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Bubbles of wonder

PHOTOS BY DIANE WARNER

There was plenty of fun to be had at the Crocus Festival on May 4. Banner & Press staff member Diane Warner captured these scenes from the day, featuring some laughs, fun and wonder with bubbles.

The Bubble Man had audience members participate and even lit a bubble on fire!

To see more photos from this bubbly event, float on over to Page 15.




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Farm & Leisure Lotto announces final draw winners



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Although the weather was grey and dreary on May 2, it was a joyous day for the Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic and for a set of locals following the conclusion of the Farm & Leisure Lotto. Lottery chair Mary Ellen Clark presented the grand prize and 50/50 winnings to the lucky ticket holders that rainy day under the shelter of the clinic's south entrance rotunda.

Pictured left: Lottery chair Mary Ellen Clark with grand prize winners Ashton and Jamie Porrok, along with kids Adley and Beau. Pictured right: Mary Ellen Clark with lucky 50/50 winner Phyllis Adamyk.

By Casper Wehrhahn NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

With a final draw, the 2024 Neepawa & District Medical Committee's Farm & Leisure Lotto has come to a close. The lottery committee pulled the names for the winners last week, with a set of locals coming away with the lottery's grand prize and the 50/50 draw prize.

These winners were Ashton and Jamie Porrok (\$100,000 grand prize) and Phyllis Adamyk (\$47,990 from the 50/50 draw).

"We don't have anything in particular in mind— But it will help with bills and we'll perhaps take the kids on a family vacation," said Ashton and Jamie.

Jamie added, "We are very big supporters of the lottery— it's a very important cause to support!"

Adamyk also had her sights set on some future travel, stating with a smile, "I promised I would take the kids to Hawaii for a vacation— I'm going to share it with the kids."

Adamyk also shared her surprise in finding out that, due to scams being on the rise as of late, she'd truly had her name pulled.

"I thought it was a scam at first, when I got the call, since I've had past calls

that said I'd won a lottery," said Adamyk. "But today it was true!"

Other prize winners for the lottery from the Banner & Press coverage area were: Ron and Olia Jesson, Neepawa; Angela Meier, Brandon; Denis Saquet, Kara Sylvester and Colleen Synchrony (same ticket), Neepawa; and Gloria Usick of Erickson for a prize of \$500. Richard Oliver, Erickson; Dennis Tiller, Erickson; and Stacy Senkbeil and Gordon McKay, Brandon for a prize of \$1,000.

Supporting the vision

Although the official tally wasn't quite finalized as of the photo-op and

interviews with the Banner & Press on May 2, lottery chair Mary Ellen Clark was hopeful that the committee hit over the \$100,000 mark.

"It's always nice if you can make it over the \$100,000. That's something we always shoot for," said Clark.

Clark noted that the current economical climate may have had an impact on ticket sales— a change for this year that didn't go unanticipated.

"We felt that money was a little tighter out there this year," Clark explained. "We were down a little bit in numbers, but with the current economy, we were expecting to have a little fewer."

In her final words, Clark

extended gratitude to all who were able to support the fundraiser this year.

"We're so grateful for the larger community that surrounds us, as well as the local community, since they maybe don't have services near them— they are always so thankful for what we do when they call to purchase a ticket. Their enthusiasm helps us and it helps them," said Clark. "Thank you to the community for supporting the committee and the vision we have for healthcare in Neepawa and area."

The funds raised from this year's lottery will be put towards the continued renovation of the Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic.

Yellowhead Centre hires new general manager

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Chairman of Neepawa's Yellowhead Centre board, Wayne Jacobsen announced on May 1 that Crystal Rannie will be the new General Manager for the facility. Rannie has served in several capacities at the YHC including board member and volunteer with extensive experience in the Red Line Grill, the centre's concession stand. Rannie started May 1 in her new role. "We are glad to have Crystal join the team and are excited for her to implement the ideas that she shared with the board to move the facility forward" said Jacobsen.

The Yellowhead Centre was opened in 1972 and consists of a large community hall, a full size ice arena and lobby and is well known within the community to be the sporting, cultural and social hub of the community.

YHC is home to the Neepawa Titans Junior "A" Hockey club, the Neepawa Farmers senior hockey team, the NACI Tigers hockey team, all male and female Neepawa minor hockey teams, Neepawa Novas Gymnastics Club, Neepawa Figure Skating Club, Neepawa Lacrosse club and some recreational hockey teams. It also proudly hosts a summer camp, NACI graduation ceremonies, The Filipino Cultural Celebration, many weddings and special events and offers a warm place to walk in the winter and start baseball practices in cool wet springs.

"I am very proud to take on the role of General Manager for the Yellowhead Centre as it is such an important place for our community. I can't wait to get to work to deliver the services that user groups expect while implementing some new things that make the Yellowhead even better." said Rannie.

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1974: Npa.'s Viscount High School to be phased out

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
May 24, 1899**

Note: The section for March through early May is absent from the hard-copy archives of this year. As such, an excerpt from late-May has been selected for this week.

Constable McLaughlin is the proud possessor of a new uniform which is assertive of his authority and in his appearance.

**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
May 6, 1924**

The bobbed hair mania is increasing, so Manitoba papers say. And in Winnipeg the barber shops have as many girl and women customers as they have men. There is a style of cut to suit every type of womanhood. And some future boy may arise and say "All my success I owe to my sainted but bobbed haired mother."

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
May 12, 1949**

The anniversary of Florence Nightgale's birthday, May 12, will be observed today (Thursday) at Neepawa General Hospital. Open house will be observed at the local institution between the hours of 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
May 9, 1974**

The Viscount Junior High School will be phased out as the result of a decision made by the board of trustees of Beautiful Plains School Division Tuesday night. It will be replaced by a new building adjacent to the Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute and will provide classrooms for pupils in grades seven to nine. A proposal to renovate the outdated Viscount School was turned down when it was found that costs would be excessive

when compared to new construction.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
May 10, 2004**

The long awaited clean-up of the former Hamilton Hotel started last week. By Friday, much of the work had been completed. The hotel was destroyed by fire in February.

If Glen Cummings' political instincts mean anything, the New Democrats may be trying to eliminate a civil service job in Neepawa.

Cummings said he's afraid the job of ag rep in Neepawa— vacant since Bob Durston retired three months ago— will be one of those left unfilled.

Business students at Glenella school soared to new heights, placing in the top three of the Grand Challenge of the Youth Business Institute.

