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'That's my goal- just to keep people warm'

Judy Toovey prepares mittens for charity, invites public to fundraiser sale

By Casper Wehrhahn
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"If it helps, it's important."

This is the belief that fuels the efforts of Neepawa's Judy Toovey. A resident of the Country Meadows Personal Care Home, Toovey has been busy throughout the year with crafting hand-made mittens for those in need.

The mittens are made with a double thickness, and a wrist length that extends further than a regular mitten; all with the intent of keeping the wearer as warm as possible.

"That's my goal- just to keep people warm," said Toovey.

Toovey began this charity effort late last fall, resulting in the donation of 44 pairs of mittens through emergency services personnel such as police, firefighters, and ambulance drivers.

This year, Toovey is donating 50 pairs of mittens to the Brandon Bear Clan, and 24+ pairs to the Helping Hands Soup Kitchen. In turn, those organizations will distribute them.

If there are enough mittens

in stock, an additional donation will be made to the John Howard Society.

Toovey's efforts are aided by many- from Country Meadows staff, to fundraiser sale patrons, and beyond.

"Everybody has been so wonderful. Everyone tries to help- we even have residents here volunteering to help me out, too," said Toovey.

Monetary or wool supply donations can be dropped off at the Country Meadows Personal Care Home. However, donors are asked to ensure that the donations are stated to be for Judy's mittens campaign so that the donations are properly directed.

People looking to support her charity work, while also keeping themselves warm, can look forward to doing so very soon as well. Toovey will have some mittens available for sale at the care home's upcoming Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. Multi-purpose bags will also be available among Toovey's fundraiser products.

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Judy Toovey has been knitting up a storm to prepare mittens for the less fortunate. As well, extra mittens and multipurpose bags to be sold at a fundraiser which aids this work.



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Brian Hedley looks back at eight years on Neepawa Town Council

By Eoin Devereux
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It's been an eventful eight years for Brian Hedley, as he prepares to step away from municipal politics. But now, as his time on Neepawa Town Council winds down, he can reflect back on those eight years and hope that he has left behind a record shaped by community resilience and significant investments in the town's future.

Hedley first joined council in 2018, serving as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor before being acclaimed Mayor in 2022. He entered municipal governance without a political agenda, motivated simply by a desire to give back to a community that had been good to his family. What followed was a period that tested council and administration in ways few could have anticipated.

"The first four years saw us handling challenges that none of us were trained for or prepared for," Hedley said. "The COVID-19 pandemic, the devastating Canada Day flash flood in 2020 and then further flooding in 2022 and 2026, forced difficult decisions under extraordinary circumstances."

But while these challenges represented some huge disaster-related costs, Hedley said the community's response to overcoming those hardships will remain one of his most enduring memories.

"Watching the commun-

ity work side by side to save our Town will stick in my mind forever," he said.

Important progress made

Despite the challenges, Hedley believes Neepawa has made important strides over these last few years in preparing for continued growth. He cites the housing and active transportation studies that helped establish a master plan for future residential and commercial development.

Other initiatives Hedley identifies as important milestones are Project 320, along with the establishment of RCMP headquarters and a training centre and infrastructure development for the new hospital and future vocational high school and daycare.

But beyond infrastructure, Hedley points to the Neepawa Health Action Committee as a success in bringing residents together to celebrate local healthcare workers. As well, rebuilding Park Lake and preserving it as a community attraction also stands out as a personal highlight, particularly for the memories shared with his grandchildren.

But balancing those investments against residents' expectations has not always been easy. Hedley acknowledges that more streets and sidewalks could have been completed, but noted that councils must weigh infrastructure repairs against the financial burden of tax increases.

"It's not easy to balance



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Brian Hedley's eight year tenure, which included four years serving as Mayor for the Town of Neepawa, came to a close on Tuesday, Oct. 20, with the final Council meeting before the municipal election.

tax increases and infrastructure repairs to an aging community."

Looking back, Hedley describes his leadership style as that of a coach rather than a boss, emphasizing teamwork between council and administration.

