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Neepawa family 'beyond grateful'

Logan's Walk for Down Syndrome raises just over \$6,000

By Casper Wehrhahn
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The results are in for the sixth annual edition of Logan's Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness. Formerly known as the Walk With Us Campaign, Logan's Walk was attended by approximately 85 people on Sept. 21.

This mass of individuals gathered just outside of Neepawa at the Langford Walking Trails, where they not only enjoyed the great outdoors, but also raised a total of \$6,060. These funds will benefit Touchwood Park's accessible playground, which is open for all to use.

"Touchwood Park is very appreciative of the donation to this playground and the continued community support," said Holly Pankratz, Touchwood's assistant executive director. "Thank you to Logan and his family for choosing Touchwood Park as the recipient for the sixth annual Logan's Walk."

In the past six years, between fundraising for the Manitoba Down Syndrome Society and Touchwood Park, Logan's Walk has raised a whopping \$22,952.

"That number is pretty incredible," said Brandi Cox, event co-organizer and mother of Logan Cox.

Brandi added, "Whether you walked with us, donated, or volunteered your time to help with the BBQ. Your support not only raises funds but also awareness and love for individuals with Down Syndrome and, of course, our Logan."

Providing a final comment, Brandi expressed gratitude on behalf of her family, stating, "We are beyond grateful for our amazing community. Thank you for walking with us year after year!"



Logan Cox and Holly Pankratz pictured together at the Accessible Playground on Oct. 6 for the donation presentation.

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By Eoin Devereux
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The vibrance of Filipino cuisine is finding a home in Neepawa. On Friday, Oct. 3, Vegos Pinoy Restaurant celebrated its' grand opening, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 336 Mountain Avenue.

Vegos is the sixth Filipino owned and operated business and second cultural eatery to officially establish itself within the community. This latest commercial venture is led by Catherine Vegos, who also operates Vego's Kitchenette in Gladstone.

Vegos said the path to get to this latest business opportunity has been a long, and at times difficult journey. But, she adds that seeing to reaction from the town and its' people on opening day, makes the effort feel worth it.

"When I arrived in Neepawa in 2014, I told my husband that 'Neepawa is a progressing town and I like this place.' We known there was something here and if

we worked hard, we could make something here to be proud of," noted Vegos. "It's taken a lot of time, and effort to get to this day. We worked really hard, and my husband and I, we saved [our money]. We bought this [location] in 2021, if I'm not mistaken, and it took time. It took longer than we would have hoped, but we had this dream. So, to be here today, I am very happy. We are open and operating now, finally. And I'm really happy, having waited for this moment."

The Vegos Pinoy Restaurant features a mix of ten full and part time employees, and will offer a traditional sit down restaurant experience. It will also include a buffet and catering services.



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Above far right picture: Catherine Vegos (on left) welcomes everyone to the grand opening of Vegos Pinoy Restaurant in Neepawa., at 336 Mountain Ave.

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2005: Former Neepawa Cub/Farmer elected to Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
October 10, 1900**

Note: The entries for 1900 are from The Neepawa Register, as The Press for that year is not fit for regular handling.

Mekiwin: King Bros., of Gladstone, plastered the church this week.

The Christian Guardian thinks more men would become christians if more christians would become men. Perhaps the great lack of the church to-day is positiveness of character and influence.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
October 9, 1925**

A fresh shipment of Cowan's chocolates, maple buds, nut bars and milk chocolates just fresh from the factory at Vansickle's.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
October 12, 1950**

William G. Pollock, former mayor of Neepawa, marked his 90th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 8 at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pollock. Friends and relatives extended congratulations to Mr. Pollock. He retired as mayor in 1947 after serving 17 years in that office.

No dissenting voice was raised against the proposed issuance of debentures to raise \$60,000 for construction of a new firehall, improvement

to disposal plant and engineering requirements, when 50 persons heard the mayor and councillors review the past year at the annual public meeting held Friday in the court room of the town hall.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
October 9, 1975**

After more than 30 years Neepawa once again became home for noted Canadian author Margaret Laurence when residents of the town and the community opened their arms and their hearts to her Monday.

Mrs. Laurence, born Margaret Wemyss in Neepawa and raised here until she left home at the age of 18 to attend University in Winnipeg, was the guest of honour at a special Margaret Laurence Day held in tribute to her contributions to Neepawa, Canada and Canadian literature...

Mrs. Laurence said that she had seen many changes in her tour of the town Monday afternoon, but the most notable one was the air of progressiveness and prosperity that the town has taken on.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
October 10, 2005**

Some areas around Neepawa were still without power Thursday morning after a blanket of heavy, wet snow felled tree branches and downed power lines the day before.

Erickson: Friends and family were remembering Erickson mayor Mike Geletchuk as a devoted community man, following his death Sept. 19...

Geletchuk, 72, was elected mayor of the town in 2002. During his time in office, [Lorne] Mackedenski said Geletchuk improved the town's infrastructure as well as its appearance.

Neither snow, nor rain, nor sleet, not a blizzard in general, could stop the official opening of the town of Neepawa's new offices Wednesday afternoon...

As part of the remodelling of the former Hamilton Square building, steps leading to one doorway have been replaced with a ramp for easier access. Manitoba's tough new anti-smoking law withstood its first court challenge, but opponents say they have no intentions of giving up the fight.

Mike Levandosky should feel honoured about his election to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame...

Levandovsky, who played senior baseball in Neepawa for the Cubs and Farmers for 23 years, was one of the best players of his generation and other generations, too.

Named to the Manitoba Senior Baseball League's 40th anniversary all-star team, Levandosky is one of a dozen individuals who will be inducted into the Hall as the Class of 2005.

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Mike Levandosky, who was elected to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in October of 2005. At the time, he was a two-time MVP award winner and had previously played for the Neepawa Cubs and Neepawa Farmers.

**Trust in the Lord God always,
for in the Lord Jehovah is
your everlasting strength.**

Isaiah 26:4 (The Living Bible)

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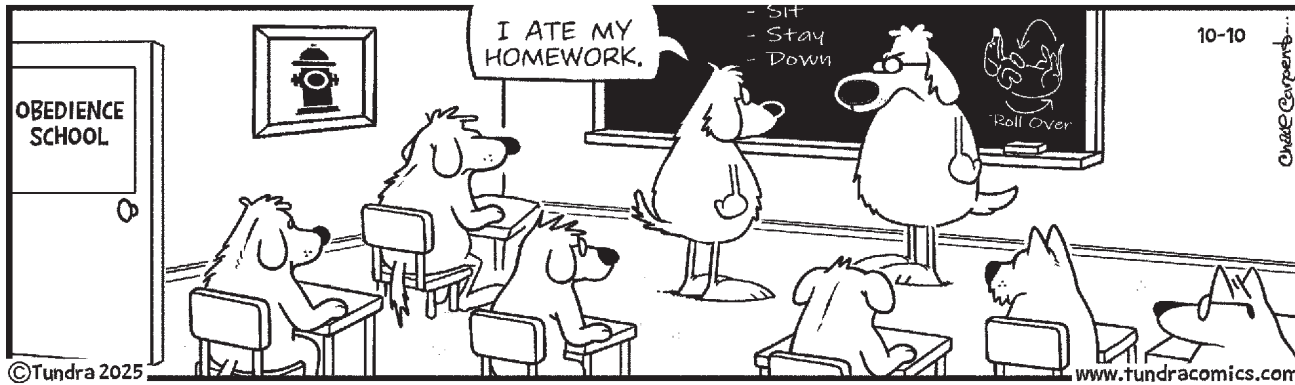
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HOMEBODIES

RITA FRIESEN



How pleasant it is when brothers live in harmony...