The Eagles— Chad Malfait, Jerod Marohn, James Petrowski, Justin Sawchuk and Tyler Smith— took third place in the competition, acing bigger schools in Winnipeg and Brandon. The team received \$1,000 for their efforts.

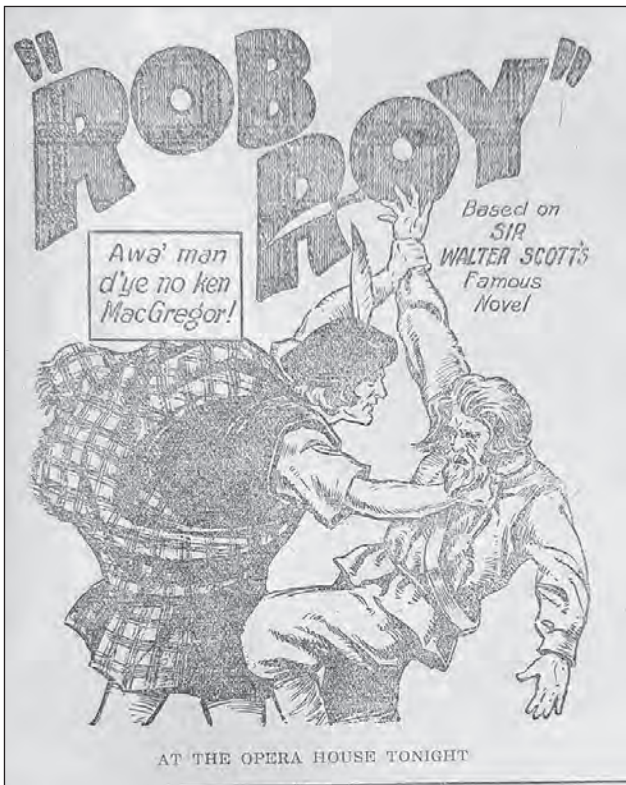
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Pictured above is the Viscount High School, as it appeared in the May 6, 1974 edition of The Neepawa Press. It was announced that the school was to be phased out and replaced by a new building.

Pictured below: Another occasion from around this date, but in 2004, was that of a group of Business students from Glenella taking third in the Grand Challenge of the Youth Business Institute. From left to right are Jerod Marohn, Chad Malfait, Justin Sawchuk, teacher Paul McDonald, James Petrowski and Tyler Smith with a cheque for \$1,000.



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Rob Roy was the show advertised for the Neepawa Opera House in the May 6, 1924 edition of The Neepawa Press.

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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Trying something different...

Well, it's different for me. I cancelled my television subscription. For a trial I put it on hold for the summer, but know I do perfectly well without it. To be fair, my television is deemed a smart one, and so there are several channels available at all and any time, and the kind I rather enjoy—free ones! No, seriously, they are free but they are home and garden and antique road shows, old to be sure, but when the set is on it is to keep the dog company, or for background noise when I'm thinking.

I've re-embraced reading. And to that point, I have an appointment with the optometrist soon. I completed a quilt for a great grandchild, well I pieced the top, had it professionally quilted and then used the excuse of needing help with the binding to spend time with my younger sister. She's a good sister; she bound it for me. So, then, really, I purchased the fabric, cut and sewed the squares... but it's done and it looks darn good. I have spent a good bit of time with the indoor garden. I am enjoying the micro cucumbers— they grow about four or five inches long and are firm and tasty. I am waiting for the micro tomatoes to ripen— they are a little larger than a cherry and come in a variety of colours. I started garden seeds, and flower seeds, and most of them are already sitting outside, waiting to be planted. Ok, I planted some but they have water jackets on so they will survive any weather that may still come. I start my day with coffee and word games. There is a series that I play every morning; Canukle, Septle, Wordle, Connect Four— that's a challenge! and now I've added Sudoku. There was a time when I spent hours playing sudoku and doing cross word puzzles, sitting at a bedside... I set both away for a long time after that and am only just getting back to them.

With the warmer weather it is easy to keep busy. Out in the shop I am working on refinishing an old door, repairing a chest of drawers, and finding stuff! I was looking for my hand sander. I checked everywhere it should be and I could not find it. I contacted a grandchild who sometimes has borrowed it. Not there either. After the second, or third time I inquired after it I had her wondering if she had lost it! Or was grandma losing it? It was me. I went back out to the garage one final time and looked at the spot that it always hangs. It was there. Who knew it was black? In my mind I was looking for an orange one... Never mind, the other day as I left the church and wandered around two parking lots looking for my vehicle, I remembered I had parked on a street... Yup, can spend a bit of time looking for things...

And walking, that's not different, just the distances Arie and I cover have increased, that is different. We now try for four or five miles a day, she sleeps well at night...

Let's save some and lives

I was talking to a couple of business people and we were chatting about ways we could save money, time and effort, especially in terms of policing and bureaucracy costs. The topic of the day was gun ownership. The federal government has been throwing money down the sewer pipe for decades now pretending that Canada needs gun control. We don't need gun control, we need criminal control. Our discussion concluded there should be no law against gun ownership. If somebody wants to own a hundred guns, it's nobody's business. It should not be illegal. Nor should possession of any kind of gun be illegal. What needs to be illegal and is illegal is using guns or anything else to cause harm to people.

It is argued by some folks that if we limit the ownership of guns, we will keep guns out of the hands of criminals. Gun control has been an issue with various levels of stupid regulations for decades. Trouble is, it hasn't worked.

Another area where we are wasting a lot of policing and law and order money and efforts is in chasing the sex trade. Make no mistake that I despise the sex trade and all that it stands for. However, centuries of laws and pressure hasn't even made a dent in the activity. Perhaps sex for hire shouldn't be illegal but rather enforce abuse laws, human trafficking and associated evils that tend to attach themselves to the sex trade.

And while looking at the issue of sexual abuse, it drives me crazy when I see an ad or notice in the papers saying that a man is being released from jail and will be residing in such-and-such area with a public warning that women should be on alert that the creep is likely to re-offend. The guy's last offence may have been rape, beating or even murder. We are absolutely insane to actually put up with



“ [High risk offenders] should not have freedom, ever. We are very dumb if we continue this catch-and-release process ”

this crap. If a person has committed these kinds of offences and is deemed likely to re-offend, then they should never, ever be let out of jail. The jail doesn't have to be a nasty, dirty place. It can be clean and even bright with decent food and single jail cells for each person. But it should be a jail for these kinds of high-risk offenders. They should not have freedom, ever. We are very dumb if we continue this catch-and-release process.

