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# 'The magic of Rotary' right at home

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Friday, Feb. 27 was truly a night to celebrate for the Rotary Club of Neepawa. That historic evening marked not only its annual Paul Harris Banquet, but also the 75th anniversary of the Neepawa service club.

As a whole, Rotary first began with Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905, when he founded Rotary International and set up the Rotary Foundation. Since then, Rotary International has donated millions of dollars to projects and programs across the globe.

"We call that the Magic of Rotary," said Rotary District Governor Wayne Jacobsen.

**'An incredible accomplishment'**

Locally, the Neepawa chapter kick-started in 1951. That year, the Rotary Club of Neepawa held its first meeting in the Moonlight Banquet Room of the Royal Cafe (now Lee's Village restaurant and a portion of FreshMart).

From there, Neepawa Rotary has worked its own magic. It has supported a variety of home-grown initiatives and local organizations by hosting fundraising events such as the Rotary Auction and Rotary Book Sale.

The most recent addition to the rural club's history of community contributions is a landmark donation of \$60,000 to the new Neepawa Regional Hospital.

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PHOTO BY DIANE NORDSTROM

A historic gift capped off a historic evening on Feb. 27 in the form of a \$60,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Neepawa to the new Neepawa Regional Hospital during the club's Paul Harris Banquet and 75th anniversary. Shown at centre are members Chris Waddell, Ron Nordstrom, and Murray Newton. Back row: Mike Boyle, District Governor Wayne Jacobsen, President Rain Prior, Bob Durston, Gwen Jacobsen, Bob Finlayson, Don Schmall, and Dave Bennet. At front are: Glen Cummings and John Drinkwater.

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# A little bit of HOPE goes a long way



On Feb. 21, the Neepawa Tigers Hockey Team and HOPE Group worked together to support the Neepawa Salvation Army Food Bank. A total of 270 pounds of food was collected along with \$425 from gate admission, the Chuck-a-Puck Contest, as well as 50/50 sales. Thank you to everyone who attended the game and donated to support our local Food Bank! HOPE will hold a Spring Food Drive in the community in May as we continue to work towards helping keep the food bank shelves stocked. HOPE is still collecting tabs for wheelchairs. Tabs can be dropped off at the main office.

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## 1976: Neepawa swimming pool design revealed

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,  
Friday,  
March 1, 1901**

Complaint has been made that tobogganing on the street leading down hill to the Stony Creek bridge at the east end of town has frightened horses and caused several runaways. Damage suits may ensue if the practice is not stopped.

Mar. 5— It is expected that Oscar Walker, who left here about a year ago to join the Strathcona horse for service in South Africa, will return next week. He should be given a royal welcome home.

**100 years ago,  
Friday,  
March 5, 1926**

March has brought us a cold spell with quite a fall of snow, which improves sleighing so that wood haulers are able to bring out the large quantities of cord

wood being cut this year.

**75 years ago,  
Thursday,  
March 8, 1951**

Mrs. Margaret Jane Fearn, 74, of Winnipeg, a former Neepawa resident, passed away in St. Boniface hospital on Mar. 1...

Mrs. Fearn came to Neepawa from Liverpool in 1920 and she and her family resided here for many years. In 1941, she moved to Winnipeg to make her home with members of her family. She had been residing with her son, D. Fearn, in St. Vital.

On Saturday, Mar. 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. LeBoutillier, Halboro, relatives gathered to honor them on their 25th wedding anniversary.

**50 years ago,  
Thursday,  
March 4, 1976**

A major step in the construction of the pool for the 1976 Manitoba

Summer Games was taken Thursday when the local Games society passed a motion approving transfer of land from the Yellowhead Committee to the Town of Neepawa.

In effect the motion means that the pool will be located at the Yellowhead Centre Complex.

Mr. and Mrs. Pedar Gustafson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 22 and were honored during a reception in Thunder Bay, Ont...

The couple was married in Mrs. Gustafson's parent's by Rev. J. McKenney of St. James Anglican Church, Neepawa, Man...

Mr. Gustafson was born in Aalesund, Norway in 1900 and came to Canada at the age of 20. He worked in Neepawa on the CNR, then moved to Winnipeg where he was employed by T. Eaton Co. and Claydon Construction Co.

In 1944 he returned to Thunder Bay where he worked with a construction company and retired with the department of highways as road inspector and concrete foreman.

Mrs. Gustafson is the former Mary Johnson. She was born in Neepawa and was a nurse at Neepawa hospital until moving to thunder Bay where she continued her nursing career at St. Joseph's hospital. She was also matron for the District Jail and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Despite poor weather the first annual girls' hockey school was a real success, with 59 girls participating. Congratulations to the three Kelwood Elementary School curling teams who participated in the Turtle River School Division bonspiel at Glenella Feb. 27 and 28. Each team won

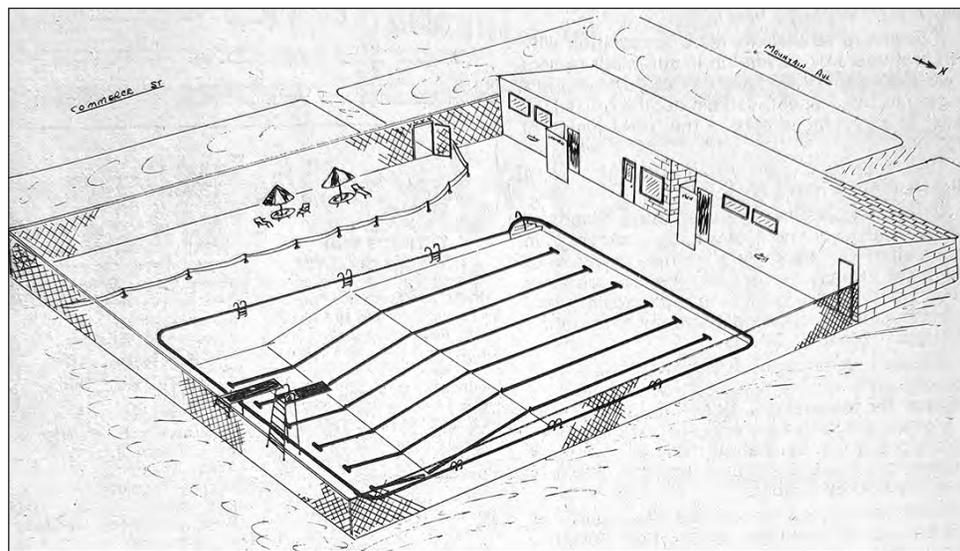


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Shown here is the design for the new swimming pool to be constructed in Neepawa, featured in the Mar. 4, 1976 Neepawa Press. The pool was planned to be built due to the Manitoba Summer Games, which were being hosted here. The location for the pool was the north-east corner of Commerce and Mountain. Planned dimensions for the pool were 82 feet long and 44 feet wide. It was three feet deep at the shallow and 12 feet deep at the diving end.

a set of trophies.

**20 years ago,  
Monday,  
March 6, 2006**

The town of Neepawa is paying more to use the regional landfill, following a major downturn in recycling markets.

