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Neepawa's Roxy Theatre board invests for the future

Submitted
 Neepawa Theatre Centre Inc.

Since it was rebuilt from the ashes of Neepawa's first opera house in 1906, the Roxy Theatre has been an important part of the community's performing arts scene. A designated municipal heritage site, the board of the Neepawa Theatre Centre Inc, the registered charity that owns and operates the theatre, has worked to keep the facility up to date, to continue meeting the community's needs.

To that end, in 2024 and 2025, the board undertook an interior refresh project, which was focused primarily on replacing the interior carpet. This familiar sight to all Roxy patrons was showing its age and was threadbare in high traffic areas. Thanks to the generosity of local and provincial granting organization, not only was the carpet replaced, but the board was able to replace the stage curtains, which were believed to have come with the theatre when it was purchased by the community in 1989. The project also included the purchase

of a new vacuum for the caretaker, to keep the new carpet in top shape.

Being a municipally designated heritage site, the goal was to find replacements that matched the originals as closely as possible. Facilities Chair Jeff Braun was able to locally source a commercial carpet that was a very close match to what was being replaced. During the summer of 2024, local tradespeople removed the old carpet and installed the new carpet around shows in the theatre.

The curtains were able to be sourced from within the province and were installed by board members during the late summer and fall of 2025. These cover the movie screen during performances, contributing to the venue's versatility.

This project was supported by grants from the Town of Neepawa, the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation, the Province of Manitoba and donations from private citizens, including an estate donation and funds raised at a pair of events run in



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Over the last few years, the board members and volunteers with Neepawa's Roxy Theatre have been working on a refresh of the building's interior, including new carpeting and curtains for the movie screen.



conjunction with Jodi Baker Photography's gallery show. Overall, the project cost \$29,000. "We are extremely thankful for the grants and donations that made this project possible. It is important that we continue

to invest in the theatre, so that it can continue to meet the community's needs for the next 120 years," said board chair Kate Jackman-Atkinson.

The Roxy Theatre is a performing arts and public

use venue, as well as community run movie theatre. In line with the organization's goal of providing reasonably priced, family friendly entertainment, all movies are staffed by volunteers, made up of indi-

viduals, families, workplaces and community groups. The theatre is owned by the Neepawa Theatre Centre Inc., a registered charity founded in 1988 in order to purchase and operate the theatre.

From March 9-20th all Stride branches will be collecting donations in support of Central Plains Cancer Services.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of local cancer patients and their families.

Tune in March 19 & 20 for the CPCS People Helping People Radiothon, with Golden West Radio broadcasting live from Stride MacGregor, Neepawa & Gladstone branches.



A 'blank canvas' for on-farm research in Manitoba

DUC and MBFI partnership expands Brookdale Research Farm by 467 acres

Banner Staff
Neepawa Banner & Press

A major announcement was made for the Agricultural sector this week. On Monday, Mar. 16, a partnership providing \$1 million worth of land was announced between Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives (MBFI), dedicated to the Brookdale Research Farm.

The Brookdale Research Farm is a research and demonstration centre located west of Brookdale, at the corner of Highway #10 and Provincial Road 353.

In a press release provided by DUC, the conservation organization noted that this partnership expands the operation's size by 42 per cent, as it will now include the 467 acre Odanah Pasture to the north, in the Rural Municipality of Minto Odanah. The area, which DUC had acquired via a private sale in 2020, primarily contains grassland. It also includes 123 wetland basins.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

This aerial view shows just a portion of the Odanah Pasture, which spans a grand total of 467 acres. In a major expansion, the 467 acre land is being added to the space available to the Brookdale Research Farm.

'Better research to help producers'

DUC and MBFI anticipate this expansion to increase opportunities for science and producer activities, and to "advance the forage industry and beef cattle production".

"Ducks Unlimited Canada has been a champion for Manitoba farmers since we began operations in 1938," said Karli Reimer, DUC's

Head of Communications and Outreach – Prairies. "This land partnership builds upon that history of collaboration, providing opportunity for new research to make farms more profitable and resilient."

MBFI General Manager Mary-Jane Orr added, "It's a blank canvas ready for us to approach projects in new ways. This land provides the opportunity to ask

questions on a commercial scale. The benefit will be more representative of the context of beef operations, which ultimately means better research to help producers."

According to the release, MBFI has engaged with producers, industry representatives, and academic researchers to guide the

direction of the new land's usage. These recommendations were reported to include emphasis on:

- Retaining the commercial scale of study;
- Benchmarking the transition from tame hay production to 'high-capacity rotational grazing'; and,
- Transparent capture of the economics of grazing.

For the 2026 season, it was stated that the MBFI board of directors "is developing a producer collaboration case study to showcase virtual fencing and grazing system economics at scale".

Melissa Atchison, a cattle producer from Pipestone who is also a Research and Extension Specialist with Manitoba Beef Producers, and the current Finance Chair with the Beef Cattle Research Council, stated, "As a producer in the Ducks Unlimited Canada target landscape, I see the value of research that helps us manage grasslands in ways that support productive cattle operations, healthy ecosystems and biodiversity."

Atchison added, "In landscapes like this, cattle grazing and conservation go hand in hand. As a fellow core funding partner of MBFI, Manitoba Beef Producers applauds DUC on their strong partnership and collaboration."

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Saturday, April 25, 2026

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1976: A flashback to local band 'Stoning of Stephan'

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

125 years ago, Friday, March 22, 1901
Isaac Campbell, K.C., has accepted Premier Roblin's challenge to publicly debate the railway contracts, but does not propose that the premier shall have it all his own way in the arrangement of the debate. Hence Roblin may squirm out of the challenge.

An entertainment for the benefit of the libraries of the Seneca Hill Head schools will be given in the North Eden church on Friday evening Mar. 29. A very interesting and novel entertainment will be given by the scholars and others, consisting of readings, recitations, songs and dialogues. One of the attractions of the evening will be a debate: Resolved that Canada possesses greater natural resources than the United States. The affirmative will be upheld by Messers. Poole, Suddaby and Willans; and the negative by the Rev. Mr. Green and Messers. Hopkins and Denoon. Light refreshments will be served at the close of the evening.

A number of Galicians

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in the vicinity of Sifton are organizing a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting a grist mill.

100 years ago, Tuesday, March 23, 1926
Eden: Miss Annie Fraser went to Neepawa yesterday and accepted a position at Mrs. Greentree's.

Glenella: Great excitement was caused last Monday when urgent calls for help came over the telephone to the villagers. Within 15 minutes three cars were at the scene of fire at Mr. Lukin's dwelling by the river. We are pleased to report that no very serious damage was done.