There is a copse (a stand alone clump of trees — a term L.M. Montgomery was very fond of!) that causes me to pause and marvel every season of the year. The cluster is at the very edge of town alongside a road that Arie and I regularly stroll. This fall the changing of their garb has simply fascinated me. This little grouping is a most unlikely family. It's fairly certain that the trees have been planted, considering the variety in a relatively small space. The tallest at this point is the cottonwood. How I love the tall one, golden leaves twisting in the breeze, the hue so dramatic against the autumn skies. Beside it is an evergreen, the ordinary variety that rests the eyes all winter long, a gentle spot of constant colour no matter the background pallet. Cuddling in close is a tamarack, not a true evergreen for it's needles turn golden brown and drop, known as a deciduous conifer, for it is a cone bearer. Within the copse there is a Colorado Blue Spruce, and a Scots pine. Completing the family grouping are sturdy black poplars with a host of little cousins, the caragana family, moving into empty corners. The one dramatic silver tree may be silver willow, or a Siberian elm, I haven't crossed the ditches to check. So there, clustered and sheltering one another are golds, and greens, silver and browns, all in harmony, all fulfilling their destiny.

Psalm 133: 1— How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! The exclamation point is there, not something I added, for I am prone to using them! So I stop and watch these trees. They are totally unaware and unaffected by my viewing. They, each in their own way, continue to be exactly what they are designed to be. No one sways away from the tamarack; not fully pine, not fully evergreen, a deciduous conifer. Of the family yet unique. The tallest evergreen doesn't appear to be afraid of the old cottonwood, respectfully spreading it's branches honouring the space required by the old shade bearer. One tree drops all its leaves, another none of its needles. Some of the trees are native to the area and others are blatant imports. Not one of them care. Birds nest in their branches, rabbits nestle in the long grasses beneath the sheltering arms, and if I cared to go into their space I would find ants, and bugs, perhaps slugs and grasshoppers. All are welcome in this space.

Watching my world, this world, I long for this beautiful, life giving unity. Where there is no need to demean or belittle, no need for greed or unkindness, no need for anyone to be without, to do without. In the background I hear Louis Armstrong growling out 'it's a wonderful world'. And it is, it truly is. For me, is a constant awareness of the goodness and beauty of all creation around me that even allows me the courage to hope; to hope for equality, justice and mercy. For all. May it be so.

Giving thanks always

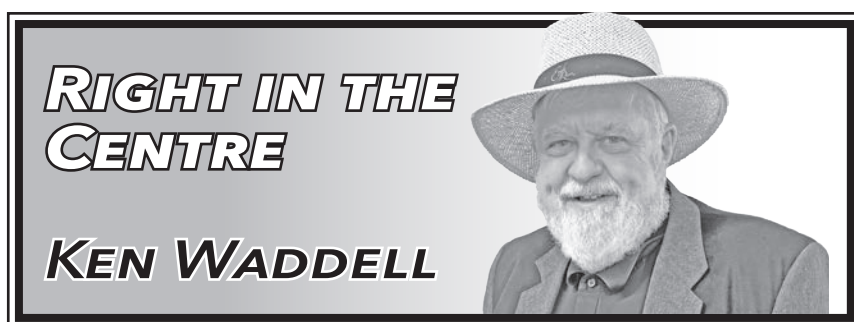
The following Bible verse pretty much sums up the holiday we are about to celebrate — Thanksgiving Day.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (New International Version) says. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

As long as I can remember, Thanksgiving Day, has been a very special day for me. Let me count the ways this season has been elevated in my mind and heart. My father, who was born Oct. 10, 1907 so our family always had reason to celebrate that day. Dad said it was almost always a nice day on his birthday and he was right with the odd exception. His birthday was always around Thanksgiving and that was nice too as sometimes we would have a day off school for his birthday. Dad was a school bus driver so on school holidays, he got a holiday too except for all the work on the farm. And, most Thanksgivings, Dad's brother and sister-in-law, our much loved Uncle Jim and Aunt Vi would travel from Winnipeg to the farm at Holland, Manitoba for Thanksgiving, often staying overnight.

That time of year usually meant that the rugged days of harvest were coming to a close and work on winter preparation projects saw increased activities. And of course, there were large Thanksgiving dinners. Mum was a pretty good cook. I say all this to set the scene that Thanksgiving was pretty much a good deal around our farm home.

Oct. 11 is our wedding anniversary. Christine and I have been married 56 years. For all those years and all our family and business experiences, I am thankful. Christine's return to good health has been the number one blessing for this year!



But giving thanks in the manner outlined in the Bible verse above isn't always as easy as my early childhood years experienced. There are many times of drought, war, death and destruction that try a person's ability or even willingness to give thanks. But, even in tough times it's important to give thanks, to offer thanks to God, to family, to our friends and neighbours and to our country for sustaining us through the tough times.

The hymn, "Count your blessings" says it better than I can. It was composed by Johnson Oatman Jr in 1897.

*1. When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

*Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.*

*3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.*

*Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your Lord on high.*

*4. So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.*

So whether you are living in an abundance of blessings or if times are really tough, hopefully, the words I placed from the Bible or my little bit of experience and the song's words will float you higher today.

May God bless you and yours.

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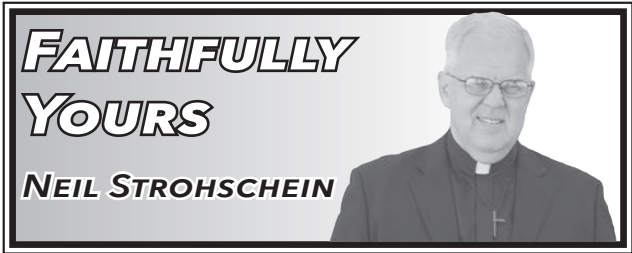
What defines us, Part II

As they returned to Jerusalem after 70 years in exile, the ancient Israelites were greeted by a pile of rocks. That was all that was left of Solomon's temple. It had been destroyed when the Babylonians conquered what was left of David's kingdom.

The Babylonians had set fire to everything in Jerusalem that would burn, leaving behind piles of ashes and stone walls stained with soot. Some walls were left standing. But Solomon's temple was completely dismantled. Piles of soot covered rocks were all that remained of its once glorious, beautifully quarried walls.

But this was a new day. A new generation had come out of exile. In their hands they held a decree, signed and sealed by King Cyrus of Persia, giving them permission to rebuild their temple, their religion, their city, their homes, their farms, their businesses and their lives; and honor a special request to pray to their God for the king's health.

But to rebuild, they needed materials. And the



only materials they had were the piles of rocks, now weathered and eroded after 70 years of being battered by wind-blown desert sand. It wasn't much, but it was enough; as they would quickly discover.

They got out their tools and began to build. Little by little, they built the foundation, the walls, the roof and finally the inner rooms, furnished with items that had been taken to Babylon, kept there, and were being returned to their rightful place in a rebuilt temple.

As they prepared to offer their first sacrifices, the ancient Israelites were overwhelmed by guilt and shame. God had brought them home from exile; and this was how they had thanked him; by building something of which none of them could be proud and setting it apart as a house

of worship, dedicated to their God.

But their shame would not last forever. God's message to them contained praise and a promise. Praise because they had obeyed his call, given through King Cyrus, to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple; and a promise that the glory of this temple, plain though it appeared, would be greater than that of Solomon's temple.