"I've enjoyed watching council and administration grow together as a team that has the community's best interests at heart," he said.

As for his advice for the next council, Hedley shared that it's important to keep building rather than dwelling on criticism.

"People focused on growth/improvements don't waste time on tearing others down, they are too busy trying to build a

better place," Hedley said. "I look forward to watch-

ing from the sidelines and cheering them on."

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Looking Back

1976: Local marksman captures Black Powder Championship

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
October 22, 1901**

Glenella: It is whispered by the pathmaster up west that Scottie is just the right kind of councilman.. But that pathmaster has reason to think so. He knows where he gets his bread buttered best.

In old times the man was lord of creation indeed, doing all the fighting and the resting, while his slave, or wife, did all the work, as one may judge by looking over her titles. The title "lady" comes from the words laf, which means bread, and dian, to serve; one who serves food, the waitress. "Spinster" is a word to remind the unmarried woman that in old times she had to spin with her own hands a complete set of bed linen before she could get a husband to reign over her. Wife means a weaver, one who can weave clothes for her man. Mrs. or missus is mistress, which means mattress, and lass is ladess, or la'ss, a female in leading strings. Madame is "my

lady", which really means "my waitress". One can easily see that the men invented those titles, not the women.

Twenty delegates representing 200 families in Oklahoma, Kansas and Indian Territory, are on a tour of inspection in Western Canada. They are to visit Dauphin district, Portage Plains, Eastern Assiniboia and Alberta. They may never hear of the opportunities afforded for more than 200 families to procure good farms at reasonable figures in the Neepawa district.

The illness of G. W. Frampton, of the Press staff, assumed a critical phase on Sunday and the attending physician had no hopes last night of a favourable termination.

The latest information given out from inner circles regarding the promised C.N.R. line to Neepawa is that grading is now going on westward from Beaver six or eight miles. Also, that line is to run through the Sand Hills, crossing the Carberry road six miles south of town and then coming directly north, following the survey made

by the N.P.R. in January of 1900. But the assurances are just as positive now as in June, July, August and September, that the road will reach Neepawa this year. No cognizance is taken of the possibility of circumstances arising over which the government or railway company could have no control. The railway must come to Neepawa before Jan. 1 1902, for the Hon. Jno. A. Davidson has said so!

**100 years ago,
Friday,
October 22, 1926**

Guy Fawkes' Day will soon be here. So keep it in your mind.

Miss Gladys Donaldson has accepted a position on the Nurses' staff in the Lutheran Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

Scarlet fever has broken out in a good many homes within the past month all because the original case was not reported to the health officer nor the advice of a physician asked regarding treatment. Such negligence is inexcusable, and one of these days we may expect to find some prominent citizen adequately punished for exposing his neighbours to infection. It costs nothing to call the health officer and it is cheaper to have medical attendance than pay a fine.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
October 25, 1951**

Don Conrad, 19-year-old Neepawa boy, last week was named to go to the Toronto Royal Winter Fair on Nov. 12 for an interview with a committee who will make

the selection from among the young representatives of all provinces of the candidate who will be the recipient of the first Eaton Agricultural Scholarship.

A branch of the Canadian Order of Foresters has been organized here.

Neepawa's hometown dance band, the Blackhawks, now play regularly every Saturday night in the Legion Memorial Hall.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
October 21, 1976**

The Viscount Cultural Centre is becoming THE place to be in Neepawa.

President Brian Bailey reports that the museum committee is renting two rooms in the building, and Assiniboine Community College is also renting two rooms for upgrading classes. There's also a pottery group, affiliated with the Community Schools organization, that meets there once a week with instructor Stan Tanawa, and the council is hoping to open an oil painting course as well. There are even plans in the works for starting up a weekend workshop for oil painting beginners.

Glenella: Congratulations to Leo and Betty Preusentanz, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Centennial Hall, also to Rhiney and Doreen Kienas who were honored on their 25th anniversary by their relatives and friends at Doreen's mother's home, Mrs. K. Haberstock of Langenburg, Sask., on Saturday, Oct. 23, Mrs. M. Kienas, and Peggy Kienas

of Winnipeg accompanied Rhiney and Doreen and family to Langenburg for the occasion.

