event U13, Olivia Koscielny placed fifth, while Dimitri Smith placed first in the Star 4 Boys event. Madalyn Wahoski competed at her

very first competition in the CanSkate Stage 4 event and received a gold ribbon!

NFSC's skaters attended the Skate Manitoba Winter Blast. In the Star 1 Elements event, Sydney Wolfe brought home a silver ribbon. In the Star 3 elements event, Makenna Summer came home with a gold ribbon while Ivory Gerring received a bronze ribbon in the Star 3 Free

Skate event. In the Star 4 Free Skate under 13 event, Olivia Koscielny placed sixth while Makenna Summer placed sixth in the Star 4 Free Skate Over 13 event. In the Star 4 Boys Free Skate, Dimitri Smith earned a silver medal. In the Star 5 Artistic, Claire Nicholson placed seventh.

The Neepawa Figure Skating Club is now preparing for the Skate Manitoba Provincials being held in Portage on Mar. 17 to Mar. 19. They are also preparing

for the annual year end ice show. This year's theme is "Disney On Ice" and will include skates from CanSkate, Senior CanSkate, StarSkaters, and a regional synchro team. The March Ice Show will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Yellowhead Centre. Admission will be a silver collection. Come on out and enjoy this great event!



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Obituary

NORA EVELYN JEAN DENNIS (ORR)

January 8, 1924-December 19, 2022



Nora Evelyn Jean Dennis (Orr) was born to Ben and Norah Dennis on January 8, 1924 near the village of Brookdale, Manitoba.

Her siblings were George (Royal Canadian Air Force, deceased- who married Ethyl), Edward (farmer, deceased - who married Joyce), and little sister Beryl Henders. Jean

attended elementary and secondary school in Brookdale and participated in concerts, choirs, and other aspects of community life there.

As a young lady Jean taught at Huntington School, before marrying Carberry farmer William Maxwell Orr. Their children include Cheryl Orr Hood (business person and artist, deceased - who married Bruce (deceased), Gerald Orr (who married Linda), Brenda Nelson (who married Greg), and Ben Orr (who married Kim).

Jean was always active in life on the Orr farm, raising chickens, gardening, milking cows, and driving trucks and tractors. At the same time, she was raising her family, cooking and cleaning, sewing and renovating the house, building rock gardens and taking on other projects that made the house their home. Amidst all this activity, she warmly welcomed visits from friends and family (especially grandchildren!).

Music was always important to Mum, who after having taken only a year of music lessons, became sufficiently skilled at playing piano that she organized a small singing group called the Orr Kids. This group sang at Robbie Burns concerts, fundraiser talent shows and Linwood school concerts.

Mum's creativity was also evident in her artwork. She studied art at the Banff School, and at classes in Brandon Art Gallery and Neepawa. Later she had exhibitions on her own and taught painting in community classes. Her sense of colour and style led her into sewing and designing clothing for members of her family.

Our mom always valued education and community, serving as secretary treasurer and trustee for the local school board, and librarian for the local library as well as the high school. She was a member of the Orange Lodge, IODE, the Red Hats, and she at times served as organist for the Presbyterian and United Churches.

Jean had a love of travel. Sundays were often spent with Max and kids exploring pastures and bushlands. They travelled to Calgary for the Stampede as well as to visit family (brother Barry and Julie). Victoria was another destination to visit Marian and Sandy. Jean also adventured to Australia, Alaska, Ireland, Mexico, Hawaii, Arizona, and various other places in the US and Canada with family members.

Mum would also travel to be with her grandchildren. She flew to Barrie, Ontario and also to Australia to be sure that her little ones were safely cared for... providing a grandmothers special help.

For her grandchildren she would provide such things as Easter egg hunts at the pasture. She had great pride in all their accomplishments and activities.

