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Dreary weather, warm hearts

The Rolling Barrage makes pitstop in Neepawa as part of its annual ride

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Legion welcomed well over 100 bikes and riders on Friday, Aug. 14. That evening featured the arrival of the annual Rolling Barrage, a cross-country ride to raise awareness and funds for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

While the weather was cloudy and rainy, there was plenty of cheer and good will to keep things feeling bright amongst the riders and the community members that greeted them.

In addition to some good conversation, the Rolling Barrage team enjoyed sharing a delicious dinner and an evening of special presentations and draws.

The evening presentations included, but was not limited to:

- Monetary donations to the Rolling Barrage, given by Neepawa Legion representatives Ernie Sydor and Laurie Kohinski, and accepted by Kevin Martin (provincial lead) on behalf



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN
Rain or shine, the Rolling Barrage steadfastly makes its way across Canada each year, with plenty of smiles to share.
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- of the team.
- The gifting of three valour quilts, prepared by Neepawa's own Mary Murray. Murray and Rolling Barrage representative Mark Goldade presented.

- The donation of a quilt by Mary Murray for use in the Rolling Barrage's online auction.
- The presentation of certificates of appreciation from the Rolling Barrage.

To close out the evening, Neepawa Legion president Ernie Sydor provided a final statement and well wishes for the Rolling Barrage.

"To Kevin and all in the Barrage, on behalf of all of

us, it has been our pleasure to have you all here. We wish you success in your efforts as you all know the wellbeing of many, whether it be in service, retired vets, or the first respond-

ers, they all count on you," said Sydor. "So with that, we wish you a safe journey for the remainder of your trip going west. And, God be willing, may our paths cross again."

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Pictured left: A recently painted street crossing design, located at the intersection beside ArtsForward at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Brock Street. The installation is part of the Community Art Initiative, and was designed with the help of Katy Martin, Meaghan Peters, and their students. The art installation is a permanent one, and further additions to the Neepawa community are expected to appear over time.

Pictured above: Shown here are Katy Martin and Meaghan Peters, photographed during the design creation process stages of the community art project.



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Looking Back

1976: It's a 'GO' for the Manitoba Summer Games

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
August 20, 1901**

Katie Black, the ten-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Black, of this town, was placed on the surgeon's table on Sunday evening last and operated on in the hope of relieving her acute suffering from appendicitis.. She faced the ordeal bravely and the skilled physicians did all in their power to relieve the sufferer, but her condition was such that their efforts were nonavailing. She expired Monday afternoon, and the remains will be laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery tomorrow at 2:00 o'clock.

Wm. Galloway, of the Simpson House, died on Monday after a lingering illness.

The Neepawa football team played a hard game with the Minnedosa team on Friday last at the latter town, but failed to bring home the prizes. The match ended in a draw.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
August 20, 1926**

McCreary: Four Galician lads around the ages of 12 to 14 were brought up before Magistrate Doucette on Wednesday for breaking into the building which was occupied by Miss Pearle, the teacher of Glenhope S.D., during her absence on holidays. They stole some of her belongings and destroyed a quantity as well. The police were able to recover most of the stolen articles. They were proven guilty and were sentenced to a term not exceeding five years to be spent in the Portage Reformatory. This should be a warning to all to leave other people's property alone and mind their own business.

Riding Mountain: Mr. Jarvis opened his school here on Tuesday last and all have settled down to work for the coming term. Both teacher and scholars feeling the good of the recent holidays.

Encircling the silent policeman at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Hamilton Streets by hundreds of automobiles every day

grinds such grooves in the gravel that the civic board of works has undertaken the experiment of asphaltting the surrounding square. If the results are satisfactory, other squares will be similarly treated.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
August 23, 1951**

Peter McNabb, 50-year-old farm worker employed at the B. F. Davidson farm in the Osprey district, was attacked and mauled by a white Shorthorn bull on Friday afternoon. He sustained a broken collar bone and several fractured ribs in the attack, which occurred in the pasture at the farm about 5 p.m. Friday.

Rushed to Neepawa District Memorial Hospital, his condition Wednesday was reported to be improving.

A collie dog, Laddie, that was with Mr. McNabb when the bull attacked, may have saved his life. Barking and snapping at the enraged animal's legs, the dog finally succeeded in driving it away before any further injury could be sustained. It was reported that the bull had been dehorned so this prevented more serious injury to Mr. McNabb.

The stricken man was found by a hired man, Jack Novak, who summoned help. Dr. W. A. Howden was called and Mr. McNabb was taken to hospital.

The incident marked the end of the trail for the bull, his owner, Bob Davidson, deciding to send the animal to a Winnipeg packing plant Tuesday.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
August 19, 1976**

The opening ceremonies of the first Manitoba Summer Games in Neepawa will bring together nearly 1,000 top amateur athletes from points all across Manitoba.

The Games will be officially opened by the Hon. L. Jobin, Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Manitoba. The opening ceremonies will take place at the Track and Field site, just east of the Yellowhead Complex, on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 22

from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Highway 258 will be closed to traffic from the junction of Highway 4 at Neepawa, south to the junction of PTH 465, a distance of approximately 7 miles. Again on Monday, Aug. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. highway traffic from the junction of Highway 4 at Neepawa, to a point 1 1/2 miles south to PTH 353, a distance of approximately 13 miles, will be closed...

The closed section of road will be used exclusively for the Manitoba Summer Games cycling events and your cooperation is requested.

Friday, Aug. 20 at 2:00 p.m., the new swimming pool will be officially opened. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be the welcome beginning of a new era for Neepawa's swimming and diving enthusiasts.

Following the opening ceremonies, there will be free public swimming from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, there will be free public swimming from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. Summer Games competitions will see the pool tied up until Wednesday the 25th, when free public swimming will continue until Sept. 6 from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

This Saturday, starting at 10:00 a.m., the Black Powder Boys will be in town to officially open the new Shooting Complex situated at the Neepawa Airport.

Arden won the right to represent the Inter-Ridge with a win over Plumas in ladies' softball action. The team heads for Boissevain to compete on Sept. 4 and 5.

Cordova: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Keith



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This athletic group of sportsmen from 1976 did most of their running before the Manitoba Summer Games, and then were all set to enjoy them as things got kicked off.

Pictured are, back row, left to right: Ivan Traill, sports chairman; Harvey Ebner, tennis chairman; Bob Burns, shooting chairman; Dave Orundson, swimming chairman; Peter Isaak, track and field chairman; Rev. Jack White, ceremonies chairman; Dr. Neil Heywood, field hockey and medical chairman; and vice-president Lorne Reid.

Front row: Jim Aitken, canoeing chairman; Bob Finlayson, cycling chairman; Gary McElmon, sports chairman; Chris Heywood, secretary; Marlene Siatecki, entertainment chairlady; and Louise Rey, publicity chairlady.

Also mentioned, but not pictured were: Fred Gray, treasurer; Cecil Cox, administration and accommodations chairman; Rev. Gordon Fulford, protocol chairman; Bud Hanson, local transportation chairman; Don Smith, baseball chairman; Ray Speiss, softball chairman; Ernie Loescher, soccer chairman and Mayor Hurrell.

Curle were among those attending the 45th wedding anniversary dance for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sykes, held at Franklin, Saturday evening.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
August 14, 2006**

A tentative agreement has been struck with a Vancouver-based company to develop a Bargain Shop on the site of the former Hamilton Hotel.

Premium Brands Ice Cream Plant is closing its Neepawa operations next month, throwing at least 20 people out of work.

Although no one from the Richmond, B.C.-based company could be reached for comment—CEO Will Kalwtycz did not make himself available

despite repeated attempts—employees confirmed they have received layoff notices for the beginning of September.

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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Time to gather and store

Apparently a few farmers mused last week that “We could sure use a bit of rain.” They got their wish, and then some, with rainfalls that soaked the fields and, in some cases, revisited some of this past summer’s overland flooding. Where the crops survived or re-grew from hail damage and where the floods didn’t reach, the crops look really good. Gardens are doing great.

My Mother was raised in the non-freezer days and canning was pretty much the whole deal for preserving food. I perhaps should explain the term canning as it has nothing to do with cans. It’s a heat process where food is cooked and put into glass sealers or jars and sealed with rubber rings and a glass or metal top secured with a threaded steel ring. She canned beef and chicken. Also cranberry, choke-cherry, raspberry jelly and jams and bought B.C. plums and pears to can. At times, she canned beet and bean pickles and many forms of cucumber pickles. Canned tomatoes often made it to the shelf. We also had an older home with a stone basement and a separate cold room for storing carrots and potatoes. She thought she had really arrived when they bought a freezer in the 1950s just after they got hydro in their house on the farm. All kinds of food went into the freezer.