As of Mar. 1, mayor Bob Durston said Neepawa's tipping fee at the regional landfill site— known as Evergreen Environmental Technologies— went from \$43 to \$58 a tonne.

The first animal to be declared dangerous under the town's new animal control bylaw has been destroyed.

It started off with team spirit and translated into community spirit as the Neepawa Carberry entry in the Kraft Hockeyville 2006 contest took to the ice last Thursday.

"This was one of the coaches of the Neepawa-Carberry PeeWee Girls team. "Everybody just jumped on it and really worked together."...

Thursday, a CBC

television crew was in Neepawa filming the girls' first playoff game. Cathcart said the camera crew also interviewed the coaches (including David Clark and Kelvin Hollier of Neepawa) and some players. They also profiled the community...

Five communities will be named to the finals before the winning entry is announced live on CBC June 11.

Forty-six 4-H Members from the Gladstone 4-H District participated in a curling bonspiel on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Plumas Curling Club.

The curlers included members from the Langruth Ridge Riders, Plumas Beef,

and the Gladstone Handi-Workers...

A delicious supper followed at the Plumas United Church Annex for 75 people....

At the banquet, the district Gold Watch Award was presented to Kayla Emerson of the Gladstone Handi-Workers Club.

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Psalm 90:2,4 (The Living Bible)



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**Highlights of the week**

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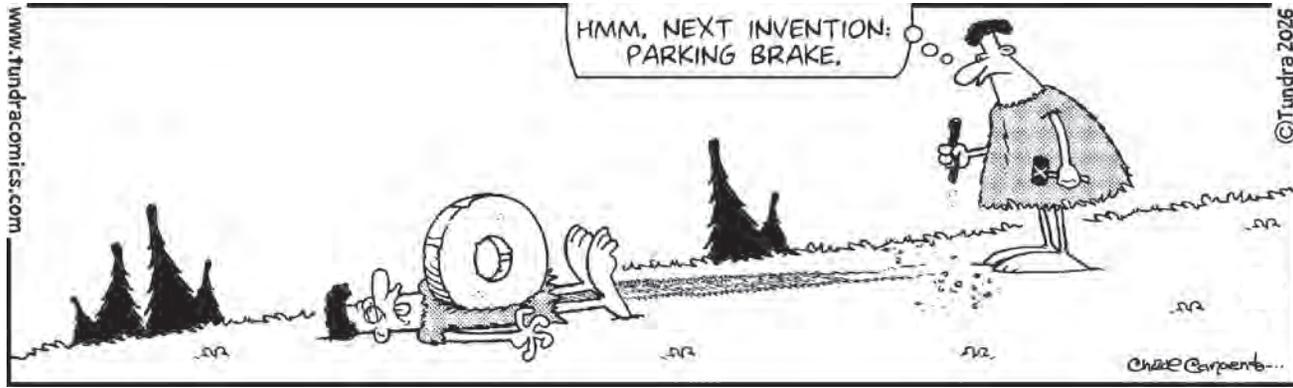
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## Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



## Just don't play the scammers' game

Last week, the sad, distorted world of telephone scammers came across my desk.

The first was a call from a lady who reported that her mother was almost panicked into complying with a phone scammer's request. The phone scammer said that the older lady owed \$2,000 on her Bell account and it was overdue. It needed to be paid right away or there would be dire consequences. However, it could be paid with a discount by driving to Brandon and buying only \$1,000 worth of gift cards. Once the cards were bought, the lady would have to phone in to see where to deliver them. Fortunately, a family member intervened and said not to do that. I checked the number that the lady was supposed to phone and it was a southern US number.

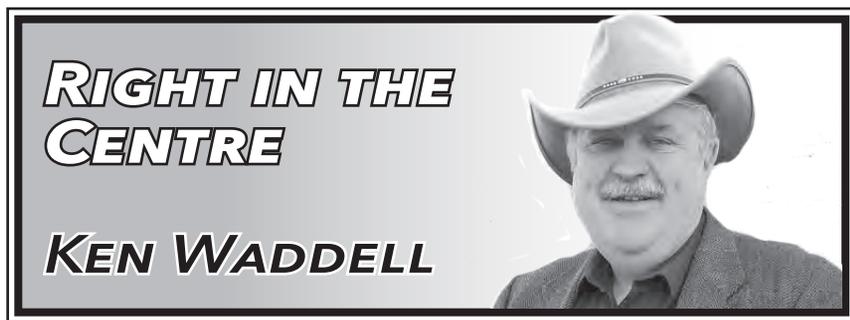
The incident was reported to the police, but it was explained by the police that they would not intervene as there had been no money lost in the scheme. The message is simple, don't play into these phone schemes.

If there is a serious request for payment on an overdue account, the company will send you a written notice.

Here's more information on phone scams from a RCMP press release. I wouldn't normally print a press release in my column, but the release below clearly outlines another scam.

"Manitoba RCMP are warning the public about an elaborate online phishing scam involving con artists impersonating police officers. Here's how the scam works:

- A random text or email is sent to an unsuspecting individual.
- The text or email includes a link that connects to a video conference call with someone claiming to be a police officer.
- If the link is clicked, the fraudster



then works to convince the individual they could be arrested unless they help officers by forwarding gift cards or bitcoin. At times, the fraudster may also try to convince the individual they have a warrant for their arrest but can have it removed by sending gift cards or bitcoin.

2 • In the past two weeks, dozens of individuals have been given the Manitoba RCMP's general line phone number by fraudsters to convince them they are legitimate.

This is a scam.

RCMP will never send people unsolicited texts or links to click on. If you receive such a message, do not click on the link and delete the text immediately. If you did click on the link and/or provided personal details via the fraudulent online meeting, contact your financial institution immediately, report the incident to your local police service and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

There are a number of ways to guard against online approaches from scam artists:

- Don't click on links or download attachments in unsolicited text messages or emails;
- Never send your personal, credit card or banking details in response to unsolicited messages and do not enter

those details on any website if you are not certain the site is genuine; and

- Always take a moment to verify the source of messages received.

As a reminder, the RCMP will never ask you to:

- Transfer money or make a payment, whether it be cash, credit card, gift cards or bitcoin;
- Provide remote access to your computer; or
- Provide personal information, including your name, date of birth, phone number, email, address or banking details via text message.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of fraud or cybercrime should report it to their local police service and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, at 1-888-495-8501 or online at [reportcyberandfraud.canada.ca](http://reportcyberandfraud.canada.ca)."

In addition to the above two scams, there are many more including fake calls from a grandchild asking for money to get out of trouble. That one is simply titled, the grandchild scam.

Please, please, I beg you not to fall into these scams.

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## Delightful dilemma...

Lounging in the big chair, coffee at hand, dog on my lap, I try to simply sit. I could read, I could doze, I could watch curling... the list goes on. But, no... the mind will not slow down and allow me to do nothing. Here's the dilemma, there are a multitude of little things, and some big projects, that I could be, should be doing. Even with the perfect setting, I am compelled to rise and get 'things' done!