75 years ago, Thursday, March 22, 1951

The Neepawa Truck Service announces that starting Apr. 2, they will inaugurate a five day a week service to and from Brandon. Trucks on the Wheat City run will carry livestock and general freight, Percy R. Murray, owner of the trucking service, informed Neepawa Press.

The Union W. I. met Mar. 15 at the home of Mrs. H. Pollock, with 10 members and seven visitors present...

Two hundred dollars has been paid to the hospital equipment fund.

Arden: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Haggerty, will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on Mar. 25. They were married at Brandon in 1902.

50 years ago, Thursday, March 18, 1976

The fastest women skaters in the world, at both the junior and senior levels, will be in Neepawa Mar. 27 as two of the major



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES

Pictured here are some members of the local band, The Stoning of Stephan, as they appeared at a band practice in March of 1976. This photo was in the Mar. 18 edition of The Press for that year.

Seen from left to right are: Mick Dunsmore, Joe Saj, Terri Nevile, Darwin DeBackere, Philip Nevile, Kim Stanski, Blair McLaughlin and Rick Kozak. Background: Amanda Isaak and Art Harris.

celebrities at the Rotary Club's sportsman's dinner.

Sylvia Burka and Liz Appleby, senior and junior world women's champs respectively, will be here to address the audience, expected to be in excess of 450.

Brookdale: The ice carnival on Saturday, Mar. 13, at Brookdale was well attended by some 160 people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. LeBoutillier celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28 and 29. They were married on Mar. 1, 1926, by Rev. Pritchard. They have three sons, Ronald of Neepawa, David of Neepawa and Douglas of Minnedosa.

McCreary: The McCreary Figure Skating Club presented "Welcome to Toyland" in the McCreary Centennial

Arena Sunday evening, Mar. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

20 years ago, Monday, March 20, 2006

A move to streamline government services by relocating positions to Portage La Prairie will reduce Neepawa's Lands Branch to bare-bones staff.

Eleven positions from the Neepawa Lands Branch are being relocated, leaving the office with a staff of six. Positions at Minnedosa's Agricultural Crown Lands are also affected by the restructuring.

The province's first wind farm at St. Leon has been constructed and will be delivering power to Manitoba Hydro in a couple of weeks.

A full military funeral was held at CFB Shilo last

Monday for a Canadian soldier who died Mar. 4 after an armored vehicle crash in Afghanistan.

Master Cpl. Timothy Wilson, 30, spent much of his childhood in Langruth, after moving to Manitoba with his family in 1984.

He attended elementary school in Langruth, before taking his high school at Gladstone's William Morton Collegiate.

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**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul. He guides me
along the right paths for his name's sake.**
Psalm 23:1-3 (New International Version)

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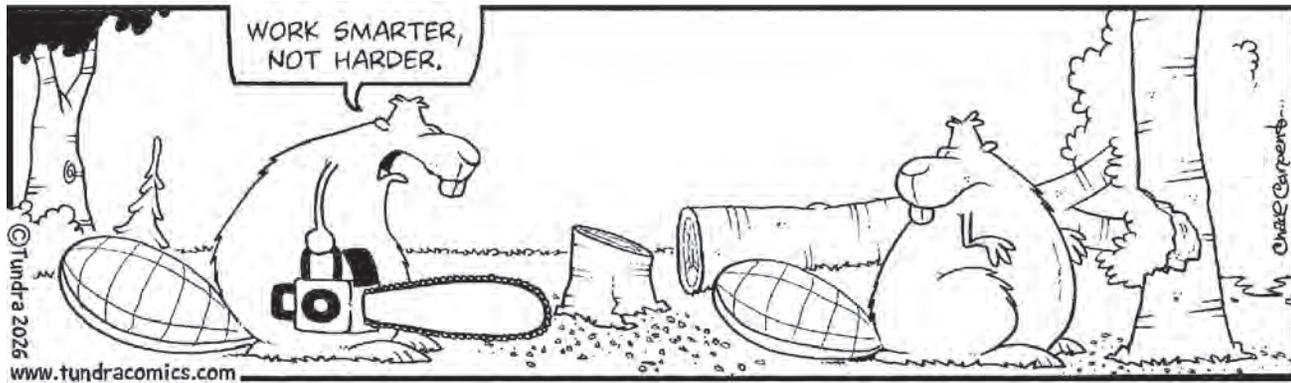
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By Chad Carpenter



'But never on a Sunday'

Way back in the 1950s and the 60s, the Chordettes, Connie Francis and Bing Crosby all sang 'Never on a Sunday'. It was about being kissed, any day but Sunday, for that was the day of rest.

That never on a Sunday meant something very different in my early years — no work on a Sunday, never on a Sunday! That didn't apply to doing the farm chores or meal making. It certainly applied to abstaining from extra work — no gardening, laundry or unnecessary fencing. It also applied to sports; no sports of any sort, not team sports, not solo sports — no sports. Sunday afternoon, following church attendance in the morning, was given over to family time, aunts and uncles stopping by for a visit and 'faspa'. After the mandatory afternoon nap! Faspa was a Sunday late lunch; cold meat, buns, cheese, pickles and dessert. Not a lunch and not a supper, more a tide me over till tomorrow repast. Our classmates were pretty evenly divided in these customs. Those not of the Mennonite faith could play, dance and sing any day, including Sunday.

In my teens this custom gave way to practicality. There was Sunday morning worship service, but after my father returned to university and began teaching, he needed Sunday to get farm work done. For several years he attended summer school, so hay making and bale hauling often fell on a Sunday, as did sheep shearing. If you want to farm, there are obligations. Even then, the arrival of a family member brought everything to a halt — people were/are important.

When I married Ed, he held Sunday as a day of no work. There was acceptance of sports, organised and independent. So many Sunday afternoons we filled the family vehicle — a 13 passenger van, with the children and their friends and headed off to the city to the Pan Am Pool, or out to the Pembina Hills for tobogganing. A good baseball game or a snowmobile derby were certainly acceptable activities.

I was privileged to be a stay at home wife and mother until our youngest child was in grade eight. This brought about a change in my time allocations. When I carefully explained that by spending a few hours in the garden, or doing a few loads of laundry, I was relaxing, and making the week ahead easier. It wasn't really working, it became a form of recreation. Not every Sunday. And quilting on a Sunday afternoon wasn't really work either, a hobby, really. It took a bit of adjustment for the family, and before you knew it, a few hours working on a project vehicle on a Sunday afternoon wasn't work either!

Just like beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so is the definition of work. I still don't believe in unnecessary hard work on a Sunday.

Just what I need/want to do! "Oh, any day that you like the best, and day that is but my day of rest... But never ever on a Sunday, a Sunday, a Sunday 'cause that's my day of rest" Bets that if you're over 80 you're humming that tune!