What made the difference? True, the building had cracks in the walls, saw marks and slivers on the wooden beams. But when God's glory descended on that place, the beams from that ball of light, hovering over the "mercy seat," (the lid on the ark of the covenant); would shine through the cracks and create a beauty and brilliance that nothing could match.

This new temple would be beautiful because God was in it.

There are two things for which we will be remembered after we die. The first is what we became—how we allowed life's experiences to change our lives, so that our thoughts, words and actions would glorify God instead of exalting ourselves.

The second thing is illustrated in his story. We will be remembered for what we built—how we responded to tragedy, hurt, betrayal and disappointment; how with God's help we were able to recover from the tragic experiences of our past and build lives, homes and families that became living testimonies to God's mercy and grace.

True, we will always carry some scars from our past failures. Some wounds will never fully heal. But with God leading us and his Spirit energizing what we do, we can put the past behind us and the latter chapters of our lives can be filled with stories of God's mercy and grace in action. Believe this! Receive this! Thanks be to God.

Letters

Where's the truth Global News?

On the Monday, Sept 29 edition of Global News, in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, ran a segment entitled "A Manitoba Inmate Speaks Out About His Path From Child Welfare to Prison."

You can watch it on YouTube if you missed it. So is it really the truth if you leave out a big part of what's going on? After watching the video and looking at most of the comments afterward I must congratulate Global News on manipulating the narrative to get people to feel sorry for the individual that was interviewed. So here is the part they left out!

On May 5, 2025, only five months ago...this vicious cowardly monster stabbed a corrections officer in the back at the Brandon Correctional facility...you can look that up as well. If you want to be part of Truth and Reconciliation, Global News, don't leave out truth! Please don't build up a dangerous criminal who is obviously manipulative and unremorseful about what he has done. A lot of us have had hard times, and we don't try to kill people because of that. And what about the justice department? What were they thinking to allow such a dangerous violent offender to go on an interview like this when he has serious charges pending? Were they trying to let him off lightly? This seems to be the thing lately...let's feel sorry for the poor criminal! What about the correction officer (my son) who put his life on the line daily? What about other law enforcement officers? Is this where our society has gotten to? Protect/feel sorry for hardened criminals and just forget about those who uphold the law? Shame on Global News and Manitoba Justice! May the Truth of Karmic Law make you aware of your transgressions!

Brad Mummery
Neepawa, MB

Thanks Dan for trying to share some common sense

As someone who calls rural Manitoba home, I want to take a moment to recognize the strong and steady work our Member of Parliament, Dan Mazier, has been doing on the House of Commons Health Committee. He's been a clear and persistent voice for communities like ours - especially when it comes to addressing the fentanyl crisis and the government's so-called "safe supply" programs that are hurting families in communities such as Swan River and across Westman.

While Ottawa debates abstract policies, we're living the reality of addiction and overdose right here at home. Swan River Mayor Lance Jacobson recently noted that more than 500,000 needles were handed out over the past year in a town of only about 4,000 people and the surrounding area. Those numbers should shock everyone. The drug and fentanyl crisis isn't limited to big cities like Winnipeg or Ottawa - it's hitting our small towns hard. With rising drug use has come more crime, fear, and heartbreak in once safe and close-knit communities.

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Market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

It was another hot sale. We sold 1,032 head of cattle through the ring in Gladstone Manitoba yesterday! We didn't have any butcher cattle at this sale.

Note: Butcher cattle were scheduled to be sold this Friday, Oct. 10.

Here are some market highlights from yesterday's sale:

- Twelve 718 pound red exotic steer calves bring \$584 a pound (\$4,193 a head).
- Sixteen black steer calves come in the ring weighing 636 pounds and cash in at \$6.2959a pound (\$4,003 per head).
- Four hundred forty-two pound black exotic steer calves stamp there ticket at \$8.1250a pound (\$3,591 a head).

On the Hiefer side of things:

- Seven black heifer calves weighing 609 pounds bring \$6.01 per pound (\$3,660 per head).
- Eleven black and red heifers weigh 511 pounds and fetch \$6.70 per pound (\$3,424 per head).
- Six red and black hiefer calves weighing 446 pounds bring \$713 pound (\$3,180 a head).

Gladstone Auction Mart
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Steers	
3-400 lbs.	\$8.50 to 10.30
4-500 lbs.	\$7.00 to 8.68
5-600 lbs.	\$6.25 to 7.27
6-700 lbs.	\$5.30 to 6.71
7-800 lbs.	\$4.85 to 6.10
8-900 lbs.	\$4.45 to 5.45
900+ lbs.	\$3.75 to 4.85
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$7.50 to 9.25
4-500 lbs.	\$6.90 to 8.10
5-600 lbs.	\$5.85 to 6.88
6-700 lbs.	\$4.95 to 6.01
7-800 lbs.	\$4.45 to 5.55
8-900 lbs.	\$3.95 to 5.00
900+ lbs.	\$3.40 to 4.50

1,032 head sold

Thumbs up, thumbs down



Thank you to the gentleman and his two young sons that notified me of my flat tire and then changed it for me on the side of Hwy 16 on Sat morning. I regret not getting your name and address so I could send a proper thank you! But I appreciated it so very much!

THANK YOU!
Marilea Vosper
Plumas, MB

Thumbs up!! Following postoperative care in Brandon and Neepawa hospitals, thank you to staff in Brandon: Jordan, Linda, Megan, Hollie, Carmelia, Dr. Clarke.

Neepawa: Beverly, Brynn, Keira, Jamie, Sabrina, Angela, Chelsea, Dr. Bellinger.
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Thank you for the drivers in Neepawa that stopped to see if I was ok. I think the driver was shook up more than I was.

John McCurry
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Thanksgiving
and pumpkin pie

In Canada, the spirit of giving thanks goes back thousands of years to Indigenous traditions. First Nations communities celebrated harvests through feasts, dance, and ceremony. They gave thanks to the Great Spirit for the crops and game that they had harvested preparing them for the long winter ahead. In 1578, explorer Martin Frobisher held what is considered the first European Thanksgiving celebration in Canada. Frobisher and his crew were searching for the Northwest Passage. The long journey had been plagued with many difficulties including freak storms which scattered his 15 boats. When Frobisher recovered the boats on the shores of what is now Newfoundland they held a service of Communion and thanksgiving for their safe arrival. There was no turkey with trimmings but instead a humble meal of ship’s rations of salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas. This is now accepted as the first “Canadian” Thanksgiving, forty-three years before the first “American” Thanksgiving.

What if Thanksgiving wasn’t just a day, but a way of life? Be thankful. It’s good for your brain, body, health, and everyone around you. Developing an “attitude of gratitude” is one of the simplest ways to improve your satisfaction with life. Rather than complain about the things you think you need or deserve, take a few moments to focus on all that you have. Count your blessings. Who and what am I most thankful for today, and why? As you gather with family and friends may your hearts be filled with love and grateful thanks for all your Blessings.

Helen’s pumpkin pie

Pumpkin pie. It’s a seasonal classic, and it delivers the flavors of fall in every bite. I’ve never been much of a store-bought pumpkin pie fan because I always find it a bit bland. My pumpkin pie recipe has more spice in it than most. This recipe makes enough filling to generously fill a deep 9” pan. If your pie plate isn’t quite that big, you can bake any leftover filling in custard cups; it will take 25 to 30 minutes to cook. The high oven temperature at the beginning of baking is to get that bottom crust cooked properly. You can also blind bake your crust before adding the filling. If you have a gluten free person in your home use corn starch for a thickener instead of the flour and cook the filling without the crust in a casserole or pie plate.