I'm working on another quilt. This time I have designed the pattern, a house. There are a variety of skies, differing grasses and flowers, and each house has a window or two, and a door with a button sewed on for a doorknob. It took a few tries to get the proportions of the roof and house, another try or two to be happy with the amount of sky, but I can live with the finished block. I was careful not to say the finished project, for I do have all forty of the squares complete, there is the joining and the quilting and the binding to go. There is no real urgency to finish... however I have three other projects I wish to begin and I try to get one done before I start the next. So instead of sitting I put in a bit of time at the sewing center.

Calling loudly is a small project. With the home renovations going on I want to move the brooms and mops from one space to the closet with the hot water tank. I am so blessed!! In another closet are the tools I need. The battery operated drill, the various sizes of drill bits, and the whole set of screwdriver heads. The steps are to unfasten the cleaning supply holder from one wall and relocate it. I even have been gifted a level so the finished project is not akimbo. (I have the tools, I lack the proper jargon!) Fifteen minutes and it's done, to my satisfaction.

Popping back into the room under renovation, a laundry room becoming an accessible bathroom and laundry room, there are a few little things I can do. I have already removed the medicine cabinet and the rusting towel racks, and tidied up the existing shelving units. If I had another eighty years of life, I would want to become a carpenter, and create beauty out of wood. (An aside— my younger sister has taken a course in woodworking in the last couple of years and is now accumulating woodworking tools. She is an expert at working with stained glass, an expert at quilting and sewing and knitting and embroidery. And now woodwork! I wish!)

A bit of sewing, a bit of puttering, and, always waiting for me, a bit of paperwork. There is a column to be written, a Sunday service to compose, a friendly letter to be written, and now, it's accounting time! Numbers are not my friends. Shall I simply sit? I will, and possibly doze off while sitting. I am so thankful for my interests, for the material and goods available to me, and the time and interest to keep on doing!

## Gender identity spectrums

The field of science is ever expanding, with each year comes new research, new statistics and new information about why people are the way they are. Without expanding research, we would still believe that bloodletting was a standard treatment to cure disease, or that the uterus wanders around a woman's body or that the heart was the seat of emotion. One of these new(er) understandings that science has given us is about gender identity. The recognition of gender identity (ex: your internal sense of being male or female) being a concept that is distinct from biological sex (ex: XX, XY, your organs) developed throughout the mid-20th century but has roots as early as the 1960s. It's safe to say that there has always been a subset of the population that didn't feel the link between gender identity and biological sex but now, we are fortunate to have the evidence-based studies to back this up. Unfortunately, misinformation and lack of education continue to exist. Today, I hope to provide a bit more education on gender identity and maybe help you to start some conversations.

As mentioned, your gender identity is that internal feeling of who you are, "Do I feel like a woman?", "Do I feel like neither a woman or man?" or "Do I feel both at the same time?". You are able to reach deep within yourself and have that internal

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sense of knowing who you are within your own skin. Sometimes who we feel like inside matches what organs and chromosomes we were given (cisgender) and sometimes they don't (transgender, non binary etc...). It is impossible for us to know what it is like for someone else to reach within themselves and feel like they are someone different from us. Just because we can't physically see or feel this process for ourselves (because we can't step inside someone else's body) doesn't mean that it doesn't exist. In fact, we believe in things that we cannot physically see for millennia (ex: spirit, gravity). This inability to see gender identity like you can see genitalia is one of many reasons people struggle with understanding this part of being a human.

Your gender expression is how you show the world what your gender identity is. Do you prefer to take on a more traditionally masculine look? Or maybe you choose to take on a more androgynous look? Let's even argue that masculine and feminine are social constructs and we don't need to embrace the binary, but I could speak on this for hours. Gender expression is about the clothes you wear,

the makeup you do or not do, your hair, how you walk, how you talk and so much more.

Finally, we look at sexual orientation which is who you are attracted to and who you choose to love. The mosaic of sexual orientations is so broad, I can do an entire series on these if there is interest. When we look at sexual orientation we encompass everyone who is attracted to the opposite gender (heterosexual), the same gender (gay, lesbian etc...), those who are attracted to multiple genders (bisexual, pansexual), those who aren't attracted to anyone or attracted in very specific ways (the asexuality spectrum) and so many more.

I am hopeful that this information is helpful and sparks some good conversations, or at least some good vibes toward the beauty of being human and all the differences we have and should celebrate.

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## Helen Drysdale

### OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

# Hazel M. Kellington first edition

Do you know how Hazel M. Kellington School got its name? The first part of the school opened in 1951 with the name of West Park. It had four classrooms and an auditorium. The teacher in charge was Miss Hazel Kellington. Her first class consisted of 51 pupils! In 1953, twelve more classrooms and office space were added. Miss Kellington retired in 1965. Later the school's name was changed to Hazel M. Kellington School to honor her many years of dedicated teaching at West Park. Over the years, the most notable change in HMK School is the number of enrolled students. This added enrollment has seen more additions to the school. H.M.K. School has always provided excellent education to our community due to dedicated teachers like Miss Hazel Kellington. This week's recipes come from the first edition of the cookbook published in 1982 by the school. It's principal that year was Dennis Wrightson. One of the sayings at the bottom of one of the pages made me chuckle. It said "One of the advantages of teaching in a grade school is that you can find a place to park." Enjoy trying and eating these recipes.

#### Sauerkraut (Hazel Baker)

1 Tbsp. pickling salt	1 Tbsp. vinegar
1 Tbsp. sugar	cabbage
1 Tbsp. cooking oil	

Fill quart sealers with finely shredded cabbage. Shake to settle contents. Add 1 tablespoon each of salt, sugar, oil and vinegar to each sealer. Fill with boiling water and seal. Set in a cool dark place approximately six weeks before using.

#### Pickled eggs (Glenda Bohn, Gerry Bohn)

16 hardboiled eggs, shelled	1 clove garlic or 1 tsp. garlic salt
2 Tbsp. sugar	2 cups vinegar
2 Tbsp. salt	1/3 cup water
1 Tbsp. mixed pickling spice	1 tsp. whole cloves

Put eggs and garlic in a jar. Combine other ingredients in a pot; bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain and pour over eggs. Seal jar and let stand for 4 days before eating.

#### Granola (Heather Dunsmore, Melanie Dunsmore)

4 cups rolled oats	1/2 cup oil
1 cup wheat germ	1 Tbsp. milk
1/2 cup sunflower seeds	raisins, dates coconut etc.
1/2 cup honey	

Mix the first three ingredients together on greased cookie sheet. Heat slightly in saucepan the next three ingredients. Combine the above mixture and stir well to moisten. Heat at 300°F for about 20 minutes. Add raisins, dates, coconut etc. and heat another five minutes.

#### 6 weeks bran muffins (Ann Huynh, Howie Huynh)

1 cup white sugar	2 cups bran soaked in	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup brown sugar	1 cup boiling water	2 cups buttermilk
1/2 cup oil	3 1/2 cups of flour	1 cup raisins
2 eggs, beaten	2 1/2 tsp. baking soda	

Cream oil and sugars. Add the eggs, bran and water mixture. Sift together the flour, baking soda and salt and add alternating with the buttermilk. Add raisins. Bake at 400°F for about 20 minutes. This mix may be stored in the fridge for up to six weeks, allowing you to have fresh baked muffins in a matter of minutes.

