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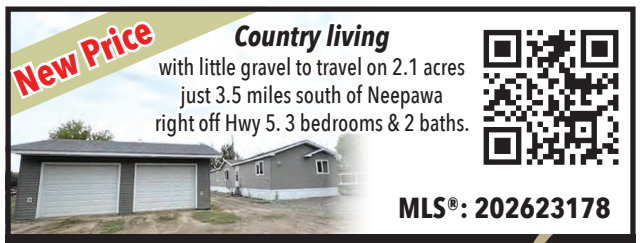



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Tenants: Yellowhead Manor in need of many upgrades

By Ken Waddell
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Banner & Press was recently invited to meet with some residents of Neepawa's Yellowhead Manor. Those 16 residents had a long list of issues related to the building and felt it was time to go public with their concerns. Many of the issues are about health, safety and maintenance.

While it is a safety law that elevators have to shut down when a fire alarm goes off, it seems to take a long time to re-activate them as the caretaker isn't always on site. There's mould in the ceiling tiles. Main floor washrooms are usually locked. The main door closes with a big bang and is dangerous. Grounds maintenance has declined seriously over the years. Inside garbage and recycling access has been eliminated and and outdoor bin access is very difficult to reach, especially for residents using wheelchairs or walkers.

The Manor is a long standing six story seniors residence in downtown Neepawa owned by Manitoba Housing.

The Neepawa Banner & Press was advised that Connie Hagyard with Manitoba Housing in Brandon was in charge and we contacted her. While Hagyard was amicable in our very brief conversation, she advised that she could not speak to the media. That is a standard answer nowadays from government agencies and departments. We were directed to send questions to Government Communications and an answer came back quite quickly.

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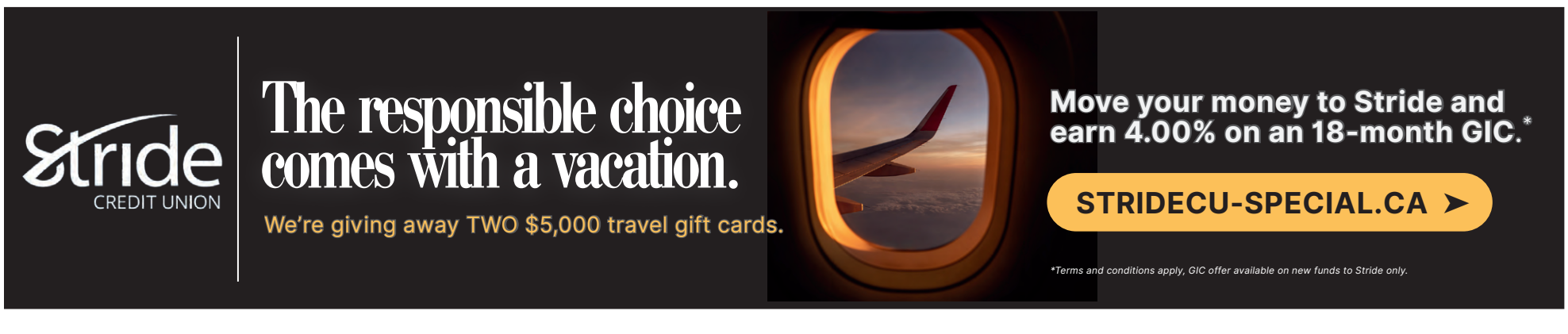
In addition to the problems such as mouldy ceiling tiles and inaccessible washroom facilities in common public areas (Pictured above), Yellowhead Manor has many other serious issues, say residents.





‘Good for the whole community’

McCreary School pursues playground upgrades

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

The McCreary School is looking to do away with the old and bring in the new to its school grounds. Currently, staff, parents and students are banding together with the goal of implementing some much needed upgrades in May or June of 2027.

“[Everyone] has been working hard so that we can purchase a playground for our school, because we have an old, aging, wooden playground structure,” said Jason Nadeau, McCreary School principal.

Replacing that old wooden structure isn’t the only goal. The updates also include the shifting and re-levelling of an existing metal installation.

“Over the years, the concrete pilings have heaved up. So our one playground that we still have, it’s actually crooked,” Nadeau explained. “So we’re going to get the company to take that one and re-align it with [the new] play structure just to make it more of a functional design.”

The combined prices of these changes ring in at $120,000, with $100,000 being for the new structure itself. Approximately 50 per cent of this cost is being covered via the province’s Playground accessibility Fund. Additional grants continue to be sought, and local fundraising initiatives are being undertaken.

“This is a big achievement if we can do it, which is to raise $60,000,” said Nadeau. “Before we started, thankfully, the parents also raised $10,000 last year, so that’s kind of got us at the $70,000 mark. But we need another $50,000 to $60,000.”

If anyone wishes to support the school’s fundraising efforts, they are asked to keep an eye out for any initiatives that pop up. Additionally, general donations are being accepted, and sponsorships are being sought out.

The structure is being purchased and installed through a Canadian company known as Blue Imp, which offers playground structure designs with accessible play features.



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Pictured: An artist rendering of the new playground structure the McCreary School is aiming to have installed in 2027.

“We’ve decided, after talking with the students, staff and parents, that the playground of choice is ‘Field of Dreams’. It’s a really neat playground with some different options, but it has that accessibility option to allow people of all abilities to play on,” said Nadeau. “So it has a ramp that leads up to it. When we install it, we’re going to have it come off our concrete pad. That way, someone with a disability will be able to use it, and make it easier for all.”

Nadeau noted that the new structure will be installed in a wood-bordered sandbox as opposed to a poured-in-place rubber due to budgetary reasons.

“That alone costs over $100,000, [The rubber] would have been the optimum. Our play structure then would have cost $300,000,” said Nadeau. “So we’ve gone with the most cost effective one.”



Pictured: A view of the school’s old wooden plaground, which will be replaced.

In his final comments, Nadeau highlighted that these upgrades are not just a benefit to the school, but McCreary as a whole.

“This is something that’s going to be really good for the whole community,” said Nadeau. “Helping support communities is so important so that the people living in the community have places to go to relax and recreate.”

Any individual or group wishing to make a direct donation, or become a sponsor, are asked to either contact the McCreary School, or directly get in touch with Jason Nadeau. Nadeau can be reached via email at jnadeau@trsd.ca.

The ‘Park at Dark’







PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

The Town of Neepawa’s recreation department invited the public to enjoy some outdoor Halloween fun during a ‘Riverbend Park at Dark’ event last Thursday evening. Shown here are just a couple scenes from the evening, including recreation director Jennifer Forsyth and Gerilyn Abe-Abe posing together in costumes fit for the evening.

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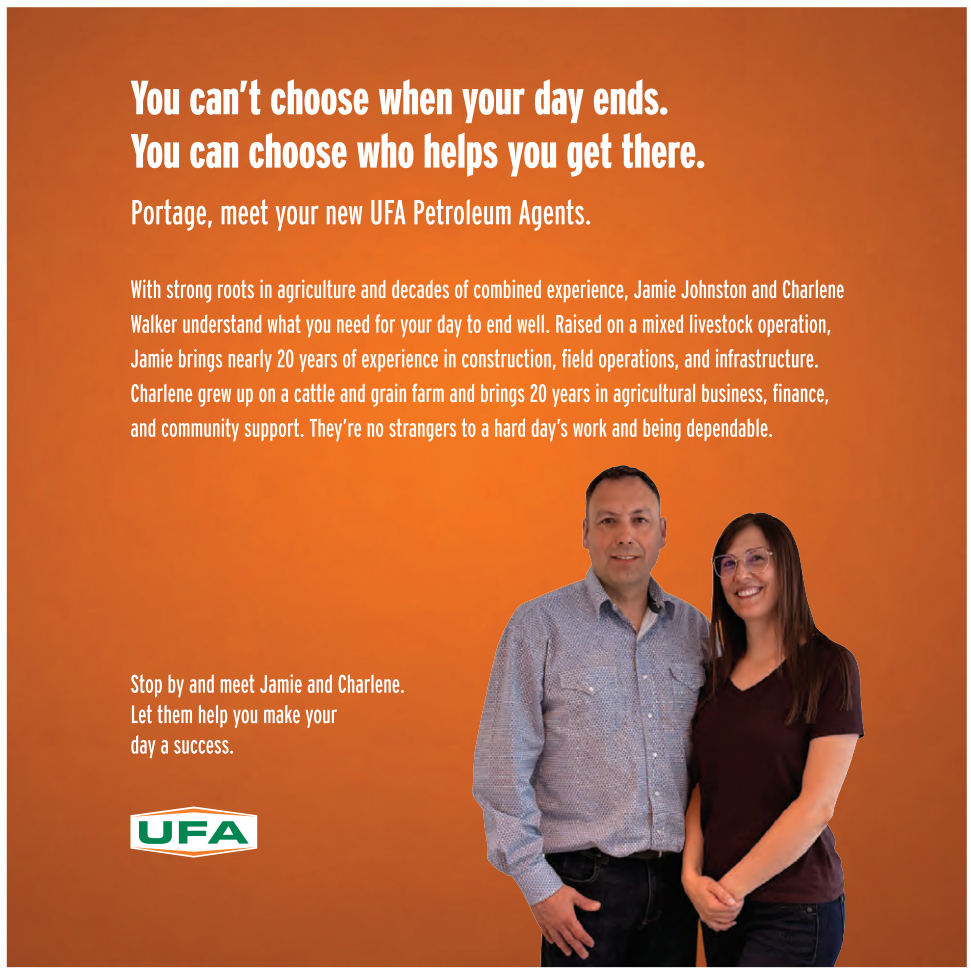

1976: Earthborn Productions officially in business

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

125 years ago, Friday, November 1, 1901

Arden: Arden is losing one of her best citizens in the person of H. A. Cook, the capable and obliging station agent, who leaves in a few days to take a similar situation on the Canadian Northern railway.

Arden: One of our town sports shot a Jack-Rabbit, but it meant a wrecked buggy. Live and learn.

Mekiwin: The new railroad that runs through this settlement to the south, is being rapidly pushed ahead. It is understood there are nine outfits grading, with an efficient gang in connection with each. It will go west as far as Mr. Beauling's farm and thence to Neepawa.

Acton: We learn with regret that there is a kodak fiend in Acton. There are others.

John Johnstone, on SE 18-14-15 lost his stables and four stacks of feed oats by fire on Wednesday. The fire started while the threshing gang were at dinner and how it happened nobody knows. The loss is about $500. It was with extreme difficulty the granary and remaining stacks were saved.

100 years ago, Tuesday, November 2, 1926

E. A. Cameron sold a black and white Shetland pony named "Toots" to T. Grudeski, near Riding Mountain.

The picture showing tonight and Wednesday, is not suitable for children. It is Constance Talmadge in "Her Sister from Paris" and is supposed to be the best picture she ever made. A real French comedy show, lots of laughs.

75 years ago, Thursday, November 1, 1951

Judge J. M. George, of Morden, was re-elected president of the Associated Hospitals of Manitoba at the 30th annual convention of that organization held in Winnipeg last week.

Dance in the Arcade every Saturday night to Glen Frain and his Buckaroos.

Hallboro: The Swine Club held its first fair on Saturday, Oct. 27.

50 years ago, Thursday, November 4, 1976

The Whitemud Watershed Conservation District Board established that its top priority was the reduction of flooding and flood damages in the Gladstone-Dead Lake area, the periphery of Big Grass Marsh along the lower reaches of the Whitemud River including the towns of Woodside and Westbourne.

The first fire-fighting action for the Neepawa Volunteer Fire Brigade's new fire engine came last Wednesday in the R. M. of Rosedale.

The 11:30 p.m. alarm came from the Springhill colony…

Cause of the blaze is under investigation.

About 75 friends and relatives gathered at the Norgate Hall on Saturday evening, Oct. 23, to honour Alf and Grace Sonnenberg on their 56th wedding anniversary.

Philip Neville had a dream! Now that dream has come true in the form of his own music studio…



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Pictured: Philip Nevile standing outside his studio, Earthborn Productions, in November of 1976. This was a new venture for him, and it was located in what is referenced as the McCaffrey Building (272 Hamilton).

Right now, Philip is concentrating on making his newest venture, Earthborn Productions, a success.

Glenella: The Sunday service on Oct. 31 at Glenella United Church marked the 70th anniversary of the congregation here.

Built 70 years ago, the church has undergone recent renovations that have changed the inside considerably.

20 years ago, Monday, November 6, 2006

Glenella: Congratulations to Mrs. Katie Fingler (nee Flatt) of Winnipeg on the occasion of her 100th birthday on Oct. 15.

The Neepawa Ladies' Curling Club will be playing host to 16 curlers from the United States this Thursday for a day of curling and good fellowship as part of the United States Women's Curling Association's Friendship Tour.