Cheryl Orr Hood (Lisa Pedlow and Kevin Hood and families), Gerald Orr (Sonja, Maxine, Jason and Nichole), Brenda (Steve and Tara), Ben (Bill, George and Mary Jane). She was lucky enough to have many great grandchildren and a number of beloved great grandpats.

A celebration of Jean's life will be held Monday, March 20 at 2:00 pm at the Carberry United Church.

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Mary "Isabel" Hume

Isabel was born April 24, 1916 at Oberon, Manitoba. To Maria and Sophus Mikkelsen. She had eight siblings, one brother and seven sisters.

Isabel married Harold Hume in November of 1937. They farmed for awhile then moved to Reston, Manitoba where Harold worked for the municipality and Isabel worked as a nurse's aide in the local hospital. They moved to Caberry when they retired.

Isabel is survived by her daughter Sheila Tilley, Yvonne Dodds (Bob) and son Bill Hume (Linda). Isabel had ten grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren. Her grandchildren have many fond memories spending time with her doing crafts, sewing, quilting and gardening. The great-grandchildren adored her, she always shared her sweet treats and winked at the little ones.

She will be missed by many, rest in peace.

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Olga Code

Sept 4, 1921 - March 10, 2023

From camel riding to Senior Games competitor. Can make doll houses and pirogues. Card shark. Olga was a multi faceted gem. Born in Beaver, Manitoba the middle child of 7, she moved to Makinak at the age of 8, then Norbert for grade twelve and Winnipeg for teachers college then taught in 1 room schools for several years. In her childhood she visited McCreary many times to stay with an aunt and uncle.

Here she met Peter Code whom she married in 1943. They lived on farms in the McCreary district until 1968 when they moved to town. She was active in the United Church and multiple organizations, helped in fund raisers, was a treasurer for some of the organizations, sang in the choir and taught in some cases 3 generations of families their 1st grade. Peter passed on in the year 2000 but Olga continued to live in McCreary until 2010 when she moved to Neepawa. She loved gardening, quilting, hiking, fishing and cycling. She won awards for the most miles walked in a cross country senior competition and the same for cycling. She also loved to travel. She has been to every province in Canada plus the Yukon, most states in the U.S. including Alaska, Australia, England and much of Europe, Turkey and Morocco (thus the camel riding) plus she has been on several cruises. And she loved to play cards, especially cribbage, bridge and canasta. At the age of 101 she could still play cribbage.

Olga will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Catharine (Lyle); son Clifford (Sandy); grandchildren Susan Adolph and Jeffery Adolph (Zdenka) and Erin McLaughlan (Andy); great grandchildren Mark and Peter Adolph, Dean, Cole and Emily McLaughlan. She is also survived by her baby sister Isabel Christie (Chris) and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are to be held Friday, March 17 at Knox United Church in McCreary at 2:00 pm.. Rita Friesen will be officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the United Church in McCreary or Neepawa or to a charity of your choice.

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Obituary

KENNETH MARTIN PLETT

January 31, 1948 - February 27, 2023 • 75 years



Ken was the 9th child of 11 children born to Peter and Elizabeth Plett living in Southern Manitoba. He was the firstborn of the second set of twins in the family. Ken said he was taken to church before he was born and had always heard about God and his need for a Savior. It was his brother, Alvin, that finally helped him to cement that step into a personal relationship with God. He who is forgiven much, loves much and Ken thanked God daily for his forgiving grace.

Ken was a prairie farm boy from Manitoba through and through. He loved the wide-open spaces and to work in the dirt cultivating beauty through his beautiful flower gardens.

His heart was to please God. When his Aunt Suzanne died in Brazil during her missionary service, the call was to the family to take her place. He wanted to go where the love of God through Christ's death on the cross was never heard.

Ken is not one to be patient, and when he decided on something he did it. When he met Susan his first date was in March, engaged in April, and married in August of 1970. Ken experienced the goodness of God with his wife, Susan, for more than 52 years. If there was ever a 'marriage made in Heaven' this one was!