#### Apple walnut tarts (Phyllis Malfait, Derek Malfait)

1/2 cup white sugar	1 1/2 Tbsp. cornstarch	2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup brown sugar	2 Tbsp. cold water	1 cup raisins
1 tsp. cinnamon	4 cups apples, thinly sliced	1 tsp. lemon rind
1 cup water		1/2 cup walnuts

Toss apples with the lemon juice. Combine sugars, cinnamon, lemon rind, apples and raisins. Stir in 1 cup of water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook until apples are tender. Add the 2 tablespoons of water together with the corn starch. Add this to the apples and cook until thickened. Add the walnuts. Cool completely before spooning into precooked tart shells. Makes 18 tarts. May be used as pie filling.

## Gladstone auction mart

By Blaine Huston  
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We sold 1,510 head Tuesday, Mar. 3 on a very strong market in Happy Rock.

We had 180 butcher cattle to start the day, and here's how they sold:

- D1-D2 cows \$2.30-2.48.
- D3 older cows \$2.10-2.35.
- Young feeding type cows \$2.45-2.65.
- Bulls \$2.40-2.79

We had a big bull weigh 2980 pounds bring 2.5250 \$7524.50 a head!!

Here are some market highlights from the Mar. 3 sale:

•We had a package of 4 Red exotic steers weighing 950 pounds bring \$4.64 a pound (\$4,405 a head).

•Sixteen red exotic steers come in the ring weighing 847 pounds and cash in at \$4.98 a pound (\$4220 per head).

•Four Black steers weighing 566 pounds stamp there ticket at \$7.41 a pound (\$4,190 a head).

•Four red and tan heifers weighing 875 pounds bring \$4.62 per pound (\$4,042 per head).

•Twelve black heifers weigh 719 pounds and fetch \$5.42 per pound (\$3896 per head).

•Six black heifers come in the ring weighing 561 pounds and bring \$6.40 a pound (\$3,587 per head).

### Gladstone Auction Mart

Cattle Market Report  
Mar. 3, 2026

Steers	
4-500 lbs.	\$7.90 to 8.70
5-600 lbs.	\$6.45 to 8.00
6-700 lbs.	\$5.75 to 6.71
7-800 lbs.	\$4.85 to 5.75
8-900 lbs.	\$4.25 to 5.15
900+ lbs.	\$4.20 to 4.76

Heifers	
4-500 lbs.	\$6.40 to 7.77
5-600 lbs.	\$5.70 to 6.93
6-700 lbs.	\$4.95 to 5.86
7-800 lbs.	\$4.38 to 5.42
8-900 lbs.	\$3.85 to 5.15
900+ lbs.	\$3.65 to 4.52

1,510 head sold

# Yellowhead Arena temporarily closes after equipment breakdown

By Eoin Devereux  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A significant malfunction at the Yellowhead Centre in Neepawa has left some user groups scrambling to reschedule or cancel several events. On Monday, Mar. 2, representatives with the volunteer operated facility announced via their Facebook page that “The Yellowhead [Centre] has experienced a major equipment breakdown and will be temporarily closed on the rink side for the week while repairs are underway. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support — we truly appreciate it.”

The social media message did not cite the specific issue that is being dealt with, but the Banner & Press has learned that a hot water boiler which services the Zamboni has broken down.

All scheduled events this week for the arena portion of the building were forced to postpone or relocate. That includes the NACI Tigers playoff game, that had been set for Tuesday, Mar. 3 and the Neepawa Titans home game. Which had been scheduled for Wednesday, Mar. 4. The Tigers relocated their game to the Sunrise Credit Union



FILE PHOTO

The Yellowhead Centre in Neepawa, which features an arena and community hall, has been in operation since 1972.

Centre in Minnedosa, while the Titans played a home game at the Carberry Plain Community Centre. Other programs, such as figure skating, public skate and Stick & Pucks have been cancelled. Events planned for the Yellowhead Hall have not been impacted by the arena malfunction.

### A facility dealing with ongoing pressure

This week’s breakdown is an unfortunate reality for a facility as old as the Yellowhead Centre. The building is not owned or operated by the Town for Neepawa and is run via a volunteer board. Over the years, the volunteers have done their best to keep the doors open at the 54 year old

facility, though they have had to deal with unexpected problems from time to time.

In 2024, a pipeline leak underneath the arena’s concrete floor caused an extended delay of the installation of ice.

The Arena has also undertaken major upgrades in the past decade, including a new dehumidifier, new low-E lighting and ceiling insulation, followed by replacement of the rink boards and scoreboard in 2017.

### Longer-term questions still on the table

This latest breakdown also comes amid broader community discussions about the long-term future of Neepawa’s recreation

infrastructure. A 2025 community report referenced an “operational and functional audit” of the Yellowhead Centre, noting recommendations tied to long-term planning given the age of the facility. A committee was formed to explore options for a new regional recreation and events facility.

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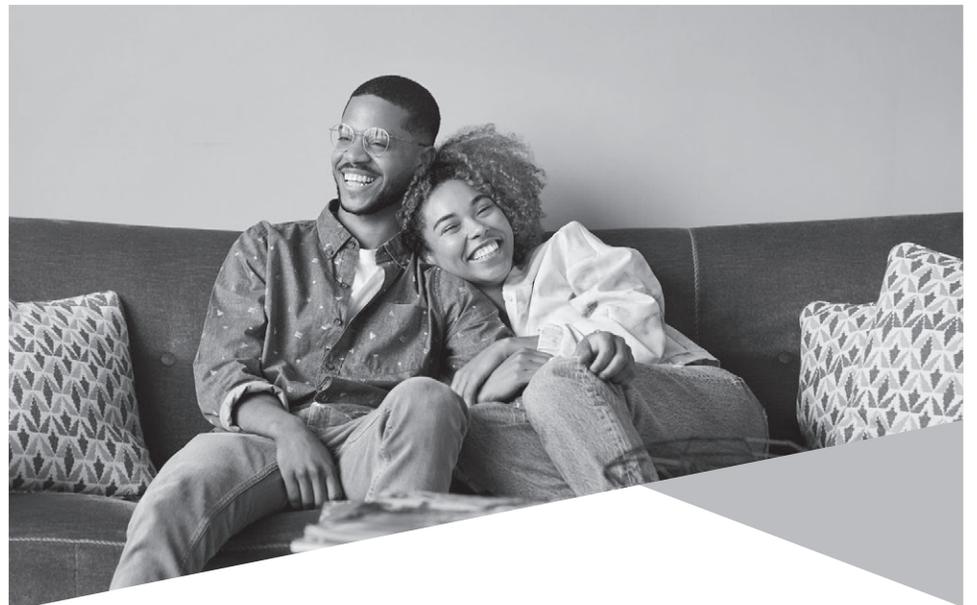
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# A hands-on approach to remembrance

## Locals invite Neepawa citizens to aid in creation of 'poppy blanket'

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Many are familiar with the imagery and meaning of the poem, 'In Flander's Fields'. It describes a veritable blanket of poppies blooming in the resting place of those whose lives were lost during their service in the armed forces, and a promise to never forget. Since the end of World War I, those bright, red poppies have become a symbol of remembrance and respect worn across the globe on Nov. 11.