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November 7 • SHOWTIME: 7:30 pm
THE MUMMY RETURNS (2001)
The mummified body of Imhotep is shipped to a museum in London, where he once again wakes and begins his campaign of rage and terror.
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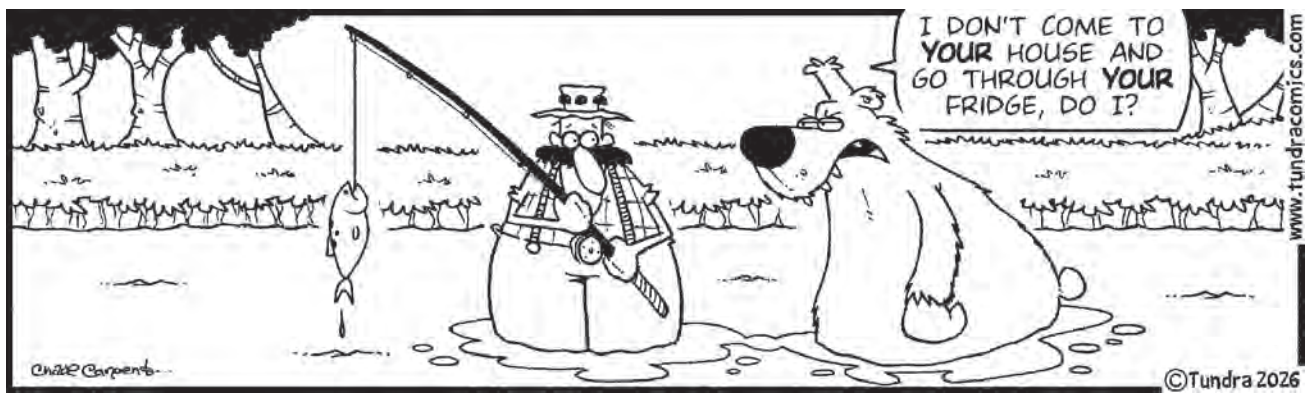
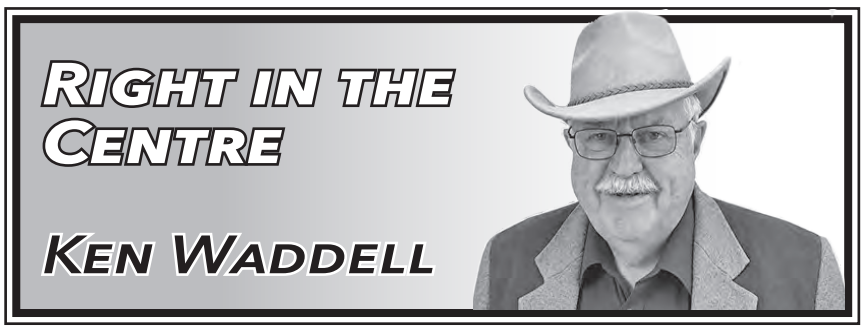
By Chad Carpenter



Remembrance Day: A personal view



I used to know a few World War I veterans. I knew a lot of WWII vets including my Dad and four uncles. My brother was a Korean War veteran. Amazingly, there are still some of the WWll vets still alive. If you know one or get to meet one, be sure to say thank-you. You may think the world is in bad shape and you are correct. But without the efforts and sacrifice of our veterans, the world would be a lot worse.

This week, in all three of our family-owned papers, we pay tribute to our veterans. Wear a poppy, attend a Remembrance Day Service, breathe a prayer of thanks for their service and sacrifice.

My family obviously has a military background. My father came to Canada as a child in 1913 and the family settled in Montreal. Around 1917 they moved to a little stony farm at Christieville, Quebec and then to Winnipeg. One of Dad's brothers passed away at eight years of age. The four surviving sons, along with their parents all ended up in Winnipeg. Dad got married after doing whatever jobs were available across Western Canada and beyond.

Dad and Mum got married in 1932 and moved to an 80 acre farm at Muir, Manitoba (south of Gladstone). They struggled on the farm, as did many families in the 1930s. With two sons born during the Muir farm years, and with the outbreak of WWll, Dad decided to join the Army. He signed up with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles June 13, 1940. He was discharged on October 11, 1945, one day after his birthday. He was 33 when he joined up and 38 at discharge.

The years in between didn't take the expected path to military service. He rose to the rank of Staff Seargent but all based in administrative service in the army, mostly in Winnipeg.

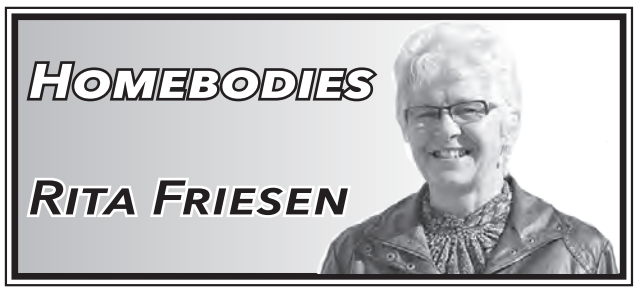
He had suffered from Chronic Bronchitis and ear drum injuries from an early age. The Royal Winnipeg Rifles trained at Shilo and Dad's service record show he was hospitalized there. When he transferred to Debert, Nova Scotia, he took sick again and was hospitalized from from January 22 to May 3, 1941. He was sent home to Winnipeg. He served for a total of 64 months, fully trained infantry soldier, served in infantry for nine months. Later he took a CLES course as a blacksmith and welder. His papers note, he does not feel that his army services as a Postal Sorter and Post Office Superintendent have fitted him for any civilian occupation which he would like. "I am going to go back to full-time farming. When I find a farm I want to buy, I shall apply for V.L.A. Assistance."

It was further noted, "Pleasant, sincere man of 38, stocky build. With the exception of his army service, and 3 1/2 years employment in Winnipeg, as a steam fitter's helper, Waddell has been employed since leaving school at farming, operating his own dairy farm for seven years prior to enlistment. In view of this, his plan to return to full-time farming is sound. His wife and sons are also anxious to get back to a farm. He has not yet found the farm he would like to buy, and because of this, must obtain employment during the winter in order to support his family. He feels he will have little difficulty getting work at Canada Packers, where he was employed for some time as a steam fitter's helper, and for whom he worked nights for a month in 1944. Failing this, he will seek employment at any industrial work commensurate with his physical condition."

The family did find a farm at Holland, Manitoba in 1946 and stayed in the community for 40 years.



Pictured here is John Waddell with his two older sons, John and Donald. The third son, editor Ken Waddell was born eight years later.



Lest we forget...

The official wearing of the poppy this year is October 24 to Nov 11. It was just a few years ago that I realized that the symbol of courage and sacrifice was not to be worn after the eleventh day of the eleventh month, unless for a special service or event. The crimson poppy may be placed on a cenotaph, or at the gravesite of a veteran, stored appropriately or disposed of with dignity.

Perhaps it is my age, or my stage of life, but the poppy proudly worn, or the Canadian flag at half mast, moves me deeply. Never in my memory have I felt so thankful for this country, my country. It pains me when I hear words of blatant disrespect, see acts of violence and blatant disrespect, when there seems to be a discontent with the freedoms we take so for granted.

I think back to an old timer in the Riding Mountain hills. He came from 'the old country'. He had been in conflict, at war for his country and then a captive. He came willingly to Canada, and loved the country. When he heard anyone complaining about all the rules and regulations, the injustices - real and perceived- he would offer to send that person back to his country of origin and see if they really had anything to complain about! No one, to my knowledge, ever took him up on that.

"And the larks, still bravely singing fly, scarce heard amid the guns below.'-a line from "In Flanders Fields" by a Canadian physician serving in W.W.1, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae (a poem many of us learned in school) took on a deep meaning for me when a friend and I visited Auschwitz. We had just completed the tour, coming out through a courtyard that had been used by the firing squads. The entire tour was beyond sobering, beyond understanding, beyond comprehension. We stepped away from the reminders and remainders of horror, into a clear and sunny day, and overhead we heard the songbirds, delighting in life and the day. "And the larks, still bravely singing, fly…"

There is good and beauty…

There is another portion of poetry that speaks to me in this season of remembrance. " Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings:".....concluding with "Put out my hand and touched the face of God." These lines are written by an eighteen year old John Gillespie Magee (1922-1941), a member of the

Royal Canadian Air Force. He lost his life over Britain. The enthusiasm of youth, the wonder of flight, a recognition of the Divine, and a willingness to serve. I am humbled.

I honour those who served, here at home and in far away countries. I honour those who serve, here at home and far away. My heart connects with the countless women whose lives were also forever changed by the wars and violence. And the children…There is much to be deeply grateful for. There is still more work to be done but we cannot forget the cost - the lives lost and altered- that give us this foundation to build on.

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Thumbs up to Neepawa Girl Guides and leaders for making the beautiful Poppies for the four Veteran sections of the Neepawa cemetery.

A kind, caring gesture by the group in memory of our Veterans.

We will remember them!

Robert Ferguson,
Neepawa, MB



Big thumbs up to the person that left a generous donation for the maintenance of the Rosedale Trail.

John Williams
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Following the recent article showcasing the completed mural project on the second floor of Yellowhead Manor's Neepawa Supportive Housing, we would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the wonderful donors who helped make this project possible! A heartfelt thank you to:

- The Neepawa Area Health Auxiliary.
- The Neepawa Kin Club.
- The Gork Family.
- The Smith Family.
- The Supportive Housing Staff.



Your generosity, kindness, and support helped bring this project to life! The beautiful murals have added warmth, colour, and personality to our home, and we absolutely love their refreshed surroundings. From the Tenants and Staff at Neepawa Supportive Housing.

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Cattle market report

By Blaine Huston
Gladstone Auction

We sold 1,613 head Tuesday, Nov. 3 here in Happy Rock. I'd call the market steady to last week, it was a tad lower in some spots but overall was a strong sale.

There were no cows on offer at this sale.

Note: They were instead scheduled for sale on Friday, Nov. 6 at Gladstone Auction Mart's butcher sale.

As we continue through the fall run, plainer-type cattle, cattle with horns, and bulls are still seeing discounts compared to the better-quality cattle.

Now, let's take a look at a few highlights from Tuesday's show list sale:

•We had six top notch red X steers weighing 772 pounds that cashed their tickets at $5.17 a pound, bringing $3,991 per head.

•We had 30 red and black Simmental steers weighing 616 pounds. They brought $5.94 a pound, or $3,659 per head.

•We also had 15 red and black cross steers weighing 476 pounds that brought $7.16 a pound, working out to $3,408 per head.

•On the heifer side, we had three black heifers weighing 651 pounds that sold for $4.92 a pound, bringing $3,203 per head.

•And we had four tan Charolais heifer calves weighing 583 pounds that brought $5.40 a pound, or $3,148 per head.

Our next feeder sale is next Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Our feeder sales are booked up till the Dec. 1 sale.

Gladstone Auction Mart
Cattle Market Report
Nov. 3, 2026

Steers	
3-400 lbs.	$8.00 to 9.45
4-500 lbs.	$6.50 to 7.92
5-600 lbs.	$5.90 to 6.97
6-700 lbs.	$5.10 to 6.14
7-800 lbs.	$4.25 to 5.23
8-900 lbs.	$4.00 to 4.95
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	$6.50 to 7.85
4-500 lbs.	$5.75 to 6.80
5-600 lbs.	$4.90 to 5.89
6-700 lbs.	$4.40 to 5.38
7-800 lbs.	$3.95 to 4.60
8-900 lbs.	$3.50 to 4.45

1,613 head sold

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Helen Drysdale

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Potatoes

Manitoba's first record of commercial potato production was in 1908 when 20,800 acres were planted and harvested. In 2025, Manitoba produced 21.4 per cent of Canada's potatoes, ranking second among provinces behind Alberta at 27 per cent and ahead of Prince Edward Island with 17 per cent Potatoes are versatile, inexpensive, a good source of fiber, have more potassium than a banana, and have half your daily value of vitamin C. One medium-sized, plain, skin-on potato contains just 110 calories per serving. If possible do not remove the skin of the potatoes, as most of the nutrients are located there. Peeling potatoes can significantly reduce their nutritional content.

Potatoes, a staple food in many cultures around the world, have a fascinating history. Peru in South America is where the potato originated. The Spanish conquistadors arrived in Peru in 1532 and soon discovered the potato. Impressed by the potato's nutritional value and quick growing season, they began to grow them as a staple crop. In most of Europe, however, the potato was viewed with skepticism, as it is a member of the nightshade family which was considered poisonous.

In the 1770s, Antoine-Augustin Parmentier, a Parisian pharmacist and military surgeon, ate potatoes at a Prussian prisoner-of-war camp. It kept him and the other prisoners alive and healthy. After returning to France, he and King Louis XVI were influential in promoting the potato. By the early 1800s, it became widely acceptable as a food source in Europe. It soon was grown and eaten all over the world. Today, the potato is the world's third-largest food crop eaten by people, after rice and wheat. The potato is an incredibly versatile crop, with over 4,000 varieties worldwide, ranging in shape, size, color, and flavor. One acre of potatoes can yield two to four times the food quantity of grain crops.

This is one potato recipe the kids both little and big will enjoy.

Baked Pizza Potatoes

4 baking potatoes
1/4-1/2 cup milk
3 Tbsp. softened butter
2 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 cup peperoni or salami cut into quarters
pizza sauce
1 cup shredded pizza cheese blend

Poke washed potatoes with a fork, rub with oil and bake at 375°F for 45-55 minutes, or until a fork easily pierces the center. Allow to cool enough to handle. Cut the potatoes in half lengthwise. One at a time, hold each half with a towel and scoop out the flesh into a bowl, leaving a sturdy 1/4-inch shell so that they can be stuffed. Avoid over-mashing the potato filling. Stir in milk, butter, Parmesan cheese, oregano, salt and pepper. Add the pepperoni pieces and divide filling among potatoes. Top each with 1 tablespoon pizza sauce and sprinkle evenly with the cheese. Place the potatoes back in the oven and bake until the cheese is melted, 10 to 15 minutes.

Crispy on the outside, tender on the inside, an easy to make side dish that has fancy appeal.

Cheesy Herb Potato Fans

6 baking potatoes
1/3 cup melted butter
salt and pepper for sprinkling
2 Tbsp. Dash or herb of choice
1 green onion, sliced
3/4 cup shredded cheese of choice

Cut each potato into "fans" by cutting almost through the potato. Place the potato beside a large wooden spoon and take a knife and cut down until it touches the edges of the spoon handle leaving slices attached at the bottom. Place potatoes in a greased 9x13 baking dish. Fan potatoes slightly. Pour a little of the melted butter over each potato, distributing it evenly. Sprinkle each with some salt and pepper to taste and Dash. Bake in a preheated 400°F oven for 50-60 minutes or until tender. Total time will depend on the size of your potatoes. A knife inserted in the potato should go in smoothly with no hardness detected. Sprinkle cheese over potatoes and bake a few minutes more until cheese is melted.