Less worry, more action please

We need to be mindful of world events, but there are several comparisons that can be made between events such as the war in Iran and events of a generation or two ago.

The Iran war, and its associated battles in the Middle East, have been going on for thousands of years. To our way of thinking, the middle eastern countries are very tribal and there are many tribes even within one country. The middle east wars seem to be about the usual issues of land and resources but, in contrast to many other wars, they have a strong cultural and, dare I say, religious bent to them as well.

Western wars seem to be more about resources compared to the middle east where the religious influences appear to be prominent.

There is also the factor of instant news coverage. In the wars of the 20th century, news from the battle front was days old before the people "back home" knew what was going on. Now, the cell phone and the internet shows the horror, destruction and death almost instantaneously. It's mesmerizing.

As has always been, war is very hard on families of the victims, the wounded and the displaced. However, with today's instant viewing technology, the trauma, the anxiety and the fear that's generated brings war right into our homes and workplaces.

One of my co-workers says that the worst thing that has happened to the news world is the 24 hour news channels. War events and destruction are played and replayed for days so the not only is there the original shock, the trauma is reinforced for days. The 24 hours news channels' have to fill the air time, and so rep-



“There is one more thing we can do and that is pray.”

etition seems to be the way to fill the channel's programs. Personally, I can't watch more than a few minutes of that kind of news at a time. The news announcers and commentators are just too annoying.

It may seem crass, but there is little we can do about wars in other lands. We are traumatized yes, and gas prices are very high. Food prices are being affected even more than what has become normal. I was reminded, while watching snippets of the Oscars Sunday night, we can do one thing. One Oscar winner opened his thank-you speech by saying "God is good". That's true and there is one more thing we can do and that is pray. It may well be the best thing we can do.

And while the war in Iran has been centuries in the making and now weeks in the bombing and killing, we need to look closer to home. We can be kind to ourselves, our families, our neighbours and fellow Canadians.

We should also remember that we need to be aware of local, provincial and national situations. We have

elections coming at all levels. We will have local elections scheduled to happen this fall with others to follow.

We need to stay informed about what we as local residents, Manitobans and Canadians can and should do. Yes, we can care and we can pray. But we also need to be involved. Not many of us are prepared to run for office, but we have an obligation to get involved, encourage others and work for the electing of officials at all levels. And yes, don't forget school board elections as well.

If we spent (or perhaps I should just say, if I spent) as much time preparing for our future as we (or I) do watching TV and the internet, we might all be better off.

If anybody says, there's nothing we can do, they are wrong. We can pray, get involved and take action.

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Letters to the editor

'Your town is truly fortunate'

To the Residents and Council of the Town of Neepawa,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share our family's recent experience at White's Funeral Home and to express our sincere gratitude to Brian, who assisted us during an incredibly difficult time.

As I am sure many in Neepawa know, Brian is a well-recognized member of your community—but what we came to learn is just how fortunate you are to have him. He was truly exceptional. He managed to make what is normally an overwhelming and emotional process feel less stressful through his compassion, patience, and

deep understanding of what families go through after the loss of a loved one.

His patience and compassion are beyond measure. Not only did he handle every detail required when a loved one passes, but he also helped guide us through the next steps. He assisted us in completing all the necessary documents, ensuring that nothing was missed. There are many forms, and without his support, we certainly would have made mistakes.

Beyond the formal requirements, Brian took the time to sit with us, listen to our stories about Dad, and hear our experience of the loss. Somehow, he brought

a calming presence that made a painful process just a little bit easier to bear.

We felt it was important to share our story with your community—not only to express our gratitude, but also to reassure anyone who may face such a difficult time in the future. You are in good hands. Your town is truly fortunate to have White's Funeral Home and, in particular, someone like Brian who provides not only professional service, but genuine care and comfort during life's most stressful moments.

Warm regards, Dutko family.

**Joe Szabo
Edmonton, AB**

'I will be voting against Bill C-9' -Mazier



PHOTO FROM DAN MAZIER

Dan Mazier and a portion of the crowd at MacGregor for his public meeting regarding Bill C-9.

On Friday, Mar. 13, over 250 people gathered in the small town of MacGregor to stand up for religious freedom.

We had an important conversation about Bill C-9, with special guest Andrew Lawton, one of the loudest voices in Parliament fighting this bill.

Religious freedoms are under attack in Canada.

The Liberals struck a backroom deal with the Bloc Québécois to strip a 50-year-old protection from our Crim-

inal Code that protects people of faith who are simply quoting their sacred texts and expressing what they believe.

Then, just days ago, they voted to shut down debate so Canadians couldn't have their voices heard on legislation that impacts every faith community in this country.

I will be voting against Bill C-9.

**Dan Mazier,
Member of Parliament
Riding Mountain District**

Thumbs up, thumbs down



Good luck to the Neepawa Titans as they head into the playoffs!
**Garth and Darlene Hunter
Neepawa, MB**

HELEN DRYSDALE

out of helen's kitchen Salvation Army League

The Salvation Army began its work in Canada in 1882 and quickly began giving help and hope to those in need in this country. Capt. Joe Mallion arrived in Neepawa in 1887 and built the first Army Hall. In 1890 the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg was started by The Salvation Army, initially as a rescue home for women and children, then incorporated as The Salvation Army Grace General Hospital in 1904, becoming the first Salvation Army hospital in Canada.

In the 1970s, when I was a nurse's aide at the Care Home, the veterans of WWI talked about how the Salvation Army followed them right to the front lines and set up canteens and served hot food, coffee and donuts to the fighting men. They provided letter-writing supplies and stamps, mended clothes, prayed with them, and played a major role in boosting morale of many young men who found themselves far from home and frightened. They had fond memories of the "other Army Persons" and devised the affectionate nickname of "Sally Ann" for them.

The Ladies Home League of Salvation Army was founded in 1907 in London, England by Florence Booth as a "help one another society" for women with the fourfold aim of worship, education, fellowship and service. Neepawa had a Chapter of this group. In 1969 the Neepawa's Chapter published a cookbook called "From Our Kitchen To Yours". Names like Ada Kaye, Hazel Griffith, Grace Gwyer, Mrs. Shirley Katsky, Lizzie Buchanan, Mrs. K. Huband, Effie Ames, Mrs. Stanley Sykes and Mrs. Rose Tyack appear in this cookbook.

From the cook book "Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles with every meal." I have made this recipe many times. It is a great addition to a meal.

Cabbage salad deluxe -Lil Walker

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| 1 lemon Jello powder | 1/2 cup finely chopped celery |
| 2 Tbsp. vinegar | 1 tsp. grated onion |
| 1 cup boiling water | 2 cups finely chopped onions |
| 3/4 cup Miracle Whip | |

Dissolve Jello powder in the boiling water, add the vinegar. When partially set whip in the Miracle Whip and the vegetables. Put in a mold and keep in the fridge. This is very good.