This year, a group of local individuals are inviting members of the Neepawa community to band together and take a hands-on approach. This is a collaborative community art project known as 'The Poppy Project'. Inspired by similar projects in other towns and cities, such as Minnedosa, all are being invited to contribute to making Neepawa's own 'poppy

blanket'.

"When I first saw [the poppy blanket at the Minnedosa cenotaph], I had to stop the car and go have a look at it, because it's stunning," said Susan Phillips, a member of the organizing group. "It can't help but attract attention, because it's these bright, red poppies and it's big— a big display. Also, you may have seen pictures of the display they did in Winnipeg. That group made a big, long, like a red carpet, and had it displayed from the third level of the legislature, down through the space and along the stairs."

Phillips added, "I realized there's lots of small cities and towns across the country that have done this... I thought 'Well maybe there's enough people in Neepawa interested in being part of this project that we could do one ourselves. It can start small and can keep growing, because we can add more to it year after year.'"



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN PHILLIPS

Pictured: A sample of some of the poppies that are being made for the Neepawa Poppy Project.

For the project, people are invited to knit or crochet poppies using any shade of red wool, and a pattern provided by The

Poppy Project's organizers. Those poppies will then be brought together via being fastened to a mesh, creat-

### 'Another way of remembering'

Individuals of all skill levels are gladly accepted to take part. People are also welcome to participate by aiding in attaching the poppies to the mesh, once the time comes.

In addition to making poppies themselves, the organizational team has also been spreading the word, including making a pair of presentations at Kinsmen Courts I and II on Feb. 28.

"The reason we want to do this [project], or that I think it is important, is because it really helps us, on Remembrance Day, to think a tiny bit differently," said Phillips. "We already spend time on Remembrance Day remembering those who died in war, we know that the poppy [as a symbol of remembrance] is from the First World War;

We know those things. We go to the service, we watch the service on TV, and we do remember. This is just another way of remembering."

Phillips added, "When people see that mass of red poppies, it just hits them in a different way. It seems like it will be a lovely addition to what we do already on Remembrance Day."

The Neepawa Poppy Project is planned to be displayed for the first time this November.

The Poppy Project's organizing group will provide further details on the project's specifications, and the pattern for knitting or crocheting the poppies. All wishing to participate are encouraged to contact either of the following members: Brenda Ferguson (204-841-0865), Susan Phillips (204-212-1463), Melanie Burnett (204-841-5000), and Lane Englund (204-212-0136, text only).

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2. Board of Directors Report
3. Appointment of Auditors
4. Director Elections Voting Results

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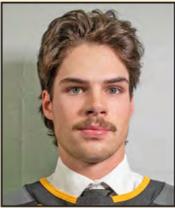
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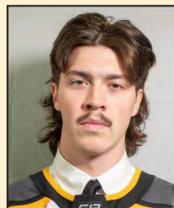
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# Pharmacy Appreciation Month

## Potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription meds

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Medications improve the lives of billions of people across the globe every day. Without access to medication, millions may die while countless others would experience a dramatic decline in their quality of life.

Though there's no denying the positive effects of medication, the efficacy of herbal supplements and prescription drugs does not mean each are risk-free. Risks may even be compounded when individuals take herbal supplements and prescription medications concurrently. According to the Mayo Clinic, herbal supplements do not always interact well with prescription medications. For example, herbal supplements can interact with medicines utilized to treat issues affected the heart and blood vessels. That includes conditions like high blood pressure, which estimates from the World Health Organization indicate affects nearly 1.3 billion adults between the ages of 30 and 79.

Mixing medications has always been risky, but a growing reliance on herbal medicines has potentially elevated that risk. That's perhaps due to perceptions of herbal supplements as wholly natural, leading some to conclude that a substance that's wholly natural cannot jeopardize

the human body. However, an analysis published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology detailed more than a dozen instances of adverse drug reactions affecting individuals who took herbal medicines alongside various prescription medications. The medications taken, some of which were antidepressants, were prescribed to treat various conditions, including HIV, epilepsy and heart disease.

### Consult your physician

The potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription medications underscore the need to engage in honest and open discussions with a physician before taking any herbal or prescription medications. Individuals currently taking a prescription medication should consult with their physician before taking any herbal supplements, while those who take herbal medicines and supplements should bring that

up with their physicians if they are prescribed a new medication.

### What are some symptoms of herbal and prescription interactions?

The Mayo Clinic notes that a fast heartbeat and changes in blood pressure are two indicators of drug interactions. But many additional side effects can indicate a potentially dangerous or unhealthy interaction is taking place. For example, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notes that increased dryness or irritation of skin when taking more than one topical acne drug at the same time indicates an unhealthy interaction is taking place.

Herbal and prescription medication interactions can be dangerous. Individuals are urged to contact their physicians before combining medications and to bring up their existing medication regimen whenever they are issued a new prescription.



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x - Dauphin Kings	54	29	23	2	0	60
x - Waywayseecappo Wolverines	54	27	23	2	2	58
<b>x - Neepawa Titans</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>
Swan Valley Stampeders	53	18	31	3	1	38
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	52	8	38	3	3	22
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
x - Niverville Nighthawks	54	47	6	1	0	95
x - Steinbach Pistons	53	43	8	2	0	88
x - Portage Terriers	52	34	17	1	0	69
x - Winkler Flyers	54	33	18	1	2	69
Selkirk Steelers	52	20	29	2	1	43
Winnipeg Blues	49	14	32	3	0	31
Winnipeg Monarchs	52	10	40	2	0	22

x = Clinched playoffs. y = Clinched Division

### Game results

**Friday, Feb. 27**

**Dauphin 6-3 Neepawa**

**First Period**

04:22 DAU E. Stewart (16)  
 ASST: M. O'Sullivan (22)  
 08:42 DAU M. O'Sullivan (23) PP  
 ASST: E. Stewart (25)  
 10:34 NPA D. McCann (1)  
 ASST: D. Andries (5)  
 16:42 NPA T. Wallis (19)  
 ASST: R. Harris (7), E. Walters (7)

**Second Period**

05:56 DAU D. Helary (17)  
 ASST: R. Gage (13)  
 17:48 NPA C. Kasprick (18)  
 ASST: G. Slaney (7), J. Kohut (13)

**Third Period**

00:13 DAU M. Murray (1)  
 ASST: Unassisted  
 05:37 DAU M. Murray (2)  
 ASST: A. Mitchelmore (17)  
 19:54 DAU M. Murray (3)  
 ASST: Unassisted

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
DAU	2	1	3	6	1/3
NPA	2	1	0	3	0/0