These biscuits go well with any main meal or served with your favourite jam. They are made moist and tender with the addition of mashed potatoes,

Potato Biscuits

1 1/2 cups flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter
1 cup mashed potatoes
1/2 cup milk, approximately

Preheat your oven to 400°F. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut in the cold, cubed butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add the mashed potatoes and mix in. The amount of milk needed varies so add part of the milk, stir gently and add more milk as needed to make a dough. Stir until just combined. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Lightly roll or pat out to about ½ inch thick and cut with a biscuit cutter. Place biscuits on a baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

M.P. Dan Mazier calls for action on diesel prices

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The cost of everything has gone up the last year and we're all feeling that pressure. Now imagine the cost of the most important thing to your life and your livelihood going up by 80 per cent in that last year. That pressure would feel extra heavy, wouldn't it?

During a recent appearance on NACTV's Coffee Chat, Riding Mountain M.P. Dan Mazier sat down with Ken Waddell to discuss a variety of topics. One of those topics was outlining the Conservative Party's five-point plan to address Canada's cost-of-living and affordability challenges. However, Mazier placed a particular emphasis on diesel fuel prices, describing their rapid increase as a serious concern for a riding where agriculture and transportation are essential to everyday life.

"Everything takes diesel on a farm, and in this riding, which is the size of Nova Scotia, everything is transported by, and uses diesel," Mazier said. "[The price of diesel] has gone up 80 per cent in the last year… 80 per cent! And this government has done nothing. I have not seen one thing to help relieve the costs of that."

For farmers, diesel is an essential operating expense. Higher fuel costs also affect the trucking companies responsible for moving agricultural products, groceries and other important goods throughout the region. Those increased transportation expenses are passed down to the prices consumers pay, adding another layer of pressure on households already dealing with the rising cost of living.

Mazier argued that Canada needs to take greater control of its energy resources, particularly its' ability to refine domestic crude oil into finished products.

"We would actually put in place incentives for people to invest into refineries, so we could actually produce more diesel fuel. Right now, what's going on is we're shipping our raw oil down to the United States. The U.S. is refining and then bringing it back up, and it makes no sense when we have all the products here."

Along with introducing tax credits and other incentives to encourage investment, Mazier outlined a proposal for immediate relief, suggesting the elimination of all federal taxes on diesel fuel until July 1, 2027. The measure, he suggested, would provide short-term assistance to farmers and the transportation industry while longer-term efforts to increase domestic production take shape.

New councils get to work in Neepawa and R.M. of North Cypress-Langford





PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX AND RRAIN PRIOR

Several recently elected councils are already at work on the day to day matters for their towns and municipalities, including Neepawa (top picture) and North Cypress-Langford (Above bottom picture). Neepawa's first council meeting took place on Tuesday, Nov. 3, while the represenatives for North Cypress-Langford were sworn in last week.



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WMCI teacher helps kick off 'Movember'





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Central Plains Cancer Services kicked off 'Movember' with a helping hand from William Morton Collegiate Institute's own Jason Lucas. Lucas, a member of the teaching staff, parted ways with his beard and raised a total of $660 for the organization. The initiative was held during the last weeks of October, with tickets for a draw available for anyone donating a minimum of $2.00. The campaign ran until Oct. 29, which was the big 'Shave Day' event. Kudos to all involved!
Pictured left: Lucas prepped and ready for the big shave on 'Shave Day'.
Pictured right: Sharilyn Knox, executive director of Central Plains Cancer Services, pictured with Jason Lucas during the donation presentation.

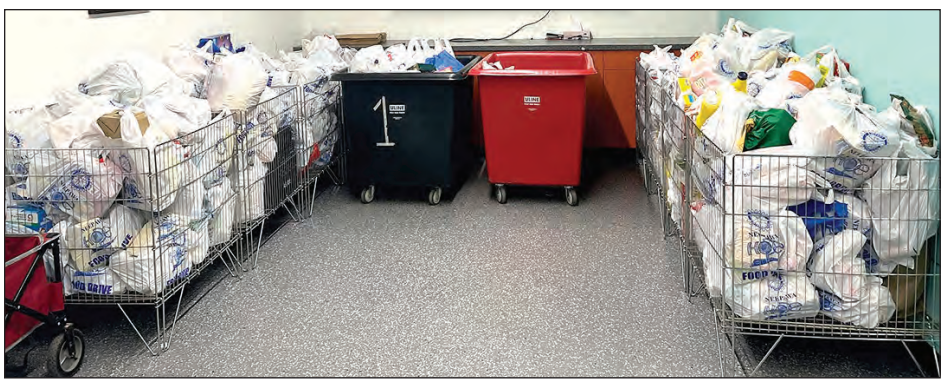




NACI's HOPE Group hosts successful food drive











Neepawa showed off its' generosity once again in the NACI HOPE Group's annual Food Drive. Once the collection of non-perishable food and home items was completed, HOPE collected 3,400 lbs of food for the Salvation Army Food Bank!

Thank you to the NACI HOPE group and NACI staff drivers for your efforts with another very successful Food Drive for the Salvation Army Neepawa.

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Alarm activation a persistent issue at Yellowhead Manor



PHOTO BY KEN WADDELL

The Neepawa Fire Department has been responding to alarm calls at Yellowhead Manor in Neepawa two to three times per week. During these stops, they have had to re-set the alarms, which is not one of part of the department's regular duties.

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Question: Can you tell me what repairs and maintenance are scheduled for the next six months?

Answer: Manitoba Housing is committed to maintaining a safe, clean, and well-managed living environment for residents. Staff are preparing for a meeting with tenants to provide information, answer questions, and discuss operational changes at the property. Manitoba Housing continues to assess and prioritize maintenance requirements at Yellowhead Manor. Specific details regarding future repair projects are being confirmed with local operations staff.

Q: Will the main floor public area washrooms be made available soon again?

A: The public-area washrooms are secured except during organized tenant events. This measure was implemented to address incidents involving unauthorized access, damage, and safety concerns.

Q: Will tenants have access to the garbage and recycling room again?

A: Garbage and recycling services have been moved to exterior bins due to odour and pest concerns. In addition, the building's main electrical panel is located in the former garbage room, making its use for waste storage inconsistent with safety requirements. Recent reminders and clarifications regarding smoking in common areas, storage of items in hallways, and the use of common spaces have been implemented to support fire safety, building maintenance, pest prevention, and the enjoyment of shared spaces by all tenants.

Q: We have been told that the apartment block's outside windows have not been cleaned for a few years. If so, is a window cleaning planned?

A: Staff are checking on plans for window cleaning and can provide further information when available.

The above few questions only covered a few of the residents questions. It will be interesting to see if Manitoba Housing can address all or most of the residents' concerns as the above questions only cover some of the major ones, the residents have many other issues. As noted above Manitoba Housing is planning a residents' meeting.

A major safety concern is the number of fire alarms at YHM. Neepawa Fire Chief Yves Guillas says the string of alarms is constant at three to four times a week. When a fire call comes in it may be due to an actual fire threat, an electronic malfunction in the alarm system, an overheated cooking event. Guillas says the firemen have to respond for obvious safety concerns, whether it turns out to be a false alarm or not. When a fire alarm goes off in any multi-story housing complex with elevators, the elevators go down to the main floor and shut off. To be reactivated, the system has to be re-set. Guillas says, "Re-setting the alarms is not the fire department's duty but the building manager/caretaker". In the case of the YHM, that person isn't always available. Guillas say the department does end up many times re-setting the alarm as "We don't want people trapped on their floor especially when some can't handle stairs." The Town of Neepawa and Guillas are both very concerned about the number of alarm incidents. He said, "If we don't respond and it's real danger situation, we don't want injuries or deaths. The fire department isn't supposed to re-set the fire alarms."

Residents say it would be better if the Caretaker/Manager was on sight more often. The building was constructed originally with a Manager/Caretaker's suite on the main floor but has been rented out to a regular tenant for years now.

Veterans decorated at Neepawa's Riverside Cemetery





PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Some of the gravestones in Neepawa's Riverside Cemetery received some special attention recently.

Throughout the resting grounds, the graves of veterans were specially marked with white crosses adorned with poppies in their honour ahead of Remembrance Day.

Shown here are just a few of the many sites that are highlighted with these thoughtful markers.

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Neepawa Tigers take down Dauphin in Murray Black Cup semi-final

By Austin Lewis
Freelance Writer

The Neepawa Tigers headed into the playoffs of the Rural Manitoba Football League, hoping to go back-to-back and defend their Murray Black Cup title. They began that quest by clashing with the Dauphin Clippers in Dauphin on Sunday, Nov. 1.

With playoff football underway, the Tigers once again started out on defense, and on their first two drives they stopped the run game with tackles from D-Linemen Charli Mignault and rookie Kian Warwaruk.

The offense then went out onto the field after those two solid defensive drives, and for the first time this season, scored a touchdown to open up the scoring on an E.J Clark two-yard rushing TD for a 7-0 lead.

Throughout the first half, the Tigers dominated the Clippers on both sides of the ball, with the defense holding the Clippers offense to less than six yards all half, and the offense continued to put points on the board, which included a 70-yard receiving touchdown by offensive player of the year Jesse Whitlaw, and another rushing TD from quarterback E.J Clark this time from 10 yards away. The Neepawa Tigers lead the Dauphin Clippers 21-0 at halftime.

At the second half, the Tigers started off slow by giving up a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter making the score 21-14. However, they ended up pulling together with an interception by DB Ben Hulley and a game winning tackle by EJ Clark, to win 21-14 over the Clippers.

The Tigers move on to the Murray Black finals for the second consecutive season. This is NACI's first playoff win on the road, and the first win against the Dauphin Clippers in the playoffs since the 2019 Murray Black Championship game.

Congratulations to Jesse Whitlaw, Amos Abrieo, and Lexiin Amyotte on being the DQ players of the game. The Tigers are back in the finals once again, and this time they are back on Neelin High School field to take on the Spartans on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:00 p.m.



NACI Tigers host Slasher Showdown

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The annual NACI Slasher Showdown once again brought plenty of excitement and a little bit of drama to the Yellowhead Centre. Six teams participated in the tournament, which was hosted by the Neepawa Tigers. Each team played a pair of round robin games on Oct. 30, and then advance to the play-offs on Halloween Saturday,

The Neepawa Tigers delivered a share of offensive fireworks and close contests, before ultimately finishing third overall over the weekend.

A shootout defeat to Crocus Plains

It's a bit of a shame when a game as good as the Tigers versus Crocus Plains Plainsmen ends up being decided by what could generously be described as a 'suspect' officiating call. But that's exactly what happened in the Neepawa's 7-6 shootout loss to open the tournament on Friday morning.

With only about 38 seconds remaining in the third period and the Tigers holding on to a 6-5 lead, a Neepawa player was called for icing. That call was a bit borderline, to say the least, as the player was at centre ice and a Crocus Plains defender made an attempt to play the puck off his skate, but missed completely and had it drift between his legs. If an attempt had been made to play the puck with the stick, the icing likely would not have been called by the linesmen.

Nonetheless, Crocus Plains received the call and was able to score the tying goal, off the faceoff, with the extra attacker. In overtime, neither team was able to generate any chances on the 3-on-3, so it was sent to a shootout. Crocus Plains would score twice, while Neepawa was blanked.

The disappointing result doesn't take away the exciting game both teams played, however. Neepawa's Carter Cruickshanks scored a pair in regulation, and added a pair of assists. Chase Pasloski, Jake Smith, Luke Nicholson and Jude Carr also scored for Neepawa, with Carr's being an unassisted sipe to the blocker side, with less than three minutes remaining, that had appeared to be the game winner, before fate decided it needed to be a bit cruel. Shots on goal for the game were 39-37 for the Tigers. Crocus Plains were called for three penalties in the game, while Neepawa was assessed just one.

Tigers best PCI

The Portage Collegiate Institute (PCI) Trojans never seemed to find any level of comfort out on the ice at the Yellowhead Centre on Friday, Oct. 30. Of course, the Tigers didn't exactly make it all that more comfortable for PCI either, as Neepawa cruised to a 4-2 win.

The game wasn't nearly as close as the score might indicate, as the Tigers outshot the Trojans 36-9. But as one-sided as the shots were, it was Portage that held on to an early lead, scoring mid-way through the first period. NACI eventually replied in the second, with Luke Nicholson producing a goal on the power-play. Just before the second intermission, Jake Smith added one more,

For the third, Carter Cruickshanks shored away what would end up being the game-winner, off a short-handed opportunity. Neepawa didn't escape its' two man penalty kill however, as less than a minute later, the Trojans scored their second of the game. Neepawa secured the win, with Chase Pasloski's late goal, to make the final 4-2.

NACI doubles up on W.C. Miller

With the 1-1 round-robin record, Neepawa would find itself playing in the third place game against the W.C. Miller Aces on Saturday afternoon. This showdown would be a close one for the majority of the game, before the Tigers pulled away late, to earn an 8-4 win.