Ken and Susan had 2 precious children the Indonesians called coffee and cream, Jason and Desi. This couple shared a lifetime of experiences in the beautiful tribes country of Indonesia where they served with New Tribes Mission (now Ethnos Canada) from 1970 to 1982. In 1982 they returned to Canada where God provided a little house on the prairie while Ken worked for his brothers in construction.

Ken was a fixer. He could fix anything and if he didn't know how, he'd find a way because of his dogged determination. He was good at construction, but being light in body, it wasn't his passion. He loved a challenge and was a problem solver, so he trained in the telecommunication field. This opened an opportunity to work for Manitoba Telephone where he labored for 17 years until he retired in 2008. God used his time as a field service technician to get over his shyness and begin to really enjoy meeting and getting to know people.

Ken was a soup maker. He would make a big pot at the beginning of the week, and which was the daily lunch fare. There was a jar left that our family ate together in his

memory. He was a good provider. Ken loved his wife and family. This was reflected by his daily prayers for his children and grandchildren. He loved serving them by fixing things or doing things they needed around the house. He with the help of John and Gilbert completely remodeled their house just last summer.

Ken was not one for quiet, so when he came into the house, he always put some kind of music or the radio on. He also loved music and often serenaded his wife on his autoharp.

He wanted to retire early so he could volunteer. This took them to Florida during the winter months, so they could, not only volunteer at the Mission Headquarters, but visit family and friends who live there. There he developed deep friendships and honed his skills in the electrical field. They also volunteered in Brazil for a couple of weeks and returned to Indonesia for a year. Ken and his wife continued to volunteer for Ethnos Canada helping in the member care department. Though Ken, by nature was a home body, he enjoyed travels to many places in Canada, the United States, Israel, Philippines, Mexico, the Caribbean and even China. These trips enriched his life with many friendships all over the world.

Psalm 139: 16 says "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

God called him home Monday, February 27 in just the way he wanted it.... he wanted to go first, quickly, and at home with his beloved wife by his side. Ken, you will live on in our hearts through the precious memories we shared over the years.

Those who went on before Ken were his parents, Peter and Elizabeth Plett, sister Elvira, Brother-in-Law, Jim Bailey, and many treasured nieces and nephews. Ken will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by many, but especially his beloved wife, Susan, Son Jason (Jodi), daughter Desi (Rob) and grandchildren, Jentzen (Sarah), Jordan, Grace, Arden, and Carter. His siblings, Lillian, Evangeline, Alvin (Martha), Gilbert (Alice), Les (Sandy), John (Sharon), Peter (Cecile), Dennis (Donna), Reg (Charlene) and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Donations can be made in Ken's memory to Ethnos Canada, the mission he served with. It will be placed in a fund for Indonesian missionaries to subsidize their flight costs.

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Rural Municipality of Rosedale

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Preference will be given to students between the ages of 16 and 24 who possess a valid Class 5 driver's license and access to a personal vehicle.

Applications should be marked "Green Team" and will be accepted by email or in person until May 5th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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Summer Position, Margaret Laurence Home
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R.M. of Minto-Odanah Seasonal Equipment Operator/Laborer

The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah is accepting applications for a Seasonal Equipment Operator/Laborer & Water System Labourer. This position is full time seasonal and scheduled to start approximately May 1st, as weather permits. Duties to include operation of various municipal equipment and other general duties as assigned.

A Class 3 driver's license would be an asset.

Please send resume with 3 references by
4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30th, 2023.

Submit applications to:

R.M. of Minto-Odanah
Seasonal Equipment Operator/Laborer
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L'inscription à la maternelle à temps plein aura lieu du 1 mars au 24 mars, 2023.

Tous les enfants qui sont nés avant le 31 décembre, 2018 sont admissibles. Veuillez apporter à l'école, votre carte d'immatriculation ainsi qu'un des suivants : le certificat de naissance de votre enfant, le certificat de baptême, une déclaration de naissance vivante ou une déclaration solennelle. Nous sommes une école d'immersion française, la pré-maternelle à la 8ième année, et nous offrons une excellente éducation dans les deux langues officielles.

Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten registration will take place from March 1 to March 24, 2023.

All children born on or before December 31, 2018 are eligible to register. To register you will need to bring in your child's Manitoba Health PHIN# and one of the following: Birth Certificate, Baptismal certificate, Certificate of live birth, Health card or Statutory declaration. We are a Jr. K-8 French Immersion school and provide an excellent education in both official languages.

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Laurier, Manitoba
204-447-2068

PUBLIC NOTICE

Canadian Navigable Waters Act

The Town of Neepawa hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, pursuant to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to paragraph 7(2) of the said Act, The Town of Neepawa has deposited with the Minister of Transport, on the on-line Common Project Search Registry (<http://cps.canada.ca/>) and under registry number **7404**, or under the NPP File Number **2023-608781**, a description of the following work, its site, and plans:

• Bridge

in, on, over, under through or across Stony Creek (a non-scheduled waterway) at the Town of Neepawa in Northeast Section 28, Township 14, Range 15W (part Plan 348 NLTO)

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation can be sent through the Common Project Search site mentioned above under the Comment section (search by the above referenced number) or if you do not have access to the internet, by sending your comments directly to:

Navigation Protection Program
Transport Canada
344 Edmonton Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P6

Transport Canada (TC) will not make your comments on a project available to the public on the online public registry. However, any information related to a work is considered as unclassified public record and could be accessible upon legal request. As such, the information and records provided should not contain confidential or sensitive information. If you want to provide confidential or sensitive information that you think should not be made public, please contact TC before submitting it.

However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing (electronic means preferable) and are received not later than 30 days after the publication of last notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Posted at the Town of Neepawa, Manitoba this 17th day of March, 2023.



Colleen Synchrony
CAO

WMCI Warriors win Varsity Girls basketball title

Defeat Neepawa Tigers 55-44 in Zone 7 Final

By Eoin Devereux

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The fierce rivalry between the William Morton (WMCI) Warriors and Neepawa (NACI) Tigers varsity girls basketball teams culminated in the Zone 7 Final. The teams had split a pair of games during the regular season, and would face-off one last time in the championship on Tuesday, Mar. 7 at the NACI Gymnasium. After 40 minutes of play, it was the WMCI Warriors who claimed the Zone 7 banner, winning 55-44.

After the game, Warriors coach Trevor Lang told the Banner & Press his player's commitment to practice and focusing on the team elements of the game, were a big part of their success.

"They were dedicated right from the start of the season. As a team, they have come together [and] played solid defence throughout the season. We showed improvement as the season went on and I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish out there," stated Lang.

With the win, WMCI closed out the year with a 10-2 record (8-2 in the regular season, 2-0 in the playoffs).



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The WMCI Warriors, Zone 7 champions of the Varsity Girls Basketball League.

Notice

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

TOWN OF NEEPAWA BY-LAW NO. 3220-23 being an AMENDMENT to the Town of Neepawa Zoning By-law No. 3184-18, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION:

Town of Neepawa Municipal Office, 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, Manitoba

DATE & TIME:

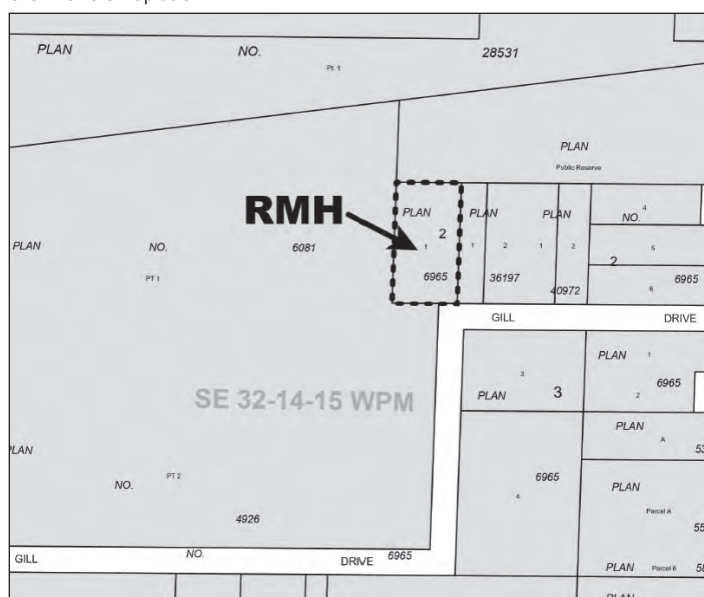
April 6th, 2023 at 7:05 P.M.

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW No. 3220-23:

1. Re-zone an area of land in the Town of Neepawa
FROM: "ML" - Industrial Light Zone
TO: "RMH" - Residential Mobile/Modular Home Zone
2. Establish use and bulk requirements for low and medium density multiple unit dwellings in the "RMH" - Residential Mobile / Modular Home Zone.

AREA AFFECTED BY BY-LAW No.: 3220-23

A 1.72 acre parcel of land located west of P.T.H. No. 5 and north of P.T.H. No. 16 and located on the north side of Gill Drive in the Town of Neepawa more particularly described as being Lot 1, Blk. 2 Plan 6965 NLTO (Roll No. 156400.000) in Pt. SE32-14-15WPM as shown on the map below.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Jeff Braun, Development Officer, Neepawa & Area Planning District Office
275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB
Phone: 1-204-476-3277 • Email: jeff@neepawaareaplanning.com

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

TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION



Kindergarten
Registration

for the 2023 Fall Term

will be held during the regular school hours between March 1 and March 24, 2023 at the following schools:

Alonsa School Tele # 204-767-2168
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McCreary School Tele # 204-835-2083

We are once again proud to offer a Full-Time Kindergarten Program. All children born on or before December 31, 2018 are eligible to register. To register you will need to bring your child's Manitoba Health PHIN# and one of the following: Birth Certificate, Baptismal certificate, Certificate of live birth, Health card or Statutory declaration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call your school today.



PESTICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM

Town of Neepawa intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during the 2023 season:

- To control noxious weeds on streets, boulevards, parks and cemeteries: Glyphosate & Par III
- To control pests such as gophers, mosquitoes, pine scale and spider mite: AquaBac 200, BTK Biological Insecticide, Rozul RTU Field Rodent Bait, Safers Insecticidal Soap

Proposed dates of application will be from May 1 to October 15. The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of the publication of the notice to the department below.

Environment and Climate
Environmental Approvals Branch
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Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6

Scott Boxall, Parks Supervisor
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A site visit is required.

Tenders close at NOON, Thursday, March 30th, 2023.

Tenders received by the undersigned must be clearly marked "Neepawa Collegiate Painting Tender."

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Submit to:

Tyler Stewart
Maintenance Supervisor
Box 700, Neepawa, MB. R0J 1H0
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Tenders close at NOON on MARCH 24th, 2023.

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For a copy of the rental agreement and/or more specifics on the land(s) being rented, please contact **Charlotte Crawley** at the number below.

Please email or indicate "Land for Rent" on your envelope and email, or mail to:



Unit 2-545 Conservation Drive
Brandon MB R7A 7L8
Phone: (204) 868-5599
email: c_crawley@ducks.ca

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Letter: 'I hope your prayers are answered'

Regarding March 10th's entry from Ada. After reading her letter, I too cried. Anyone who didn't, is obviously unaware of the dystopian state of our country and world at this moment in time. Or another likely reason, as Ada pointed out in her letter many times... is that no one cares.