Strangely enough, our parents passed on a fine prairie tradition and you know you have Depression era roots when you put aside a “good box”, just because it might come in handy someday.

Here’s another strange depression era thing, my dad would rarely cut a board unless he had to because it might get re-used in another spot that needed a longer piece of wood. He overlapped a lot of boards in his day and I tend to do the same.

RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL



“I think we could be much more self-sufficient in Manitoba with a bit more industrious pursuit of what we can and do grow.”

As a former farmer and Ag-rep, I am always wondering why we don’t harvest more fruit and vegetables. I am sure there’s more food that stays on the ground than ever gets to the table when it comes to fruit and vegetables except perhaps for the commercial potato fields. Commercial producers often offer free potatoes to individuals and to food banks.

There’s another problem with food production and preserving in Manitoba. I have known several occasions where people who could really use some free food were offered some. The invitation was extended to come out and pick some vegetables for free. The response was, “Can you pick it and bring it into town the next time you are in?” Unless it was a case of sickness or disability, the answer should be a firm “No”. The next answer should be, “Get off your butt” and look after yourself with stuff that is being given to them for free.

Do they want other people to cook it for them and maybe chew it for them too. Makes my blood boil.

I think we could be much more self-sufficient in Manitoba with a bit more industrious pursuit of what we can and do grow. Perhaps we have had too many government regulations and too much socialism in Manitoba. Manitoba, as province, has been on social assistance for decades as we get subsidized by “Have provinces” because we are a “Have-not province”. For decades we have been on the government welfare roll. That is shameful and saddens me. I am pretty sure that spending billions to re-locate rail lines in Winnipeg won’t help make us into “Have province”, but I welcome someone who wants to prove me wrong.

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Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



The future is inviting

When meeting a new individual an often asked question is ‘where did you grow up?’. My quick response begins with ‘my early years were spent in...’ acknowledging the fact that I have not yet quite grown all the way up! If you were to inquire of my grandchildren as to the truth of that statement, they would concur with my conclusion! Several adult grandchildren watched askanced and astonished as I dropped to my knees and proceeded to gallumph across the kitchen floor to play ‘stack them up’ with a great-grandchild. First they concluded that it must be painful to ‘walk’ on one’s knees, and then they expressed the thought that I was setting a very high standard for them as they age. So be it! Playing with the littles has always brought me so much joy and refreshed my spirit. There is no doubt that I am a grown up, one can’t argue with blatant facts. I have widened rather than withered, I have slowed in motion though not in repartee, I certainly have not grey, but white hair, I need my glasses but still have my own teeth! I do appear to be a full grown adult. It’s the unseen that is my reality. I still want to explore, invite new thoughts, not so much try new foods; I do not wish to stagnate. I’m still growing up; gaining in wisdom, patience, kindness and acceptance. The future is inviting.

It’s not that I’m a stickler for grammar, however, I appreciate the rules of language. When responding to the standard greeting ‘how are you?’ my reply most often is ‘I’m well, thanks. I tried being good and that wasn’t fun!’ The answer often takes another by surprise. Just because one is eighty, being good doesn’t always come naturally! (Years ago, when I was much younger, I asked a very senior friend if it got easier to be good as one aged. Her answer was truthful and, for me, wanting a positive answer, disheartening. She assured me that the opportunities to be impatient and unkind did not diminish. The choice to be good was still a choice.) Then there was Ed’s quick answer to that same question was a calm and serene ‘no good, thanks’. This stemmed from the many general inquiries as to how one is doing without waiting for an answer, or caring what the answer was! Rather like a generic ‘hi’ as one passed another.

The English language is complex; filled with idioms and prone to change. Words that meant one thing to one generation certainly don’t mean the same today. Thong, for example, meant footwear and there was no other meaning. Many years ago, the little boys talking about their dinky toys caused much tittering. (I told you I’m not all grown up!) I remember too, as the first five children were young, I would correct their grammar when they were telling me something. Ed quietly reminded me that if I kept doing that they may not want to bother telling me how their day had gone. I heard him. It’s more important to hear what one says rather than how they say it. So, ‘I am well’, and my early years were spent in Kane.

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Letters to the editor

Neepawa's walking trails are better than the sidewalks

I am offering a challenge to Neepawa Town Council- one of you use a walker, another two utilize a wheelchair, and still another use a motorised scooter - and navigate your way from the Town Office to a grocery store, a retail store, a hairdresser, a church, a recreation centre and possibly a fast food outlet.

There are wonderful walking trails throughout the area, used by perhaps two to five per cent of the population. These are safer to navigate than the sidewalks and crosswalks needed by one hundred per cent of the population. Perhaps by experiencing the dangers and

concerns of the citizens with mobility challenges, there could be a more rapid, and permanent solution to the uneven sidewalks, the rough street crossings and - possibly - better access to retail outlets.

I am thankful that there is a survey regarding possible improvements. I still think it would be a great idea for staff to navigate a day's outings for themselves. I am certain that I could find someone who would willingly lend a walker, a wheelchair and a mobility scooter!

A very senior citizen
Rita Friesen
Neepawa, MB

Time for Neepawa to do the right thing

The Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, estimated population of 3,700, is just one in a long list of local governments stepping up for its community. It will have its twenty year loan against the Shamrock Centre, built in 2008 at a cost of 14 million dollars, paid in full by 2028.

The message to the people of Neepawa, estimated population of 6,400, seems to be that they should fund raise their way to a new 25 million dollar recreation facility over the next number of years. According to current industry forecasts construction price inflation will average between 3.5 per cent and 4.0 per cent per year. Compounding an annual increase of 3.8 per cent over five years raises total project costs by 20.4 per cent, turning a \$25M baseline into \$30.1M. If these numbers play out

there would be zero contribution toward today's cost of the project after five years of fundraising because obviously all of the money raised would be eaten up trying to cover the 5.1 million dollar delay.

Which of these two options would put the people of Neepawa in the best situation five years from now? The Town takes out a twenty year loan, after available grants, builds now and is fifteen years away from debt free ownership by 2031—or starting from scratch in 2031 under the present system facing a 20 per cent increase in construction costs on a facility the Town will help pay for but won't own in the end?

Arenas are the most expensive recreational service to maintain and operate so one could conclude that if saving money is the main goal

that's the baby to avoid. Other than a tax utopia where there is no arena at all the easiest way to avoid responsibility is not to own it.

Now it's your turn Town of Neepawa. You have saved enough money over the last fifty years to build two new community centres. The demographics have changed. You have thousands of youth and young workers depending on you to provide them with a decent facility where they can play basketball and hockey. Where they can all come together at social events. You won't need to consult with your financial advisors to study which of the above options makes the most sense. You know. So do the right thing. Show up for the lifeblood of your future the same way they show up for you every day.

Respectfully
Ross McBride
Neepawa, MB

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Apple season

My apple trees are giving me a supply of fruit for eating fresh off the branch or for baking. If you do not have your own trees this is the time to buy apples as they are fresh and in bulk from our stores.

This caramel apple pie brings together fresh apples paired with a rich caramel sauce. I've kept things nice and simple by using a store-bought caramel sauce for this pie. If you have apples that cook up quickly do not cook the apples first. Just put them in a bowl and mix them with the lemon juice and corn starch and layer them in the pie shell.

Butterscotch Apple Pie

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| 1 cup oatmeal | 8 cups apples, peeled, cored, sliced 1/2 inch |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 2 Tbsp. lemon juice |
| 1/4 cup flour | 1 Tbsp. cornstarch |
| 1 tsp. cinnamon | 1/2 cup Caramel Sauce |
| 1/4 cup cubed butter | 1/2 cup cold butter, cubed |
| 1/3 cup chopped walnuts | |
| 1 10-inch prepared pie crust | |

Directions:

Preheat an oven to 350° F (175° C) In a large pot over medium heat, cook apples, lemon juice and cornstarch, stirring occasionally, until apples are tender, 12 to 15 minutes. You want the apples to be fork-tender but still hold their shape. While the apples are cooking make the crumb topping. In a medium bowl, cut the butter into the oatmeal, sugar, flour and cinnamon using a pastry cutter. Spoon the apples into the pie plate, pressing them down to avoid gaps in the filling. Drizzle the caramel sauce as evenly as you can over the apples, making sure you don't get the sauce near the edge of the pie plate. Sprinkle the topping over this and bake for 40-50 minutes or until golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool on a wire rack.