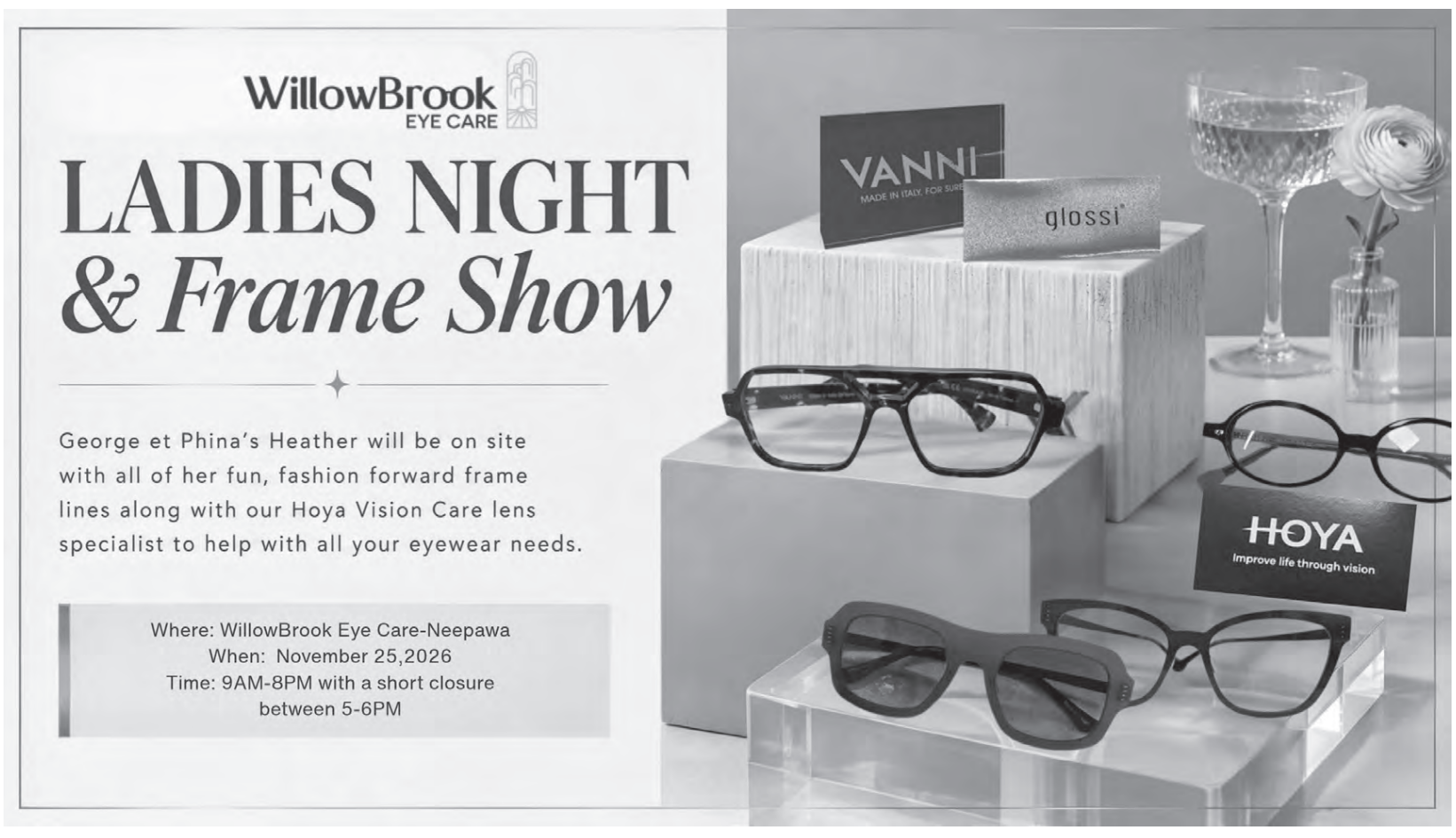
The first two periods followed very similar scripts, as W.C. Miller would score first, and then Neepawa would reply before intermission. Jude Carr scored in the first, while Carter Cruickshanks tallied his fourth of the tournament in the second.

The third period turned into an all out offensive onslaught, started by a pair of Tigers goals in the first four minutes of play. Kyson Lapointe and Luke Nicholson both scored unassisted, with Nicholson's coming during a power-play. Both team would then go on to exchange goals, with W.C. Miller scoring, by NACI quickly replying. Wade Kulbacki and Kellen Hockin were the scorers for the Tigers, to help pick up the 8-4 win, and third place for the weekend.

Vincent Massey win the weekend

As for the Championship game, the Vincent Massey Vikings played the Crocus Plains Plainsmen, with Vincent Massey winning 2-1.

Congratulations to Vincent Massey on the victory, as well as the players, coaches, support staff and volunteers, for the Neepawa Tigers, for making the 2026 Slasher Showdown as success.



MJHL Standings

East Division	GP	W	L	OT	LSOL	Pts
1. Virden	16	13	3	0	0	26
2. Wayway	16	12	3	0	1	25
3. Nor Man	17	8	9	0	0	16
4. Swan Valley	14	6	6	2	0	14
5. Dauphin	16	6	8	2	0	14
6. **Neepawa**	15	5	8	1	1	12

West Division	GP	W	L	OT	LSOL	Pts
1. Niverville	14	10	2	2	0	22
2. Steinbach	15	11	4	0	0	22
3. Selkirk	16	7	4	5	0	19
4. Winkler	15	8	6	1	0	17
5. Portage	17	5	9	2	1	13
6. Wpg Monarchs	14	5	8	1	0	11
7. Wpg Blues	13	3	10	0	0	6

MJHL player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Tyson Draper (VDN)	14	14	28
2. Marek Miller (STN)	11	16	27
3. Marlen Edwards (NIV)	10	15	25
4. Matthew O'Sullivan (NMB)	12	10	22
5. Kade Stringer (NMB)	9	13	22

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Addison McIntosh	7	4	11
2. Grayson Slaney	6	4	10
3. Talen Wallis	2	7	9
4. Eric Marks	4	2	6
5. Ryder Heaphy	2	3	5

Game results

Niverville 3-1 Neepawa

Friday, October 30

First Period
16:17 NIV C. Moore (1)
ASST: M. Edwards (14), O. Murray (7)
Second Period
No scoring
Third Period
02:04 NIV O. Murray (6)
ASST: C. Bies 95), J. Mah (8)
09:55 NPA R. Heaphy (2)
ASST: C. Stamp-Vincent (3)
18:35 NIV T. Bernier (3) EN
ASST: Unassisted
Penalties NPA 0/4 NIV 0/3
Goaltenders
NPA C. Nicolson 29/31 saves
NIV C. Charriere 29/30 saves
Attendance Niverville CRRC - 600

Club 55 Bowling

Oct. 29, 2026: ***Ladies' High Single:*** Debbie Tarn 213. Ladies' ***Ladies High Triple:*** Laurie Kohinski 491. ***Men's High Single:*** Chuck Morden 236. ***Men's High Triple:*** Russ Taylor 559. ***Other Good Scores:*** Vivian Oswald 162, 175; Carole LeBoutillier 167; Judy Gabler 178; Elsie Slimmon 158, 188; Debbie Tarn 213, 181; Caroline Harding 182; Russ Taylor 166, 204, 189; Iain Greig 161; Frank Porada 174; Garry Tolton 210; Laurie Kohinski 179, 183; Chuck Morden 236, 165; Alan Tarn 157, 185; Darrell Gabler 211, 169; Marris Bos 155.



Titans fall to Nighthawks in Niverville

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Titans had a very good showing against the defending MJHL and Centennial Cup champion Niverville Nighthawks on Friday, Oct. 30. But good showings don't automatically translate into wins, as Neepawa were bested in regulation 3-1.

The first 40 minutes of play was fairly even, as Neepawa pretty much kept pace, shift for shift and shot for shot with Niverville. The lone blemish was a Calyb Moore goal near the end of the opening period, to make it 1-0 for the Nighthawks.

The second period was a stalemate, but early in the third, 16-year-old Owen Murray scored what would be the game winner for Niverville. The MJHL rookie continues on a point per game pace with 13 points (6 goals -7 assists) in as many games.

Neepawa would reply mid-way through the period, as Ryder Heaphy scored off a pass from Carter Stamp-Vincent. The Titans pushed hard for the equalizer in the final ten minutes, but couldn't get another one past goaltender Chase Charriere, who would be named the first star of the game. The game's result would be solidified by an empty netter by Tyler Bernier, to make it a 3-1 final score.

This would be Neepawa's lone game of the week, and have them heading into November with a 5-8-1-1 record. While sitting in last place in the MJHL's West, with 12 points, the Titans remain in close proximity to the rest of the division, with games still in hand. The next two games are both on the road, in Steinbach and Waywayseecappo, respectively. Neepawa will return home for matchups with the Winkler Flyer on Friday, Nov. 13 and the Winnipeg Blues on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Neepawa Farmers run out of luck in Killarney

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

A late game scoring barrage by the Killarney Shamrocks secured them a 5-0 win over the Neepawa Farmers on Friday, Oct. 30. While that final score, at first, appears a bit lopsided, the competition on the ice was actually much closer than it would indicate. The Farmers held Killarney in check for the majority of the first and second period, as it remained 0-0 until late into the second period.

In that first 40 minutes, however, the game would be a bit marred by an array of penalties, with Killarney being the aggressors. A pair of hit to the head penalties were called just over five minutes into the second period, giving Neepawa huge a power-play opportunity. But the Farmers were unable to take advantage of that or any of their other extra man chances, and went 0-for-8 for the night on the power-play.

As for scoring, the first goal was picked up by Tyson McConnell on a Shamrocks power-play, with just 1:13 left before the second intermission. In the third, Killarney added another 3:53 into the period, off a Mike Reykdal effort. In the nine few minutes of the game, the Farmers would try to get aggressive on the attack to get back not it, and that would cost them in their own end of the ice, as Killarney added three more goals in the final eight minutes.

With just 2:17 left in regulation, everybody decided to turn into the Hanson brothers for Halloween and started throwing hands. Neepawa Cohen Kulbacki and Killarney's Drew Shiels received five for fighting and ten minutes misconducts. With that out of their system, everything calmed down… for about 18 seconds, before another old time tilt broke out. This time, two more Farmers (Hayden Kolesar and Connor Braun) and a pair of Shamrocks, got into it, and would head to the showers early.

Fortunately, that would be the end of that, and Killarney would close out the night with the win. That win improves the Shamrocks' record to 2-0-0 in the year, and drops Neepawa to 2-1-0. The Farmers will return to action on Saturday, Nov. 7, when they host the Souris Elks at the Yellowhead Centre. Start time is scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Carberry clobbers MacGregor in Tiger Hills hockey

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Carberry Plainsmen picked up their first win of the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL) season on Friday, Oct. 30, overpowering the MacGregor Wild on the way to a 7-2 win.

While it was the Wild scoring first on this night, just 8:01 into the first period, Carberry would reply a few minutes later. Kaelan Waldner scored his first of the night and of the season, to make it 1-1 after 20 minutes.

For the second, Carberry just dominated, collecting five goals from five different players. Trey Dickson, Ethan Stanley, Josh McMillan, Zane McDonnell and Cameron Trimble all scored, with Stanley and Trimble's coming on the power-play. The Wild answered back with just one goal of their own.

For the third, Waldner added a second goal, to make the final score 7-2. Goaltender Joel Baron earned the win for Carberry, stopping 30 shots. This result improves Carberry's record to 1-2-0 on the year. The Plainsmen's' next home game is Friday, Nov. 6 versus the Minnedosa Bombers.



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Obituary

Robert Lawrence (Laurie) "Lawrie" McCaskill



Robert Lawrence (Laurie) "Lawrie" McCaskill passed away Monday, November 2nd at the age of 76 at the Neepawa Hospital after a two year battle with cancer.

Predeceased by his Dad (Neil) and Mom (Lil) and Brother Dennis.

Leaves to mourn his many family members and many close good friends.

Memorial Donations in Lawrie's memory may be made to Central Plains Cancer Care.

In accordance with Lawrie's wishes, there will be no Service.

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

KENNETH M. ROGERS

(April 1, 1932 – October 24, 2026)



The Rogers and Jackson families are deeply saddened to share the news of Ken Rogers' passing on October 24, at his home in Neepawa.

Ken was blessed by two exceptionally happy marriages. He was predeceased by his first wife, Jean (née Kerr) in 1995, and his second wife, Jo (formerly Jackson) in 2024.

The youngest of his family, Ken was also predeceased by his parents, Sherman and Florence Rogers; by twin sisters, Pearl and Ruby, who died in infancy; and by his much-loved brothers and sisters, and their spouses: Douglas (Grace), Alvin (Mary), Merle (Earl), and Hazel (Leo).

Ken is survived by the large and loving blended family which gave him such joy: children Dennis, Sharon (Mark), Debra (Allan), David (Brenda), Linda (Michael), Nancy (Michael), Brenda (Grant), and Michael (Margaret); and grandchildren Hannah, Connor, Logan, Jennifer, Christopher, Scott, Andrea, Kate, Jason, Kristen, Sara, Matthew, Maddie, Veronica, and their families.

Ken was born in Carnduff, Saskatchewan. His family moved to Riding Mountain in 1934, and then to Arden in 1938, where he and his brother Douglas grew up and farmed for over 50 years. Ken cared deeply for his community, serving as Reeve of the R.M. of Lansdowne from 1990 to 1998, on the board of St. Andrew's United Church in Arden, and on the board of the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op for decades. He was especially honoured to receive the Manitoba Co-operative Association's Co-operative Merit Award in 2003.

All his life, Ken personified the sunniest optimism, looked for the best in everyone, and found hope in every challenge. His children have fond memories of the time we spent together on the farm, and, in recent years, family gatherings at his and Jo's warm and welcoming home in Neepawa. In retirement, Ken made the most of a truly wonderful life with Jo, travelling, visiting Magic Valley in Texas, spending time on the golf course, and making music in a variety of pickup bands and with his dear friends, 'The Hims' vocal group.