Local marksman Bob Burns, captured the provincial black powder trap shooting honors in the recent Black Powder Fall Shoot held back in Fort Garry Oct. 17.

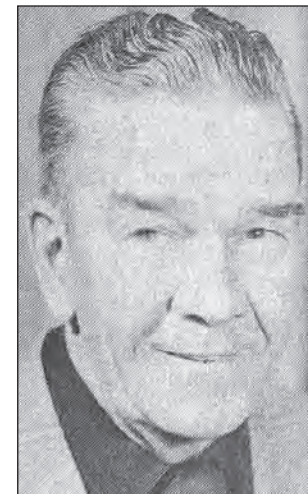
Provincial approval has been given for the creation of an organization to recognize the agrarian contributions of the past. Tully McKenzie of Brandon, chairman of the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame, says that the organization has so far received clearance of title, a charter constitution and a set of bylaws, and will meet Nov. 12 to elect provincial directors to succeed the members of the provisional board.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
October 23, 2006**

Workers from Provost Signs were busy last week putting up a new sign at Neepawa's Home Hardware.

Arden: An official ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Monday to mark the completion of Arden's new lagoon— the first step to bringing sewer and water to the RM of Lansdowne.

Plumas: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lach who celebrated their 50th anniversary in the



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Pictured: Bob Burns, who topped the Black Powder Fall Shoot at Fort Garry on Oct. 17, 1976. He out-gunned some of the best in the province, including some competitors who were also in Neepawa for the Summer Games.

community hall on Oct. 14, surrounded by family and friends.

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Neepawa's Roxy Theatre was winding up the month of October with The Wicker Man, starring Nicholas Cage, in 2006. This ad is from the Oct. 23, 2006 edition of The Neepawa Press.

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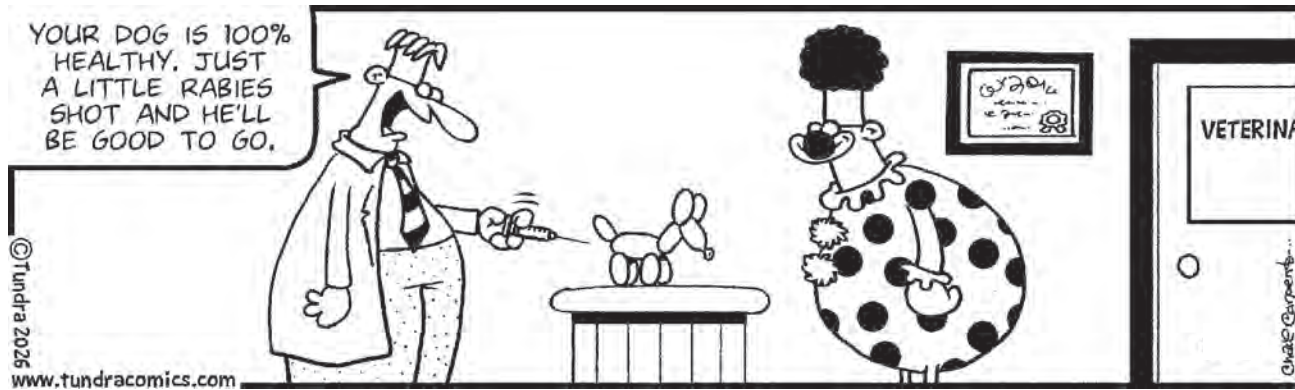
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By Chad Carpenter



Customer service becoming a lost art

Last year, about this time of year I said I was very concerned with the way businesses are trending, especially large businesses and governments. In days gone by, every business, organization and level of government at least made an attempt at personalized customer service. It has gotten worse.