Biscuits filled with cheddar cheese and apples. These quick and easy recipe biscuits are perfect for fall or anytime!

Apple-Cheddar Biscuits

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| 3 cups flour | 3/4 cup shredded old Cheddar cheese |
| 3 Tbsp. sugar | 2/3 cup cold butter or margarine, cubed |
| 1 Tbsp. baking powder | 1 cup buttermilk or milk with 1 tsp. vinegar added |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1 large egg, beaten |
| 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon | |
| 1 cup peeled, finely chopped apple | |

Preheat oven to 400° F. In large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and spice. Add the cubed butter and cut into the dry ingredients with a pastry cutter until it is crumbly and butter is pea-size. Stir in apple and cheddar cheese. Make a well in center of mixture. Mix milk and egg together. Pour this into the flour and gently mix to just form a dough. Avoid overmixing to keep the biscuits tender.

Transfer dough to lightly floured surface; gently knead until dough just comes together. Gently pat into 1"-thick square. With floured, long knife, cut dough into squares. Arrange on an ungreased baking sheet, spacing 2" apart. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until bottoms are golden brown. The size of your biscuits will alter the cooking time slightly so watch closely.

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'This event always inspires me' -Marilyn Crewe

A retrospective of the 2026 Neepawa Children's Business Fair

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Yellowhead Hall saw plenty of traffic on Thursday, Aug. 13, as a healthy crowd turned up to browse a selection of sweet treats, homemade crafts, and more. The occasion for the day was the 2026 edition of the annual Children's Business Fair, hosted by Neepawa's Economic Development.

The event took place from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and was held alongside ArtsForward's Farmer's Market, uniting both markets under one roof for a one-stop-shop destination.

Marilyn Crewe, Neepawa's economic development officer, shared that a grand total of 18 businesses and 29 entrepreneurs participated in the Children's Business Fair.

"This event always inspires me. The youth put in so much effort to make and display their products and to provide great customer service," said Crewe.



PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Pictured: Many curious shoppers of all ages attended the annual Neepawa Children's Business Fair on Thursday, Aug. 13, to browse the selection of goods on offer at the various booths available that day.

Crewe added, "Together, these businesses generated \$3,472.75 in sales in just three hours while having so much fun along the way."

A selection of awards were presented at the evening's end for a variety of categories. These results

are as follows:

•**Best Customer Service:** Vladimir Metrus, with Crafty Paws.

The products Metrus had on offer included diamond painting bookmarks, fridge magnets, ornaments, coasters, rainbow loom

bracelets, and more.

•**Best Booth Presentation:** Allyah, Ariane, and Ashira Montemayor, for their business Aj's Flowers and Flour.

The Montemayors' feature products for that day were a selection of pipe

cleaner crafts.

•**Most Unique:** Laureen Cabrera with Limitless Works.

Cabrera's business had an assortment of paintings for sale.

•**Highest Sales:** Hannah Tibbett, Oaklee Jakubow-

ski, and Laine Jury of Triple Sweet Kitchen.

This trio had a variety of baking products, as well as lemonade.

Congratulations to each of these businesses, and to all participating youth on a job well done.



Pictured above: How about a nice, refreshing drink? The Neepawa Banner & Press observed that this was a popular option among the sweets at the business fair.

Top middle: A pipe-cleaner creation resembling a potted flower, with many other pipecleaner crafts seen in the background.



Top right: Paintings such as those pictured here, as well as drawings, were included among the hand-made crafts on display.

Right: A selection of keychains.

Far right: A platter of fresh cookies. There were truly many options for those with a sweet tooth!



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Bringing local banking back home to Main Street

Stride Credit Union hosts grand opening celebration in Carberry

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The official opening of Stride Credit Union in Carberry was about a lot more than just the arrival of a new financial institution. It's a chance for small town families to once again do their banking face-to-face with people they know and trust.

Stride Credit Union officially celebrated the grand opening of its new branch on Wednesday, Aug. 12. The afternoon's festivities included a community barbecue, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the newly renovated facility, located at 10 Main Street (the former BMO bank branch).

The building has been going through a full renovation since last November, which included a full interior retrofit to allow for expanded financial planning and wealth management services.

Stride Credit Union CEO Brent Budz was on hand for the celebration. In his speech to attendees, he

emphasized Stride's decision to establish itself in Carberry was rooted in a belief that community banking remains vital, particularly in smaller centres.

"For us today is about much more than opening a new branch. It's about becoming part of Carberry and building relationships that will last for years to come," said Budz. "We believe banking is personal. It's about helping people that

want to buy their first house, they want to grow or start a business, they want to save for their future retirement, or just simply by having someone they know and trust when they need some financial advice."

In a conversation with the Banner & Press after the ribbon cutting, Budz expanded upon his remarks,



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Local officials such as Carberry Mayor Ray Muirhead, Stride Credit Union CEO Brent Budz, as well as Agassiz MLA Jodie Byram, helped to cut the ribbon on the new Credit Union building on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

noting this is a meaningful investment in a community they believe has significant long-term potential.

"Our commitment here at Stride and Journey is simple, to be here, to support Carberry and to make a positive difference wherever we can," Budz said. "[It's a] significant investment by Stride in a community

that's very progressive, and one that we think has a bright future for both the community and for Stride."

A vote of confidence in the community

From a community perspective, Carberry Mayor Ray Muirhead said the opening represents a major

step forward for local residents and businesses.

"Today marks an exciting new chapter, not only for [Stride Credit Union], but for all our local residents in the future," said Muirhead. "The decision by Stride to establish a presence here is a strong vote of confidence in our town, our businesses and the people who call this community home."

Muirhead recalled that the idea of bringing Stride to Carberry began several years ago through conversations with Stride CEO Brent Budz and previous Carberry CAO Grady Stephenson.

"What started as an initial conversation about the possibility of Stride coming to Carberry and us encouraging them, to Brent

phoning me one morning saying 'Stride's coming to Carberry', to here we are at this grand opening today," he said.

The Mayor concluded his comments by noting that access to financial services remains essential for the health and growth of rural communities.

"Financial institutions play an important role in building strong and prosperous communities," said Muirhead. "They help families achieve their goals, support entrepreneurs and local businesses, create employment opportunities and allow communities like ours to thrive."

Based primarily out of Portage la Prairie, Stride Credit Union has established branches in Portage, Neepawa, Carberry, Gladstone, Austin and MacGregor. It serves more than 20,000 members across southern Manitoba.



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A barbecue and tour of the newly retrofitted building, on 10 Main Street, took place to help celebrate the official establishment of Stride Credit Union in Carberry.

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Neepawa Legion welcomes The Rolling Barrage



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Approximately 175 bikes were temporarily parked outside the Neepawa Legion on the evening of Friday, Aug. 14 after The Rolling Barrage rumbled its way into town for the fifth year. The riders all took a well deserved break here, spending a portion of the evening in the hall to enjoy some rest, food, and conversation.

Top left and right: The team's rainy arrival to Neepawa.

Middle row photos: After parking their bikes, The Rolling Barrage stretched their legs and mingled amongst both themselves and supporters from the community outside the Legion.

Above left: A scene from this year's valour quilt presentations. This one was to Brian Huff, a retired RCMP member.

Additional photos: Monetary donations were also presented that evening.



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Minnedosa Fun Fest lives up to its' name



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'What we want is for growers to get practical solutions'

Info and innovation shared at annual MCDC Field Day in Carberry

By Casper Wehrhahn
FARMERS' ADVOCATE

Hundreds of producers, industry professionals, students, and other citizens had a full day in the fields just outside of Carberry this month. On Aug. 12, all were welcomed to the Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre (MCDC) and its applied research fields for its annual Field Day.

The Field Day is an opportunity for people to acquire the latest news in locally conducted agricultural science, and for producers to take that beneficial knowledge and apply it to their own operations.

NACTV's Rrain Prior was out in the field that day, and provided a series of interviews to the Farmers' Advocate.

"This research is being designed by the industry and also by producers. This provides us the opportunity to showcase that right in the field," said Haider Abbas, applied research specialist for MCDC. "They can see the first-hand results of those research outcomes..."