**Goaltender**

DAU - B. Yaschyshyn - (W) 32/35 saves  
 NPA - Z. Burleigh - (L) 36/41 saves  
 Attendance: 294 - Yellowhead Centre

### Game results

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

**Steinbach 4-1 Neepawa**

**First Period**

No scoring  
**Second Period**  
 12:48 STN W. Picklyk (19)  
 ASST: G. Hoffman (15)

**Third Period**

06:18 STN Z. Miles (9) PP  
 ASST: C. Paronuzzi (13), S. Noad (30)  
 07:27 STN J. Kostiuk (12)  
 ASST: S. Noad (31), B. Kaiser (44)  
 11:16 STN J. Greenwell (31)  
 ASST: J. Kostiuk (21), L. Doyle (40)  
 11:59 NPA J. Clark (29), T. Wamboldt (7)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	2	3	2	7	0/1
STN	1	1	0	2	1/6

**Goaltender**

NPA - KC. Couckuyt - (L) 49/53 saves  
 STN - C. Quizi - (W) 22/23 saves  
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# Setting a standard, then achieving it

## Playoff berth secured by Neepawa Titans for third consecutive year

**By Eoin Devereux**  
 NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titans have once again earned their place in the post-season, but this time, it means perhaps a little more for everyone involved. After clinching at least a fourth place finish in the West Division over the weekend, the Titans have now qualified for the MJHL playoffs in three consecutive years. That is a feat Neepawa has not actually accomplished in the past 27 years (1991-1998).

Titans Head Coach and General Manager Ken Pearson said that for a team that has built its identity on hard work, this is a milestone that represents something very special.

“That means a great deal not just personally, but for everyone connected to the organization,” noted Pearson. “When I arrived, the program wasn’t where it needed to be in terms of stability, identity, or expectations. There were good people here, but we had to rebuild belief. Belief inside the dressing room, belief in the community and belief that this could consistently be a playoff hockey team in the Manitoba Junior

Hockey League.”

For Pearson, who took over the coaching and management duties back in 2019, the most meaningful part of this isn’t just the three straight playoff appearances, but what it represents, a standard.

“It means our players understand what’s expected every day. It means our staff is aligned. It means our culture isn’t built on one good year. It’s built on habits, accountability, and development.”

### Approaching the post season

While the playoffs are secured, there is still something else to play for in the final six regular season games. The Titans are still in contention to move up in the standings, and perhaps pair up against a more optimal opponent in the first round. Pearson noted that the coaching staff has been

thinking about the best way to approach these games.

“It’s something we’ve talked about internally quite a bit. With six games left and positioning still on the line, I don’t think it’s an either/or scenario. You can’t flip a switch when the playoffs start. So in my opinion, the best way to close out the schedule is to treat these final games with playoff intensity, but disciplined,” Pearson expressed. “So, these last two weeks are about sharpening our identity and stress-testing it under pressure.”

Pearson added that the message to the players is simple, compete in these final games like it matters and build momentum off of that effort. He believes that mindset should optimize them for the grind of a playoff series.

Pearson concluded by saying the recent turn-

around is about more than one person, it’s about an entire organizational shift toward expecting success, as opposed to just hoping for it.

“Ultimately, it’s not about me. It’s about restoring pride in the jersey and building something that lasts. Three straight post-seasons is a step, [but] the goal is to make that expectation permanent.”

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**Ladies' High Triple:** Laurie Kohinski 538. **Men's High Single & Triple:** Darrell Gabler 263 & 603. **Other Good Scores:** Laurie Kohinski 226, 174; Darrell Gabler 167, 173; Vivian Oswald 176, 181, 175; Chuck Morden 189, 187, 214; Judy Gabler 167, 156; Frank Porada 169; Russ Taylor 189, 167, 159.

**February Bowlers of the Month:** Judy Gabler & Rene Yochman.



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## Thank You

The family of Albert C Wong would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all people, who were so thoughtful, for sending well wishes, cards, food, flowers and mementos on passing of Albert on November 16, 2025.

It has been 3 months but it seems as if it was yesterday. Albert has been my partner & husband for 50 years so you can imagine the void that his passing left behind. He leaves behind his wife Eva, children Gregory (Diana), Naomi (Jamie), 5 grandchildren (Nisa, Darren, Alita, Evan & Aria), brothers, sisters, nieces & nephews, other extended family and many friends.

Celebration of his life will be in summer 2026.

## Obituary

### Phyllis Elaine Parsons

November 21, 1944 - December 30, 2025



Phyllis Elaine Parsons, a beloved matriarch and cherished friend to many, departed this world on December 30, 2025, in Victoria, British Columbia, at the age of 81. Born on November 21, 1944, in the serene surroundings of Prince Edward Island, Phyllis touched the lives of countless individuals throughout her journey.

Phyllis was married to John McCurry on December 30, 1963, and after raising their 5 children was remarried January 29, 2008 to her devoted husband Jim Parsons.

Phyllis was not only an adored daughter, a loving wife to her husband Jim Parsons, but also an inspiring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her dedication to her family was evident in everything she did, as she lovingly nurtured her children: Lawson McCurry (Kim), Richard McCurry (Carole), Darlene Younger (Calvin), Charles McCurry (Pam), and Jamie McCurry (Lily). Her family was her pride, and she took immense joy in watching her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren flourish. Phyllis was truly blessed with an abundance of love, evidenced by the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who carry on her legacy.

With a personality that radiated warmth and joy, Phyllis reveled in the simple pleasures of life. Whether it was gathering for a delicious meal or attending the sports events and activities of her beloved children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she embodied a spirit that brought happiness to all around her. Phyllis enjoyed numerous activities, from shopping and bingo to taking scenic walks and going on unforgettable vacations. Remarkably, she even embraced the thrill of skating up until just a month before her passing, a testament to her zest for life.

Phyllis had an extraordinary gift for uplifting those she encountered, bringing out the very best in everyone. Her loving nature and infectious enthusiasm created a harmonious atmosphere wherever she went. Those who had the privilege of knowing her will forever remember her laughter and the comfort of her presence.

Phyllis's passing leaves a void in the hearts of her family, who cherished every moment spent with her. She is survived by her loving husband Jim, her devoted children, and her dear siblings: Shirley Lord, Charlotte Smith, Winston MacCormack, and Angus MacCormack. The warmth of her love will forever linger in their hearts.

Preceding Phyllis in death were her parents and her cherished sisters, Evelyn Lecky and Francis MacCormack, along with her brothers, Wilfred MacCormack, Clifton MacCormack, and Brad MacCormack. Additionally, her family mourns the loss of her nephew Jeremy MacCormack, niece Karen Stewart and grandson Michael McCurry, who undoubtedly welcomed her with open arms.

Phyllis Elaine Parsons will be profoundly missed by all who knew her. Her spirit, characterized by a boundless love of life and an unwavering devotion to her family, will continue to inspire those she has left behind. Forever remembered, she will live on in the joyful memories and the love shared within her family.