Ken was fortunate to enjoy good health and independence almost all his life. We are so grateful that he was able to remain close to the community and friends he loved thanks to the extraordinary and selfless support offered by Mike and Linda Boyle, Brian and Tanya Hedley, Dr. Kelly Krzyzaniak, and the staff of Kinsmen Kourts. We offer our heartfelt thanks, as well, to the staff of the Neepawa Health Centre, and the skilled and compassionate paramedics of Prairie Mountain Health, for their kind and attentive care.

One of Ken's favourite songs was Paul Williams' "The Rainbow Connection", a simple, gentle ode to the joy and wonder that await lovers, dreamers, and everyone who dares to keep on gazing at the stars. We, his family, will always cherish that spirit: and we hope you will, too.

A service of prayer and thanksgiving for Ken's life will be held at the Neepawa United-Anglican Church, on November 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.; arrangements are in the care of White's Funeral Home of Neepawa. Donations in Ken's memory may be made to the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation, or to a charity of your choice.

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A Bible Quote - NKJV - Galatians - 4:22-26 - 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, 24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar - 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children - 26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

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Carberry United Church Fall Supper

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Roast Beef supper

12 years and up - $25
5 - 12 years olds - $15

5:15 - Eat in the church hall

4:30 - take out orders (which need to be preordered by texting/calling 204 841 2419)

Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In accordance with S. 41 (5) Trustee Act (R.S.M. 1987)

IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of Robert Larry Thompson, late of the RM of Westlake-Gladstone, in Manitoba, deceased.

All claims against the above estate, duly verified by statutory declaration, must be filed with TRADITION LAW LLP, Estates & Trusts, at their offices at 701 – 310 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0S6, Attention: Krista Clendenning on or before December 11, 2026.

DATED at the City of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, the 6th day of November, 2026.

TRADITION LAW LLP
Estates & Trusts Solicitors for the Executor

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tenders for interior and exterior caretaking services
for the Roxy Theatre. Interior work includes regular cleaning of the interior of the theatre. Exterior work includes clearing of sidewalks and emergency exits in winter and mowing small section of grass in summer. The same person does not need to provide both interior and exterior services.

Full description available by emailing info@roxyneepwa.ca or by contacting Jeff at 204-476-6849.

Please submit tender outlining services available (interior and/or exterior) and rate, by Nov. 6. Bids can be emailed to info@roxyneepwa.ca or mailed to Box 1281, Neepawa.

Notice

Neepawa Land of Plenty

2026 NEEPAWA ELECTION

Further to the Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act – C.C.S.M.c.M257, Section 117, I, Colleen Synchyshyn, Senior Election Official for the Town of Neepawa hereby declare the following election results:

For the position of Councillor:

Candidate	# of Votes
Clark, Dave	**878 Elected**
Flores, Rafael, Jr.	**738 Elected**
Marquez – Hunstad, Mary Ann	473
Miner, Jeffrey	**634 Elected**
Nadeau, Jason	**796 Elected**
Paguidopon, Zaldy	**747 Elected**
Parrott, Murray	**804 Elected**

I also certify that three ballot papers were declined, rejected, spoiled or taken from the voting station.

Dated at the Town of Neepawa, MB, this 28th day of October, 2026

Colleen Synchyshyn, C.M.M.A.
Senior Election Officia

Rural Municipality of Rosedale

2026 ELECTION RESULTS

Further to the Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act – C.C.S.M. c M257, Section 117, I, Jordan Willner, Senior Election Official for the RM of Rosedale hereby declare the following election results:

For the position of Councillor of Ward 4:

Candidate	# of Votes
Sawchuk, Jordan	**45 Elected**
Sawchuk, Boniface	34

For the position of LUD of Kelwood Member:

Levandoski, Grant	**38 Elected**
Wilson, Douglas	**49 Elected**
Wood, Douglas	**39 Elected**
Levandoski, Cheyenne	25
Maczuga, Aaron	31

Dated at the Town of Neepawa, MB this 28th day of October, 2026.

Jordan Willner, CMMA
Senior Election Officia
Box 100, 282 Hamilton St., Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
CAO@RMRosedale.com | www.RMRosedale.com

Help Wanted

Beautiful Plains SCHOOL DIVISION

invites applications for the following position:

Term Educational Assistant
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Teresa McConnell, CMMA
CAO, Town of Carberry
204-834-6602
cao@townofcarberry.ca

www.townofcarberry.ca

Notice

Beautiful Plains SCHOOL DIVISION

RESULTS OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

The following are the results of the October 28th, 2026 election of School Trustees for **Ward 2 – Neepawa and Area** in the Beautiful Plains School Division:

Candidate	Result	No. of Votes
Kathleen Guillas	**Elected**	**744**
Garth Hunter	**Elected**	**701**
Susan Kohinski	**Elected**	**673**
Yvonne Sisley	**Elected**	**715**
Rey Toews		361

Dated at the Town of Neepawa this 28th day of October 2026.

Shannon Bayes
Senior Election Officia
Beautiful Plains School Division

Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah

2026 Election Results

Further to the Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act – C.C.S.M.c.M257, Section 117, I, Aaren Robertson, Senior Election Official for the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah hereby declare the following election results:

For the Position of Reeve:

Candidate	# of Votes
Syslak, Keith	**164 Elected**
Cook, Barry	159

For the position of Councillor:

Candidate	# of Votes
Rourke, Mike	**168 Elected**
Hopkins, Bill	**223 Elected**
Pearson, Craig	166
Pearson, Dennis	**201 Elected**
Pollon, Brion	116
Sharpe, Fred	**275 Elected**

I also certify that 3 ballot papers were declined, rejected, spoiled or taken from the voting station.

Dated at the Town of Minnedosa, MB, this 29th day of October, 2026

Aaren Robertson, C.M.M.A.
Senior Election Officia
Box 1197, 49 Main St. S., Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0
Ph (204) 867-3282
cao@mintoodanah.ca

Help Wanted

HyLife Foods

Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

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 100 positions.

The current starting wage is $17.95/hour with incremental increases to $26.10/hour based on tenure as per our Collective Agreement

Quick Facts:
- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
- Fully integrated facility –Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

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

HyLife is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities for all job applicants, including those who identify as a member of the following groups: Indigenous people, Newcomers to Canada, Older workers, Veterans, Youth, and Visible minorities.

Ways to apply:
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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

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AD DEADLINE MONDAY NOON

Freezerco Inc.
A subsidiary of HyLife Ltd.
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Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

Why join our team?
Freezerco Inc. is currently hiring five (5) Hog Receiving Barn Workers to join our team at 623 Main St. E., Neepawa, MB. As a subsidiary of HyLife, a global leader in food processing, FreezerCo Inc. offers the opportunity to build a rewarding career in a safe, team-oriented environment while supporting one of Canada's leading pork production operations.
Starting wage: $20.75/hour, with incremental increases up to $22.05/hour based on tenure.

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Job duties include:
- 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. Knowledge of animal behavior is an asset.
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- 1 to 7 months of 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
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

FreezerCo Inc. is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all applicants, including Indigenous Peoples, newcomers to Canada, youth, older workers, veterans, and members of visible minority groups.

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Business Address: Freezerco Inc. 106 Mill St. East, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

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Thank you for reading the Neepawa Banner & Press

HyLife Foods

Technical Sales Specialist – Exports (Japan Market) (NOC 62100)

Location (On-Site): 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
Number of Position(s): 1

Why join our team?
HyLife Foods LP is a global leader in food processing with a vision to be the best premium pork company in the world. Our mission is to take care of our employees, customers, animals, communities, and our company.

We are seeking a highly skilled Technical Sales Specialist – Exports (Japan Market) to support and expand our business relationships within Japan. This role is primarily responsible for managing customer relationships, developing export sales opportunities, and ensuring alignment between customer requirements and product offerings for the Japanese market. The successful candidate will serve as the key commercial contact for customers and distribution partners.

What we can offer you:
- Competitive annual salary of $95,000.00
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- Comprehensive benefit package – dental, vision, extended health, and more
- Permanent full-time employment
- Employee Referral program – Minimum of $500!
- Free Parking
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- And more!

Your days will include:
- Preparing quotations and sales documentation, including pricing, contract terms, delivery requirements, and sales agreements.
- Promoting sales to existing Japanese clients while identifying and developing new business opportunities within Japanese distribution channels.
- Assessing customer needs and recommending appropriate products and solutions based on customer requirements and market conditions.
- Developing reports, proposals, presentations, and supporting materials to communicate product benefit and sales opportunities.
- Representing HyLife in export sales activities and maintaining strong relationships with customers, distributors, and business partners in Japan.
- Conducting sales transactions, negotiating commercial agreements, and providing input into product specification to ensure customer requirements are achieved.
- Providing ongoing customer support, resolving product and service-related issues, and supporting customer complaint investigations and corrective actions.
- Reviewing market conditions, competitor activity, product innovations, and emerging industry trends to support business growth and sales strategies.
- Advising customers on export requirements and regulatory considerations while ensuring compliance with customer and market expectations.
- Monitoring quality and production levels to ensure customer specification are met, including supervising product fabrication and supporting meat quality improvement initiatives.
- Facilitating training on product specification and requirements, supporting new product introductions, and working closely with Operations, Production, and Quality Assurance teams to ensure successful execution.
- Maintaining quality dashboards, conducting compliance audits, identifying opportunities for operational and sales improvements, and reporting on sales performance and business initiatives.
- Performing other related duties assigned.

To succeed in this role, you must possess:
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in business/commerce, marketing, agriculture, agricultural operations and related sciences, or international and intercultural communication.
- 3–5 years of experience in Japanese export sales within the pork industry, customer relationship management, and quality assurance and control.
- Fluency in both English and Japanese is required.
- Experience working with Japanese clients or distribution channels
- Strong understanding of export sales processes and product specification
- Knowledge of quality management systems and operational processes
- Strong analytical, reporting, and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication, negotiation, and relationship-building abilities
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2026 Municipal Election results

Minnedosa

Thomas Mathews (Mayor)	500 votes	✓
Ken Cameron (Mayor)	280 votes	
Wyatt Rapsky	622 votes	✓
Jan Marie Graham	604 votes	✓
Grant Butler	603 votes	✓
Kyle Moffat	589 votes	✓
Lars Heino	461 votes	✓
Tom Dowsett	415 votes	✓
Glen (Gordo) Gordon	380 votes	
Robert Marks	240 votes	

Neepawa

Darryl Gerrard (Mayor)	Acclaimed	✓
Dave Clark	878 votes	✓
Murray Parrott	804 votes	✓
Jason Nadeau	796 votes	✓
Zaldy Paguidopon	747 votes	✓
Rafael Flores Jr	738 votes	✓
Jeffrey Miner	634 votes	✓
Mary Ann Marquez-Hunstad	473 votes	

Glenella - Lansdowne

Kevin Paramor (Reeve)	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 1		
Greg McConnell	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 2		
Jayce Muir	56 votes	✓
Wally Goodman	50 votes	
Ward 3		
Don Boxall	51 votes	✓
Teddy Wilson	3 votes	
Ward 4		
James Paramor	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 5		
Damian Dempsey	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 6		
John Pottinger	Acclaimed	✓

North Cypress - Langford

Robert Van Kommer (Reeve)	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 1		
Vacant		
Ward 2		
Dave Loewen	44 votes	✓
Harold Tolton	21 votes	
Ward 3		
Grant Jardine	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 4		
Dallis Olmstead	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 5		
Gerond Davidson	Acclaimed	✓
Ward 6		
Malcolm Murray	Acclaimed	✓

Carberry

Ray Muirhead (Mayor)	Acclaimed	✓
Leah Bryant	212 votes	✓
Krista Plaisier	205 votes	✓
Debbie Rea	203 votes	✓
Lisa Dobbin-Waters	196 votes	✓
Samantha VanDamme	171 votes	
Alby Morris	79 votes	

Westlake - Gladstone

Daryl Shipman (Mayor)	Acclaimed	✓
Chas Lambert	589 votes	✓
Dylan Gabor	557 votes	✓
Dave Thiessen	467 votes	✓
Melanie Wilson	424 votes	✓
Darrin Cook	396 votes	✓
Tanya Speiss	299 votes	✓
Amy Waldner-Redekopp	278 votes	

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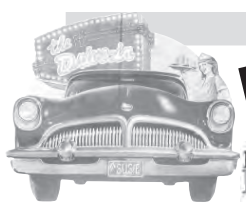
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R.M. of Rosedale

Matthew Atkinson (Reeve) Acclaimed ☑

Ward 1
Ernie Schure Acclaimed ☑

Ward 2
Meagan Wyatt-Whitmore Acclaimed ☑

Ward 3
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Grant Levandoski 38 votes ☑
Aaron Maczuga 31 votes ☐
Cheyenne Levandoski 25 votes ☐

McCreary Municipality

Reeve
Shawn Buchanan 227 votes ☑
Rick Sonnenberg 204 votes ☐

At Large
Sara A. Turko 350 votes ☑
Darian Law 348 votes ☑
Jesse McNarland 220 votes ☑
Jarvis Whyte 202 votes ☑
Casey Conrad 172 votes ☐
Bailey Turko 104 votes ☐
Larry McLauchlan 102 votes ☐
Curt Janzen 71 votes ☐

Beautiful Plains School Division

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Richard Manns Acclaimed ☑

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Fred Sharpe 275 votes ☑
Bill Hopkins 223 votes ☑
Dennis Pearson 201 votes ☑
Mike Rourke 168 votes ☑
Craig Pearson 166 votes ☐
Brion Pollon 116 votes ☐

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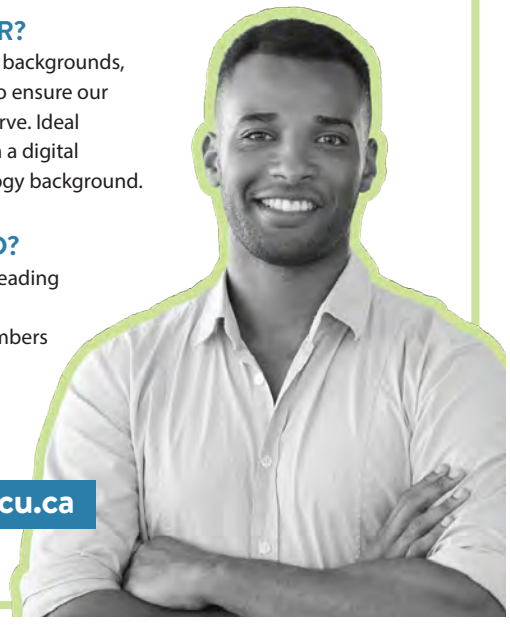

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William Morton Warriors JV Girls win Volleyball Zones

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This past Monday, the girls would walk into Neepawa for the Zone Banner playoffs after finishing Zone 7 JV standings. With this result, they would have to face the number three ranked team in the Zone: MacGregor.