The research undertaken at the facility is extensive, including a grand total of 54 projects. The crops being used include cereals, oilseeds, pulses, novel crops and potatoes.

As all of that hard work cannot be shown in a single day, the core component of the talks this year was soil health. Discussions included topics such as irrigation versus non-irrigation, best harvesting practices, and much more.



What should you know about your soil's health? The Field Day at the Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre near Carberry provided a very informative refresher, as well as up-to-date details informed by research made by and for farmers.

Potato production priorities

Providing insight into the potato production aspect of these topics was Scott Graham, raw agronomy manager for Simplot. Graham is also board chair of the MCDC, and president of the Manitoba Horticultural Productivity Enhancement Centre (MPEC).

"Really, what we want is for growers to get practical solutions when it comes to

potato production practices on their farm, either in the field or in storage as well," said Graham. "Today (Aug. 12) is based around a lot of priorities in the industry right now. We're struggling with mop top virus— that is a critical defect at the factory."

Graham added, "Rot is another issue— rot can cause huge storage losses for the farmer, but also it can cause issues at the factory

too, with spoilage."

Graham also noted that temperature and moisture are key conditions to keep in mind for potato producers.

"Anything over 65°F digging, that is very difficult to get that field heat out of the pile, especially when you don't have cooling nights," Graham explained, "So, when you have rain, or excess moisture and heat, that's dynamite for pink rot

and pythium leak. And that can cause storage issues as well."

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In addition to research discussions, some equipment demonstrations were also conducted.

One such demonstration included a piece of equipment of interest to potato producers—an auto sorter.

“[It] kicks out green potatoes, rotten potatoes, foreign materials such as sticks and glass. A lot of farms are investigating that as well, too,” said Graham. “Foreign material really is another critical thing that the farms have to leave that at the farm. You can’t take it to the factory. We do have machines that do take that out, but it’s just so critical that we get that out, and we make sure that it doesn’t end up on a customer’s plate.”

Giving back through agriculture

Alongside the producer-oriented information and research, however, there was another project implemented this year. This is a



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Pictured left: Terry Buss (pictured) and Wendy McDonald (not pictured) provided soybean production tips and more on behalf of Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers at the Aug. 12 Field Day near Carberry.

Pictured right: One of the many crops being put through research trials at the Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre.

multi-crop undertaking put on in collaboration between area producers and MPEC to give back to the community in a tangible way.

Twenty acres of potatoes, 75 acres of canola, and 100 acres of wheat were planted, on land which became available for rent at the MCDC. The profits of these crops

will be donated back to Carberry and area.

“The site came available for rent for some of the acres outside the research this spring. So it was a last minute proposal, but we put one in to do a community crop like a lot of communities do around the prairies. MPEC reviewed it and ap-

proved it, and then it was a mad rush to get out and talk to all the producers in the area, but we’ve had tremendous uptake,” said Steve Saunderson, crop advisor for Choice Agri Ltd. “That’s all been planted and sprayed, and all inputs donated through retailers and growers in the area.”

Saunderson noted that a few key areas have been focussed on that would help the community as a whole, including healthcare, daycare, and potentially the volunteer fire department and some agricultural scholarships.

“You know, it’s all farmers that have donated their in-

puts and time and retailers that are making their money in the community too from ag, so we’d like to help with some students or some scholarships that can continue ag in our community as well,” Saunderson enthused.

Further discussion from the 2026 Field Day can be found on NACTV.

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Hayden Delaloye overcomes Sunday struggles to win sixth straight NGCC Club Championship

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

No matter your skill level or years of experience, golf can become a humbling game for all of us out of nowhere. That's a lesson Hayden Delaloye learned at the worst possible time, during the Neepawa Golf & Country Club's (NGCC) annual Club Championship.

Fortunately though, the game also greatly rewards those who have incredible skill and patience, things the young golf phenom has in spades, as he battled back from adversity to win his sixth straight club title.

Delaloye had built himself a sizeable cushion after the opening round of the two-day tournament, firing a two under par 70 during Saturday, Aug. 15. While that number put him firmly in control with a seven shot lead heading into the final



Hayden Delaloye (on left) receives congratulations from NGCC General Manager/CPGA Head Golf Pro Landon Cameron, after winning his sixth straight Club Championship, on Sunday, Aug. 16.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

day, Sunday's start proved to be a much different story. Hayden struggled early on the front nine, losing three

golf balls as his shots failed to produce the results he was looking for.

Delaloye noted to the

Banner & Press that those difficulties opened the door for Mark Kerkowich, to erase the deficit and create

some drama heading into the back nine.

"On the front nine, it felt like my wedge shots or irons were just going long and nothing was going my way," Delaloye said. "Then on the back nine, I was able to settle back in again, but Mark [Kerkowich] had already been able to take advantage of the start I'd had and really put the pressure on."

By the end of Sunday's round, that seven-shot lead had completely vanished, leaving Delaloye and Kerkowich to face off in a tiebreaker. After a back-and-forth battle through three extra holes, Hayden's opportunities came on a hole one, a 369 yard par-4.

On this fourth play-off hole, Delaloye finally found the opening he needed, striking a strong tee shot and setting himself up for a good look at par. Kerkowich, meanwhile, ended up in trouble near the trees, as he made his way down the course. That was all the space Hayden needed to survive a dramatic four-hole playoff and claim his sixth consecutive club championship.

"It was extremely close in the playoff, and it could have swung either way on the first three," Delaloye said. "It was really just a case of sooner or later for one of us, and I was fortunate this time around."

Congratulations to Hayden Delaloye on defending his title, as well as the rest of the competitors in the annual Club Championship.

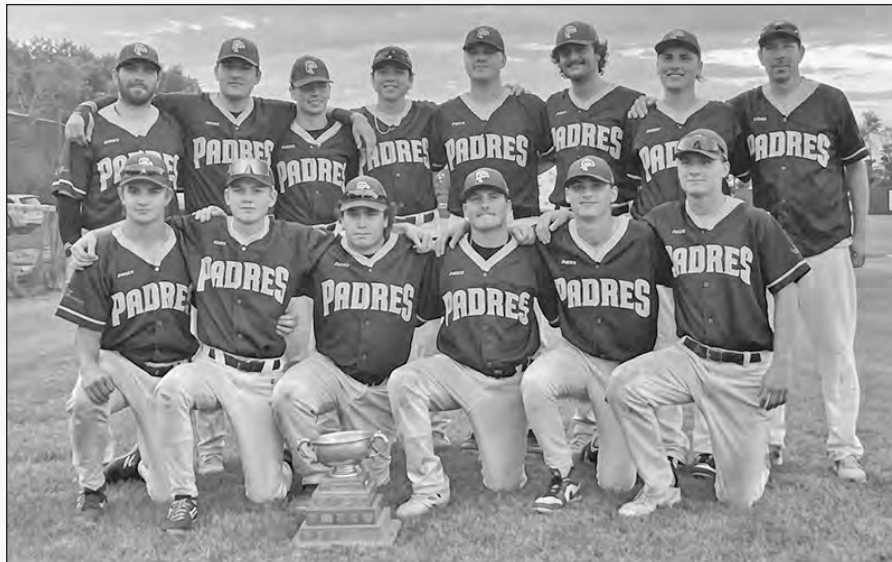
A three-peat for Portage Padres

By Austin Lewis
FREELANCE WRITER

It was do or die for the Plumas Pirates in game three of the Santa Clara Baseball League finals, as the team was trailing 2-games-0 in their series to the Portage Padres. A win for the Pirates on Wednesday, Aug. 12, would've shifted the series back to Portage la Prairie, while a loss would've ended their season.

Riley McBride was the starting pitcher in what looked to be his final game in the Santa Clara Baseball League, and he started the game off with a couple strikeouts, and unfortunately gave up the first run to the Padres on a single to right field. The Plumas Pirates tied the game up at one as Pirates catcher Nathan Braun scored a run from a Luke Decorby single and a stolen base in the bottom third inning.

At the second half of game three, in the fourth inning, The Pirates were still tied up at one with



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The Portage Padres' dynasty continues in 2026, as they won the 2026 Santa Clara Baseball League Championship. This is the third straight year Portage has won the league, and seventh title since 2016.

Portage, up until they overthrew the ball twice and gave up a deep single which gave the Padres a 3-1 lead.