If you go to a bank branch, for example, you can get some semblance of local customer service, but for some services such as credit card information or commercial banking, it's all online. When it works, it's okay, but when it doesn't, it's awful. A year ago I was struggling to get a simple change over of access for a bookkeeper for an organization. They tell you to go to the web site, log-in and if that doesn't work, click for a new pass code and all will be well. I went through a dozen or more pass codes before I got a solution.

- Internet providers are similar. We have had email issues and we have been told it's because of a faulty computer or it's because we use Apple computers, it's because Apple won't talk to some email programs. Then they say, we have been blocked but they don't know why. It turned out that Apple computers weren't the issue, customer service was.

- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) were recently evaluated and it was found that a very high percentage of their answers to taxpayers questions were incorrect. How can that be? Well, I guess I shouldn't be surprised. Many years ago a CRA auditor came out to my farm and said that interest on a farm loan wasn't a tax deductible expense. Fortunately, a letter from my accountant straightened that out, but it was frustrating.

I suspect today's problems with CRA may be due to so many of their staff working from home or remotely.



“I believe that our customer service philosophy is pretty clear.”

There's little opportunity to stick your head into the next office and say "Hey Josie, what's the right answer to question B?" If a staffer is labouring away all day without peer consultation, there's more room for error.

- Phone companies can be frustrating too. It took dozens of calls to get a simple change to a couple of our company phone lines. Each time the customer service rep on the other end of the line was apologetic and admitted that it shouldn't be complicated. However, it was complicated because whoever they referred a question to didn't make the required changes. I even had no phone service for a few days which was a bit annoying.

- I believe that our customer service philosophy is pretty clear. Our staff hopefully always answer the phone and with the approach that if they don't have the answer, they will do their best to find the answer.

- Looking at local municipal and town councils, it's safe to say they have a tough job and it has gotten tougher in recent years. I was on council twice but that was over 12 years ago. Council work has gotten more complicated for certain.

I think councils and staff could make things easier for themselves with a few changes. Technology allows for an exchange of information much simpler than in the past. Councillors, taxpayers and news media need to be able to see the agendas earlier. Most councils only prepare a very simple paper copy agenda that contains very little information. A few municipalities prepare an electronic agenda package for staff and councillors. Documents can be accessed very easily as the document links are embedded in the electronic agenda that is on the municipal web site. That's how it should be.

If material is going to be discussed in an open council meeting, then staff, councillors, ratepayers and media should have access to it. In an electronic agenda with the document links embedded in it, access is very good for everybody.

If municipalities and towns could all achieve that level of transparency and ease of access, voters would be better able to know what is happening. Maybe if more people had access to more information, it might be easier to get people to want to run for council.

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HOMEBODIES

RITA FRIESEN



Some deep questions

A few weeks ago a gentleman from Victoria, B.C., a thinking 96-year old, retired farmer who knew Ed from Homewood/Sperling days, Arnold McCurcheon, sent me a series of questions. I am choosing to share his questions and my answers:

1. Is she a pacifist? Enough to deny her sons a military uniform if called up?
2. How do we Christians avoid killing a murderous intruder that comes to our door?
3. How does she reduce her footprint on the environment, knowing we have passed the point of no return as a civilization?

These are questions I live and walk with.

1. I want to believe I am a pacifist. If my goods were taken I could walk away, if my loved ones were hurt or were taken I would bear arms.

Would I want anyone to take another's life? Never. Do I know that evil must be stopped? Always. May I never be the provoker, always be the defender. We know the scars left on people and places by the armed conflict in the past, and in the present. We (I) also know that the fragile freedoms we take so for granted were hard won, and worth it. I would not urge a loved one to wear a uniform, I would not fail to offer love and support, pouring out prayers for protection.

2. How do we avoid killing a murderous intruder that comes to our door? I think of the martyrs of the past and the present. They held their faith and their values so dear that they willingly laid down their lives. That doesn't stop the advance of evil...With the advance of technology and loss of privacy and threats to individualism, I see no secret escape...I think of Jesus' last moments...he forgave the repentant thief, instructed his friend to care for his mother, and committed his mother to his friends' care.