A service will be held in Plumas, Manitoba at the Plumas United Church on July 10th at 2pm followed by reception at Plumas Hall

A service will also be held July 16 in Prince Edward Island at the Summerside St. John's Anglican Church followed by reception at St. Mary's Hall.

## Personal

Crisis Pregnancy Centre Winnipeg: Need to talk? Call our free help line, 1-800-665-0570 or contact our Westman office: 204-727-616

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Alcoholics Anonymous meetings currently being held at 342 Mountain Ave, Neepawa, Thursdays at 7 pm. Call Don 204-856-9072 or Debbi 204-352-4065

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## Notice

### AUCTION SALE AD

The building and land known as **120086 Road 87W, McCreary, MB**, as described in Certificate of Title No. 3367812/5 will be sold at public auction, on Wednesday, the 1st day of April, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. The auction sale will be held by way of video or teleconference. There will be no in-person attendees at the auction. In order to participate, you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting: Donna Riedel (riedel@pitblado.com) or Ashley Storozinski (storozinski@pitblado.com) or 204-956-0560.

The vendor is informed that property consists of One storey commercial warehouse currently used as abattoir (4,938 SF, built in 2003) consisting of office areas; loading area; lunchroom; two piece bathroom; meat cutting/processing area with coolers. Lot size 2.07 acres including loading dock, parking, overnight holding barn and vacant land. Property can be located at civic address of 1055 Boundary Road, McCreary, MB.

Prior Encumbrances: Caveat No. 86-4828/5

Taxes: Paid to December 31, 2025 subject to any outstanding water accounts and/or property maintenance fees which may or may not have yet been added to the tax roll.

Terms: Deposit of \$80,000.00 in form of bank draft, certified cheque or cash (the maximum amount of cash that may be provided as part of the deposit is \$7,500.00) and the balance according to conditions to be announced at the sale payable to Pitblado LLP. Reserve Bid to be announced prior to the auction sale. Sold "as is where is" in accordance with Auction Sale Conditions.

Terms of online auction - any interested bidder must pre-register with the law firm prior to the sale date and provide valid contact information. The successful bidder must then provide to Pitblado LLP the signed Auction Sale Conditions and original guaranteed funds deposit payment within 24 hours of the auction sale.

The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit [www.teranetmanitoba.ca](http://www.teranetmanitoba.ca).

Contact:

#### PITBLADO LLP

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## Tender

### TENDER FOR ANNUAL BID RATES

Westlake Watershed District invites tenders for Annual Bid (Equipment Rental) Rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

More information regarding this opportunity can be obtained on the Westlake Watershed District website, at [www.westlakewd.com](http://www.westlakewd.com) or call the office at 204-767-2101

Proposals will be accepted until 4:30pm March 31, 2026, as per directions in the Tender Sheet.

## Notice

### TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION



#### Kindergarten Registration

for the 2026 Fall Term

will be held during the regular school hours between March 2 and March 27, 2026 at the following schools:

- Alonsa School Tele # 204-767-2168
- Glenella School Tele # 204-352-4253
- École Laurier (French Immersion) Tele # 204-447-2068
- Ste. Rose School Tele # 204-447-2088
- 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, 2021 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Gladstone Golf and Country Club, located in the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone intends to conduct the following pesticide programs for the 2026 season:

1. To control noxious weeds on the golf course, the herbicides to be used include:  
*2 4-D Amine, Par 111, & Roundup Transorb.*
2. To control soilborn diseases on the golf course, the fungicides that may be used are:  
*Daconil, Kabuto, Honor, Secure, Heritage Maxx, Banner Maxx, Instrata, & Medallion.*
3. To control pests on the golf course, the pesticides that may be used are:  
*Acelepryn-G (to control black turfgrass ateniuss beetles), & Vectobac (mosquito larvicide).*

The projected application dates are from May 1 to October 31, 2026

The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of publication notice to the department below:

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Compass Credit Union Ltd is currently looking for a candidate to fill the role of **Loans Administration/ Financial Services Officer 1** as a **Full-Time Position** at our Erickson Branch.

#### The Position

Reporting to the Branch Manager, the successful candidate will provide **direct lending services and advice to members and administrative support** within the Lending Department.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, interviewing members and assessing applications for **lines of credit, personal loans, mortgages, and credit cards**, while also supporting lenders through the preparation, processing, and maintenance of accurate lending documentation. The role ensures all lending activities and administrative processes comply with legislation, procedures, and internal policies. In addition, the position promotes the full range of credit union products and services, referring members to appropriate specialists for needs outside the lending scope, while contributing to an exceptional member experience.

#### The Person:

As part of the team the successful candidate will work well under pressure, demonstrate attention to detail and excel in delivering exceptional member service. They will possess strong communication, organizational, problem solving and decision-making skills.

#### Experience/Education:

- **Minimum:** Grade 12 and willingness to pursue ongoing credit and lending training if no experience.
- **Preferred:** Business diploma or postsecondary education in business or finance. Experience in lending, credit analysis, or financial services an asset

#### The Credit Union

Compass Credit Union, formerly Crocus Credit Union and Erickson Credit Union, have two branches in Brandon, one in Erickson as well as a majority interest in an Insurance Agency.

Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Please send **resume and covering letter**, in confidence, by **Friday March 13, 2026** to:

Monica Lambourne ACUIC, FCUIC, ABL, ACRML  
Branch Manager  
Compass Credit Union Limited  
24 Main Street  
P.O. Box 100  
Erickson, Manitoba R0J 0P0  
[E-monica.lambourne@compasscu.ca](mailto:E-monica.lambourne@compasscu.ca)  
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### Industrial Plant Cleaner (NOC 65312)

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- Fully integrated facility – Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

#### What we can offer you:

- Competitive Wage
- Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation as per our collective bargaining agreement
- Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
- Employee Referral program - \$500!
- Free parking
- Company events
- And more!!!!

#### Your duties may include:

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

#### We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and climbing.
- Available to work an 8-hour Night Shift from Monday-Friday, between 11:15 PM to 9:00 AM
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in sanitation, or industrial cleaning, or heavy-duty cleaning
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

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### Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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- PM Shift Premium
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#### Your duties may involve:

- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
- Sorting hogs into appropriate receiving pens.
- Ensuring humane and safe handling of hogs in our facility.
- Completing hog receiving documents to CFIA standards.
- Scraping trailers.
- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

#### To excel in this role, you should possess:

- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Understanding of animal behavior
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience working with livestock
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
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### Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

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- PM Shift Premium
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- Free parking
- Company events
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#### Your duties may include:

- Slaughter, eviscerate, and mark hogs for further processing;
- Debone edible parts and remove inedible organs for parts;
- Cut pork carcasses into primal cuts for further processing, cutting, or packaging for local, national, and international premium markets.

#### We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Open to working in colder/warmer environments
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in meat cutting or slaughter or completed a program in Industrial Meat cutting
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
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The Town of Neepawa is accepting applications for a

### WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR

*Full-time, 1 Year Term, with possible extension to permanent full-time status.*

Grade 12, G.E.D./Mature High School Diploma. Class 5 Drivers License.