With the Pirates down 3-1 heading into the sixth inning, they still had a chance to pull off a comeback, up until the Portage Padres scored a six run inning as Plumas issued another overthrow on a bunt. Portage then

scored two singles and scored three runs, and finally the Padres scored a two-run homerun which made it a 9-1 Portage lead in the top seventh inning.

The game was now over. For the third consecutive year, the Portage Padres won the Santa Clara Baseball League Championship title, and the Plumas Pirates once again settled for the run-

ner up spot. Congratulations to Riley McBride on an amazing career in the Santa Clara Baseball League, as he finished it off with seven strikeouts, and the Pirates wish him the best in the future. The Plumas Pirates would like to thank the fans, players, and coaches on an incredible season, and they will be back in 2027.

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Warren was born August 24, 1961 in Altona Manitoba. When he was 5 years old the family relocated to the Plumas area. The family farm and community became Warren's home for the remainder of his life.

It can be said that farming was ingrained in Warren, and from his youngest days he could be found on various pieces of machinery riding with dad or operating them himself. He left school at an early age and continued farming with his family, where many crops were tended and harvested over the years. During this time Warren and his brother Dwight also maintained a feedlot for several years.

Recreationally Warren enjoyed anything that went fast! During warm weather he could be seen and heard on his dirtbike. Over the winter he was an avid snowmobiler. Warren's last few sleds were Arctic Cats. He partook in a number of poker derby's from an early age, and enjoyed riding on both prairie and rugged terrain.

Over the years Warren encountered health challenges that necessitated changes to his life routines. Surrounded and supported by family and friends, Warren was able to step back when necessary and continue working when he was able. He took the responsibility of farming seriously and worked to his changing abilities.

Predeceased by his parents, John (2018) and Anne (2004); Warren leaves a sister Angela and brother Dwight (Koreen) and nephews, Nathan (Mya) and Connor.

We count ourselves fortunate to have had Warren for close to 65 years and are grateful for that time. The emptiness and sadness we feel now are coupled with many memories of meals shared, stories told and perhaps retold and time spent together.

Our family wishes to acknowledge and thank the neighbours and friends, who over the years brought goodness into Warren's life, through conversation, rides to appointments, words of encouragement, invitations to watch sporting events, assisting with home projects and simply being there when needed.

May Warren rest easy knowing he is loved and missed. He will not be forgotten.

Funeral Service will be held on August 20, 2026, 11:00 am at the Plumas Community Hall with Wendy Denbow officiating. Interment followed in Plumas Cemetery.

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Dad was born July 16, 1937, third child of four. Raymond, Bernice, Dad, Elaine. He went to Tupper School; as a young man, he was an avid baseball player.

Dad worked as a farm labourer for his Uncle's Art and Alfred Rossnael. Dad farmed his whole life other than a short while in 1957 when he worked for Eatons delivering parcels in Winnipeg, back when the Polo Park area was considered the edge of the city.

Dad met the love of his life, Mom, and in 1963 they were married and moved to the farm where they built their life together and raised their family. Life on the farm was filled with hard work, family, and many good times. Dad loved hunting in the winter and provided many stories around the kitchen table about the hunting fun and adventures he and his "gang" had together. Fishing, bowling, and curling were some of his favourite activities as well.

Around 2000, Dad and Mom left the farm and moved into town, swapping houses with Brent. In 2021, they moved to Village View Lodge. Anyone who knew Dad will remember his phone calls, his smile, his sense of humour, and the twinkle in his eyes when he was about to tease someone. Dad loved to playfully tease the people around him, and if he gave you a hard time, chances are he liked you. His joking and good natured teasing where part of what made him Dad.

Dad loved visits with his kids, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends.

Left to celebrate his life are his wife Lillian; children Gary (Gwen), Laurie (George), and Brent; grandchildren Amanda (Ryley), Ashton Lloyd (Ashton), April, Chris, Amy (Jessie); great grandchildren Kari, Auggie, and Arley.

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ELECTION WORKERS

The Beautiful Plains School Division is compiling a list of potential election workers for October 28, 2026 elections. Workers may be required for Arden, Brookdale, Carberry, Eden, Neepawa and Wellwood locations. Those interested are to apply in writing, outlining any relevant practical experience.

Please apply by NOON, Friday, September 11, 2026.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the undersigned:

Shannon Bayes
Secretary-Treasurer
Beautiful Plains School Division
Box 700, Neepawa, MB. R0J 1H0

Tel: (204) 476-2387
Fax: (204) 476-3606
Email: Shannon.Bayes@bpsd.mb.ca



FINANCIAL OFFICER

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the Financial Officer (FO) will mainly be responsible for the financial administration, protection of assets and risk management of the municipal operations. Efficient and fiscally responsible financial management is key in the operation of municipal business. The Finance Officer shall respect the confidential nature of all information received and processed.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Post secondary education in finance or a related field
- Designation as a CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) or CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is considered an asset
- Willingness to pursue professional designations
- Experience in municipal finance or similar leadership roles

WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU:

The Municipality of North Cypress-Langford offers a competitive compensation package, including an attractive salary, enhanced health benefits coverage, and participation in the Municipal Employees Benefit Program (MEBP), a pension program that supports long-term financial security and retirement planning.

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Help Wanted



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:

Online at <http://hylife.com/careers/> or mail to PO Box 10,000, 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.

Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main ST. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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Freezerco Inc.

A subsidiary of HyLife Ltd.
30 Market Blvd., Steinbach MB Canada R5G 2X9
t:204.424.5359 | f: 204.424.5177

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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- PM Shift Premium
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- Employee Referral program - \$500!
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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.

Ways to apply:

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Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main ST. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

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

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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
- Vacation entitlement in the first year
- Comprehensive benefits package – dental, vision, extended health, and more
- Permanent full-time employment
- Employee Referral program – Minimum of \$500!
- Free Parking
- Company events
- 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 benefits 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 specifications 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 specifications are met, including supervising product fabrication and supporting meat quality improvement initiatives.
- Facilitating training on product specifications 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 specifications
- Knowledge of quality management systems and operational processes
- Strong analytical, reporting, and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication, negotiation, and relationship-building abilities
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and data tracking systems
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment

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Help Wanted

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSEDALE
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MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

The Rural Municipality of Rosedale is seeking a Municipal Emergency Coordinator to provide emergency management services. The Municipal Emergency Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Preparation, maintenance, and annual testing of the municipal emergency plan
- Coordinating the response to emergencies in the municipality
- Attracting, managing, training and motivating volunteers

During emergencies the Emergency Coordinator must be available for full workdays, including overtime, for as long as is required. The Municipal Emergency Coordinator will hold a contract position reporting to and directed by the Chief Administrative Officer. There will be an initial probationary period of 6 months, following the successful completion of which a contract may be offered. The successful applicant must have good knowledge of a community emergency preparedness program. They must have a demonstrated ability to manage volunteers; to provide training to volunteers, staff and members of council; to maintain the emergency plan; and to coordinate emergency response within the community. Training in emergency response management is an asset. The Emergency Coordinator will be expected to take additional training courses as directed at the Municipality's cost including annual attendance to the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinator's Annual Conference held June annually in Winnipeg. A basic level of ability with Microsoft Office is essential. A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle is essential.

Please include a resume, 3 references including contact information and relevance.

Submissions marked "Municipal Emergency Coordinator" and addressed to the undersigned will be received by mail, email or in person until Friday, August 28th at 4:00 pm. We thank all applicants for their interest in this position. We will contact only those selected for an interview.

Mr. Jordan Willner, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Rosedale
Box 100 Neepawa, Manitoba R0J 1H0 Email: admin@rmrosedale.com

Notice

SCHOOL TRUSTEE
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
BEAUTIFUL PLAINS SCHOOL DIVISION

Please be advised that a general election will be held on October 28, 2026.

Prospective school board election candidates must register with the Senior Election Official (SEO) during the registration period before they may begin to accept contributions, incur expenses, fundraise or borrow money for their campaign.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be receiving candidate registrations between August 18, 2026 and September 22, 2026 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Beautiful Plains School Division Office; 213 Mountain Avenue, Neepawa, MB.

Registration forms may be obtained upon request from the Division Office; 213 Mountain Avenue, Neepawa (Phone: 476-2387) (Fax: 476-3606)

DATED at Neepawa in the Province of Manitoba, this 11th day of August 2026.