Then I got to thinking about how much time and trouble our police have to spend chasing down drug dealers. Maybe a wide range of drugs should be legalized and available for sale at licensed drug centres. Maybe it's time for safe injection sites. Keep selling and using drugs off the streets and out of public places. I don't pretend to know the answers on the drug issue, but I do know what we're doing isn't working that well and it's costing a lot of money in policing costs. The cost in lives and grief to individuals, families and communities is immeasurable.

A report that came out May 8 in the Winnipeg Free Press showed the devastation that comes from drug overdoses in Manitoba. “Of those who died, the office said 36 were male and 20 were female. By age, 10 people were in their 20s, 21 were in their 30s and 13 were in their 40s.

Eight people were in their 50s, and four were 60 or older. No deaths were registered in the 0-19 age range. According to preliminary data, there were 445 drug-related deaths in 2023, down from 467 in 2022, but up from 432 in 2021.”

The drug deaths apparently are not among the young people which is comforting I guess. But isn't it sad that people with at least some adult life experience succumb to this plague? It seems so sad. Somewhere, somehow, there has to be an answer that will yield better results for Manitoba.

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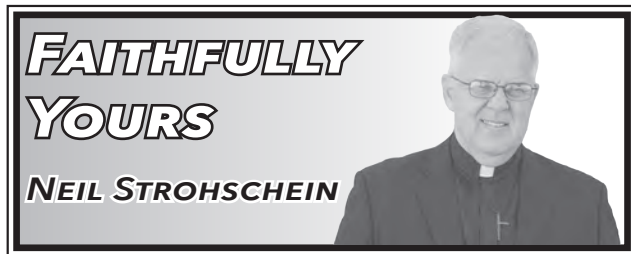
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Laws that cannot be broken, Part III

King Solomon put it this way: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." St. Paul adds these words: "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right; for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2; Galatians 5:9)

These words clearly state a third unbreakable law that God has made. It's one in which every farmer relies. Every crop has its growing season-the number of days between germination and maturity. You plant your seed when it is time to plant and the crop when it is time to harvest. Crops must be planted early enough in spring to ensure that they can be harvested before being damaged by frost or an early autumn snowfall. If seedtime is delayed by equipment failure or unfavourable weather, the timing of the harvest; along with the quantity and qual-



ity of grain harvested could be significantly altered.

What is true of crops in the field or vegetables in our gardens is also true in life.

Every child learns this lesson upon entering school. Assignments don't do themselves. We have to do them. And if we want to get good grades, we have to take the time required to do them well. Books don't read themselves. If we want to retain what we read, we must take time, read carefully and be in a place free from distractions.

If we learn that lesson well while in school, it will pay huge dividends when we enter the workforce. A sign I saw in a restaurant many years ago, said it well: "Please be patient with our staff. Good food takes time

to prepare." In this life, there is no quick or easy way to success. Nothing in this life is "instant." Even "instant" pudding takes time to prepare and must be given time to set properly before it can be eaten.

These facts encourage us, as St. Paul writes, to keep on being our best and doing our best-at all times, in all places and under all circumstances. They also urge us to be ready to help those around us-doing whenever we can, wherever we might be and whatever our knowledge, skills and resources enable us to do.

We are to do these things whether or not we receive any consideration or compensation in return. God, who sees every act of kindness done for others, will ensure that every good

deed is suitably rewarded, if not now, then in the life to come. Take heart. There will be a payday someday; and your good deeds will not be overlooked.

The same truth applies to the evil that people do. It will also be rewarded; in one way or another. Embezzlement of company funds may be covered up for a while; but one day, a forensic audit of a bankrupt firm will uncover it and those responsible will pay for their crimes. All unsolved murders will be solved-if not in this life through modern forensic technology, then on judgment day when God reveals those responsible.

You may be able to hide and avoid prosecution for what you have done in this life; but God will not be mocked. One day, every evil deed will be exposed and punished appropriately. Be warned. There will be a payday someday; and you will not escape punishment for your evil deeds unless you repent and seek God's forgiveness.

Letters

Playing dodgeball with potholes

Well Neepawa, why can't you fix any of your streets, they are awful! Why are there no repairs being done? I have friends from different places that come in to shop, and they can't believe the mess they are and its bad for us in vehicles.

Can you imagine the handicapped and seniors, that don't drive using their scooters and electric wheel chairs?

I think the mayor should be ashamed of the shape the streets are in. How would he like trying to get around in a scooter or wheelchair, the snow and ice is gone time for you to fix the streets.

I would be ashamed and embarrassed to have my streets like this. It's time to fix them and make Neepawa a safe place to drive and shop instead of playing dodgeball with potholes.

Terry Bradley
Arden, MB

Defund the CBC

The Trudeau/NDP coalition gives about 1.24 billion dollars (\$1,240,000,000) to the CBC annually. That's the reason why the CBC has a left wing bias, they're not going to bite the hand that feeds them.

The Government should not be subsidizing any industry, especially the media sector, because it creates an unfair advantage to the subsidized organization. If individuals want to financially support the CBC or any other media company with their hard earned dollars that is fine.

The Government does not have any money of its own just what it raises in taxes on income, goods and services earned or produced by Canadians and tax dollars should be spent judiciously and wisely.

The CBC should be defunded and left to compete in the market place. The \$1,240,000,000 could be put to better use.

Damian Dempsey
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Gladstone hobby farm sale



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Gladstone Auction Mart hosted a hobby farm sale on May 4, featuring a variety of vendors, animals, tack and home made goods. Llamas, sheep, ducks, peafowl and more could be seen at the sale. The sale was attended by over 600 people. *Reminder: There is no market report this week, as sales will now be every other week. The next market report will appear in the May 17 paper.*

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs up to Brody, Riley, Callan and Tristan for helping with setup for our gently used sale.

United & Anglican Church Woman
Neepawa, MB



I applaud the Town of Neepawa offering incentives for the improvements to business frontages. However, the old Co-op car wash/gas station is an eyesore! Whoever holds title to the property needs to clean it up.

Rita Friesen
Neepawa, MB



HELEN DRYSDALE

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More on salt

How to cut back on salt in our diets? It doesn't have to be hard, but you do have to think about it. You need to do more than just not use the salt shaker.