- 1- 9 inch deep dish unbaked pie shell

2/3 brown sugar

3 eggs

1 1/2 cups pumpkin purée
(not pumpkin pie filling)

1 1/2 cup evaporated milk

2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 Tbsp. molasses or 1 tsp.
maple flavoring

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. ginger

1/2 tsp. cloves

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a large bowl, add all the ingredients and beat with a wire whisk until well blended, smooth, and without lumps. (Or use your blender like I do.) Place the pie crust on a cookie sheet, and carefully pour the filling in. If so desired, place pie crust shields or tinfoil over pie crust to avoid crust getting too brown. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° F and bake for an additional 40 to 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted comes out clean. Cool and refrigerate until ready to use.

Pumpkin cream cheese pie

- 1- 9 inch deep dish unbaked pie shell

125 g cream cheese

1/4 cup white sugar

1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla

1 1/2 cups pumpkin purée
(not pumpkin pie filling)

2 eggs

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 Tbsp. flour

1 cup evaporated milk

1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp. ginger

1/2 tsp. cloves

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1/2 tsp. salt

Beat the cream cheese with the white sugar, egg and vanilla. Spread over the bottom of the pie shell. Mix the remaining ingredients together. Pour over the cream cheese layer. Bake on the bottom rack of a 350°F oven for about one hour until a knife inserted comes out clean.

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Carberry to host
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By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Carberry community is gearing up to celebrate the harvest season. On Saturday, Oct. 18, the 2025 edition of the Prairie Harvest Festival (formerly Carberry Homecoming) will be hosted for all members of the public to enjoy.

As the event date draws near, Lisa Dobbin-Waters, who spoke on behalf of the organizing committee, noted that everyone has been hard at work to prepare.

“All things considered due to the circumstances of having to cancel the Homecoming Festival, and rebranding the festival within a short period of time. Our committee has been working tirelessly to make this festival a success,” said Dobbin-Waters.

Dobbin-Waters shared that some changes to the event’s format have also been made.

“For this event, we have tried to [partner] with businesses and farmers in the area for better locations, and not having to shut down main street,” Dobbin-Waters explained. “This is a town wide festival, and it takes place throughout the town in numerous locations.”

Kicking off the day is a fall parade at 10:30 a.m. The parade will start near the Eastend Service Station on Ottawa Street, then go past the care home and retirement homes before heading down Main Street and ending at the fire station.

Some of the day’s other activities also include:

- A fall market in RJ Waugh Elementary School’s gym (noon to 4:00 p.m.);



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Many youths- and some dinosaurs- enjoyed the many activities at the 2024 Homecoming Festival (now Prairie Harvest Festival). While the name and structure of the event has changed, fun for people of all ages is anticipated once again for 2025.

- Tours of the Museum and Gingerbread House;
- A book reading and signing from Carberry author Letitia Berry;
- Arm wrestling at the Drop-In Centre, starting at noon; and much more.

Additional events and entertainment commencing at 5:00 p.m. and onward will also take place in the Community Centre. The bar will also be open and a small selection of food available. Minors will be permitted until 9:00 p.m.

A full schedule of the day’s available events is available on the Prairie Harvest Festival’s social media.

“People can expect to come and have a good time in a small rural community. We have worked hard to have something for everyone,” said Dobbin-Waters.

Providing a final comment, Dobbin-Waters shared a word of gratitude for the support the festival

has received.

“We would like to thank the people of Carberry, the Town of Carberry, the Rural Municipality of North/Cypress Langford, the Chamber of Commerce, and all the businesses in the area who have contributed to make this day happen, and for trusting and believing in this committee to succeed in bringing this event to residents of Carberry and the surrounding areas,” Dobbin-Waters enthused.

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A space that was built with you in mind

Heritage Co-op celebrates opening of remodelled grocery store in Minnedosa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Walking down the aisles of the Heritage Co-op Food Store in Minnedosa feels just a little bit different today. It feels a little more open, a little more airy, and little more...inviting.

After months of renovations to the 120 Main Street South location, the new-look grocery store has been officially reintroduced to the community.

Co-op management, employees, and a large number of local shoppers all gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate completion of the project, on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Co-op Operations Manager Reg Clarke informed the Banner & Press that this massive makeover allows for more space for the customer to roam.

"Notable changes in here include the placement of fresh commodities. We actually took produce out from where the deli area is [now] and moved it to a more open, assessable space close to the main entranceway. We've opened it up and it offers



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The exterior of the recently revamped Heritage Co-op Food Store.

a better, cleaner shopping experience," said Clarke. "We've added a pile of new products for just a better variety, and to keep up with customer demand. As well, we've changed out the refrigeration, and added an ice cream machine for ice cream cakes. Yeah, just a fresh, modern look."

Clarke said because they could not expand the building on the lot they occupy, they worked with designers to ensure that

every inch of the existing building was used to its maximum efficiency. He added they feel as though they accomplished that goal.

"Our mission has always been to provide top-notch facilities with high-quality products, expanded services, and a complete shopping experience for our members and customers," Clarke noted. "This store remains an anchor for the town of Minnedosa,

and we're grateful for the ongoing support and enthusiasm we receive from the community."

Leanne DeVliegere, who is the Chief Executive Officer for Heritage Co-op, was also on hand

for the ribbon cutting. She said the preliminary talks on the upgrade in Minnedosa, originally began back in 2019.

"This is something that has been in the works for a long time and we're in-

credibly grateful to be able to share this day with [the public]," said DeVliegere. "It's was incredibly important to us to get this project completed. The community of Minnedosa has been so supportive of the Co-op throughout the years, [the Co-op executive] wanted to have something here that best served them. A space that was built with them in mind."

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, guests were welcomed into the store for prize draws, special sales, and samples from ice cream cake to curry to celebrate the event.

As well, local supplier Grey Ridge Coffee offered tastings, while Nylen Farms showcased their locally made dog treats. Outside the building, the Minnedosa Fire Department hosted a fundraising barbeque, raising \$1,083.50 in donations.



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Above pictures: The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a proud moment for the Minnedosa team, led by Store Manager Ryan Hannay, who was joined by Department Managers, as well as Lori Pollon (Food Division Manager), and Reg Clarke. (L to R: Nataliia Osudar, Helle Juhler, Kateryna Bugai, Allister Kimball, Curt Dowd, Lori Pollon, Ryan Hannay, Reg Clarke). The interior of the recently renovated Heritage Co-op Food Store.

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Science fairs

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

When Robyn Forsman of Neepawa was a guest speaker at the Neepawa Rotary Club meeting, she harkened back to her school days when she ventured her first entry into the local Science Fair. “It wasn’t really a good entry,” she recalled, “It was bad example.”

But now after teaching at Brookdale School for 10 years and having many years of experience with School Science Fairs at the local regional, provincial and national level, Forsman knows what it takes to have a good project as she has seen her students win prizes at all levels.

Forsman explained that students get to perform, report and demonstrate their own research. She said. “Science Fairs offer so much more than just the classroom experience.”