Then, with a cry from deep within Jesus spoke to His Father and said — into your hands I commend my spirit...and gave up his spirit. I am contemplating those words for many scenes...when we have done all that we can, all that is asked of us, we can choose to give up our spirit as well. Defending my loved ones, the vulnerable, and disabled, when I have done with all my heart and body, then I can also commit my spirit to my God. Just my thoughts on that...

3. How do I reduce my footprint? Small steps indeed, but the steps that I can order....compost and recycle are big ones. I am blessed to have a small garden, organic, and carefully save all things compostable and have a bin in the garden yard. I take recycling seriously, knowing that too many times the big bin is defiled and discarded — but not because of my actions! I borrow rather than buy when I need a one or two time tool, I shop thrift stores, and donate to them as well. The disparity between the haves and have not, or have not enough is beyond my imagination...I can only throw the starfish that I find on my beach back into the ocean...

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Town of Neepawa Municipal Election survey results

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Over the past few weeks, the Banner & Press has asked you to prioritize what you'd like to see done by our next Mayor and Town Council. 20 different priorities were listed, with an option to include a write in suggestion. A number of response poured into the office. After reviewing the results, the voter priorities were ranked by a weighted system, which awarded more points to issues that respondents ranked as more important:

- Rank #1 = 20 points;
- Rank #2 = 19 points;
- Rank #3 = 18 points; and
- Rank #20 = 1 point.

The points from all responses for each issue are added together. The higher the total score, the higher the overall priority. Here is what we discovered:

1. Repair existing municipal streets - **345 points**
2. Restriction/ticketing of e-scooter operation in Town limits - **259 points**
3. Repair existing municipal sidewalks - **225 points**
4. Repair/replace existing water and sewer lines - **207 points**
5. Construction of a new Rec Centre (*w/walking track & basketball complex*) - **203 points**
6. More ticketing of illegal motor vehicle operation (e.g., U-turn parkers) - **169 points**
7. Streamline permits and establish competitive tax policies to attract business - **149 points**
8. Expansion of affordable apartments/rentals - **148 points**
9. An overall reduction of existing property taxes - **130 points**
10. Allocate more budget for law enforcement and fire services - **108 points**
11. Expansion of affordable housing development - **98 points**
12. Construction of new sidewalks - **87 points**
13. Construction of new streets - **69 points**
14. More funding to upgrade the Ag Grounds and baseball/softball complex - **65 points**
15. Construction of new daycare facilities - **50 points**
16. Construction of new water and sewer lines - **43 points**
17. More funding to improve existing parks, bike and walking trails - **41 points**
18. More creation of lighted pedestrian crosswalks - **34 points**
19. Establishment of bike/scooter-only lanes - **32 points**
20. More funding for upgrades to the Municipal Pool - **24 points**

A closer look of the specifics of the results suggests the following conclusions:

Existing infrastructure is the biggest concern: Repairing existing municipal streets ranks first by a substantial margin, with 345 points. Repairing sidewalks ranks third with 225 points, while water and sewer repairs was rated fourth with 207 points. Together, these results suggest that voters want the next Council to place a strong emphasis on maintaining existing infrastructure.

E-scooter enforcement ranks extremely high: Restricting or ticketing e-scooter operation ranks second overall with 259 points. It outranks most major capital projects, and indicates a significant concern among the local residents who ranked this issue.

A new rec centre is the highest-ranked new construction priority: A proposed arena, walking track and basketball complex ranks fifth overall with 203 points. It is the highest-ranked new development with those surveyed.

New housing and business development matters, but ranked below core infrastructure: Attracting new businesses ranks seventh and expanding affordable apartments or rentals ranks eighth. Broader affordable housing development ranks eleventh.

Property tax reduction is not the top financial priority in these results: Reducing existing property taxes ranks ninth with 130 points, below street repairs, sidewalk repairs, water and sewer repairs, and several other issues. However, this does not establish how residents would feel about specific tax increases or spending trade-offs.