Read food labels. The Nutrition Facts label found on processed foods lists the amount of salt (sodium) in each serving. Compare labels and choose the product with the lowest amount of sodium per serving you can find. Look for salt reduced or no salt versions of prepared foods. A general rule of thumb is: If something is 20 per cent or higher in the Daily Value, that product is pretty high in salt. If the Daily Value is 5 per cent or less per serving, it is considered low.

Prepare your food from scratch if possible as you can control the ingredients and the salt content. Try to reduce the use of products such as commercial sauces, dressings, instant noodles, seasoning packets and instant gravy mixes. Eat more fresh foods. Most fresh fruits and vegetables are naturally low in sodium. Fresh meat is much lower in salt than are lunchmeat, bacon, hot dogs, sausage and ham. Pick fresh and frozen poultry that hasn't been injected with a salt solution.

Roast your vegetables on a pan in the oven. Roasting brings out the natural sweetness of vegetables. If you do steam or microwave vegetables, perk them up with a little drizzle of oil and a squeeze of lemon.

Restaurant foods and meals are usually high in salt. A single entree may contain enough sodium to reach or go above your daily limit. Ask about low salt options at restaurants and choose from the menu carefully. Many chain restaurants can provide nutrition information, including salt content, to customers upon request.

Choose low or no-salt snacks. Make your own popcorn (not the microwave popcorn) so the end product can be salt reduced. Avoid visibly salty products like pretzels. If you must have potato chips, have a smaller serving. Go easy on the condiments like ketchup and soy sauce. Try to reduce all types of cheese in your diet as they are high in salt. Eat less pizza! Pizza is a huge offender for excess salt intake.

Add flavor to your favorite dishes with other things than salt. Use fresh or dried herbs, spices, zest and juice from citrus fruits, vinegars, oils and wine to flavor in place of some, or all, of the salt. When cooking add fresh garlic or some garlic powder and or onion powder for an extra boost without the salt. Make Dash (formally Mrs. Dash) your friend. Dash is a leader in the salt free seasoning world, a go to seasoning for adding life to salad dressing, soup, casseroles and so much more. These flavor enhancers create enjoyment for the palate with less or no salt.

Drain and rinse canned beans and vegetables. This can help cut the sodium by up to 40%. Don't cook with (or drink) softened water. If having a bacon burger for lunch, skip the pickle, if your casserole has canned soup in it, skip putting cheese on the salad that you are serving with the casserole. Each little step adds up if done every day.

Slowly cut back on the salt on the table. Control the shaker as you may be adding 100 to 250 mg of salt per serving. Look for cookbooks that focus on lowering risks of high blood pressure and heart disease by reducing salt. Since we are in BBQ season today's recipes are BBQ ideas.

BBQ salmon

1 salmon fillet
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
1 Tbsp. oil
2 tsp. grated lemon zest

1 tsp. each dried dill
and onion powder
Optional:
5 tsp. grated Parmesan cheese
lemon wedges

Preheat grill to medium high heat. Place fish, skin side down, in a lightly oiled foil pan. Combine the lemon juice, vinegar, oil, lemon zest, dill, onion powder and pepper. Brush over fish. Place pan on grill. Cover the grill and cook over medium heat until fish flakes easily with a fork, 15-18 minutes. If desired, top with grated Parmesan cheese and serve with lemon wedges. The salmon is done when it flakes easily with a fork or an internal temperature of 145° F (63° C).

Chicken Veggie Packets

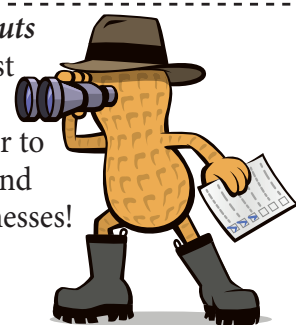
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
4 tsp. oil
1 pack mushrooms, sliced
2 cups carrots sticks
1 cup diced onion

4 large garlic cloves
1 red pepper, cut into strips
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2-3 tsp. Dash or dried herbs of choice
1 lemon, sliced

Preheat grill to medium high heat. Prepare foil packets. Lay out four large pieces of heavy duty foil then spray with nonstick spray. Lay the chicken breasts in the middle of each foil. Drizzle with oil and top with the veggies. Sprinkle pepper and Dash over all. Top each packet with two lemon slices. Fold the sides of the foil over the chicken, covering completely; seal the packets closed. Transfer foil packets to the preheated grill rack and cook for 20 to 25 minutes, or until done. Chicken is done when thermometer reads 165° F (73°C).

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BPSD still planning for a new school in Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

To paraphrase an often attributed quote from famous American author and humorist Mark Twain 'Reports of [the death of Neepawa's new high school] have been greatly exaggerated'.

It has been well over a year since the announcement was first made by the former provincial government of nine new publicly funded schools to be built and operational by the end of 2027. Beautiful Plains School Division (BPSD) was notified that one of those builds would be a Grade 9-12 Vocational High School to be located in Neepawa.

That plan was thrown into uncertainty, though, after the Progressive Conservative government was ousted in the fall election, and the new NDP government was elected. Both prior to and since the election, new premier Wab Kinew has expressed concern with the former government's plan to build using a private-public funding model, also called a P3 system.

A P3 is a funding mechanism where the government enlists a private-sector company or companies to design and build public amenities. In exchange, the province was to sign a 30-year agreement that would include funding for ongoing maintenance.

While much quicker than the traditional construction model, this type of agreement includes a greater cost to the province over the long term.

In an interview with CBC Manitoba earlier this year, Premier Kinew said that the Province will probably abandon the former Tory government's game plan, as he feared it would significantly add to the deficit.

"Instead of paying that off with a mortgage, you have to pay it all up front with the P3 model, right? So that's a big cost. But we know that schools are needed. We have to build more schools to meet the needs of the population. So we're trying to plot out a careful plan that's responsible financially, that is going to make sense for how we get these schools." Kinew told the CBC.

Still planning for a new school

So where does that leave Beautiful Plains, as well as the other School Divisions that had expected to see new schools built? Locally, there has been some growing speculation that the entire concept of building new schools has been completely tossed aside.

Well, according to BPSD superintendent Jason Young, that speculation is not true. He told the Banner & Press that in all his discussions with the province related to the project, they still plan on new school construction proceeding.

"Throughout the process, since the announcement we have continued to press forward with the land owner on land acquisition, working with the Town of Neepawa on various aspects of the development agreement as well as working with LM Architecture (the designer of the Middle School) to come up with design options for the physical building as well as the grounds. We want to ensure, we are well positioned to proceed as soon as provincial ap-

proval occurs." said Young. Young did clarify, however, that what is not known to any of the School Divisions is what the order of approval will be and when they will begin.