Each year, Brookdale holds a Grades 1-8 Science Fair. Winners go on to the

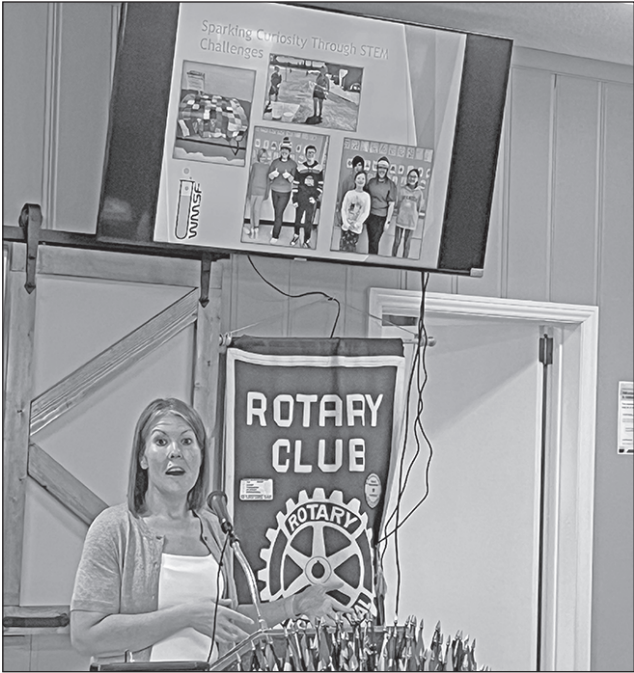


PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WADDELL

Robyn Forsman highlighted the importance of student science fairs at a recent Neepawa Rotary Club meeting.

regional Westman Science Fair which is judged by independent judges including people from Brandon University. There are nine committee members, over 400 kids involved and up to 100 judges. The students get tours of the university,

lunch, and entertainment. There are 100 Science Fair regions across Canada. Forsman now serves nationally and is very high on the obvious advantages of students participating in the Science Fair programs.

Big potato crop at Kelwood



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As evidenced in the above photo, Harvey and Kim Boxall of Kelwood can grow some big potatoes. The three larger ones are Murasaki, a variety of Sweet Potato, and the rounder one is a Purple Chef.

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Neepawa Titans	7	3	4	0	0	6
Swan Valley Stampeders	8	1	7	0	0	2
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	4	0	3	1	0	1
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Selkirk Steelers	8	8	0	0	0	16
Steinbach Pistons	7	6	0	1	0	13
Niverville Nighthawks	5	5	0	0	0	10
Portage Terriers	6	4	1	1	0	9
Winkler Flyers	7	2	4	1	0	5
Winnipeg Blues	6	1	4	1	0	3
Winnipeg Monarchs	10	1	9	0	0	2

Game results

Wednesday, Oct. 1
Neepawa 2-1 OT Wpg Blues
First Period
00:31 NPA T. Wallis (1)
ASST: K. Weisgarber (3), J. Hefferan (3)
Second Period
07:20 WPB E. Vaugeois-Perron (1)
ASST: E. Robert (5), B. Assailly (5)
Third Period
No scoring
Overtime
03:59 NPA L. Paquette (3) PP
ASST: K. Skrupa (2), J. Clark (4)
Scoring 1 2 3 OT Total PP
WPB 0 1 0 0 1 0/4
NPA 1 0 0 1 2 1/4
Goaltender
WPB M. Burkes - (L) 26/28 saves
NPA Z. Burleigh - (W) 19/20 saves
Attendance: 210 - Yellowhead Centre

Game results

Sunday, Oct. 5
Neepawa 4-0 Wpg Blues
First Period
07:31 NPA C. Kasprick (2)
ASST: T. Wallis (2)
17:40 NPA C. Kasprick (3) PP
ASST K. Skrupa (3), O. Durigan (2)
Second Period
03:32 NPA K. Weisgarber (2)
ASST: T. Wallis (3), D.J. Meloney (1)
07:13 NPA J. Clark (3)
ASST: L. Paquette (3), D. Andries (1)
Third Period
No scoring
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 2 2 0 0 1/7
WPB 0 0 0 0 0/5
Goaltender
NPA A. Myers - (W) 33/33 saves
WPB M. Burkes - (L) 35/39 saves
Attendance: 96 - RINK Training Centre

MJHL Player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts	Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Rohan Guevarra (SEL)	5	16	21	1. Jack Clark	3	3	6
2. Wyatt Witham (SEL)	5	12	17	2. Logan Paquette	3	3	6
3. Griffin Krone (SEL)	8	8	16	3. Kyle Weisgarber	2	4	6
4. Ben Roulette (WAY)	5	9	14	4. Cooper Kasprick	3	1	4
5. Sebastien Hicks (WAY)	6	6	12	5. Keenan Skrupa	1	3	4

Club 55 Bowling Minnedosa

Sept. 25, 2025: Men's High Single & Triple: Darrell Gabler 183 & 520. **Ladies' High Single:** Janice Absteiter 180. **Ladies' High Triple:** Carole LeBoutillier 498. **Other Good Scores:** Darrell Gabler 168, 169; Caroline Harding 165, 160; Vivian Oswald 165; Chuck Morden 161; Frank Porada 153, 161; Russ Taylor 180; Carole LeBoutillier 161, 177, 160; Iain Greig 151.

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Murray Black inducted into Manitoba Football Hall of Fame

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

While Murray Black's football legacy was already established here in Neepawa, his contributions to the game are now forever enshrined across Manitoba. Black, a former coach of the Neepawa Tigers, was officially inducted into the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame on Thursday, Sept. 25. He is one of eight individuals and one team, who are part of the 2025 class.

Murray's resume for this honour is extensive, having coached Tigers for 23 seasons. In that time, he earned three Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) Coach of the Year awards. As well, Black lead the team to seven championships, including a record six straight

league titles (1993-1998) and 30 consecutive wins. Under his leadership, the Neepawa Tigers also won two provincial titles.

But beyond the wins, Black's tenure saw him use elements of the game to teach life lessons, inspiring players and fellow coaches alike. Even after retirement, he remained actively involved, mentoring others. His lasting impact was recognized with the MHSAA Frank L. McKinnon Award in 2005, for his outstanding dedication to high school sports in Manitoba.

Murray Black is the second member of that legendary Tigers squad from the 1990s to be recognized, as fellow coach Lorne Lagimodiere was added to the Football Hall of Fame in 2023.

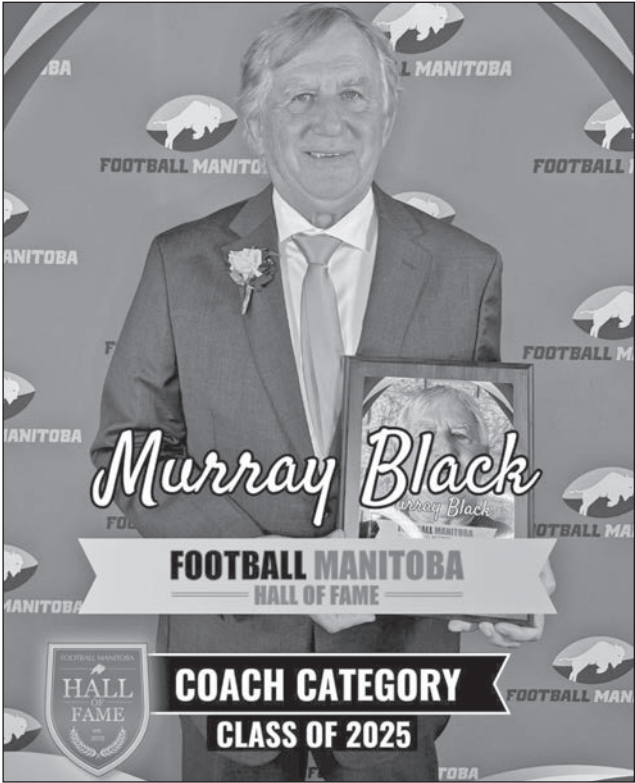


IMAGE COURTESY OF FOOTBALL MANITOBA
Former NACI Tiger Coach Murray Black.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Talen Wallis scored for Neepawa just 31 seconds into their game against the Winnipeg Blues on Wednesday, Oct. 1. From there, Titans would be held off the scoreboard from there, until late in overtime, as Neepawa picked up a 2-1 victory. The Titans followed that up on Sunday, Oct. 5 in Winnipeg, as they would blank the Blues 4-0. These results improved Neepawa's record to 3-4-0 on the year.