Class 1, 2 or 3 Water Treatment Certification preferred... but **willing to train eager individuals** to obtain required certifications.

This position is 40 hours per week Monday to Friday and offered in accordance with CUPE1735-01.

Starting Rate of Pay: \$27.92

Applications, including Resume, accepted until 4:00 p.m. Monday March 23, 2026 @ Town of Neepawa, P.O. Box 339, 275 Hamilton St., Neepawa, MB, R0J 1H0  
E-Mail: [operations@neepawa.ca](mailto:operations@neepawa.ca)

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### Career Opportunity



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at our **BULK PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT**  
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#### We are looking for:

An individual with the following qualifications:

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- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Must be mechanically inclined and be able to perform heavy lifting
- Valid Class 3 Driver's license with Air Endorsement required
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## 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUE SOURCES		
Revenue	Budget 2026 - 27	% of Total Revenue
Provincial Revenue	18,000,000	55.1%
Provincial Tax Credits	5,200,000	15.9%
Provincial Tax Grant	850,000	2.6%
Municipal Revenue	8,400,000	25.7%
Other Revenue	212,400	0.7%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>32,662,400</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

EXPENDITURE TYPES				
By Object	Budget 2025 - 26	Budget 2026 - 27	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase/Decrease
Salaries	23,619,000	24,960,000	1,341,000	6%
Employee Benefits	2,055,600	2,190,000	134,400	7%
Services	2,432,000	2,684,000	252,000	10%
Supplies/Books/Equip	1,487,000	1,454,400	-32,600	-2%
Computer Supplies/Equip	323,000	290,000	-33,000	-10%
Fiscal, Transfers & Capital	833,000	1,084,000	251,000	30%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>30,749,600</b>	<b>32,662,400</b>	<b>1,912,800</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

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WHERE FUNDS ARE SPENT		
By Function	Budget 2026 - 27	%
Regular Instruction	20,350,100	62.3%
Student Services	4,460,000	13.7%
Pre School	24,300	0.1%
Division Administration	1,085,000	3.3%
Support Services	910,000	2.8%
Student Transportation	1,748,000	5.4%
Building Maintenance	3,115,000	9.5%
Fiscal, Transfers & Capital	970,000	3.0%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>32,662,400</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES				
Increase in Mill rate from 10.37 Mills to 11.44 Mills (10.4%)				
Estimated School Property Taxes - ANNUAL Adjusted for Tax Credits/Rebates				
Property Assessment Value	Residential	Farm	Other	
100,000	0	149	744	
200,000	0	297	1,487	
300,000	0	446	2,231	
311,000	1	463	2,313	
350,000	202	521	2,603	
400,000	459	595	2,974	
450,000	717	669	3,346	
500,000	974	744	3,718	
550,000	1,231	818	4,090	
600,000	1,489	892	4,462	
650,000	1,746	967	4,833	
700,000	2,004	1,041	5,205	
750,000	2,261	1,115	5,577	
800,000	2,518	1,190	5,949	
850,000	2,776	1,264	6,321	
900,000	3,033	1,338	6,692	

# Seed Swap covers a lot of ground

By Christine Waddell  
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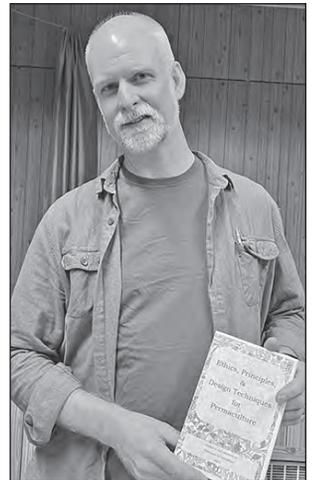


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Swapping Jambusters, mushrooms, ideas and permaculture—Kelwood's Annual Seed Swap covered them all and much more.

Local baker Paul Oliver's delectable jam busters started the day.

Katy Powell of Green Rabbit Farms of Rapid City promoted her multiple mushroom treasures.

Tim Engbrecht of Parkland Permaculture spoke of the interconnection of all things growing from mycelium to forest canopy.

Yes, seeds were swapped, but so were many stories and words of advice. People of all ages learned the basics of willow weaving. Atom Dzaman of 7AMFarm from Ethelbert shared the skill and pleasure of flavouring with infusions.

Everyone came away with much more than knowledge. A day is marked in our calendars for Seed Swap 2027.

Tim Engbrecht of Parkland Permaculture is very knowledgeable about trees and how to grow them. He was one of several speakers at the Seed Swap.

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## Letter: Reader commends Rotary Club of Neepawa

I have attended these Rotary Club of Neepawa Paul Harris gatherings over the years and was nominated by Ivan Traill, many years ago, for a Paul Harris Pin and Certificate. I attended this wonderful event and the response given by those receiving the awards was so wonderful. Each recipient made a similar comment, having been honoured tonight would not have been possible if it wasn't for our wives who were happy we were able to do the things we did in volunteering in the Neepawa community.

Hats off to the Neepawa Legion Ladies Auxiliary and men helpers who prepared such a wonderful meal and delicious desserts. Friday, Feb. 27, 2026 was a special day - one which will be in the memory of all the people who were privileged to attend. The Rotary Club of Neepawa invited members of the community to attend the Paul Harris Banquet which was held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Neepawa. President Rrain Prior greeted the guests and everyone rose and sang O Canada and prayed the Rotary Grace. The delicious dinner was catered by the Legion ladies. Singer/songwriter Vince Andrushko of Kel-

wood provided the entertainment

The formal meeting followed with a Special Presentation of \$60,000 to the new Neepawa Hospital.

The evening was also planned to celebrate 75 years of the Neepawa Rotary-1951-2026. Don Schmall presented the history of the Rotary Club.

Greetings were presented from Agassi MLA Jodi Byram. Bob Manns, a member of the original sponsoring club, the Minnedosa Rotary Club, brought a special greeting.

The highlight of the evening was the Paul Harris Fellowship presentations.

A pin presentation went to Murray Newton, a 5

pin and 30 year member recognition.

An individual fellowship for Kathy Jasienczyk was sponsored by Rotarian Glen Cummings.

The club fellowship award went to Blair Chapman who was introduced by Ron Nordstrom.

The Tony Otten Award went to Wayne Jacobsen who was introduced by Murray Newton

Bob Durston was introduced by Dave Bennet for a 50 year member recognition

The evening concluded with an address by District Governor, Wayne Jacobsen.

**Jean Borchardt,  
Neepawa, MB**

## NACI gym hosted the Neepawa Job Fair

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CHRISTINE WADDELL

The Neepawa Job Fair was held on Monday, Mar. 2 at the NACI gym. The event, attended by close to 200 student and adult job seekers, was organized by Neepawa Economic Development Officer, Marilyn Crewe.

Eighteen businesses had booths set up at the fair. The Job Fair was open from 2:00 until 6:00p.m. Only students attended from from 3:00 until 4:00p.m. Pictured here are a few of the many people who attended and, in this case, they were part of a steady stream of people seeking information about employment opportunities at Neepawa's Home Hardware.



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