Shannon Bayes
Senior Election Officer
Beautiful Plains School Division

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
THE PLANNING ACT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person who wishes to make them in respect of the following matter:

TOWN OF NEEPAWA ZONING BY-LAW 3239-26 (RESCINDS 3184-18)

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

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, September 01, 2026 at 5:45 PM

APPLICATION:
3239-26

OWNERS:
Town of Neepawa

APPLICANT:
Colleen Synchyshyn

AREA AFFECTED:
Entire Town of Neepawa

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW 3239-26:
A periodic review of the entire Town of Neepawa Zoning By-law

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jeff Braun, Development Officer
Neepawa & Area Planning District
Phone: 204-476-3277
Email: jeff@neepawaareapanning.com

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

MORTGAGE SALE

The land and building known as Unit D – 112 Mooswa Drive East, Onanole, Manitoba, as described in Certificate of Title Nos. 3119164/5 and 3119165/5 is for an undivided one-fifth interest in Parcels D and F will be sold at auction on Wednesday the 9th day of September, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The auction sale will be held by way of video or teleconference. There will be no in-person attendees at the auction. In order to participate you must pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the auction by contacting Dan Ransom at either 204-988-0443 or dransom@tmlawyers.com (email preferred). On the date of the auction, an email will be sent to all attendees at the email addresses provided. The attendees will need to follow the instructions in the email, which will include a video link or teleconference call-in information. The successful bidder shall have a period of 24 hours to provide the deposit in certified funds payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP and sign the auction sale conditions.

TO THE BEST of the Vendor's knowledge, the property is a 1080 square feet single family bungalow built on concrete/crawlspace foundation in 1950. It is situated very near the Elkhorn Resort & Spa in beautiful Riding Mountain National Park and has 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen, living room, dining room, laundry area and wrap-around deck/porch. The property has 100 amp electrical service with electric baseboard heat and electric HWT. It is serviced by a septic holding tank and community well. The partially fenced yard is landscaped with grass, shrubs and mature trees. There is a double gravel/grass driveway for parking.

DIRECTIONS: From Brandon/Minnedosa, take Highway 10 North into Riding Mountain National Park. Turn right at the Elkhorn Resort turn-off and take the first left onto Mooswa Drive East. The property will be on your right.

PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES: NIL

REALTY TAXES (excluding any accruing water charges) are paid to **December 31, 2025**.

TERMS OF SALE: a deposit of **\$20,000.00** by way of cash, certified cheque or bank draft payable to Taylor McCaffrey LLP, and the balance according to Auction Sale Conditions will be available to all registered auction participants. The property will be sold subject to a Reserve Bid of \$157,000.00 plus such other additional and incidental costs which may be incurred by the Vendor from the 21st day of August, 2026 to the date of auction and which costs will be announced prior to the commencement of the sale. The maximum amount of cash that may be provided as part of the deposit is **\$7,500.00**. The auction sale will be conducted pursuant to an Order for Sale issued by the District Registrar. Certain parties may be prohibited from purchasing the property, including but not limited to, parties who by virtue of their employment or relationship to a person involved in the sale process would have special knowledge of the circumstances pertaining to the sale. For more information and a list of prohibited purchasers please visit: www.teranetmanitoba.ca. FURTHER information may be obtained from:

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2200 – 201 Portage Avenue,
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Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MINTO-ODANAH

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 17th day of September, 2026, at the hour of 2:00 PM, at Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah, 49 Main Street South, Minnedosa, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale (the "Arrears")
109700	AT CLANWILLIAM AND BEING: LOTS 9 AND 10 BLOCK 4 PLAN 391 NLTO EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT IN SE 1/4 13-16-18 AND SW 1/4 18-16- 17 WPM - 9/10-4-391, CLANWILLIAM	L -\$1,300 B -\$2,800	\$19,772.47

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

- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs for any property.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization must be provided prior to the start of the auction.
- The successful purchaser must bring to the auction and pay to the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah a non-refundable deposit (the "Deposit") in cash, certified cheque or bank draft in the amount of:
 - i) The Arrears for the property PLUS
 - ii) If the property is non-residential property, GST (5% of the Arrears) or, if the purchaser is a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration PLUS
 - iii) A fee of \$504.00 for preparation of the transfer of title documents.
- The successful bid + GST + \$504 is the "Purchase Price".
- If the Purchase Price is greater than the Deposit, the balance must be paid within 20 days of the sale.
- If the Purchase Price is less than the Deposit, the excess will be refunded to the purchaser within 5 days of the sale.
- In addition to the Purchase Price, any property taxes issued, but not yet due, and any unpaid municipal utilities must be paid by the purchaser within 20 days of the sale.
- The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs and land transfer tax, if any.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2026.

Managed by:



Aaren Robertson
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah
Phone: (204) 867-3282
Fax: (204) 867-1937

Gladstone's ace found

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sylvia Hayward won Gladstone Legion's Chase The Ace on July 18, 2026. She took home \$4,218.50. Congratulations, Sylvia Hayward, on your winnings!



Notice

SCHOOL TRUSTEE NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS BEAUTIFUL PLAINS SCHOOL DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that on September 16, 17, 18, 21 & 22, 2026 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Beautiful Plains School Division Office; 213 Mountain Avenue, Neepawa, MB

I will receive nominations for:

SEVEN SCHOOL TRUSTEES (Residents of Beautiful Plains) Representing

WARD 1 – CARBERRY & AREA

All the residents in Beautiful Plains
(Includes Wards 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the RM of North Cypress-Langford)

WARD 2 – NEEPAWA & AREA

All the residents in Beautiful Plains
(Includes Wards 5 & 6 of the RM of North Cypress-Langford)

THREE (3) TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED

FOUR (4) TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED

of the aforesaid Local Authority.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the ward. Each nomination shall be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations may be filed in person at the above location, on the date and hours specified, by an official agent, or by fax. Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Nomination papers and candidate's declaration of qualification may be obtained upon request from the Division Office; 213 Mountain Avenue, Neepawa (Phone: 476-2387) (Fax: 476-3606)

DATED at Neepawa in the Province of Manitoba, this 17th day of August 2026.

Shannon Bayes
Senior Election Officer
Beautiful Plains School Division

PUBLIC NOTICE MUNICIPALITY OF GLENELLA-LANSDOWNE BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2027 preliminary assessment roll for the Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne has been delivered to the Municipal Office, in Glenella, MB and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43(1) An application for revision must:

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

The Board of Revision will sit on **September 10, 2026**, at 1:10 p.m. at the Glenella Community Hall, 100 Ray Street, Glenella MB to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **August 25, 2026**, at 4:00 p.m.

Prior to filing a complaint against the liability to taxation, amount of an assessed value or classification of property, you are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Provincial Municipal Assessment Branch in Minnedosa by phoning 204-867-4760 or toll free 1-866-401-8986.

Dated at Glenella, Manitoba, this 6th day of August, 2026.

Wendy Wutzke, Secretary
Board of Revision
Box 10
Glenella, Manitoba R0J 0V0

Notice

MUNICIPALITY OF McCREARY BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2027 Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Municipality of McCreary has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 432 First Avenue, McCreary, Manitoba, and will be open for public inspection during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42(1) and 43(1) of The Municipal Assessment Act:

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The Board of Revision will sit to hear applications on September 15, 2026, at 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of McCreary.

The **deadline** for receipt of applications by the Secretary of the Board is **4:00 PM on August 31, 2026**, at the address given below.

Dated this 5th day of August 2026.

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Five ideas for the Chicken Delight lot

...But what do I know? is a column written by Neepawa resident Joshua Jackson. He was raised here; he returned here, so why not talk about his two cents on this wonderful town?

Note: It is not my intent to disparage this town or any organization, but rather me just flinging ideas at the wall and seeing what sticks! Take it all with a grain of salt; I'm just having fun and getting back into writing in a way I enjoy it!

When you drive through Neepawa via Highway 16, you're greeted by many businesses and gas stations. However, there's one glaring space that bothers me: the corner of Highway 5 and 16. The lot was the former home of Chicken Delight, which was demolished in 2025 after the building was left vacant and beyond repair.

What baffles me is that there have been no businesses built on the corner of two major highways. So for any investors, lottery winners, or anyone wanting to start a business, here are the top five things I think should go into that space.

5. A Taco Bell.

Maybe I'm pessimistic, but we all probably assume it's going to be a fast food restaurant there. I have to be honest with you, I really don't want another burger place. We already have two great fast food restaurants doing that, plus a great restaurant downtown. So, that's why I propose a Taco Bell; it's something different that Neepawa doesn't have, plus who doesn't like tacos, and some good Taco Bell!