YELLOWHEAD CENTRE
Annual General Meeting
175 Mountain Ave, Neepawa
(Yellowhead Arena)
Date: October 23, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM


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Curling for our community: Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op raises funds for local food bank during holiday season

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NEEPAWA-GLADSTONE CO-OP

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op is excited to bring back the Co-op FUNDspiel, on Nov. 7, 2025, in support of Salvation Army Neepawa. This event will bring together community members for an exciting day of curling to raise funds for upgrades to the Salvation Army's cargo van.

Amanda Naughton-Gale, Community Ministries Director at Salvation Army Neepawa says, "As the need for our food bank continues to grow, and now with the addition of the McCreary Food Bank to our operations, the need for a reliable vehicle is more important than ever. Our current cargo van is coming close to needing to be retired, and we are proactively fundraising for a vehicle that will suit our expanding needs. We use

the van to do food rescue six days a week, take supplies up to McCreary twice a month, and receive up to three pallets of food from Harvest Manitoba depot in Brandon monthly. Ideally our new vehicle will be refrigerated to further protect the cold chain of the food we distribute. Without a cargo van, our ability to supply our food bank with a variety of non-perishable items diminishes and would affect the amount and type of food available to our clients."

The day welcomes experienced and beginner curlers alike and will include three games, prizes given away throughout the day and pulled pork supper, sponsored by Hylife, to follow. A canteen will be available during the day with funds going to

Salvation Army Neepawa. Neepawa Curling Club will also host glow curling in the evening.

Keith Babcock, Produce Manager at Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op and avid curler says, "We would like to thank the Neepawa Curling Club for donating the space so we can run this event. Curling has been growing over the years in the community and has been a great way to get people together."

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op would like to thank the additional sponsors for supporting the day; Corteva, Bayer, Adama, Brett Young and Hylife.

Businesses and individuals are invited to register a four-person team for \$200. 100 per cent of the registrations will go to Salvation Army Neepawa. To register a team, contact Ally Potrebka at Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op Admin-

istration Office by calling 204-476-2328 or email marketing@neepawagladstonecoop.com

Spectators are welcome to watch during the day and cheer on their favourite team and enjoy lunch. Spectators can also join dinner for \$10, with proceeds going to Salvation Army Neepawa.

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The Neepawa Tigers are 5-0 on the season in the Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL), after defeating the Parkwest Outlaws on Saturday, Oct. 4 by the score of 55-48. Seth Minkus and Daxton Brock (pictured) were named the Players of the Game.

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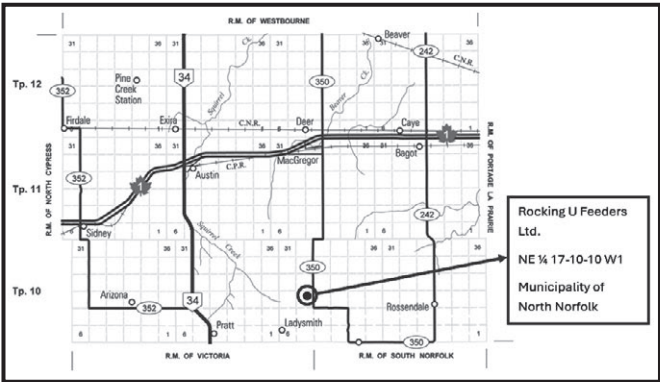
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concerning the proposed expansion of a beef operation - Rocking U Feeders Ltd. (TRC 12-118)

The Municipality of North Norfolk has received a conditional use application from Rocking U Feeders Ltd. to expand an existing beef operation at NE ¼ 17-10-10 W1 from 9,800 to 14,700 backgrounders (4,900 to 7,350 Animal Units).



This application has been sent to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for review, pursuant to Section 112 of The Planning Act.

If you would like to share your views concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by letter or email (TRC@gov.mb.ca) no later than **November 10, 2025**. After this date, the Livestock Technical Review Committee will complete its assessment of the application. Your letter or email must include your name and reference TRC 12-118.

All submissions in response to this proposal are considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry with identifying details removed.

For more information:
Please visit http://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/livestock/public_registries.html or the Municipality of North Norfolk office at 27 Hampton Street East, MacGregor, Manitoba.

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Coming Events



Plumas United Church Fall Supper

Sunday, October 19
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Adults \$25 • 6-11 years of age: \$10
5 & under free

**Held in the Plumas
Community Hall**

Obituary

Clinton Timothy Winters



A life well lived, a soul well-loved Clinton Timothy Winters leaves behind a legacy of kindness, joy and unforgettable memories to all that knew him. Clinton passed away on September 24th, 2025, at the age of 54. He lived a life full

of love, grit and unbridled determination.

Born in Gladstone Manitoba on December 24th, 1970 to Tim and Maureen Winters. He was truly born a cowboy. From working cattle to riding horses, his favorite place was on the farm. As a child he kept everyone on their toes and there was never a dull moment. Clint graduated from William Morton Collegiate in 1988 and was involved in many sports but loved playing hockey and ball and would reminisce about that period of his life. He had many jobs including working at a welding shop and at a bee farm but his true passion was working with cattle and horses. He started working at the PFRA at 18 years old and that took him to many places in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He worked at McCreary, Alonsa, Mulvihill and Westbourne pastures and the Tecumseh pasture in Saskatchewan. Clint met many people along the way and was always excited to hear and share old cowboy stories. Clinton was also passionate about rodeo. He road saddle bronc and team roped and won many a buckle. Clinton was not the kindest to his body but with his determination nothing could keep him down. Clinton loved the branding days being with his family and friends. He shared stories of his childhood whenever he could, and always remembered the values he was taught. He bought his first farm in Glenella and Clinton wholeheartedly dedicated himself to both work and his passions, creating lasting memories with his friends along the way.

Clinton met Eva in 2001 and they were married in 2007. Together they had three beautiful children, Liam, Regan and Jane. They bought their present farm in 2007 and started building their life and family. Clinton loved being with his kids and was involved with all their activities. He was either on the bench or cheering from the sidelines. He was so proud of the kids and he always had encouraging words, and also had a fierce competitive spirit. Clinton loved a variety of activities from skiing in the mountains, whitewater rafting, ziplining, camping and fishing. As long as family was with him Clinton was content. His favorite vacation was going to Fernie, BC to ski and loved new adventures.

Clintons gritty exterior paled in comparison to his compassion for all living souls, from his fierce love of his family, friends and the animals in his care that were fortunate enough to have shared a part of his too short life.

Clinton is survived by his wife Eva, his children Liam, Regan and Jane. His parents Tim and Maureen Winters, his brother Colin Winters (Winnie) and sister Roselle (Sean) Dilk.

Clinton will be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews Ethan and Skylar Winters, Helene, Baylen, and Dyson Dilk and Sylas Boreskie.

There are so many important people to Clinton, his cousins and their children, his aunts and uncles, his mother and father-in-law, his sisters and brother's-in-law, his friends and their children who were more like family than friends.