20-minute casserole -Mrs. Agnes Willerton

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| 3 Tbsp. minced onion | 1 can condensed soup |
| 1 cup cooked mixed vegetables | 1 1/4 cup hot water |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | 1 cup canned or cooked meat or fish |
| dash of pepper | 1 1/3 cup Minute Rice |

First grease a 1 1/2-quart casserole, then add the ingredients as given in order. Oven is set at 375°F. Bake uncovered for 10 minutes, then stir. Cover and bake 10 minutes longer. If desired garnish with pimento. Makes four servings.

Date nut loaf -Mrs. George De'Ath

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| 1 cup chopped dates | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 3/4 cup boiling water | 1/4 cup melted butter |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | 1 1/3 cup flour |
| 1 egg | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| 3/4 cup brown sugar | 3/4 cup chopped walnuts |
| 1 tsp. salt | |

Place chopped dates in a bowl, add baking soda, pour boiling water over dates, mix well and let stand to cool. Beat egg until light, add the brown sugar, salt and vanilla and melted butter. Combine with date mixture. Stir flour and baking powder together, combine with date mixture. Add the chopped nuts and mix. Pour into a greased 9X5 inch loaf pan. Bake at 350° F for 50-60 minutes.

Carrot marmalade cookies -Mrs. W. Sumner

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| 1/2 cup margarine, room temp. | 2 cups flour |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1 egg | 1/2 tsp. baking soda |
| 1/2 cup orange marmalade | 1/2 -3/4 cup of raisins |
| 1.2 cup shredded carrots | |

Beat the margarine, sugar and egg together until light, then add marmalade and carrots. Stir in the flour, salt and baking soda. Add the raisins. Drop by small spoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F for 12 to 15 minutes. Yield 4 dozen.

These doughnuts were cooked in hot lard. This recipe calls for oil to make them a wee bit healthier. Many added nutmeg to this recipe if they had it at the front lines.

The Famous Salvation Army Doughnut Recipe

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| 5 cups flour | 2 eggs |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 3/4 cup milk |
| 5 tsp. baking powder | 1 2/3 cup of vegetable oil for frying |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | |

Mix all the ingredients together except the oil to make the dough. Thoroughly knead dough. Roll Smooth. Cut into rings that are less than 1/4 inch thick.

Drop the rings into the hot vegetable oil until doughnuts are browned. Turn and brown the other side. When browned, remove doughnuts and allow excess oil to drip off. Dust with powdered sugar. Let cool and enjoy!

Canadian writer-researcher John Warms to visit Neepawa

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

intriguing stories and findings for the curious mind.

A 'special privilege'

The author's own, as he put it, "questionable passion" and long-standing intrigue with these unusual animals all sprouted from a rumor. A rather particular one which, he felt, brought about questions that required answers.

"To satisfy my curiosity, I drove to Manitoba's largest Indigenous community to locate a lady who had allegedly experienced a 'log on the road that moved'. The first hundreds of subsequent interviews left me with some disturbing questions. Why had I never heard of such super-sized serpents before, and what did the scientific community know about them," Warms asked. "My second question was answered by the response from a university herpetologist, after I asked what Manitoba's biggest snake was, and found the familiar garter snake was suggested. I strongly suspected where the truth lay, and have come to enjoy much more than one book full of corroborating eyewitness accounts for almost half a century— of not only the large serpents, but also an inexhaustible parade of other unusual animals."

Warms later added, "It is also important to know that the stories mentioned



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Author John Warms with his books 'The Girl Who Met Sasquatch' and 'Strange Creatures Seldom Seen'.

in *Strange Creatures Seldom Seen* are all factual as much as I could determine, and I was able to meet face to face with most of the people I interviewed."

Warms also shared that he has been very delighted to be able to share these "hidden treasures" with the world.

"On many occasions, when some exceptional eyewitness accounts came my way, I felt like I had struck oil, found a gold mine— not in the literal sense, but in intrinsic value. Value that surpasses tangible material," Warms enthused. "It has also been a special privilege not only to unearth and

sibility of laying eyes on giant bats and giant birds is very exciting, since improved technology is on our side. Even the 'underwater moose' has recently become more accessible."

A tale for younger readers

While '*Strange Creatures Seldom Seen*' contains a bounty of information and theorizations for inquisitive adults, '*The Girl Who Met Sasquatch*' shares one such unique tale with readers of younger audiences.

Freshly released in 2025, the book is a retelling of an experience Warm's friend, Marlene Colomb, had as a young girl. This was a chance encounter with the ever elusive sasquatch while camping for the summer with her grandparents on the bank of a Manitoba lake.

"When I first met [Marlene] as we waited to catch the train that would take us to Pukatawagan, she immediately wished to share

her story with me when she realized I collected stories of unusual creatures," said Warms. "It soon became obvious to both of us that, since her encounter with a sasquatch was not an unpleasant experience at all, children would enjoy hearing about such an extraordinary event."

Warms added, "Since I had already become aware of some positive characteristics that these creatures were known to exhibit, I was glad to have the opportunity to show some evidence of that."

The tale shared in the children's book is further brought to life through the illustrations of artist Breanna Warms, granddaughter of John Warms.

This passionately retold tale can already be found right here in Neepawa, as it has recently been made available at ArtsForward, New Hope Health, Super Thrifty, and Mull & Skye. It can also be found online via Amazon.



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Brookdale Research Farm expansion a win-win partnership

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The expansion of the Brookdale Research Farm will increase MBFI's capacity to 'quantify, validate, and qualify beneficial practices on a field scale to support research and demonstration activities that help strengthen the long-term environmental and economic sustainability on these unique landscapes.'

The release also noted that DUC was a founding partner of MBFI in 2014, and is a core partner with the Manitoba Beef Producers and the Manitoba government. Delving further into this point,



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Seen from left to right: Karli Reimer (Head of Communications and Outreach - Prairies for Ducks Unlimited Canada); Ron Kostyshyn (Province of Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture); Andrew Hak (Regional Manager of Conservation - Securement, of Ducks Unlimited Canada); and Mary-Jane Orr (General Manager of Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives), as seen at the recent announcement at the Manitoba Legislature.

MBFI currently manages nearly 2,000 acres for field scale research and farm

demonstrations intended to improve "economic and environmental impacts of beef production". Of these acres, more than half are owned by DUC.

Projects carried out by MBFI were stated to include "precision ranching, rangeland drought response, soil health assessment, pasture rejuvenation, habitat assessment, herd health and forage variety testing."