The girls would come out playing hard, but MacGregor would answer them and the score would be 17-16 for the Warriors. The girls would then go on a five point run to go up 22-16 forcing MacGregor to use a time out. The girls would then prevail by a score of 25-19. The second set would see MacGregor suffer the same fate as the first set, getting behind early. The Warriors would end up winning the match by a score of 25-18 to secure their ticket to the Zone 7 final against Neepawa.

After a few minutes to debrief, the team would have to face Neepawa as the underdog, who they had lost to in every meeting they have had this season and playing on their home court. The amped up Warriors, still riding the last win from only 15 minutes ago, would jump out to a quick lead over the Tigers. The girls would never look back in that first set. Even though they struggled with serving, their defence was stifling with keeping balls alive and setting up double blocks on the Neepawa's left side hitters. Continuing this type of play having a very loud bench in the second set, the girls rode the momentum to defeat the Tigers in the first set by a score of 25-19. The second set would see the Warriors wave continue and jump out to a lead. The girls continued their strong play, but again had many service errors that allowed the Tigers to remain in the game. The girls would see the score remain close until the final points, but never relinquished the lead. The girls would defeat the Tigers by a score of 25-22 and win WMCI their first ever girls Volleyball Zone 7 banner to make history that night. "Coming in as underdogs to these finals and losing the last three matches against Neepawa, the girls mentally remained in the match from the first serve of the game till the very last point. I am very proud of all the girls and all they have accomplished to this point in the season." *(Coach Nicole Hardy).*

In addition to this win, the girls guaranteed a spot in the upcoming JV A/AA Provincial qualifiers being held in various locations around the province on Nov. 14. Good luck to the Warriors on continuing their quest to get to the Provincial Championships.


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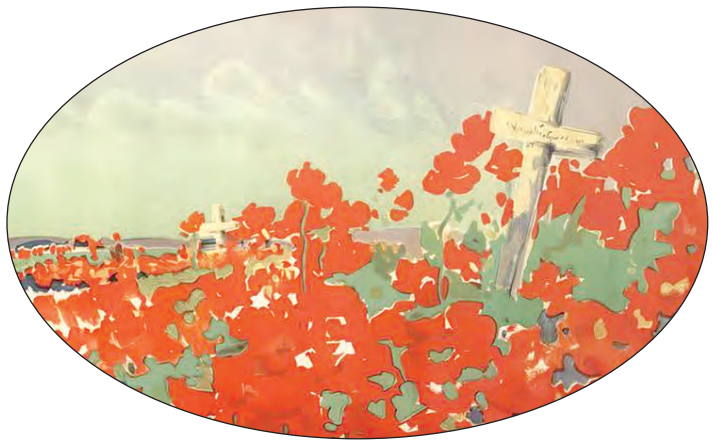

Neepawa Poppy Project blooms into reality



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Pictured: Melanie Burnett, Lane Englund, Ginny Collins, and Nancy Hunter on Nov. 1 after the new poppy blanket was secured at Neepawa's cenotpah for the first time. These women are just a few of those who organized and/or volunteered with the Neepawa Poppy Project.

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

On a foggy Sunday, Nov. 1, thousands of poppies bloomed to life at Neepawa's cenotaph. The vibrant red display was accomplished by many dedicated hands.

Since March, Neepawa Poppy Project organizers and eager volunteers from the broader public were busy making each poppy by hand via knitting or crochet.

"We haven't tallied up yet how many people have helped us, but it's definitely more than 65 or maybe even 70," said Lane Englund, Neepawa Poppy Project representative. "That there was such a good community response… it was totally beyond anything that Susan [Philips], Melanie [Burnett], and I and all the other coordinators anticipated."

Englund added, "We really got a lot of response from a lot of different people—and not just from Neepawa. We've had people from Brookdale, Rapid City, and somebody from Hartney sent a bag full of poppies."

Poppy makers spanned a variety of ages, with even the Neepawa middle school's crochet club taking part.

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STELLA JONES

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Dudley Lee, close friend, family man and much more

By Helen Drysdale
Neepawa Banner & Press

Our friend Dudley Lee of Neepawa passed away this year at 102. Dudley enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on May 29, 1941. He received his wings on graduation on July 30, 1942. He completed coastal training at Charlottetown, PEI on Hudson aircraft Sept. 24, 1942. He was posted to South Africa, England and Scotland during his years of service.

Solar eclipse

On June 10, 2024, Manitobans were treated to a total solar eclipse. When visiting Dudley at the nursing home, I asked him if he was going to watch the eclipse. He said no, as he had already seen one before when he was stationed in North Africa during WW II. He then proceeded to tell me this story:

"In Africa there was an eclipse coming. People were coming in from the London Observatory to see it. It was the time of the year when there were large dust storms on the Sahara Desert. To get clear photos you had to fly over 10,000 feet, which was a fair height in those days. The day the Observatory people arrived I was the only sergeant pilot around, so I got the job to fly them. It took me a while to get the oxygen equipment together to get ready to go. I was ready for the big day when the night before the Air Vice-Marshal phoned to say he wanted to go to see the eclipse. So, I had an Air Vice Marshal, which is about two ranks below the King, as my second pilot. At that point everybody in the station would have loved to go, but we had all the equipment ready to go so there was no argument. The eclipse was the minor event for me. It was the fact that I had an Air Vice-Marshal as second pilot that was the major event for me.

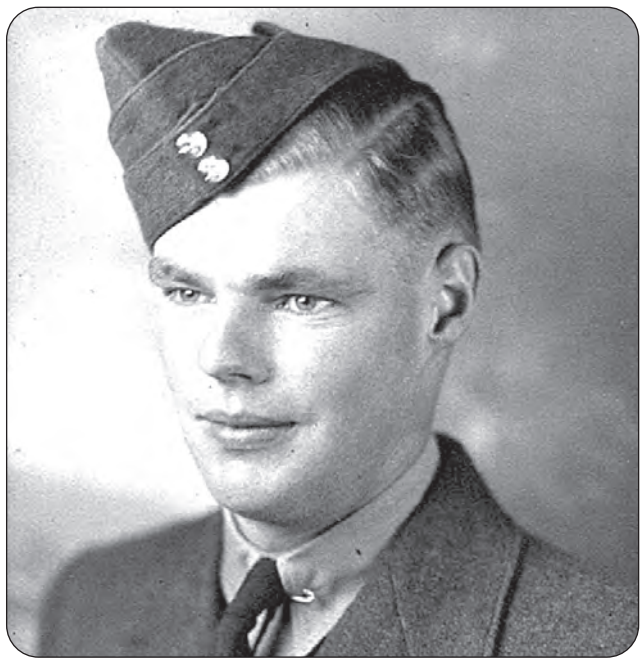
We flew to 12,000 feet to be sure we were above the haze and flew in the same direction as the eclipse was travelling. We were in the eclipse for two or three minutes. There were three photographers from London plus our gunner who was working the camera. I did not see much of the eclipse as I was busy working."

During the Second World War, the SS Duchess of York was converted into a troopship. She was nicknamed the 'Drunken Duchess', for the ship's lively motion in heavy weather. On July 11, 1943, while sailing in Convoy Faith in the Atlantic the Duchess had 600 troops, crew and supplies when a high-flying Focke-Wulf bomber of the Luftwaffe hit her with a bomb.

Manning the guns

Dudley happened to be on that troop transport ship that day.

He said, "The air force gunners were manning the guns on the ship. To give the pilots and navigators something to do we were in charge of the watch. All we had to do was see the people were at their stations. That evening there was beer on that day. Everyone was entitled to one bottle of beer. Conroy, the navigator, said 'You go down and check the back guns and on the way back stop at the Sergeants' Mess and get your beer. Don't be too long so I can get my beer'. After checking the guns, the alarm went so I went back up to the bridge to see what was happening. There was



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Pictured: Neepawa veteran Dudley Lee.

a Focke-Wulf bomber spotted. The Focke-Wulf were up about 12,000 feet. The bomb hit the engine room. The order came to abandon ship. The lifeboats were lowered. I was in one of the later ones and Conroy and I were on the same seat pulling an oar. Up until that time we were told that the German's bomb sight was terrible, but the Americans could drop a bomb in an apple barrel at 16,000 feet. We were using our bomb sights so we knew what it would do. We were lucky if we could hit a city block from 10,000 feet. So, as Conroy and I were discussing the situation we both came to the realization that the German bomb sight was not all that bad. They were picked up by a Canadian destroyer who had put their landing net down. The lifeboat was coming up and down and the first and second time it came up nobody moved. The third time it came up I helped the guy next to me get onto the net and Conroy was helping others get onto the net. It was down to me and Conroy, and we managed to scramble up the net. At the railing someone grabbed me by the scruff of the neck to pull me over and exclaimed 'Oh we have a Canadian'. The last I saw of the two ships was that they were on fire from end to end. The third ship in the convoy was a freighter. When the bombing started, they opened the throttles up to high gear and zigzagged taking evasive action and the bombs missed them."

Conroy and Dudley never did get their bottle of beer that day.

He always wondered why...

The Duchess was one of two troop ships in that convoy. The other troop ship was the HMS California along with a freighter, Port Fairy. The accurate high-altitude bombing of the Focke-Wulf bombers left both Duchess and California blazing. The Duchess lost 27 men. The SS California lost 46 servicemen and crew. The attack left both ships beyond recovery and fearing the fires would attract U-boats, the Royal Navy sank both ships by torpedoes in the early hours of July 12. 1943.

I felt privileged that Dudley was able to tell me some of his stories. He always wondered why he was lucky enough to have come home alive in one piece when so many did not. Dudley was honourably discharged Oct. 22, 1945, and returned to Canada and rejoined his family in Makaroff, Manitoba. Thank you for your service, Dudley.

Note: Dudley Lee's family says, "There were always a couple things that bothered Dad enough that he brought them up."

The first, as mentioned in Helen's article, is that he always wondered why he was so lucky.

"The second thing was when there was a fatality during the war, the railway delivered a telegram to the unfortunate family. As Dad's Dad had the only telephone in the community, he would get a phone call to notify the family to have someone home at 1:00 p.m. so the telegram could be delivered to a family member. Grampa always left the store at 9:45 for 30 minutes so he did not get those calls."

'I was home on leave' -D. Lee

By Ken Waddell
Neepawa Banner & Press

Dudley Lee of Neepawa could well remember where he was when World War II (WWII) ended on Victory in Japan Day in 1945.

"I was home on leave for three weeks at the family farm at Makaroff."

Lee was an RCAF bomber pilot in Europe and flew many times into enemy territory. But with the end of the European part of the war, Lee's squadron, which had been converted to Mosquito bombers, was in the process of being redeployed to the Japanese Theatre. There were 24 planes in each squadron with an aircrew of two each and several ground crew. The whole outfit was destined to go to the Pacific portion of the war when the United States dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima and then on Nagasaki.

Lee said, "The A-bomb gets a lot of criticism but it has maintained peace in the world since then. The only time it will ever be used again is if a rogue organization, like ISIS, gets hold of it. North Korea would never use it as they know they would be wiped off the map if they did"

Lee's career took him from RCAF pilot to machinery dealer, to farmer, to poultry producer. He retired to Neepawa but was frequently seen around town talking to his many friends and former customers.

KW note: Dudley said that having the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) was good idea politically but it would have made more sense if the Canadian pilots had been integrated into the RAF, as those pilots had up to to three years battle hardened experience by the time the Canadian pilots got through their training and arrived in Britain.

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S/Sgt. Shirley Hope Anderson (Manhard)

WWII veteran, dedicated nurse

By Casper Wehrhahn
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PHOTOS FROM MCCREARY MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

S/Sgt. Shirley Hope Anderson, a World War II veteran who is also known in McCreary and Neepawa for her dedicated career in healthcare.

S/Sgt. Shirley Hope Anderson (nee Manhard), was a veteran of World War II. Shirley was born on July 3, 1924, and her parents were Morley and Elizabeth Manhard of Pilot Mound. She also had a sister, Patricia.

Shirley had connections to both McCreary and Neepawa throughout her life.

Her enlistment into service for World War II was with the Canadian Women's Army Corps via Winnipeg in August of 1943. According to 'Military Service Recognition Book Volume 15', Shirley was stationed in the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario. There, she served in what was known as "movement control".

S/Sgt. Shirley remained there until June of 1946, when she was honourably discharged in Winnipeg.

For her dedicated service, Shirley was recognized with the British Empire Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and War Medal 1939-1945.

Service after war

In addition to her service during World War II, S/Sgt. Shirley Anderson will be well remembered for her dedicated service in her civilian career.

Her pursuits after World War II saw her undertake nursing training at the Winnipeg General Hospital. After her graduation in 1951, she worked at various hospitals before becoming the "Matron" at the McCreary Hospital.