My Grandmother was in Country Meadows for a short while pre covid. I used to enjoy visiting her there as it was a pleasant atmosphere... at least it used to be. Sometimes I would play piano for her, sometimes we would have a coffee and the kids were always entertained by the budgies. That was before the crime of the century was committed on the people. Thankfully she didn't have to endure the insanity of Covid rules and harmful protocols. She never would have understood that it was for her health. Because it wasn't for anyone's health...that we can clearly see...and Ada's letter is proof of it.

I'm guessing that after Trudeau's "New World Order" was implemented in 2020, that the "health experts" probably removed the piano. Maybe they covered it in yellow tape like they did with children's winter clothing because it wasn't a necessity. After all, who would want to hear anyone playing music in a care home anyway? Those same health experts removed a whole lot of other things too as Ada knows all too well. They took away smiles, friends, touch, compassion, common sense, empathy, bodily autonomy, freedom of speech and human rights. All

for your health.

Why can't the government address the simple fact that their policies are causing more harm than good? When will the government be held accountable? It's my belief they are aware of the harm they are causing and it's all a part of the deconstruction of what used to be our health care system. Does Ada sound like she's being cared for? Anyone with a functioning brain knows moving elderly people like pawns on a chess board throughout the province is not only cruel and harmful to the one being moved, but also harmful to the people who care about that person. They now have to drive long hours to see their loved one. Costing them in fuel, food and lodging. No one can afford this. In turn, it also costs them in their health and the guilt they have seeing their loved ones get moved from place to place not knowing anyone or anything familiar. What a disgrace our health system is. It's more like a slaughterhouse.

These restrictions, forced isolation, forced masking, forced medication, force feeding, are nothing short of elder abuse in the hands of our government. Obviously it is in the government's best interests to make life as miserable as possible for these people so they will choose MAID instead of life. It is already offered to our veterans who can't afford groceries or housing. Seeing as the government has no money for veterans but plenty for you know where. Perhaps if more people would say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, we would get

better results. Will Ada's letter make it enough? It should! It is a clear cry for help from the very place she was supposed to receive help.

I have sent a short letter to the Premier and the Health Minister of this province. I also enclosed a copy of Ada's letter and I would encourage anyone who was moved by Ada's letter to do the same. The people in "power" need their desks flooded, answering machines full and emails to no end regarding this atrocity. It's the least we can do, and unfortunately, many won't even do that. She is someone's mother, grandmother, wife and friend. She is a human being. If her cries go ignored... it wouldn't surprise me one bit from what I have witnessed from the past three years. Stop this insanity already!

The contrived abuse of our health care system for the past three years has now come to fruition. The very people who lived through war are being treated like P.O.W. in their own country, at the end of their time. The betrayal they must feel, watching everything they've worked for... devour them in the end. Take the masks off of our elderly and the children who visit them! Despite the millions proclaimed for our health system, this measure will cost nothing and it will work wonders for the people who live and work there.

I hope your prayers get answered Ada. I cry too, although for different reasons, it all traces back to the root cause.

Kim Lukin
Riding Mountain, MB

Letter: Reasonable answers?

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According to the individual, those seeking protection from COVID-19 by vaccination were doing so because they had not earned the protection of God. He described vaccination as an attempt by government and Satan to protect sinners from God's punishment.

My fifth encounter was with an individual who was a strong supporter of a plan to engage Canada's Governor General and Justices of the Supreme Court to remove the Trudeau government from power. A replacement Federal government would be appointed from within the membership of the convoy.

The sixth encounter, involved a convoy supporter, with a strong conviction that climate change-carbon tax was all a hoax. He contended that only God had the power to

control the world's climate. Any government effort directed at influencing climate, involved Satan working against the will of God.

Finding myself unable to provide "reasonable answers" to any of the above or even participate in the discussion of the issues raised, I confess. I pulled a Trudeau. I did not attempt to provide answers and began avoiding convoy supporters. The task being able to participate in the discussion of above issue and provide "reasonable answers" is beyond my capacity. I reluctantly leave it to our very capable editor's continuing effort to restore this "missed opportunity for unity" by providing both answers and insight into the issues raised. I will wait patiently to become enlightened.