Providing a final com-

ment, Reimer said, "This partnership is a win for habitat restoration and a win for forage and livestock production. In the future, farmers will use data from the newly expanded Brookdale Research Farm to make land use decisions that are beneficial to their operation and the environment."

Additional information on DUC and its programs can be found at www.ducks.ca.



A DUC forage inspection at the Odanah Pasture, which is now part of the Brookdale Research Farm.

Market report

By Blaine Huston
Gladstone Auction

We sold 1,086 head on Tuesday, Mar. 17.

We had about 165 butcher cattle to start the day on a very strong market, here's how they sold:

- D1-D2 cows \$2.25-2.50.
- D3 older cows \$2.00-2.24.
- Feeding type cows \$2.40-2.70.
- Bulls \$2.65-2.8450.

On feeder side of things I'd call the steer market up a bit from last week, and the heifers a tad bit under pressure.

Here are some market highlights from yesterday's sale:

- We had a package of eight tan and red steers weighing 968 pounds bring \$4.57 a pound (\$4,422 a head).
- Ten buck skin steers come in the ring weighing 763 pounds and cash in at \$5.47 a pound (\$4,175 per head).
- Eight red and black steers weighing 660 pounds stamp there ticket at \$6.0750 a pound (\$4,010 a head).

On the Heifer side of things:

•Four Charolais heifers weighing 945 pounds bring \$4.32 per pound (\$4,080 per head).

•Four black heifers weigh 756 pounds and fetch \$4.83 per pound (\$3,649 per head).

•Red hided heifers come in the ring weighing 580 pounds and bring \$6.11 a pound (\$3,544 per head).

Plainer type cattle and cattle with horns or bulls are seeing discounts.

Over all it was still a good sale on Tuesday in Happy Rock.

The next sale is Mar. 24.

Gladstone Auction Mart Cattle Market Report

Mar. 17, 2026

Steers

4-500 lbs.	\$7.50 to 8.39
5-600 lbs.	\$6.45 to 7.38
6-700 lbs.	\$5.70 to 6.60
7-800 lbs.	\$4.90 to 5.85
8-900 lbs.	\$4.60 to 5.17
900+ lbs.	\$4.10 to 4.73

Heifers

4-500 lbs.	\$6.70 to 7.60
5-600 lbs.	\$5.80 to 6.67
6-700 lbs.	\$4.95 to 5.70
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8-900 lbs.	\$3.85 to 4.55
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Discipline, depth could shape Titan's playoff fate

Neepawa set to face the Virden Oil Capitals in MJHL first-round series

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

If the Neepawa Titans want to play meaningful games in April, they'll have to get past a familiar foe before the end of March. The Titans have returned to the MJHL postseason for the third consecutive year and are paired up against the Virden Oil Capitals.

This first round series marks the second time in the last three years these clubs have met in the playoffs. During the 2024 Turnbull Cup tournament, Virden defeated Neepawa in the first round 4-games-to-2. As for this current version of the Oil Caps, the club has earned the right to enter the playoffs feeling confident, having won five of six games against the Titans this year.

Neepawa Titans Head Coach and General Manager Pearson said this

version of Virden is a very structured team that will compete hard in all three zones.

"They generate a lot off their forecheck and they're strong around the net, so they make you earn every inch of ice. Against a team like that, details matter."

But despite the challenge, Pearson believes his group is entering the playoffs in a good position, particularly when it comes to the roster's overall health.

"Right now we're in pretty good shape health-wise," Pearson said. "At this time of year everybody's dealing with little bumps and bruises, but nothing out of the ordinary for playoffs. We expect the majority of our group to be available when the series starts, which is



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Defencemen Owen Durigan (#2) and the rest of the Neepawa Titans, are set to face the Virden Oil Capitals, in the first round of the MJHL Turnbull Cup Playoffs.

important, because depth is going to matter in a long series against a good team like Virden."

Depth could also play a key role in the Titans' approach to goaltending. The club will go into the post-season with Zach Burleigh, K.C. Couckuyt and Alex

Myers as options, Burleigh

has handled the majority of games between the pipes this year, starting 33 games. Myers, meanwhile, was in net for 20 games and Couckuyt, who returned in late January from injury,

us the best chance to win game one, and from there we'll evaluate game by game. At the same time, we're not afraid to use whoever if the situation calls for it. Competition in that position has been healthy

for our group all year." Pearson stated that the coaching staff, and more importantly, the players, are confident in all the options they have between the pipes. He added that they will take a flexible approach to who is the starter as the series unfolds.

"We're fortunate to have confidence in our goaltenders," Pearson said. "The playoffs can be a grind, so having guys we trust is important. We'll start with the guy we feel gives

for our group all year."

Pearson concluded by stating that overall execution and discipline from the players will be critical, if they wish to advance this post-season.

"For us, the focus has been on managing the puck well, supporting each other defensively, and playing with pace," said Pearson. "If we can stay disciplined within our system and limit the time and space they get in the offensive zone, we like our chances. In the playoffs, it usually comes down to execution and consistency."

Games one will be played in Virden on Friday, Mar. 20 at Tundra Oil & Gas Place. Game two, will relocate to the Yellowhead Centre on Saturday, Mar. 21, with a start time of 7:30 p.m. Game seven (if needed) set for Virden on Mar. 31.

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GAME 5 - Saturday, March 28
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Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
xy - Virden Oil Capitals	58	39	14	3	2	83
x - Dauphin Kings	58	33	23	2	0	68
x - Waywayseecappo Wolverines	58	29	24	3	2	63
x - Neepawa Titans	58	28	28	1	1	58
Swan Valley Stampeders	58	20	33	3	2	45
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	58	8	43	4	3	23
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
xyz - Niverville Nighthawks	58	51	6	1	0	103
x - Steinbach Pistons	58	47	9	2	0	96
x - Portage Terriers	58	39	18	1	0	79
x - Winkler Flyers	58	34	20	1	2	72
Selkirk Steelers	58	20	35	2	1	43
Winnipeg Blues	58	18	36	4	0	40
Winnipeg Monarchs	58	11	45	2	0	24

x = Clinched playoffs. y = Clinched Division. z = Regular Season Champion

Game results

Friday, Mar. 14 Wayway 5-2 Neepawa

First Period
02:22 WAY L. Gould (1)
ASST: B. Farthing (11), R. Perrin (11)
07:16 WAY J. Nelson (3) PP
ASST: K. Rookes (46), S. Hicks (41)
09:50 NPA K. Weisgarber (16)
ASST: L. Paquette (33), G. Slaney (8)
Second Period
05:26 NPA J. Faith (4)
ASST: O. Durigan (25)
11:17 WAY S. Hicks (33) PP
ASST: A. Herring (21), I. Catchway (4)
Third Period
07:27 WAY A. Herring (22) PP
ASST: S. Hicks (42), B. Roulette (43)
10:31 WAY D. Hebert (2)
ASST: A. Herring (22), N. Oughton (16)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
WAY 2 1 2 5 2/4
NPA 1 1 0 2 0/3
Goaltender
WAY - M. Bercier - (W) 36/38 saves
NPA - KC. Couckuyt - (L) 25/30 saves
Attendance: 421 Yellowhead Centre