(According to 'McCreary Milestones and Memories', she arrived in McCreary and began her work there in 1957.)

While working at the McCreary Hospital, she met and married her husband, Germund Anderson, who had also served during World War II. The pair had two sons, Jeffrey and Bruce, who were both active in the air cadet program in Neepawa.

The family moved to Neepawa in 1972, where Shirley continued her work as an operating room supervisor in the Neepawa General Hospital. She remained employed here until her retirement in 1989.

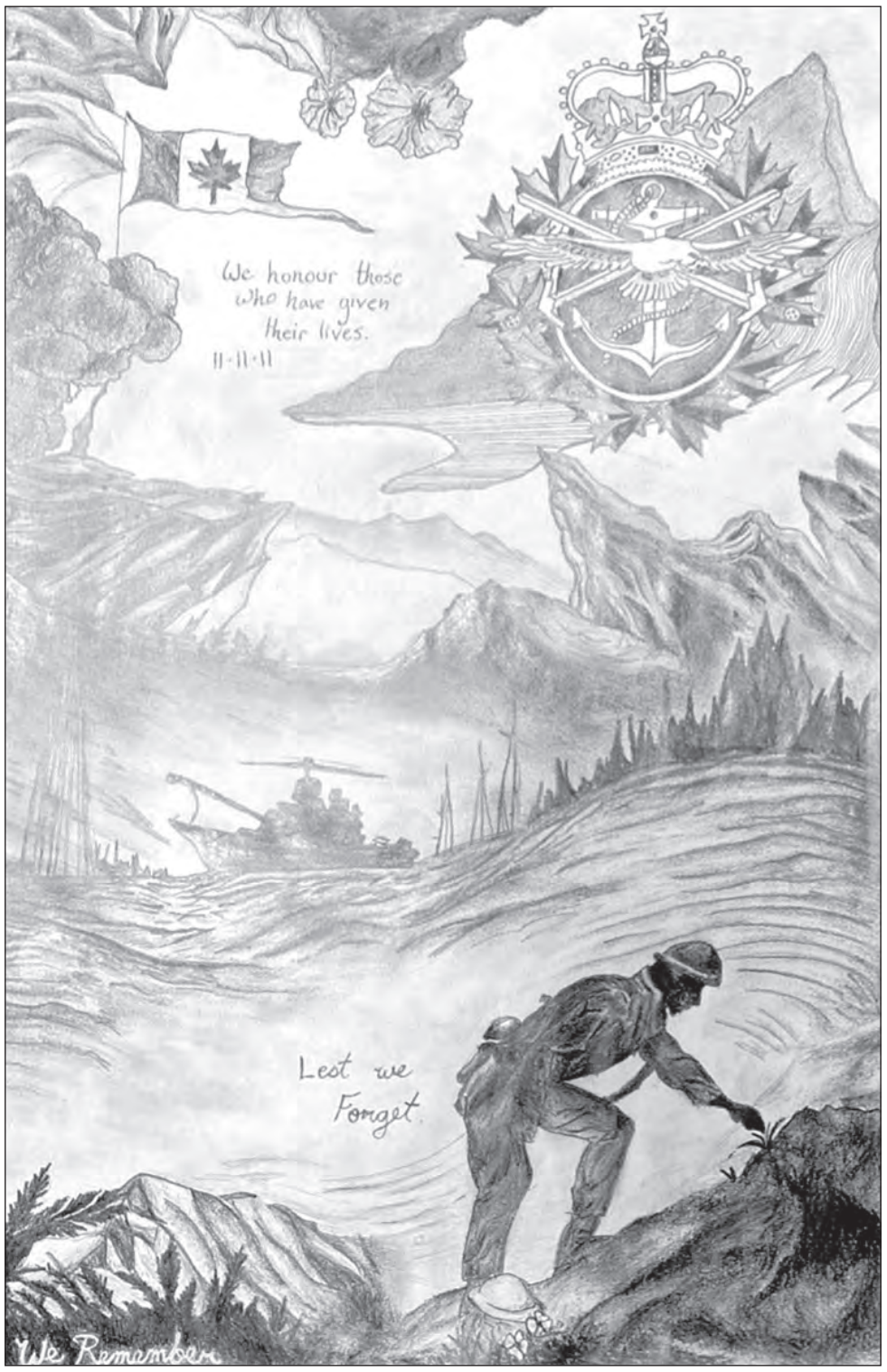
It should also be noted that S/Sgt. Shirley was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Neepawa (Branch #23).

On Apr. 28, 2021, she passed away at the Country Meadows Personal Care Home at the age of 96.



The McCreary Medical Nursing Unit (as it appeared in 1950), where Shirley would have worked.

McCreary student's tribute to veterans featured in Ottawa



FILE PHOTO

A hand drawn poster by McCreary School student Ashley Nadeau.

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

This black and white poster, hand drawn by McCreary School student Ashley Nadeau, is being featured in the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa for Remembrance Day this year.

Nadeau drew the poster for the Senior Black and White Category of the Royal Canadian Legion's annual poster competition for 2025, winning first place at both the Branch and Provincial levels before being declared a third place winner at the National level. Nadeau received her award on Apr. 27, and was featured alongside her poster in the May 6 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

In the story that week, Nadeau stated, "For my poster, I really wanted to include all the different forces. Remembrance Day is about everyone who has served, and I wanted my poster to reflect that unity in it."

And, "Doing the poster made me think more deeply about it, and I hope it does the same for others. It's a way to say thank you and to make sure those stories don't get lost."

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‘We never asked them to go’ –Julienne Cantin, 1960

The ‘extraordinary’ World War II service history of McCreary’s Cantin family

By Casper Wehrhahn
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PHOTOGRAPHS SOURCED FROM VETERAN AFFAIRS CANADA, ‘MCCREARY MILSTONES AND MEMORIES’, AND ‘MCCREARY MILESTONES AND MEMORIES II’

Pictured from left to right: Wilfred, Evelyn (Wilfred’s wife), Albert, Amédée Thomas, Clément Francis, Marie, Clément Nivon, Joseph, Lionel, Maurice, and Noel Cantin, who all enlisted for service during World War II. Their parents/parents-in-law are Amédée Joseph and Julienne (Daudin) Cantin, of McCreary.

The history of McCreary’s Cantin family includes contributions during World War II that are regarded by Veteran Affairs Canada as “extraordinary”. Julienne and Amédée Cantin had 10 children, and a daughter-in-law, who all served during this global conflict.

This willingness to serve– as Julienne and Amédée neither encouraged, nor discouraged their children from enlisting– is believed to be one of the largest single-family contributions by any Canadian family.

The names of these Cantin siblings are Lionel, Clément Francis, Maurice, Joseph, Wilfred, Amédée Thomas, Clément Nivon, Noel, Marie, Albert, and Evelyn (wife of Wilfred Cantin).

Wilfred and Evelyn Cantin

Troop Serjeant Major (WO.III) Wilfred Cantin, born on Mar. 7, 1914, enlisted into the armed forces on Sept. 8, 1939 via Dauphin. His unit was the Fort Garry Horse of the Royal Canadian Armored Corps.

According to available details from Veteran Affairs Canada and ‘McCreary Milestones and Memories’, Cantin lost his life in November of 1940 during a training exercise while stationed at Camp Borden, Ontario with the Fort Garry Horse. Wilfred was 26 years old, and was memorialized in the McCreary Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Following the death of her husband, Evelyn Cantin joined the Canadian Women’s Army Corps. This service took her overseas, but no further details could be found.

Clément Francis Cantin

Flying Officer Clément Francis was born on Sept. 13, 1919. On Dec. 17, 1940, he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force via Winnipeg. His division was identified as 213 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, and he served overseas.

On Oct. 9, 1942, Clément Francis was killed in action at El Alamein, Egypt. At the time of his death, he was just 23 years old.

He has been memorialized at Egypt’s Alamein Memorial, and his grave reference is Column 263.

Maurice Cantin

Flying Officer Maurice Raoul Cantin was born on July 15, 1922. On Oct. 6, 1941, he enlisted via Winnipeg to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. His division was identified as 514 (R.A.F) Sqdn.

Maurice’s service took him overseas, where he would ultimately lose his life in the line of duty as a bomber pilot. He and his crew were killed in action on Nov. 26, 1943 at Germendorf, Germany.

The following quoted text is an excerpt from a letter or report by an Investigations Officer, which was available on Veteran Affairs Canada’s website:

“Aircraft: According to the Burgermeister and the police at Germendorf, the aircraft was shot down by a night fighter when coming away from Berlin. The aircraft burnt in the air and broke in pieces and most of it crashed in a wood outside Germendorf. The rear turret was found separated from the fuselage and contained the body of the reargunner, already shot. (His head was shot away)

Aircrew: The rest of the crew, (all of them burnt) were found scattered about, it seems that members of the Wehrmacht identified Sgt. Sadler, F/O Cantin, Sgt. Eyre, and Sgt. Michell (for there is no record of their names in the cemetery list which merely gives the grave numbers: 32 - 37 for unknown British airmen,) and buried them with the rest of the crew. However, they placed the four names on a single cross, and gave no indication of the order in which the bodies were placed in the communal grave. There were no coffins. Therefore from the start we had to rely on exhumation to identify members of this crew.”



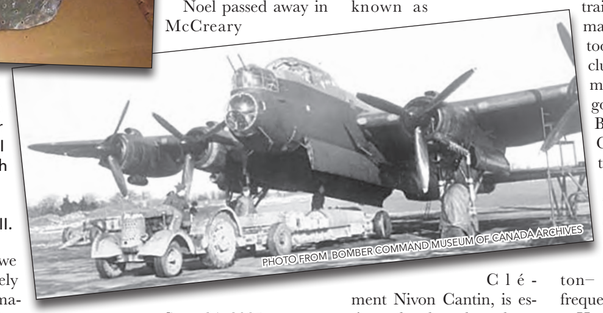


Above left: Parents Julienne (nee Daudin) and Amédée Cantin.

Above right: Some of Julienne Amédée’s children as youths in 1926. They are Maurice, Noel, Clément Francis, Amédée Thomas, Marie, Wilfred, Joe, and Lionel.



Above: The wreckage pictured here is identified by Veteran Affairs Canada as the air intake of Flying Officer Maurice Cantin’s Lancaster Mk.II bomber. It was found near the crash site at Germendorf, Germany.



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Right: An example of a Lancaster Mk.II.

Noel Cantin

Noel Adrien Cantin, the youngest of the Cantin sons, was born on Dec. 23, 1920. Twenty years later, in 1940, Noel enlisted with the Fort Garry Horse of the Canadian Armored Corps. He spent five years in service, with three of them being served overseas.

During his service overseas, Noel took part in the D-Day invasion, and was wounded twice while serving with the Fort Garry Horse. According to an obituary in the Winnipeg Free Press, he received many commendations for his dedicated service.

Noel passed away in McCreary on Sept. 24, 2005.

Amédée Thomas Cantin

Amédée Thomas Cantin, born on Apr. 25, 1917, was noted to have been enlisted with Fort Garry Horse of the Canadian Armored Corps. Unfortunately, further details could not be located.

Lionel Cantin

Lionel Francis Cantin was born on July 2, 1911, and passed away in 1986. It is reported that he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force. No further details could be located at the time of research.

Clément Nivon Cantin

Clément P. Nivon, also known as Clément Nivon Cantin, is estimated to have been born in 1920, as he was 13 years old when he was taken in by Julienne and Amedee Cantin in 1933.

Clément Nivon was originally a nephew of theirs, but was raised as one of their own following the passing of his own parents, Raoul and Marceline Nivon (nee Daudin).

Marceline was the sister of Julienne Cantin (nee Daudin).

According to information available in ‘McCreary Milestones and Memories’, and an obituary in The Winnipeg Free Press, Clément Nivon joined the Fort Garry Horse Reserve while he was attending school.

At the outbreak of the war in 1939, he enlisted and trained as a tank commander. His service later took him overseas, including landing in Normandy on D-Day and going through France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany to the end of the war.

Clément Nivon returned safely home, continuing to live in McCreary before moving to Edmonton– visiting McCreary frequently.

He lived to be 84 years old, passing away on Sept. 5, 2004.

Joseph Cantin

Joseph George Cantin, born on Jan. 25, 1913, was noted to have joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. Unfortunately, no further details could be located.

Albert Cantin

Albert Ephrem Cantin was born on Mar. 8, 1924, and is reported to have joined the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. Details regarding his service were scarce.

However, it was reported in the Nov. 7, 2004 Winnipeg Free Press that some of his training took place at Dauphin.

In that same article, Albert further highlighted his parents’ disposition, even in the face of loss, “They never expressed any regrets about what happened. There was sadness, of course, but a lot of pride, too… They were patriotic and they believed in the cause. They seemed to understand it was our duty.”

At the conclusion of Albert’s training in Dauphin, Julienne is noted to have personally pinned his wings on his chest.

An obituary in the Winnipeg Free Press states that Albert lived to the age of 95, passing away on July 27, 2019.

Marie Cantin

Marie Renee Cantin was born on July 13, 1915. The date of her enlistment could not be found, but she is reported to have served as a nurse with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Additional details from ‘McCreary Milestones and Memories’ state that Marie served in this role both in Canada, and overseas. While overseas, she served both in England and with the invasion force that moved up through western Europe to Germany.

Marie continued her nursing career after returning to Canada until her retirement, after which she returned to McCreary to care for parents Julienne and Amédée.

Julienne named Silver Cross mother

In 1960, mother Julienne Cantin was named the 1960 National Memorial (Silver) Cross Mother. At age 80, she attended the national Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa on Nov. 11 that year, laying a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial on behalf of all mothers who have lost a child in military service to Canada.