4. Bring back the Aggasiz or Uncle Tom's.

Okay, I know I just said Neepawa doesn't need a burger restaurant, but I swear, this is different! I'd rather have a local establishment with local owners than some multinational chain! I really enjoyed Uncle Tom's pop-up in Neepawa; they made some phenomenal food! Plus, who isn't nostalgic for the Aggasiz in Neepawa? Remember those days? Good local food from people you know!!!

...BUT WHAT DO I KNOW?

JOSHUA JACKSON

3. A place that serves all-day breakfast.

Folks, I'm not picky here. I love breakfast, and there's nowhere in town you can get it all day! Plus, who wouldn't want another sit-down restaurant in Neepawa? So why not add a Denny's, IHOP, heck, even a Smitty's would tide over my breakfast cravings!

2. Arcade/ bowling alley/ jungle gym.

This one may feel like a bit of déjà vu, because long-time Neepawa business, Evans Lanes, occupied the space that is now Boston Pizza, right across the street. I think Neepawa needs more activities, especially in the winter. Think of it: kids would have a place to let their energy out and have fun, especially during the winter months. A lot of smaller towns (Carman, Carberry, and Minnedosa) all have bowling, so why not us? This would be great for travelling sports teams, considering it is a short walking distance from the majority of Neepawa Hotels. Imagine Playscape and their VR rooms (which have been a great activity brought to our town, thanks Nand and family) having their own space, plus more?! I think this addition would capture a wide market in our town and really add to the entertainment value!

1. A rest stop/ tourism center!

I gotta be honest with you, whenever I drive by that lot, I always see a semi or two parked there. Neepawa lacks a good accessible space for truckers to rest. Plus, on the corner that sees a lot of traffic, why not put something up to promote Neepawa! Put an information centre so people can find out about our town, and provide amenities such as a washroom so weary travelers too can stop and

stretch their legs. Neepawa has an information centre near the campground, but I have no idea if we even use it. With that road set to close anyway, and a new one opening up, the information centre is going to need a new home. I've noticed Neepawa lacks tourism apparel, like hats, hoodies, magnets, gift items in general (please correct me if I'm wrong), so why not use the space to have town merchandise! Plus, it's a prime location to put in a landmark. Gladstone has the happy rock, Portage la Prairie has the world's largest Coca-Cola can, heck, Arden has a giant crocus! Maybe it's time for Neepawa to have its own world's largest something (but we'll talk about that in a different column.)

So, that's my list! But now, I'd like to know: what do you think that space should be used for? Send in your comments to the Neepawa Banner & Press! I'd like to know what your thoughts on this are!

Opinion: Town of Neepawa election issues preview

By Ken Waddell

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Town of Neepawa is an enviable position of having expanded from about 3400 people in 2008 to a figure estimated for 2026 to be 6400. While enviable, that increase comes with some major issues.

Here's a list of those challenges and I invite anyone to add to or expand upon the list below.

1. Housing-Neepawa needs more housing in the worst way. Surrounding communities also need to be pro-active in developing more housing and it needs to be modest to high end. There are needs for modular housing and apartment blocks as well as single family homes.

2. Just this week the Town of Neepawa has announced seven road improvement projects that will bring some relief to the condition of Neepawa's streets (see Page 8). That is welcome but the fact remains, Neepawa's roads are in bad shape. So are the roads in many other communities. Roads in Minnedosa, Carberry and Virden are better. If the Town of Neepawa has a long term water, sewer and roads plan, they need to make it well known to the voters. Over the years, the Town and the Council have not made their plans clear. By saying little or nothing, voters are left to assume there isn't a plan. The plan, when or if it does come about, will be very costly but doing nothing will be more costly.

3. Neepawa, along with other municipalities, need to lobby harder to the senior levels of government as grants are often tagged for projects that may or may not line up with the needs of the community.

4. Neepawa, and turn the area, is at least 15 years behind in developing a new rec centre. Even if a decision to build a new centre was made shortly, a new rec centre is likely 10 years away. The Yellowhead Centre was built in 1972. It needs to keep going at least until a new rec centre is built.

Considering the growth of the Town and area, the YHC should be kept up and renovated accordingly and put in a position so it can serve for several more years until a new centre is built and possibly as a second facility of some kind even after a new one is built.

Just as note of interest, Moosomin with an estimated 2026 population of 2919 is building a second ice rink this fall.

5. The Town of Neepawa needs to step into the usual role of a town and assume the ownership, management and financing of the YHC. Neepawa is the only major town that doesn't take on that role, having left that responsibility to the community owned Neepawa and Area Centennial Project Corporation but with very inadequate town funding

6. Mayor, councillors and management staff need to be much more forthcoming with facts and reports. The first rule of politics and management is to tell the people what you are doing. Information has been lacking.

7. Most of all Neepawa, as a community, needs to shake off their historic complacency attitude of "Ok, that's good enough!"

Complacency is a goal killer and we need to cast it off. Any prospective candidate who isn't willing to fight off complacency shouldn't even consider running.



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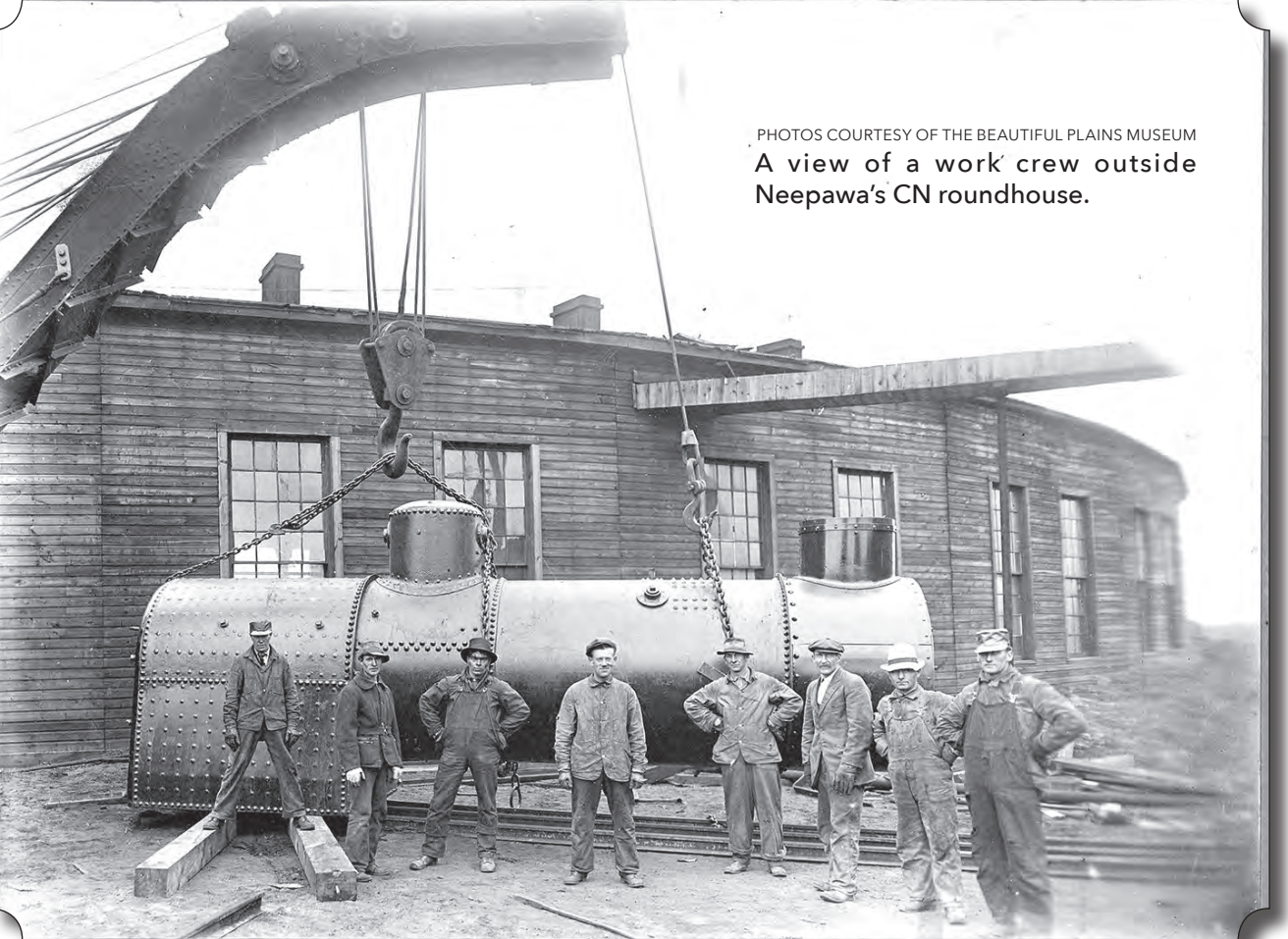
By Helen Drysdale
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The story of the west could not be told without acknowledging the vital role the railway played in its economic growth. Neepawa prospered as the result of the railway. The opening of the MNW Railway (later CP) in 1883 assured Neepawa's early growth. The station was located on the north side of town. At that time Neepawa's population was 308. By 1900, local grain companies with seven elevators were buying two million bushels of grain that needed to be transported out east. In 1902 the CN at the west end of Hamilton Street opened. They used the local brickyard to supply the bricks. Measuring 25 x 64 feet, it was built at a cost \$5,000. The main floor was used as a railway station, and the upper level was home for the agent and his family. The upper level consisted of four bedrooms, a kitchen and living room. By this time Neepawa's population was 1,500. It was one of the few towns that was able to offer telephone exchange, electric street lighting, piped drinking water and five miles of board side walks. Neepawa planted 1,400 trees that year. There were five machinery dealerships, a door and sash company, contractors, several banks, bakeries, six general stores, jewellers, doctors and dentists and so much more. Neepawa was booming. By 1904 a hospital was opened,