MJHL Player Stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Hayden Wheddon (NIV)	36	54	90
2. Bryce Bryant (VDN)	28	53	81
3. Nik Gudmundson (WKR)	33	44	77
4. Sebastien Hicks (WAY)	29	45	74
5. Merik Boles (NIV)	25	48	73

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Jack Clark	32	28	60
2. Logan Paquette	22	37	59
3. Cooper Kasprick	21	29	50
4. Kyle Weisgarber	16	34	50
5. Talen Wallis	23	21	44

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By Austin Lewis Submitted

The Neepawa Titans still had something to play for in the last weekend of the MJHL's regular season schedule. A third place finish in the MGEU West was on the line in Neepawa's game against the Waywayseecappo Wolverines on Friday, Mar. 13.

A Titans' win would mean that Neepawa had a shot of surpassing Wayway in the standings. However, a Wolverines' victory would officially lock in the matchups for the Turnbull Cup Playoffs.

Before the game started, it was family billet night for the Titans with players as Keenan Skrupa, Kyle Weisgarber, Cooper Kasprick, Logan Paquette, Dawson Andries, and others got pictures taken with their billet families before puck drop.

The first seven minutes of the game was not the start the Titans were hoping for as they gave up the first two goals against Wayway with one of them being on the power play.

The Titans went 0-for-3

on the power play, and also took two costly penalties in the third. They also gave up three unanswered goals, which included the game winner and two insurance markers by the Wolverines after they tied up the game early into the second period. That's what led them to a tough 5-2 loss, as they couldn't capitalize on the man advantage and Wayway's PK was too much for the Titans to handle.

The Titans last game of the regular season against the Swan Valley Stampeders was completely different as a lot of great things happened in that game. The Titans power play skyrocketed from the last game as six powerplay goals were scored for the first time since 2022. It was also the first time since Oct. 2023 when Neepawa scored more than ten goals in a game, and the first time



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Titans closed out the regular season, with a pair of home game, including a showdown with the Waywayseecappo Wolverines (pictured) on Friday, Mar. 13.

in their history when scoring 13 goals in a game.

Talen Lewis recorded his first career hat trick, Logan Paquette with a five point performance which brings him to six points in the last two games of the season, Jack Clark achieved point No. 60 of the season with

a goal and two assists, and Kyle Weisgarber tallying his 100th career point in his 100th career game in the MJHL. The Titans finish off their regular season on a very high note with a 13-3 victory over Swan Valley to prepare themselves for the playoffs.

Tigers' season ends due to a Viking purge

By Eoin Devereux Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Tigers saw their Westman High School Hockey League playoff run ended abruptly last week, after being swept by the Vincent Massey Vikings.

Neepawa had entered the best-of-three semi-final series as the league's third best team with an impressive 22-6-0 regular season record. However, they ran into a red-hot Vincent Massey squad that finished second overall at 24-3-1.

As for game one of the series, it took place Tuesday, Mar. 10 in Brandon, where the Vikings skated to a 6-1 victory. The Tigers' lone goal came midway through the third period when

Ian Foster converted on a power-play opportunity.

The series then shifted to Neepawa on Thursday, Mar. 12 for game two at the Yellowhead Centre. Vincent Massey came out strong, controlling play early and generating several scoring chances in the opening minutes.

The Vikings would open up the scoring less than five minutes into the game with a power-play goal. They'd add another shortly afterward on a shot that sailed through traffic, and slipped past the Tigers' goaltender to make it 2-0.

While Neepawa was able to settle into the game following that early pressure, they couldn't find a goal for themselves, and trailed 2-0

after 20 minutes.

For the majority of the second period, it was a solid back and forth between the teams, with several chances created on both ends of the ice. It was the Vikings though, who would score the next goal with 5:30 remaining in the frame.

The Tigers did respond just under a minute later, as Luke Nicholson scored his fifth of the playoffs to cut the lead to 3-1. Vincent Massey regained the momentum almost a quickly, however, capitalizing on their third power-play of the night only 65 seconds later. That would

make it 4-1 heading into the final period.

The Vikings pulled away in the third with three more goals, including their fourth power-play marker of the contest. Neepawa added one more late in the game, when Zach Plett scored with the man advantage, but that would be it for the home side, as Vincent Massey secured the 7-2 victory and swept the series 2-0.

The Vikings now advance to the league final, where they will face the Dauphin Clippers, who defeated Swan Valley in the other semifinal series.



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Joseph (Joe) Dutko passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the Country Meadows Care Home in Neepawa, Manitoba. Just two weeks earlier, Joe proudly celebrated his 102nd birthday.

Born on February 27, 1924, in the Rural Municipality of Rosedale, Joe spent nearly his entire life on the same quarter section of land where he farmed, raised his family, and built a life rooted in hard work and devotion. In July 2017, Joe and his wife Lorraine retired from the farm and moved into Neepawa.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife Lorraine (Crabbe). The two were married on December 26, 1950, and recently celebrated an extraordinary 75 years of marriage. Joe leaves behind his children Allan (Janis), Joanne (Joe), Cathy, and Kerry (Brian); seven grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Annie and Steve; his brother Eddie (Lotty); his sister Helen (Clair); his grandson Christopher; and several members of the Crabbe family.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Milligan, Dr. Jawed, the on-call physicians, and the dedicated nursing and support staff at the Neepawa Hospital and Country Meadows Care Home for their compassionate care.

Joe loved farming and cherished his family deeply. He enjoyed evening walks, calling out to his dogs Blue and Teka to join him, and calling "My cows!" as they came running for chop. In his younger years he spent time camping, fishing, hunting, and ski-doing. He treasured time with his grandchildren, and in his later years could often be seen riding his buggy (mobility scooter) around town, making his daily coffee run to McDonald's and visiting with friends.

Honouring Joe's wishes, no funeral or public service will be held. A private family graveside service will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Neepawa District Palliative Care Services, an organization close to both Joseph and Lorraine's hearts.

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 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.

Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah Request For Proposals

The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah requests written proposals for renovations to the municipal cold storage building located in Clanwilliam, Manitoba. Construction to include insulating and tinning one-half of the 52 feet deep by 60 feet wide workshop with a 16 foot high ceiling and pouring a 6 inch concrete floor.