The need for more space continues

The need for a new school in the Beautiful Plains is great, as since the announcement, the School Division has continued to see rapid growth. At the time of the interview with Superintendent Young, the division's population had grown by an additional 157 students since the end of June 2023.

"Our student population in Neepawa is currently right around 1,500 students. HMK and Neepawa Collegiate are both in excess of 500 students in schools that pre-portables were designed for 400. We have nine portables in use currently and we are growing rapidly every month. Our Neepawa schools are around 300 students over the capacity they were comfortably built for without portables." said Young.

As for what can be done until there is some type of new timeline in place for a new school to be built, Young stated "[BPSD] will need to keep adding additional portable classrooms that hopefully will fill the temporary shortage of space. We are currently working with the province on portable requests, timelines, and addressing some of the challenges around washrooms etc."

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Aarr, 'tis a pirate's life for me!



PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

The Neepawa Middle School's annual Grade 5 Operetta was held on May 1 and May 2 at the Roxy Theatre last week. Cast one held their performance on the Wednesday, with cast two performing on Thursday. All set sail on a mighty adventure in 'Pirates', in which a stowaway wishes to become a pirate. Pictured here are some scenes from the May 1 performance.

Top left: The pirates locate the stowaway (Kayden Shibata) and propose several options as to how to deal with her, but are unable to come to a decision.

Above: The King of the High C's, played by Ryker Gibson that evening, appears and is given a musical introduction.

Left: The stowaway is brought before the King of the High C's so that he may judge her potential worth as a pirate.

Neepawa UCT #924 closes

Submitted
NEEPAWA UCT

Almost 33 years ago (June 1, 1991) the charter was granted to Neepawa UCT Council #924. United Commercial Travelers started in Columbus, Ohio in 1888. It was a fraternal organization offering help to members and others in the community. The organization's mandate was to help groups and individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Cancer Information, Youth, Safety, and Community service.

Since 1991, Neepawa #924 worked with Touchwood Park in a variety of programs. Bowling and Special Olympics were well received programs. Our council stepped up to help with Cancer awareness, supporting Central Plains Cancer Services. Members volunteered as drivers for cancer patients seeking treatment in Winnipeg and Brandon. For several years we supported the renown fashion show which has raised funds for the Central Plains Cancer

organization.

Safety programs have been important to Neepawa #924 and in early 2000's, the organization sponsored the Progressive Farm Safety Day for grade 6 students from Neepawa, Brookdale, Carberry, Eden, Glenella and Plumas as well as numerous Hutterite colonies in the area. Each year 150+ students had the opportunity to learn about safety at stations showing what can happen in unsafe conditions.

Fundraising was important for the organization. Members participated in fundraising in the community to raise money for the personal care home. An ambitious goal of \$20,000 in donations for Country Meadows became a reality. Funds for many other smaller projects were raised over the years.

Local members went on to hold officer positions not only in their local organization but in the Regional Council. Darlene Gillies was a representative in Columbus on the Supreme Council. Both Leonard

Pritchard and Darlene Gillies were honoured with the Volunteer of the Year Award. To win this honour the member had to be nominated by their peers and go above and beyond in the work they did not only in their local community but in the UCT community.

Unfortunately, age, health, and personal circumstances has impacted the number of members volunteering and attending meetings. The decision has been made to close the council. Over the past several months, we have been donating our remaining funds to 12 community organizations.

There are UCT groups in Brandon, Minnedosa and Portage la Prairie and some of our current members will be joining them, so UCT won't be totally absent from our community.

We thank the community for supporting us since 1991, helping us when we asked and giving us ideas for fundraising. It's been a great time helping and supporting the community and our fraternal members.



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Flora in plentiful color at local greenhouses



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

There is an abundant selection of lush and colourful plants at greenhouses within the Banner & Press coverage area. Seen here are some of the selections available at A&B Dalrymple (top and right) and Parkside Gardens (above left and right).

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Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

- Discard the dead weight. Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.
- Test the soil. Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.
- Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing



Tips to revitalize a garden this spring

the growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

- Inspect your irrigation system. Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up.

- Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up.

It's almost gardening season, which means gardeners can start on the necessary prep work to ensure their gardens grow in strong and beautiful this spring.

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Tuff Bois win Neepawa Ballers Junior Division championship



The Tuff Bois capped off a nearly perfect season with an impressive 90-87 win over Elite Hoops in the Neepawa Ballers Junior Division Championship. Tuff Bois were also the top squad in the regular season, ending the schedule with a 10-1 record. Congratulations to all the clubs on another great season of hoops.

PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Bisdak claim Neepawa Ballers Senior Division



The Bisdak Bison bested Sanitation in the Senior Division Championship on Saturday, May 4, by a score of 78-58. Bisdak had finished the regular season in third place, with a 4-2 record and had to defeat the 2nd place IWC Kings (5-1) and first place Sanitation (5-1) on their way to the 2023-2024 Neepawa Ballers Winter League title.

ABOVE PHOTO COURTESY OF NEPAWA BALLERS

Santa Clara Baseball League returns!

Six teams set to take the field for 2024 season

By Eoin Devereux
NEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Baseball is back around the Westman region, with the long awaited return of the Santa Clara Baseball League (SCBL). The 2024 regular season is scheduled to resume on Wednesday, May 15, with all six Santa Clara clubs out on the diamond for opening night.

The returning teams for this upcoming year include the Austin A's, Carberry Royals, Minnedosa Mavericks, Neepawa Cubs, Portage Padres and the reigning league champions, the Plumas Pirates. Each franchise will play a 15 game regular season schedule, which starts in mid-May and conclude in early July. As for the playoffs, those games are usually wrapped up by early August.

The format for the post-season sees all six clubs qualify, though the first and second place teams do earn themselves first round byes, while the third place club plays the sixth; and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The recent rain has helped the local baseball diamonds, such as Plumas (pictured) to start looking in great shape for the upcoming Santa Clara Baseball League season set to begin on May 15.

the fourth seed is paired with the fifth. The first two rounds are best-of-three series, while the Championship series reverts to a best-of-five game schedule.

Changes on the field, changes off the field

While the teams and the playoff format remain the same this year, there is one very notable change we're seeing to the SCBL. Long-time league co-president Warren Birch has officially stepped down and has been

replaced by Cole Krutke-wich of Neepawa. Cole, along with Plumas' Tom Yandeau, will preside over the league's dealings.