Those who knew Clinton will remember his love for family, excitement for life and love of farming. Clinton was always optimistic, and no challenge was too great. His stories will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all who love him.

A Celebration of Clint's Life took place on Monday, October 6, 2025 at the Coop Community Hall in Gladstone.

Clarke's Funeral Home Gladstone/MacGregor
in care of arrangements

Obituary



Irene Boiteau

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Irene Boiteau, our Mom, Grandma and great Grandma on September 24, 2025, at the age of 98 in McCreary Manitoba. Irene Boiteau (née Szlachtycz) was born in Benito Manitoba August 19, 1927.

Irene was predeceased by her husband Wilf of 69 1/2 years and their granddaughter Layna Marie Boiteau.

She was the last surviving offspring of Fred Szlachtycz and Sophia Melnyk who both immigrated from Perehinsko, Dolya, Austria - now Ukraine in the early 1900s. Predeceased by three half siblings, Tom Semcow, Jessie Metasanko, and Olga Brodie who immigrated with their stepmother Sophia. Canadian born siblings were Mike Slater, Russel Szlachtycz, Doris Slater, Stella Szlachtycz and Pauline Locktin.

Mom grew up in Benito, graduating from grade 12 with distinction. She worked at the local pharmacy which happened to be across the street from a young handsome baker named Wilf Boiteau. They were married on July 7, 1948. In 1951 Wilf and Irene, with their 2 year old daughter Joan and new born baby Dennis moved to McCreary to open up a bakery, restaurant and the Greyhound / Grey Goose bus depot until 1991. At a later date they opened a second business, I & W Laundromat next door.

Irene was very active as a volunteer in the community. In the 1970s she was the founding member of Meals on Wheels, she served on the Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered at the PCH lighting up the lives of the residents with visits and walks. She was a dispatcher for the McCreary handivan and Lifeline. Irene's willingness and ability to give of her time to better the lives of her neighbours could not be measured in dollars or hours but only in the joy that was evident as she shared a word or a touch with others. She was recognized with a lifetime award for Community Service.

Whenever baking was required, be it a tea, bake sale, funeral, a Catholic Women's league event or cookies for the grandchildren, mom was always there with a favourite dessert or one of her renowned pies! And we cannot forget her legendary perogies!

Wilf and Irene enjoyed retirement with their many bus tours that took them to many points in the USA and Canada to visit family and friends.

Irene will be missed by her children, Joan (Richard), Dennis (Brenda), Lionel (Jean), Gerald (Shirley) and Marguerite (Richard) and grandchildren, Brad, Jeff, Garey, Mark, Dereck, Mathew, Randal, Jeremy, Meaghen, Kara, Emily, Kylie and Nathan, great grandchildren Wyatt, Charlee-Jo, Micheal, Lea, Janessa, Solaye, Ailey, Emmlynn, Chase and Ivan.

Funeral Mass for Irene will be celebrated on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 3:00 pm from Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Church, McCreary, MB. Fr. James Ahaneke will celebrate the mass. Interment will take place in the McCreary Catholic Cemetery with a reception following in the McCreary Community Hall.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Please consider remembering Irene with a donation to the McCreary/Alonsa Personal Care Home, McCreary, MB

Our family would like to thank the staff of the McCreary/Alonsa Personal Care Home for your kindness in looking after Mom. Thank you to Fr. James for celebrating the mass and to Jody Fletcher for looking after the lunch. Thank you to everyone who attended the mass for Mom and for your friendship and caring shown to our family. It is most appreciated and will be remembered.

Sneath-Stilchuk - McCreary Chapel
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In Memory



Barbara Ann Kasprick

June 17, 1939 - October 10, 2015

*It's been ten years since you've been gone,
But in our hearts you will always live on.*

*Through the sadness and tears
and even missing you all these years,
The memories of you still shine bright,
like stars that shine in the velvet night.*

*We feel your presence everywhere
and speak your name in our nightly prayers.*

*Although your hugs and laugh we miss,
Your spirit surrounds us with gentle bliss.*

*And though you are beyond the skies,
We will hold you again one day, where heaven lies.*

Your loving husband Harold,
daughters Kim (Jody), Shelley (Jim)
and grandchildren Melissa, Christopher and Morgan

Obituary

Edith Loretta Habke (nee Hay)



Edith Loretta Habke, age 83, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2025.

Born October 2, 1941, Edith married Art Habke on October 16, 1965, and together they raised their family and farmed until retirement in Plumas, Manitoba.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, and embroidering. For the past 10 years, Edith lived at Country Meadows Care Home in Neepawa.

Predeceased by her husband Arty, son Billie, parents Grace and Norman Hay, sister Ella Finlay and sister in law Donna Hay.

Edith will be lovingly remembered by daughter in law Dana (Mike), granddaughters Caitlin and Miranda, great-granddaughter Charlotte, sister Norma (Barry, brother Fraser along with extended family and friends. Her gentle spirit will be dearly missed by all.

Funeral services for Edith were held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 2pm in the Plumas United Church with interment at Plumas Cemetery.

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the family of Jean Erickson, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended Mom's celebration of life at ArtsForward.

Mom so enjoyed her years in Neepawa.

It was so special to see her friends and share stories of the wonderful times she shared with them.

Thank you for the flowers and the generous donations to Neepawa Palliative Care and Neepawa Health Auxiliary.

Your support and kind words mean so much.

Thank you from
Linda, Doug, Kristin, Nate, Parker and Taylor

THANK YOU

The Neepawa Area Health Auxiliary would like to send a great big thank you to the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op for choosing our non-profit organization to be the recipient of the Fuel Good Day.

Thanks to Preston and his staff we raised \$2,732.00 and this money will help us buy shelving for the Gift Shop the Auxiliary will be running at the new hospital as well as helping purchase the initial inventory. Thanks to Ally and the grocery store staff for assisting us with the BBQ for which we raised \$1,294.00. For the BBQ we also want to thank Hylife Foods for the donation of the pulled pork and to Gary Forgue of Blackstone grills who used his grill to heat up the pulled pork and BBQ'd hamburgers for us. Another huge thank you goes out to Val Wilson who generously offered to make pies to anyone who donated \$20.00 or more to the Auxiliary and she ended up making 56 pies. Last but not least we thank members of the community who donated over \$4,000.00 that day. I can assure everyone that all the money raised goes towards purchasing much needed equipment for the health center (old and new), the personal care home and/or the community programs.

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Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 noon, November 14, 2025.

LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) has the following land for sale by tender:

Tender 1:
RM of Oakview
W ½ 3-15-22 WPM & E ½ 9-15-22 WPM
637.54 acres

There are approximately 442.95 acres in tame hay/pasture, with remainder in natural grass/bush/wetland. Roughly 351.32 acres of tame hay were seeded in spring of 2025. High tensile perimeter fence recently installed on W ½ of 3-15-22W as well. Property being sold subject to the registration of a 'No Break, No Drain' Conservation Easement Agreement. Cultivation of tame forage will be permitted once every 10 years for rejuvenation purposes. No restrictions with respect to haying or grazing. Four 'five-acre' parcels (one on each quarter) will be excluded from the Conservation Agreement to allow for future building/yard site development.