All proposals to be received by the undersigned by no later than 4:00 p.m., March 25, 2026.

Send proposals marked "Municipal Workshop" to:

Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah
Box 1197
Minnedosa, Manitoba
R0J 1E0
Phone: (204) 867-3282
Fax: (204) 867-1937
Email: cao@mintoodanah.ca

Interested Contractors can contact the Municipal Office to obtain the Request For Proposal Document.

Notice

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN



PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Municipality of North Norfolk intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, the 8th day of April 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council chambers. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided.

Copies of the Financial Plan are available for review and may be examined by any person by contacting the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

Municipal Office contact is as follows:

Phone: 204-685-2211
Fax: 204-685-2616
Email: office@northnorfolk.ca
Address: 27 Hampton Street East, MacGregor

Theresa Bergen, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of North Norfolk
March 12, 2026

Neepawa PESTICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town of Neepawa intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during the 2026 season:

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

Proposed dates of application will be from May 1 to October 15, 2026.

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

Manitoba Environment & Climate Change
Environmental Approvals Branch
Box 35, 14 Fultz Boulevard
Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6

NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST / PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MINTO-ODANAH

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at:

The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah,
49 Main St. S., Minnedosa, Manitoba
from Monday to Friday between the hours
of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m..

At this time the Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) will be available to update the voters list by:

- adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- making such other correction of errors to the list as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if he or she is:

- 1) a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and
- 2) a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to election day.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:

A voter may apply in writing to the S.E.O. (at the address / email below) no later than September 22, 2026 to have his/her name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or email and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before September 22, 2026.

Dated at Minnedosa in the Province of Manitoba on March 11, 2026.

Aaren Robertson, Senior Election Official
Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah
Box 1197
Minnedosa, Manitoba
R0J 1E0
Phone: (204) 867-3282
Email: cao@mintoodanah.ca



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipality of North Norfolk, including the MacGregor Golf Course, intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2026.

1. To control noxious weeds and brush on road allowances within the Municipality of North Norfolk, as well as any required spraying on the MacGregor Golf Course. The projected dates of application will be from April 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026

2,4-D Amine, & Ester	Dicamba	Daconil 2787
Picloram	Glyphosate	Golden Eagle
Garlon (Triclopyr)	Mecoprop	Heritage Max
Fluroxypyr	Amitrol 240	Instrata
Dichlorprop	Diazinon	Senator 70 WP
Aminopyralid	Diflufenzopyr	Merge
Metsulfuron	Fiesta	Esplanade
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Wilson Total Wipeout	Truvisit	LI 700
Navius	Banner Maxx	Overdrive
Hasten NT	Gateway	Goal 2XL
Overdrive	Estaprop	RT-540

2. To control Rodents at the following sites in the Municipality of North Norfolk at various times during the coming year using the rodenticide Brodifacoum.

- All Disposal Sites

3. To control the following insect pests including grasshoppers, mosquitoes, elm bark beetles, cankerworms, Emerald Ash Borer, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from April 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026. The insecticides to be used include:

Malathion	Sevin	Imidacloprid
Deltamethrin	Eco Bran	Acephate
Chlorpyrifos	Lorsban 4E	Azadirachtin
Cyhalothrin-Lambda	Aquabac	
Pyrate 480 EC	Sevin T-O	

The public may, within 15 days after this notice is published, submit written comments to the department or register a written objection to the use of pesticide next to their property:

Environmental & Climate
Environmental Approvals Branch
14 Fultz Blvd, Box 35
Winnipeg, MB R3Y 0L6
pesticideusepermit@gov.mb.ca

Dated at the Town of MacGregor this 13th day of March 2026.

Theresa Bergen
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of North Norfolk

Obituary



William Chemerika

We are saddened to announce the peaceful passing of the patriarch of our family, William Chemerika or Willie as he was known by most, on March 11th at the age of 95.

He was the beloved husband of Josie for more than 68 years and loving father to Jan

(Leo), predeceased by Rick (Anne), Laurie (Chuck), Madelene (Ken), Wendell and Michelle. Willie has been reunited in heaven with his wife and son. He will forever be remembered by his grandchildren Shayla (Jeff), Jennifer (Terry), Eric (Melissa), Michael (Morgann), Cody, Nicole (Travis), Tanner (Carisa), Katrina (Logan), Alyssa (Brendan), Rachel and Alexis. Willie will be missed by his great-grandchildren; Gemma, Kiera, Eastyn, Lincoln, Isla, Charlotte, Max and Bentley.

Willie was born December 14, 1930 on Mountain Road, Manitoba. He attended Lund School, but quit at an early age to help out on the family farm. In 1953 Willie went to Winnipeg to try city life and after a short time he then returned to the family farm.

Willie spent most of his life farming on Mountain Road where he and Josie made their living raising commercial & purebred cattle, as well as running a bit of mixed grain operation. They farmed together for 35 years before moving to Neepawa in 1992. It was a life that reflected his strong work ethic and resilience. Even after retiring from farming, he remained active and engaged in the community he loved.

Willie served as a cantor for 45 years at Mountain Road & Neepawa Ukrainian Church. His dedication to his faith and community was an important part of his life.

In retirement, Willie enjoyed travelling with his wife Josie, taking many bus trips across North America. He also enjoyed bowling for many years and spending his winters ice fishing.

Willie was a true people person. After moving to town, he quickly became a familiar face in the community. Most afternoons you could find him enjoying coffee and conversation with friends at McDonald's, and on Sunday mornings he rarely missed breakfast at Chicken Chef.

Above all, Willie loved his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Though he carried the appearance of a weathered prairie farmer, those who knew him well knew he had a heart of gold.

Willie will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Willie's family would like to take a moment to thank the homecare people, his wonderful neighbours and all who may have helped him in these last years. We appreciate the love and care you showed our beloved Willie!

A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Neepawa, Manitoba with interment taking place at Riverside Cemetery, Neepawa.

White's Funeral Home in care of arrangements
Neepawa ~ Carberry ~ Minnedosa
(204) 476-2848 ~ www.whitesfh.ca

Help Wanted



Industrial Plant Cleaner (NOC 65312)

Why join our team?

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- 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
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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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For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

HyLife has an accommodation process for employees with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation during your employment because of a disability, please contact Jobs@hylife.com. An HR representative will be in touch with you as soon as possible. Reasonable accommodations will be determined on a case-by-case basis and our accommodation policy can be forwarded upon request.

Be a part of the HyLife experience – your journey starts here!

We thank all applicants, however, only those under consideration will be contacted



www.neepawabanner.com



Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

Why join our team?