Yandeau told the Banner & Press that he had worked with Birch for quite some time in an executive role within the league, and that Warren has done an exceptional job keeping Santa Clara in good shape through the years.

While Birch is stepping down from his presidential duties, he will remain on the executive as the treasurer.

As for changes on the diamond, Yandeau told the Banner & Press that early reports from all six clubs suggest that we should see a little bit of turnover with all the rosters this season. But despite that, Yandeau said every team still has enough players to field pretty competitive squads. He added there has been a nice little bit of competitive parity that has developed in the Santa Clara League over the past few years, and that they expect this season will offer more of the same.

Club 55 Season-end Bowling Champions

League Champions: The Pinsters (Darrell Gabler, Bea Betts, Vivian Oswald and Heather Lewis).

High Single: Ladies - Vivian Oswald 288;
Men - Darrell Gabler 287.

High Triple: Ladies - Elsie Slimmon 664;
Men - Darrell Gabler 646.

High Average: Ladies - Elsie Slimmon 181;
Men - Darrell Gabler 175.

Most Improved: Ladies - Heather Lewis +40;
Men - Calvin Goetz +13.

Bowler of the Year: Ladies - Heather Lewis +136;
Men - Darrell Gabler +59.

Congratulations to all for a great season and we'll see you back on Sept. 19/24.



Ella Baker, Teddi Garvey recognized at Skate Canada Manitoba



Ella Baker, pictured at Skate Canada Manitoba.

By Jolene Balciunas
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE

Each year Skate Manitoba recognizes award recipients in Manitoba at the Annual Awards Celebration. This year the Awards Celebrations was held in Brandon at the Victoria Inn on May 4. Ella Baker and Coach Teddi Garvey were honored with awards.

Ella Baker competed in numerous figure skating competitions this past season such as the Gordon Linney competition in Winnipeg, where Ella received a gold medal for her skate. She skated at this year's Virden Fun Skate, Winter Blast in Morden and Stony on Ice where she received

bronze medals. At the provincial championships in Altona Ella took home a gold. Ella also competes with two synchro skating teams, one in Carberry and one Regional Synchro team, Blades United, combining skaters from four different towns. Ella also received Gold at provincials this year with Star 5 over 13 Freeskate.

Teddi Garvey has been Ella's figure skating coach since she started skating 9 years ago and has been with her at every competition. Teddi is a dedicated coach and has been coaching with the Carberry Figure

Skating Club for eleven years. Teddi brings with her extensive experience in her thirty year coaching career. She is now the CanSkate and Power Skate Learning Facilitator for Manitoba so she is now coaching the coaches. In her down time she enjoys crocheting and staying active with running, biking and hiking local trails.

Ella Baker and Coach Teddi Garvey were recognized at the Skate Canada Manitoba Awards Ceremony in Brandon. Ella was recognized as the 2024 Provincial Champion of Star 5 O13 and Teddi as Coach of a Star 5 O13 provincial champion.

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Minnedosa athletes win at provincial badminton championship



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Members of the Minnedosa Chancellors badminton team won the A-AA Provincial Varsity Championship last weekend in Winnipeg. The team as a collective finished first in Aggregate scoring with 23 combined points, eight clear of École Regionale Notre Dame. Congratulations to the members of the MCI Varsity badminton team on the achievement.

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Neepawa approves its 2024 financial plan

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa Town Council has passed its new municipal budget for 2024. The document received second and third reading and unanimous approval on Tuesday, May 7. It will feature just over \$9.4 million set aside for operating expenditures and \$6.8 million for all utility capital purchases for the town.

But what do all those numbers mean for you? Well, on average, residential property taxes will see an increase by 2.1 per cent. For the average local land owner, you will pay an additional \$52.88 in taxes per \$300,000 of assessed property value,

or around \$17.62 per \$100,000.

The 2.1 per cent increase is still lower than Canada's current rate of inflation, which stood at 2.9 per cent for March.

As for where the spending for the year ahead will go, the largest single expenditure appears for water and sewer infrastructure in the planned development close to the new hospital. A little over \$3.5 million has been set aside for that work.

As for capital purchases for Neepawa in 2024, money has been promised to pave the Fire Department's parking lot (Estimated cost: \$150,000), increased road construction (\$769,562) as well as drainage and roadwork upgrades (\$261,001).



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Highlights from the Town of Minnedosa Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, Apr. 23

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There were a few notable items on the agenda for the Council of the Town of Minnedosa, during a meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 23. Some of the highlights from that meeting include:

- Twyla Ludwig and Wendy Wolfe of Municipal Mentors Inc., appeared before Council to present the 2023 utility rate study. They noted the low funds in the utility reserve, the need for a one per cent surcharge, continued but improved unaccounted for water and provided a recommendation for new rates as per the Public Utility Boards workbook.

- Council members discussed the ageing of the Town's water treatment plants and its' future need of substantial upgrades to provide clean, safe potable water for all utility customers. As part of those discussions, Council unanimously approved requesting assistance from

the Manitoba Water Services Board to undertake a Water Treatment System Upgrade Study to initiate planning to conduct upgrades that will meet future operational and capacity.

- Mr. Steve Langston appeared before council as a delegation requesting demolition waste tipping fee subsidy for the property located at 149 Main St S. After hearing Langston's presentation, Council resolved that the request from Mr. Langston to provide demolition waste tipping fee subsidy for 149 Main St S be approved to a maximum of \$1,500.00 (fees removed off the invoice) from the protective services budget.

- The Minnedosa Golf & Country Club submitted a letter asking for a donation towards its' annual cash calendar for 2025 in the amount of \$150.00 from the Town and a \$150.00 from the Minnedosa Fire Department. The request for support was approved by Council.

- The 2024 graduation class of Minnedosa Collegiate submitted a request to hold a parade throughout the community, as part of its' grad festivities. Council unanimously approved that request.

- The Minnedosa Lions Club submitted a request for a donation in support of the Annual Walk for Dog Guides being held on May 26. Council approved the donation request as submitted by the Minnedosa Lions in the amount of \$100.

- The Minnedosa Personal Care Home submitted a letter requesting a non-monetary donation to assist in the creation of a basket for raffle that that would aid in purchasing a new television and sound system at the facility. Town Council reviewed the request and approved administration to purchase a gift card up to \$50 as a donation for the basket.

- Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Danniele Carriere had recently successfully completed a probation period as set out in their employment contract. Moving ahead, Council decided to install Carriere as a permanent employee for the Town of Minnedosa.

- A change has been approved to the operational office hours of the Civic Centre Building. It will change from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm to 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The change in hours is being implemented as it is believed it would improve internal office efficiencies and provide uninterrupted scheduled time.

- Another work related change was reviewed at the meeting, but defeated in a council vote. The clerks at the Civic Administration Building currently work 35 hours a week. An increase in the hours to 40 a week was reviewed, but defeated.

Rosedale eyes solutions to ongoing beaver problems



IMAGE COURTESY OF METRO CREATIVE

By Rrain Prior
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE

At a recent Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) meeting for mayors and reeves, several municipalities in the midwestern and parkland regions raised the issue of beavers coming out of Riding Mountain National Park, where they are protected, and causing damage to municipal infrastructure. One of those municipalities is Rosedale, where Reeve Karl Snezyk reported at the April meeting of council that a joint request from those municipalities to the Manitoba Minister of Environment and Climate Change is currently being drafted to see if the RMs can get funding from the federal government to help mitigate the problem.

This has been a long-standing issue in the area, but a beaver bounty subsidy program previously run by the Province of Manitoba is no longer in effect as of 2023.

On the flip side, Councillor Jeff Henderson noted that beaver dams are part

of a necessary watershed where they help manage the outflow of water into Lake Winnipeg. Parks Canada refers to beavers' ability to store water during droughts and slow the flow of water to mitigate flooding and flood peaks. When beavers aren't building their dams, it takes a crew of specialists and costly resources to recreate the effect.

"We're spending hundreds of millions of dollars because we're not letting beavers build dams," said Henderson.

Council agreed that it was only those animals that were causing damage to infrastructure that they needed to address. For those that weren't causing anyone any problems, they said, "leave them alone."

Consequently, the RM has now applied to the Province for a wild animal kill permit to deal with nuisance beaver. If and when it is approved, they will proceed to form their own mitigation plan.

Blue Hills RCMP reports decreased calls for service in Quarter one of 2024

By Rrain Prior
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE

In a recent meeting with the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford, Staff Sgt. Clint Wikander and Cpl. Grant Campbell delivered the news that calls for service in the Blue Hills area have decreased in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the fourth quarter of 2023, with no assaults or sex crimes recorded in this quarter. The decrease is largely related to a decrease in traffic offences, but they have also seen a slight decrease in theft reports. However, there was also an increase in written warnings which would account for a portion of the decrease of traffic offences. Cpl. Campbell said he would ensure that traffic services is patrolling the area regularly.

False alarms have increased slightly but remain

fairly low, especially compared to past years when they have been a problem. Staff Sgt. Wikander mentioned a bylaw that had recently been enacted by another R.M. in their jurisdiction that made it an offence to have repeated false alarms within a period of six months, which has cut down on them tremendously. False alarms, particularly when they are numerous, take law enforcement resources away

from situations that may need them more urgently.

Council raised concerns about suspicious vehicles in the area from time to time, possibly scoping out farmyards. RCMP advised that they should report them immediately with a description or licence plate rather than waiting until long after the vehicle has left the area, and not to confront anyone directly in what could potentially be a dangerous situation.

Similarly, Council raised concerns about drones pos-

sibly being used to scope properties. RCMP said they hadn't received any reports of drone issues in the area recently, but that if anyone sees an unfamiliar vehicle parked near their property with a drone flying around, to take note of the vehicle particulars just to be cautious.

The RCMP representatives also met with Council in camera to discuss other matters.



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Beautiful Plains SCHOOL DIVISION

invites applications for the following
Small School Custodian

Beautiful Plains School Division is accepting applications for an afternoon/evening 5 hour daily Custodian at Brookdale School. Duties include the cleaning and maintenance of buildings, equipment and grounds under the direction of the Principal and/or Maintenance Supervisor.

Experience in cleaning and floor care would be beneficial.

The starting salary is \$22.09 per hour with annual increments of \$.50 /hour for four years. The Division has a pension plan and other benefits.

Applicants should state experience and include three references. Duties to commence mid-June or as agreed upon.

**Application closes at
 NOON, Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024**

Send resumes marked "Small School Custodian" to the undersigned.

Tyler Stewart
 Maintenance Supervisor
 Beautiful Plains School Division
 Box 700, Neepawa, MB. R0J 1H0
 Phone: (204) 476-2388
 Fax: (204) 476-3606
 Email: tstewart@bpsd.mb.ca

Successful candidates must complete a Criminal Records and Child Abuse Registry check.

Only those selected for interviews will be contacted. Others are thanked for their interest.



TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Invites Applications for the following position:
Transportation Supervisor
 (Interim with the possibility of permanent)

The Transportation Supervisor shall be responsible for the organization of the Division's transportation system.

Qualification:

- Valid Class 5 drivers license
- Experience in a Supervisory and Managerial Capacity
- Red Seal Trade Certification as a Truck/Transport or Bus Mechanic would be an asset

For further information on this position, please contact Shannon Desjardins, Secretary Treasurer at shannon@trsd.ca or (204) 835-2067 x 203

Applications close when position is filled.

Forward Applications complete with 3 references to:

Mrs. Shannon Desjardins, Secretary-Treasurer
 Turtle River School Division
 Box 309
 McCreary, Manitoba
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On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

**NEEPAWA AND AREA PLANNING DISTRICT BY-LAW NO. 125
 being an AMENDMENT to the NEEPAWA AND AREA PLANNING
 DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW NO. 108, as amended.**

HEARING LOCATION:

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

DATE & TIME:

May 27, 2024 at 7:30 PM

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW No. 125:

A text amendment the Board of The Neepawa and Area Planning District enacts as follows:
 1. Policy 2.1.2.13 will be changed to read:

A limited number of subdivisions for rural non-farm dwellings may be allowed as a conditional use in the Rural Land Use designations where consistent with the policies of the Plan. In all cases, where a subdivision for rural non-farm purposes is proposed, approval may only be granted in the Rural Land Use designated areas and only **TWICE** per quarter section and subject to meeting one of the following criteria:

AREA AFFECTED BY BY-LAW No.: 125

This amendment affects the whole of the planning district

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

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

Beautiful Plains SCHOOL DIVISION

invites applications for the following
**Building & Grounds Services
 Brookdale School**

Beautiful Plains School Division is accepting applications for buildings and grounds services at Brookdale School. This contract is 12 months, weekday mornings, starting at 7 am.