and there were two weekly newspapers.

Facilities within the yards were built between 1902 and 1920 and included: a freight shed built in 1903; a five stall round house with boiler shed built 1912-1913 at the cost of \$21,000; a 250-ton coal dock built in 1912 at the cost of \$5000; a 250-ton icehouse in 1912; a four-pen stockyard built in 1911 and an express building in 1920. It also had bunk houses for the crews who worked there. At this time in the railway's life, it hired 100 men. In 1920, indoor plumbing was added to the CN Station and in 1927, it was wired for electricity.

The CP Station did not have a water tower, however the CN Station did. The water towers were a necessity as the locomotives were run by steam hence the need for water. The steam was produced by burning coal to heat the water in the locomotive's boiler. A reliable supply of water was an important factor when the train companies decided which settlements got a siding. During the very early days of steam locomotives, sidings for water stops were necessary every 10 miles (16 km) adding hours to the travel time. Then came the "tender" which was a special rail car hauled behind the locomotive containing coal and water. With the tenders, trains could run 100-150 miles (160-240 km) without a stop to refill. The "Royal Hudson" tender had a capacity of 12,000 gallons (54,600 litres of



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A view of a work crew outside Neepawa's CN roundhouse.

water). The Royal, in the trains name came from the 1939 visit to Canada from King George VI and his wife Queen Elizabeth. The Hudson locomotive performed flawlessly and impressed the King. The CPR received permission to designate the streamlined Hudson to Royal Hudson. Eventually each locomotive was equipped with a crown fastened to their running boards.

Many Canadian railroads used exterior wood octagonal towers that enclosed a metal or a cedar tank held together with metal bands. This octag-

onal shaped water tank was designed specifically because the shape helped them from freezing. The structures were not insulated, and heat was provided by a coal-burning stove inside, under the water tank. This was a spot for many hoboes to gather in the winter to warm up. In busier locations freezing didn't happen because locomotives used the water in the tanks so fast it did not have a chance to freeze. Water towers were elevated for a gravity feed system allowing the train's water tank to be filled quickly with little effort by the

locomotive's fireman. The water tower's operation was simple. The locomotive stopped next to the tower with the spout lining up with the water hatch on top of the tender. The fireman climbed up on the tender and pulled the spout into the tender's hatch. He then pulled on a discharge cord allowing the water to flow. Most tanks on branch lines held 20,000 gallons of water and on main lines 40,000 gallons of water.

Many things factored into the abandonment of tens of thousands of miles of branch lines and railway stations. The high

freight rates in the west, (three times those in the east), reduced subsidies, the building of improved roads, efficient and larger trucks, and increased air traffic are a few. I cannot find a date for the closing of the CP Station. The CN station closed its doors in 1980 and was reopened as a museum in 1983.

As a child it was exciting to see a train, counting the cars and hearing the whistle at the crossings. As an adult when I see a train across the distance the memories flood back, transporting me to a simpler time.



The CNR trestle bridge at Neepawa in the early 1900s.

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Rural break & enters, bail leniency concerns in Neepawa

Federal Conservatives host 'Stop the Crime' community Town Hall

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Rural crime, bail reform and concerns about public safety were among the issues discussed on Monday, Aug. 17 at a "Stop the Crime" Town Hall at the Neepawa Legion.

The meeting was chaired by Riding Mountain M.P. Dan Mazier and fellow Conservative M.P. Larry Brock of Brantford-Brant South. The event was part of a series of public meetings organized by the Federal

Conservatives to hear concerns and suggestions about Canada's justice system and discuss proposed federal reforms.

Much of the focus locally was related to concerns about farm break-ins and the theft of machinery. Attendees also raised broader public-safety issues, including illegal drug use and the current state of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Bill C-75 was another major topic discussed at length. Passed in 2019, the legislation made wide-

ranging changes to the Criminal Code, including reforms intended to modernize and streamline the bail system and reduce court delays.

Conservative critics argue, however, that the changes introduced have contributed to a bail system that is too lenient and can leave communities vulnerable to repeat offenders.

This Neepawa meeting has been one of several the Conservatives have hosted across Canada this year.



Left to right: Brantford-Brant South M.P. Larry Brock and Riding Mountain M.P. Dan Mazier, host a 'Stop the Crime' Town Hall in Neepawa, on Monday Aug. 17.

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EOIN DEVEREUX

Youth Pickleball Clinics a hit!



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On Aug. 12 and 13, twenty young athletes were put through their paces learning the ins and outs of pickleball at the HMK gym in Neepawa.

Organized by the Manitoba Pickleball Association, Coach Semi and Coach Hannah from Winnipeg travelled around the province, visiting 21 communities and teaching approximately 300 young athletes how to play pickleball, the world's fastest growing sport. Neepawa was the last stop

on their tour, and the turnout and the excitement did not disappoint! As important as it was to learn new skills, the day was also filled with laughter and friendship. Volunteers from SWIS Neepawa Settlement and the Neepawa Pickleball Association were on hand to help out. All-in-all it was a wonderful 2-day event.

The coaches praised all of the participants for bringing all their energy and enthusiasm with them to learn the sport of pickleball, and hope they all continue to love and play pickleball.

Roxy Theatre screening Tragically Hip's National Celebration



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The Tragically Hip played their last concert at the Rogers K-Rock Centre, in their hometown of Kingston Ontario, on Aug. 20, 2016. A 10 anniversary rebroadcast of the show is set for Saturday, Aug. 22 at selective movie theatres across Canada. Neepawa Roxy Theatre will be one of those to showcase the event.

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Neepawa's Roxy Theatre is joining in on a nation-wide tribute this weekend to 'Canada's Band.'

On Saturday, Aug. 22, at 7:00 p.m., the Roxy will host a special screening of 'The Tragically Hip: A National Celebration', commemorating the 10th anniversary of the musical group's final concert.

The CBC broadcast of the Tragically Hip's first aired on Aug. 20, 2016, and was a farewell performance by the band, and celebration for lead singer Gord Downie, who died at the age of

53, due to an aggressive form of brain cancer. The concert became a defining moment in Canadian music history, with millions of Canadians tuning in live to watch.

The commercial-free rebroadcast will also feature A Beautiful Thing, a short film by Gord Downie's brother, Mike, which will include behind-the-scenes footage and interviews from notable Canadians about the band's legacy.

"The Roxy board is really excited to be able to participate in this event and give Neepawa-area residents and visitors a chance to see this iconic Canadian event on the big screen," said Kate

Jackman-Atkinson, Neepawa Theatre Centre Inc board chair. "We know there are a lot of Tragically Hip fans in Neepawa and we are thankful that the band and CBC are rebroadcasting the band's final performance in a way that is accessible to all Canadians."

Admission to the event will be \$10, with proceeds split equally between the Neepawa Theatre Centre Inc (*The not-for-profit that owns and operates the Roxy*) and the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund, which supports Indigenous reconciliation and improved understanding of the history of residential schools.



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