Fred Tait
Rosendale

Letter: To Ada at Country Meadows

As I read your letter, my heart was touched. I cried, too, and so I want you to know I, and I'm sure many others, are praying for you. God "hears", Ada, and "answers" and "He" alone knows what to do. COVID-19 has changed so many things. How could we have ever known. The decisions forced upon "all of us" and so to your "Lonely, Sad and Tired Heart" I say, My testimony. A few years ago, I cried out, too. Please, God help me. From my Sad, Lonely and Tired Heart - My family, my friends, my husband so true, all had tried their best. God sends special people, Ada. He'll do that for you. I'll always "Remember" my doctor, who stretched out his hand, saying, I'll help you, I know God helped him understand. Step by step, one day at a time, my Abba Father (daddy), my prayer was answered. He'll answer you.

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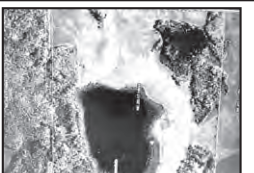
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"I've got a lot of people that have been instrumental in getting me to where I am, whether it be in hockey, golf, baseball, or any sport. It's nice to be recognized but definitely not why I do what I do in the community. There's a lot of deserving people that give back in Neepawa whether it be recreation, arts, or music. The feeling that giving back gives you is unmeasurable."
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A perfect season for Neepawa's Varsity Boys Basketball

Tigers cap off flawless year with 57-47 win over MacGregor

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball team has achieved perfection after beating the MacGregor Mustangs 57-47 in the Zone 7 Final. With the victory, the Tigers have not only laid claim to the MHSAA Zone 7 title, but a flawless 12-0 league record on the year, with 10 regular season wins and a pair in the playoffs.

While Neepawa proved itself to be the best team out there on the hardwood, they had to earn it from a tough and talented MacGregor Mustangs squad. Early in the championship game, MacGregor's size advantage created several challenges for the Tigers when they attempted any mid-to-short range baskets. The Mustangs also rebounded better on both ends of the NACI gymnasium on Tuesday, Mar. 7. This gave MacGregor a 15-12 lead after the first quarter.

For the second, Neepawa started to improve their shooting percentages, but couldn't really gain any ground on the scoreboard, as they trailed the Mustangs at half 27-25.

The turnaround seemed to occur about mid-way through the third quarter, as Neepawa's deeper bench allowed them to start tiring out the Mustangs roster. That allowed them better access into the paint, as they started driving to the basket with more precision. Isaac Sumbilla picked up a pair of baskets in that manner just before the end of the third, helping Neepawa to take a

36-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the final 10 minutes of regulation, the Tigers added to their lead, with Sumbilla, JM Belarmino and Karl Darato combining to score the next 13 points for NACI. This trio would end the night with unofficial totals of 11, 14 and 15 points, respectively. As a collective, the Tigers also took over control of the offensive rebounds and create second, and at times third chances at a basket. By the end of the game, all that effort turned into a 56-47 victory for NACI.

After the game, Varsity Boys head coach Chidi Small said his team adjusted its style of play at the half, and that made a difference as the game wore on.

"I told [the players] we had to focus on defence. We've played MacGregor several times during the regular season, and they were quite familiar with how we ran our offense and they were doing a good job of shutting it down. So, we had to switch it up and focus on the defensive side of the game. Force turnovers, low percentage shots and pick up the rebounds. If we did that, we know the chances on the other end would come around," said Small.

Small added that the conditioning of his team came up big, as the game progressed, adding that something they'd work on in practice throughout the season. He commended the roster for putting in the work all year to reach this accomplishment.



Basketball Coach Chidi Small (Front row, in hoodie), along with his team, the Neepawa Tigers Varsity Boys celebrate winning the Zone 7 Championship on Tuesday, Mar. 7.

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