Pictured: Julienne Cantin at Ottawa in 1960, examining the Book of Remembrance.

According to the article by Veteran Affairs Canada, Julienne that day stated, “I’m not doing this for myself, but for the children who deserve it. We never asked them to go.”

Julienne also received the Legion of Honour from the Government of France, and three Silver Crosses (one for each child lost in service).

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‘Thought they were all going to die for sure’

A close look at local World War II veteran James F. Proven

By Casper Wehrhahn
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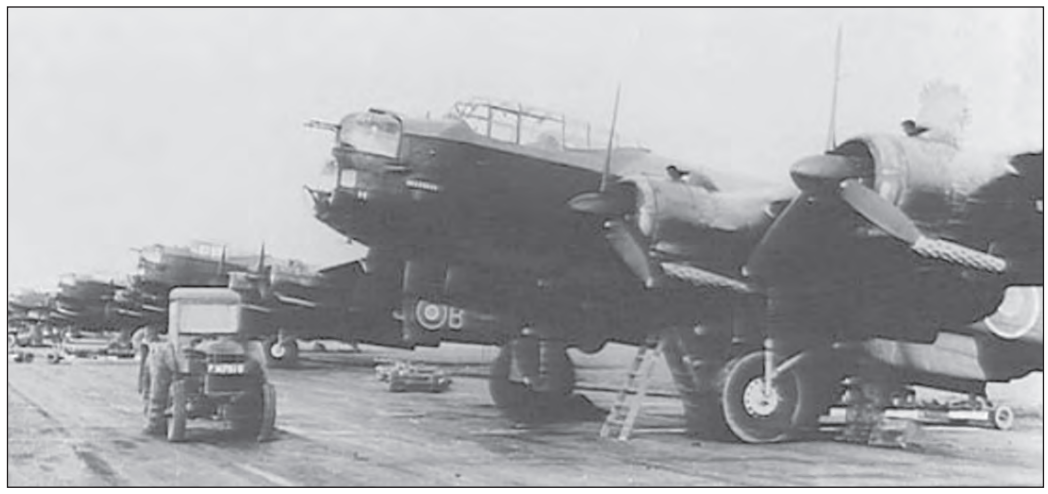

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Pictured left: The late Frederick Proven, a World War II veteran whose overseas service included a seven month posting with the Royal Canadian Air Force’s 408 Goose Squadron.
Pictured above: Lancaster Mk. II aircrafts. The Lancaster MK. II bombers would have been in use by the 408 Goose when Proven was first posted with the squadron.

The late James Frederick Proven was a veteran of World War II, and has connections to both the Basswood area and to Minnedosa. He was with the 408 Goose Squadron for a portion of his overseas service (Mar. 30, 1944 and onwards).

Note: James’ wife, Dorothy (Bennett), whom he met and married while overseas, was also with the 408 Goose. Dorothy was a clerk in the Women’s Reserve Air Force and had previously worked on balloons over London.

According to information provided by ‘Military Service Recognition Book Volume 16’ and The Winnipeg Free Press, James was born in Basswood on Feb. 9, 1924.

When he was just 18 years old, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force via Winnipeg in March of 1942 as air crew.

Further details note that he graduated from Initial Training School for air crew in approximately February of 1943, then shifted from the role of pilot to Bomb Aimer (BA) after “washing out” as a pilot at Elementary Flying Training School.

His BA training was conducted at Paulson Bombing and Gunning School, near Dauphin, using Anson aircraft. Their bomb and gunnery practice was carried out over Lake Manitoba on a range, using a pyramid structure close to shore.

James graduated from Paulson Bombing and Gunning on May 28, 1943, then moved on to the #1 Air Observer’s School in Malton, Ontario, once again using Ansons. This time, however, the training involved cross-country flying—finding a target and bombing it. All the pilots were also noted to be civilians.

Training as a whole included navigation, reconnaissance, signals, armament, “air exercises photography”, bombing exercises, and more.

James graduated as a BA in July of 1943, and received a commission as Pilot Officer.

Shortly after, James was sent overseas and received further training at a Royal Air Force Station in Staverton, Gloucester.

A close call over Cherbourg

His overseas service in World War II certainly contained a number of frights. One such experience took place after being posted to the #82 Operational Training Unit, located in Ossington, on Oct. 12, 1943.

While at Ossington, James and the rest of his crew did much cross country flying and “high-level bombing”. Additionally, they conducted what was known as a “nickel raid”, in which they dropped propaganda leaflets in Fountain-Bleu, just south of Paris, in France.

On the trip for the leaflet drop, there was a disruption with the navigator in which they became unable to provide the pilot with courses to follow.

Being the only other member of the crew free to move around the craft, the pilot is reported to have asked James to move to the navigator’s position to see what was wrong, as the pilot wasn’t able to get a sensible answer from the individual.

When James arrived, the navigator was found at his desk, mask off, “grinning and not making sense”. The navigator was reported to be acting unintelligibly due to a lack of oxygen, which was provided through the masks via clip-on oxygen bottles.

The crew, now not knowing where they were aside from being in France, promptly dropped their leaflets. The pilot then headed west, then north in hopes of flying back over England.

The crew ended up flying over Cherbourg, where the German forces responded with anti-aircraft fire. Thankfully, they were not hit, and subsequently able to fly over England, break radio silence, and make contact.

After the crew’s safe return to base, the navigator was sent back to Canada and never seen by James or the pilot again.

A lucky survival

Yet another experience shared in detail within ‘Military Service Recognition Book Volume 16’ took place while James was posted with #408 Goose Squadron at Linton-on-Ouse.

One night, the crew was on their way for a raid, speeding down the runway with eighteen 500lb bombs loaded in the aircraft. However, it was reported that part of the leading edge of their aircraft hadn’t been properly locked, resulting in it flying up and acting as a brake when the craft was at approximately air speed.

This caused the aircraft to shudder and shake.

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Pictured here is an example of a Halifax bomber, another aircraft that James Proven likely would have flown. The 408 Goose switched from Lancaster Mk. IIs to Halifax aircraft in the summer of 1944.

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Community memorial services

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The following are the available Remembrance Day service details for the region.

Note: Details for Erickson and Kelwood were unable to be obtained ahead of this special section's print deadline. Please check with your local Legion or organizing group for information on these ceremonies.

Neepawa services

Services for Neepawa will be held on Nov. 11 at the Yellowhead Centre. The ceremony will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Minnedosa services

General Hugh Dyer (Royal Canadian Legion Branch 138) will be hosting a Remembrance Day service at the Minnedosa Community Conference Centre on Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m.

Gladstone services

Legion Branch #110 is inviting all to a Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11. The service will take place at the Co-op Community Hall, located at 79 5th Street in Gladstone, at 10:30 a.m.



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Plumas services

The public is invited to join in a Remembrance Day service at the Plumas Community Hall on Nov. 11, at 10:45 a.m. The service will start at 11:00 a.m., with a lunch to follow. All are welcome to attend.

McCreary services

McCreary Legion Branch #173 will be holding a Remembrance Day service in the Legion on Nov. 11. The memorial service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Carberry services

The Carberry & District Legion (Branch 153)'s Remembrance Day Service will be held on Nov. 11 in the Carberry Community Memorial Hall. All attending are asked to be seated by 10:45 a.m.

Brandon services

Royal Canadian Legion Brandon (Branch 003) will be hosting a Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the Assiniboine Credit Union Place. The doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

A safe return home after 30 missions with the 408 Goose Squadron

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The engineer, whose position was beside the pilot, fled to the rest area with the other members of the crew, refusing to return to position. James went up instead.

From here, it is reported that the pilot was having trouble controlling the aircraft and didn't know what was wrong. The craft got about 200 feet up, all power on, and proceeded to climb to 900 feet. Here, an urgent decision had to be made; could they jettison their bombs and make a safe landing?

It was determined that the removal of the bombs was not a possibility, as the plane was now at stalling speed. They would have to make their landing with the dangerous cargo still onboard. The bombs were a concern on their own, but even more-so when taking the aircraft's 1,700 gallons of fuel into consideration.

The crew flew straight ahead to the Martson Moore aerodrome and came down.

As the aircraft touched down on the runway, the undercarriage reportedly collapsed, the fuel tanks broke, and the fuel itself caught fire. After it skidded to a stop, the crew scrambled out and the aircraft exploded mere minutes after.

"James thought they were all going to die for sure," said the report in the Service Recognition Book. "They were lucky and survived."

Much like the navigator from the Cherbourg incident, the engineer was never seen by the rest of the crew again.

Life after World War II

James and the #408 Goose completed a grand total of 30 missions during their tour of duty, with their final trip being made on Oct. 23, 1944– a flight from Essen to Ruhr Valley. He received his official discharge in May of 1945, and was recognized with medals such as the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, Defence of Britain Medal, Air Crew Europe Star with France and Germany Clasp, 1939-1945 Star, and Operations Wing and War Medal 1939-1945.

After his discharge, James returned to school in Minnedosa to complete Grade 12, then went back to the RCAF and served as an armorer for five years. He was stationed in Trenton, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta.

After engaging in additional work with the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company for a time, and then Hudson Bay Oil and Gas, James, Dorothy, and their son Keith, went to Fairmount in 1962 to farm.

Keith later took over the farm, and James went to work with the Rolling River School Division. James and Dorothy moved to Minnedosa in 1968, with James continuing his work with the School Division until 1985.

James passed away on May 19, 2010, and Dorothy predeceased him in the summer of 1994.

C. A. Finnimore, WWI veteran and prisoner of war

By Casper Wehrhahn
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The late Charles Albert Finnimore served in, and was a veteran of World War I.

Originally hailing from England, he was born on Nov. 29, 1897 at Luncestion, Cornwall, and was the third son of Thomas and Jane Finnimore.

World War I broke out in August of 1914, and Charles enlisted shortly after. He signed up with the armed forces in November that same year. At the time, he was just 17 years old.

According to 'McCreary Milestones and Memories', The young Finnimore was posted with the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and was sent to Ireland for training. Then, in 1915, he was sent to the Dardanelles (the Strait of Gallipoli).

While at the Dardanelles, Charles was wounded and contracted Malaria. This resulted in a hospital stay of several weeks, and a trip home on convalescent leave.

After the conclusion of his leave in 1915, he rejoined his regiment and was sent to France.

A few years later, in May of 1918, he was taken as a prisoner of war and held in Germany. He would remain a POW until the armistice was signed in November of 1918, and he was released to return to his hometown.

Life after the war

In April of 1920, Charles married his wife, Louise. Five weeks later, Charles immigrated to Canada.



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Charles A. Finnimore.

Upon his arrival, he came to Brandon, Manitoba, where he took up a fencing contract.

Louise soon followed him to Canada, immigrating in July of 1921. Together, the pair took on jobs in several places such as Souris, Gladstone and Neepawa. Their eldest son, Harry Finnimore, was also born in Neepawa on Aug. 10, 1924.

In 1928, the family moved to the Norgate District and made their home on the Andrew Kavanaugh Farm. They remained there until 1963, expanding their family throughout the years to also include Clifford, Kathleen, Evelyn, Leonard, and Brian.

The pair retired in 1963 to the village of McCreary.

Four years later, Charles pre-deceased Louise on Dec. 28, 1967 after a lengthy illness.

It should be noted that Charles and Louise Finnimore's oldest son, Albert Henry (Harry) Finnimore has also served in the armed forces.

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‘A real sense of accomplishment’

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Opportunities for people who do not knit or crochet to get involved were available as well. This included Lane Englund herself, who assisted instead by preparing and delivering poppy kits, picking up poppies, and fastening the faux flowers to the blanket and poppy strings.

Venues such as the United-Anglican Church, Margaret Laurence Home, Kinsmen Kourst I and II, and more, also assisted by providing work-space, or welcoming the group for demonstrations.

Regarding the wide-ranging reception, Englund stated, “It just shows you that communities can work together for a variety of different things. All of us have something that we’re interested in doing, and you can fire up a bunch of other people to get involved in the same thing. And this is the 100th year of the Legion, so this was definitely our year to do this.”







PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Left: People hard at work for Neepawa’s very own poppy blanket project.
Right: The completed poppy display on Nov. 1.

Neepawa’s poppy blanket is 66 feet and contains about 3,000 poppies. The poppy strings on the chain-link fence also account for an estimated 120 poppies.

The count doesn’t stop there, however, as some poppy strings were put up outside the Neepawa Legion. Additionally, there are many more that have yet to find a home.

“We got an amazing number of poppies,” said Englund. “If there’s 3,000 on the blanket, we must have 4,000 between all the strings. And Susan’s got a box of 1,000 at home, and there might even be some still at the Margaret Laurence Home. And we keep getting calls to come to the Library or the United Church office to pick up poppies.”

Providing a total estimate, Englund added, “We’ve got probably close to 5,000 poppies if you start adding all the bits and pieces.”

Any poppies which are yet to be incorporated into a display will find their home in the future. The Neepawa Poppy Project has a few ideas bouncing around, which they hope the community will look forward to.

In the meantime, Englund provided her perspective on how it felt to complete the 2026 poppy display.

“It was really good the day that Susan messaged me to say, ‘We finished yesterday’,” said Englund, who later added. “It’s just a real sense of accomplishment to know that we, in a very short period of time and with a fairly small number of people, we really managed to make a big impact I think, and I think people will appreciate it.”

The poppies will remain on display until the morning of Nov. 12.

That day, the Neepawa Poppy Project organizers are hosting a volunteer appreciation day at 2:00 p.m. The poppy display will be shifted there before it goes to storage for the year.

“We hope to have it all laid out there [in the breezeway between KK1 and KK2] for anyone who didn’t have a chance to go downtown to see it,” said Englund.

Thanks is extended to all who made the 2026 Neepawa Poppy Project a success.

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