Daily hours will fluctuate (average 1 hour per day)

Services expected are as follows:

- Opening of the school.
- Daily building and grounds inspections and walkthrough.
- Walkway snow removal (divisional equipment will be provided)
- School entrance grounds upkeep

Contract start date as early as mid-June

Contract rate is \$22.09 per hour

Applicants should state experience and include three references. Duties to commence as agreed upon.

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 NOON, Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024**

Send resumes marked "Buildings and Grounds Services" to the undersigned.

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- Familiarity with applying provisions of a collective agreement as well as organizational policies and procedures
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For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393
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Be a part of the HyLife experience – your journey starts here!

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



Tender



TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Invites tenders for
GRASS CUTTING for the 2024 season
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 Alonsa School McCreary School Ste. Rose School
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Please tender separately for each location. Tenders are to be made on a per cut basis, including cut and trim per location. Please include a list of equipment that will be used, in your submittal. A performance bond may be required.

For further information regarding yard size and areas to be cut, contact the undersigned.

Tenders close: 12:00pm, Monday, May 13, 2024
Mark envelopes: GRASS CUTTING TENDER

Please send tenders to:
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 Turtle River School Division
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Bubbly fun at Crocus Fest

PHOTOS BY DIANE WARNER

The Bubble Man provided some entertainment for the whole family at the Crocus Festival on May 4. As part of the act, this master of bubbles called upon members of the audience to participate alongside him.

Pictured right: The Bubble Man creates a chain of bubbles while two young bubble makers prep bubbles of their own.

Pictured below left and right: With the use of a giant bubble wand, these kids got a unique perspective!



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Correction:

There was an error in the cutline of the Page 2 photo for the Westman Cycles for a Cause story in the May 3, 2024 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press. The individual cycling alongside Keenan Skrupa who had been identified in the paper as KC Couckuyt was actually Cooper Kasprick. The Banner & Press apologizes for this error.



All three Titans players were in attendance at the event, however, showing their support and putting in a good effort! Seen here

is the whole trio posing for a photo with Cody Payette (front, middle). From left to right are Cooper Kasprick, KC Couckuyt and Keenan Skrupa.

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NACI HOPE Group's Spring Food Drive returns

By Lena Stadnyk
 SUBMITTED

It is that time of year again for the Neepawa Area Collegiate HOPE group to take part in their annual spring food drive to support the local Salvation Army food bank. To help fill the food bank, on May 8, the HOPE group will be hanging bags, supplied by the Neepawa Rotary Club on all doorknobs in our community. We are asking community members to contribute if they can, to fill these bags with donated food items such as: canned meat, fruit or vegetables, jam, Nutella, Cheese Whiz, instant coffee, canned stew, chili, or chunky soup, spices (pepper, garlic powder), ketchup, cereal, oatmeal, cooking oil, soya sauce, vinegar, sugar/sweetener, personal hygiene items and household cleaners.

On May 13, the HOPE group will be coming around in the evening to collect the donations and take them to the Salvation Army to be given to people in need. The HOPE group asks that you leave your bag in a visible area by 5:30 p.m. on May 13. Monetary donations are also accepted.

If your home is missed on pick up night, please take your bag to the Salvation Army, or call them at 476-5869 for it to be picked up the next day.

The HOPE group and the Neepawa Salvation Army thank you in advance for all your generous donations!

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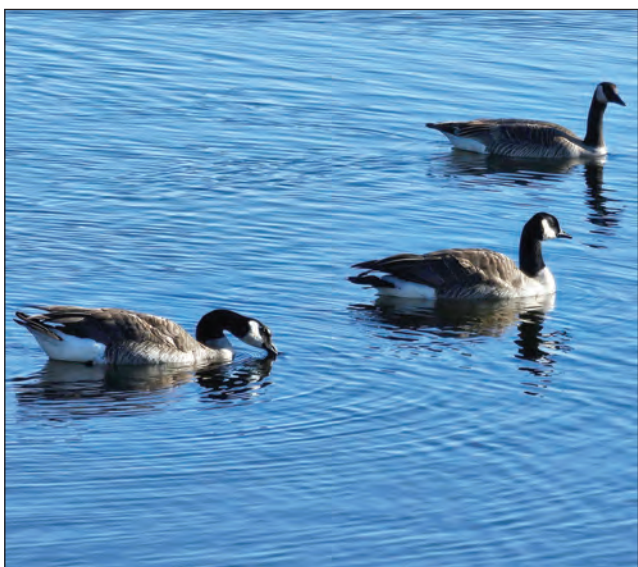
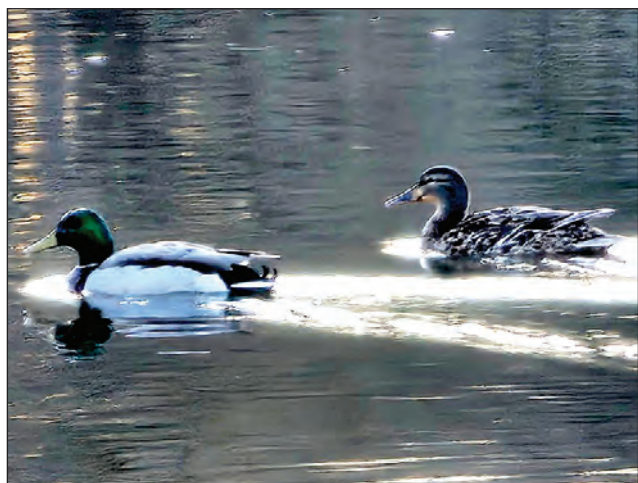
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Springtime scenes in Neepawa



PHOTOS BY BLAIR FERGUSON

A variety of springtime scenes were captured by Blair Ferguson at Riverbend Park and Park Lake in Neepawa over the course of the past weekend. With the lake regaining and retaining water, wildlife such as Pelicans (pictured below) can be seen returning to that particular area as well. Among the wildlife Ferguson photographed, there were also geese (above and right) and ducks (top photo) to be seen going about their springtime business as well. Ferguson anticipates that there may be some goslings to be spotted in the coming weeks.



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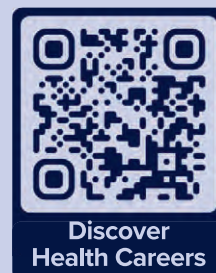
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