HyLife is a global leader in food processing, with a vision to be the best food company in the world. To achieve this, we are currently expanding our team and have exciting career opportunities at 623 Main St. Neepawa, MB. We are actively seeking to fill 5 positions.

The current starting wage is \$19.25/hour with incremental increases to \$20.55/hour based on tenure

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What we can offer you:

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

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
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks
- Able to effectively communicate in English
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Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

Why join our team?

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The current starting wage is \$16.45/hour with incremental increases to \$24.60/hour based on tenure as per our Collective Agreement

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- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift Premium
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
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- And more!!!!

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
- Able to effectively communicate in English

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2026 Neepawa Ag Expo Auction Listing

The proceeds from this auction will go towards the Neepawa Titans Junior 'A' Hockey Club and 10% of auction proceeds will be donated to Neepawa Baseball Softball Facility for fresh clay and general improvements.

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4	Corteva	1 case of Prospect herbicide, 1 case of Viatude fungicide and cooler bag with Corteva/Brevant swag	23	CAMO Cattle Co.	\$1000 credit for the Buy the Beef Bull Sale
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8	Bunge	Voucher for one on farm pickup load of Canola delivered to Altona, T-Fal Deep Fryer and 17L of Canola Oil	27	Precision Land Solutions	100 acre survey and tile drainage design
9	AgWest Ltd	6 hour 2 track tractor demo from AgWest	28	Timac Agro	80 acres of Fertilizer
10	DLF	2 (25kg) bags of Weststar Alfalfa seed	29	Richardson Pioneer & Valley View Ag Services	80 acres of dry floating
11	Western Canadian Aerial	60 acres of aerial application	30	CAMO Cattle Co.	1 BEST Farming Systems 100 acre trial pack
12	Taylor Law & Patersons LLP	Voucher for 2 written Wills & 2 Power of Attorney	31	Mar-Dee Enterprises	(2) Pails of Duratran Hydraulic Fluid & (2) pails of Duron Ultra High Performance Synthetic 5W40 oil
13	DSV Northstar Seed	(2) 25 kg bags of Premium Hay Max	32	Steven Smith Agronomy	4 spring or fall soil tests and analysis
14	Parrish & Heimbecker Gladstone	(2) bags of Northstar Genetics NS 273 RR Silage Corn	33	KK Penner	\$500 gift certificate to KK Penner Neepawa
15	E.K. Kostenchuk Ltd	\$2000 worth of excavation or dozer work for the Neepawa and surrounding area.	34	ADM Fertilizer	TBD
16	Bayer	1 bag of DK904TF canola seed	35	Precision Land Solutions	100 acre survey and tile drainage design
17	Shur-Gro Farm Services	1 case (80 acres) of Proline Fungicide	36	Cargill	100 acres of custom spraying
18	T.I.C. Parts & Service	100 acres use of Landoll 7530 Vertical Tillage	37	Court Seeds Ltd	\$500 voucher to Court Seeds Ltd
19	Brett Young Seeds	6 bags of BY Brava RR2 corn seed			

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For questions or more information contact:

Matt Lowry 204-841-2389 • Cam Tibbett 204-841-3060 • Scott Newton 204-841-4727

Community has its say on Neepawa's climate action way



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

On Monday, Mar. 16, members of the community had a chance to share a perspective on Neepawa's Climate Change Local Action Plan (CCLAP). An open house was held at the Administration Office, which shared findings from a climate impact evaluation commissioned by the Town. Citizens were also able to share their concerns and priorities with officials and consultants on the matter. An expanded examination of the the open house and the Action Plan will appear in an upcoming edition of the Banner & Press.

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PC Party acclaims Jodie Byram as candidate for Agassiz

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PC Manitoba

Manitoba's Progressive Conservative Party is getting a head start on its acclamation of candidates for the next provincial election.

One of those representatives is Jodie Byram for Agassiz.

From spending her early years growing up on a farm, to raising her children, Jodie Byram is a lifelong resident of Agassiz. Serving nine years as her predecessor's constituency assistant, Byram has a profound understanding of the needs and concerns of her constituents. Representing among some of the fastest growing communities in Manitoba, she has been a consistent voice for highway safety in Carberry, building a new vocational high school in Neepawa, ensuring security for rural homeowners

and property owners, and strengthening healthcare in Westman by petitioning for a CT scanner at the new Neepawa hospital. As the Progressive Conservative Critic for Families, Byram has also been a hard-working advocate for women, children, and Manitobans with disabilities across the province.

The 44th Manitoba general election will be held no later than Oct. 5, 2027.

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Province of Manitoba intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2026 within the province right of way.

- To control invasive plants and noxious weeds on Manitoba Provincial right of way.
- The herbicides include: Dicamba, 2,4-D amine, 2,4-D Choline, 2,4-D Ester, 2,4-D, Mecoprop-p, Dichloroprop-p, Aminopyralid, Metsulfuronmethyl, Diflufenzopyr, Fluroxypyr, Imazapyr, Triclopyr, Picloram, Aminocyclopyrachlor, Chlorsulfuron, Safflufenacil, Iron (as FeHEDTA), Glyphosate, Clopyralid, Bromacil, Acetic Acid, LI 700, Non Ionic Surfactant, Flumioxazin, Diuron, Indaziflam, Florpyrauxifen, mineral oil, Methyl Ester & Ethyl Ester.
- The proposed dates of application for this program will be from April 15, 2026 to October 31, 2026.

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

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Environmental Approvals Branch
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R.M. of Alonsa facing a land deal lawsuit

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The Rural Municipality of Alonsa and a handful of its officials are facing court action alleging interference on a local land deal.

CBC and CTV Winnipeg have both reported this week that a pair of Manitoba developers have filed a \$15 million lawsuit against the R.M. The statement of claim was filed with Manitoba's Court of King's Bench by Narrows West Land and Cattle Company Inc., Narrows West Developments Inc., as well as two Winnipeg residents earlier this month.

The lawsuit names the municipality and four public officials as defendants.

According to the CTV, the claim suggests the two firms had contracts with the R.M. related to a 2007 agreement. The deal was to allow the companies to own certain lands within the municipality and turn them into a seasonal recreation residential area along the west shore of Lake Manitoba.

The legal action alleges that the municipality "wrongly repossessed" some of the lands the developers owned, and later sold the lands to third-party buyers.

It is also alleged that municipal officials reached out to people who

had already bought property from the developers, and encouraged them to back out of contracts. The developers said the rural municipality's actions caused them to lose profits and development opportunities. None of these claims have yet to be proven in a court of law.

Expanded details can be found online at www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/rural-municipality-alonsa-developer-lawsuit-9.7131201 and www.ctvnews.ca/winnipeg/article/developers-allege-manitoba-municipal-officials-sabotaged-resort-project-in-15m-claim/

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