Tender 2:
RM of Oakview
W ½ of 9-15-19 WPM
320 acres

There are approximately 198.06 acres in tame hay/pasture, with remainder in natural grass/bush/wetland. Roughly 159.33 acres of tame hay were seeded in spring 2025. High tensile perimeter fence was recently installed as well. Property being sold subject to the registration of a 'No Break, No Drain' Conservation Easement Agreement. Cultivation of tame forage will be permitted once every 10 years for rejuvenation purposes. No restrictions with respect to haying or grazing. Two five-acre parcels (one on each quarter) will be excluded from the Conservation Agreement to allow for future building/yard site development.

Written sealed tenders are to be mailed or dropped off to the address below. Please indicate **'Land Tender'** along with the RM name and corresponding tender number on envelope. Bids may also be emailed to Ducks Unlimited at du_brandon@ducks.ca. Please place **"Manitoba Land Tender Bid"** in the email's subject line. Interested parties should rely on their own inspection of each property. Properties will be sold as listed above. All quarters within each tender will be sold together. Bids on individual quarters will not be accepted. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. **Property information packages, including a sample copy of the Conservation Agreement are available – call Scott Henowitch at 204-761-5106 to have one emailed or mailed.**

Tenders Close on October 27, 2025, at 4:00 PM.



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**TOWN OF CARBERRY
PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW
NO. 18/2025
TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
PRIMARY LAGOON CELL**

The Council of the Town of Carberry at its regular meeting in the Council Chamber, Town Office, 44 Main Street on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. will hold a public hearing and consider giving first reading to By-law No. 18/2025 to authorize the following proposal to borrow up to \$3,200,000.00 to pay for:

*The construction of a
new primary lagoon cell at NW 29-10-14*

*The total estimated cost of the primary lagoon cell is \$8,305,489.40, to be funded as follows:
\$2,552,744.70 from the Province of Manitoba; and
\$2,552,744.70 from the Federal Government of Canada
\$3,200,000 to be funded by borrowing*

The borrowing will be repaid over 20 years at a maximum interest rate of 6% per year

The annual repayment amount will be no more than \$330,000 to be levied annually as part of the general municipal levy.

Copies of the proposal to borrow and information about the capital project are available at the municipal office at 44 Main Street and on the municipal website at: www.townofcarberry.ca

Dated at the Town of Carberry this the 10th day of October, 2025 and issued pursuant to Section 174.1(1) of The Municipal Act.

Teresa McConnell
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Carberry
Phone: (204) 834-6602

2026 BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Assessment Roll for the Town of Neepawa will be delivered to the Municipal Office, 275 Hamilton St., Neepawa, MB, on or before October 17, 2025 and will be open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION SECTION 42(1) Any person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under Section 114 (1) of the Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Section 13(2)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SECTION 43(1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which the revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by:
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2) or;
 - serving it upon the CAO, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board, as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit at the Town of Neepawa Municipal Office on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is November 3, 2025 between regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Prior to filing a complaint against the liability to taxation, the amount of the assessed value, or the classification of property, you are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Provincial Municipal Assessment Branch: Minnedosa, (204) 867-4760. Appeal forms can be found at neepawa.ca under Residents, Property Tax or 275 Hamilton St.

Dated at The Town of Neepawa, this 10th day of October, 2025.



Notice



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

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the **28th** day of **October, 2025**, at the hour of **02:00 PM**, at Town of Neepawa Council Chambers, 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
32400	AT NEEPAWA AND BEING: LOT 2 PLAN 21586 NLTO IN SW 1/4 33-14-15 WPM - 153 MILL ST	L -\$48,900 B -\$186,600	\$14,215.05
43100	AT NEEPAWA AND BEING: THE N 1/2 OF LOTS 7, 8 AND 9 BLOCK 12 PLAN 222 NLTO IN SW 1/4 33-14-15 WPM - 461 FOURTH AVE	L -\$42,900 B -\$119,600	\$14,319.29

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

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality **may** exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the TOWN OF NEEPAWA as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 16 day of September, 2025.

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Letter: Common sense reforms

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Dan Mazier has spoken in the House of Commons dozens of times to highlight these challenges and share the stories of those on the front lines of this crisis. Instead of offering real help like treatment beds and detox facilities, this government's approach has been to hand out taxpayer-funded opioids under the banner of "safe supply," with little focus on recovery or prevention.

At the same time, Mr. Mazier has championed practical conservative solutions like the proposed Blue Seal program, which would allow qualified immigrants and Canadians trained abroad to work in our health system faster. There are roughly 80,000 internationally educated health professionals in Canada currently blocked from serving because of red tape and licensing barriers — a failure that's costing lives and leaving rural hospitals understaffed.

These are the kinds of common-sense reforms we need to address the shortage of doctors, nurses, and specialists — especially in rural areas where recruitment and retention have been an uphill battle for years.

I'm proud to have an MP who's standing up for Swan River, Western Manitoba, and all rural Canadians who want safer streets, better health care, and policies that actually work.

Levi Cottingham

Letter: A perspective on a system that isn't working

As a long-term home care client, I have some observations on system faults. The costs of maintaining hospital and assisted living beds are very high. Home care, which allows people to stay in their apartments or homes at far lower cost, makes sense.

Adding people will not work without restructuring the system. Hospitals strive to empty beds intended for medical patients and occupied by people awaiting home care arrangements. That is predictable and manageable. The objective is to integrate clients into the system with minimal disruption.

Training of non-delivery staff must require 40 hours following experienced workers on their rounds every third year. The insight into delivery working conditions and meeting clients face-to-face will be invaluable. Training and pay levels for home care workers must be restructured to reflect their level of responsibility. Pay levels are inadequate, and many work at second and third jobs to meet the increasing costs of living.

Workers are assigned arbitrary times to deliver services to clients. They are not paid for travel between clients or for unexpected factors that prolong the time needed to deliver services.

Many people, including the autistic, disabled, dementia sufferers, the elderly and youth, consider the homecare worker as their main contact with a world that ignores their existence. There must be a compassion component to the care they receive.

We are losing competent and dedicated people due to burnout and a lack of control over their day-to-day schedule.

Home care workers are unique. They must mix empathy and compassion with firmness to ensure care is properly delivered. Not everyone is suited to the tasks they undertake. Better pay, compensation for unpaid time on duty and professional recognition will solve most of the problems they face.

John Feldsted
Winnipeg, MB

Npa. Rotary fundraises to end Polio

PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

On Friday, Oct. 3, the Neepawa Rotary Club held a fundraiser barbecue at the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op Food Store parking lot. The fundraiser was for End Polio Now. End Polio Now is an organization partnered with Rotary International, with the mission to eliminate Polio across the globe.

Thanks to the support received on this day, Neepawa's Rotary Club was able to raise \$545 from food sales, and an additional \$265 in donations. In total, this is \$810 raised for the initiative.

Top photo: Neepawa Rotary members Gwen and Wayne Jacobsen, and Ron and Diane Nordstrom tended the barbecue and serving stations.

Bottom photo: Seen here are just a few of the many patrons of the fundraiser barbecue.



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Neepawa #1	Fri. October 31	10 am to 4 pm	Yellowhead Centre Hall (175 Mountain Ave)
Neepawa #2	Mon. November 10	11:30 am to 6 pm	Yellowhead Centre Hall
Neepawa #3	Fri. November 28	10 am to 4 pm	Yellowhead Centre Hall

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The Margaret Laurence Home Annual Craft Sale at Neepawa's Legion Hall on Oct. 4 was packed with colourful wares of all kinds. From cakes to jams to many kinds of hand-made crafts, the tables were laden with goods. Pictured here, Donna Freeman of Neepawa offered up one of the most colourful displays. Freeman specializes in felting and can create just about every possible creature with her skilled hands.



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