There were also some write in options suggested. Those included more attention directed towards garbage clearing in streets and gutters. Another was stronger enforcement of Town bylaws regarding lack of cleaning around private properties (i.e. debris, weeds, leaves). The Banner & Press thanks everyone for participating in this election survey.

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Meatloaf

When ground beef is on sale, I like to buy a large package and make several meat loaves and freeze the others for a day when I do not feel like cooking from scratch. There are many jokes about meatloaf. I am not sure why? Perhaps it is associated with being thrifty or disliked because it has been cooked far too long and dried out. Here are some meatloaf cooking tips. Do not overmix! This is the secret to keeping meatloaf moist. Overworking the meat mixture can result in a tough meatloaf. Use your hands to gently mix until just combined, being careful not to compress the meat too much in the loaf pan. Do not overcook meatloaf. Meatloaf should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F (70° C) so it is juicy and tender. You can form the loaf and cook on a baking pan lined with parchment paper because it allows air to circulate around the meatloaf as it bakes, developing a fl vorful crust. Some recipes lack fl vour. Add ingredients such as minced garlic, herbs such as basil, thyme and Dash to enhance the fl vor. You can use tomato sauce, V8 juice, salsa or chili sauce instead of milk for the moisture as well as extra fl vour. I use a combination of ground beef and pork for a fl vorful and juicy meatloaf. I also like a glaze for its zesty taste and fancier appearance. After cooking, meatloaf needs to sit for a bit (about 8-10 minutes) so it can reabsorb the juices before you slice and serve and gives it time to set up. Leftover meat loaf makes terrific sandwiches.

Italian Meatloaf

A taste of Italy.

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| 1 cup finely diced onion | 3/4 cup breadcrumbs |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | 3/4 cup tomato juice |
| 2 eggs | or spaghetti sauce |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese |
| 1/2 tsp. pepper | 1 lb. ground beef |
| 1 tsp. dried basil, not powdered | 1 lb. ground pork |
| 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley or 2 tsp. dried parsley | Glaze: |
| 1 tsp. dried oregano, not powered | 1/2 cup spaghetti sauce |

In a large mixing bowl, mix all the ingredients. Use your hands to combine. Do not overwork. Shape the meat into a loaf and place it on a parchment lined baking dish or a lightly greased loaf pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 350°F for 45 minutes. Remove the meatloaf from the oven and spoon the glaze over the top of the meatloaf. Then place the meatloaf back into the oven. Bake an additional 15 minutes, or until the meatloaf reaches an internal temperature of 160° F. Allow the meatloaf to sit for 8-10 minutes before slicing.

Moms' meatloaf

I always use oatmeal instead of breadcrumbs in my meatloaf.

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| 2 eggs, slightly beaten | 1 tsp. salt |
| 3/4 cup milk | 1/2 tsp. black pepper |
| 1 cup quick-cooking oats | 1 tsp. garlic powder |
| 1 lb. ground beef | |
| 1 lb. ground pork | |
| 1 cup finely chopped onion | |
| 1/4 cup ketchup | |
| 2 tsp. prepared mustard | |
| 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce | |
- For the Glaze:*
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| 1/3 cup ketchup |
| 2 Tbsp. brown sugar |
| 1 Tbsp. Dijon or regular prepared mustard |

Mix egg and milk together. Pour over oatmeal and soak for 10 minutes. In a large bowl combine all the ingredients. Use your hands to combine. Do not overwork. Shape the meat into a loaf and place it on a parchment lined baking dish or a lightly greased loaf pan. Combine glaze and spread over meat loaf. Bake in a 350°F preheated oven for about one hour until meatloaf reaches an internal temperature of 160° F. Let the meatloaf rest for 8-10 minutes before slicing and serving. Enjoy with your favourite people.



'Keep what we've got; don't go backwards'

Robert Van Kommer acclaimed Reeve for North Cypress-Langford

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

This coming municipal term brings a bit of a switch-up for Robert Van Kommer. Once his current term as representative for Ward 1 in the Rural Municipality of North Cypress-Langford is concluded, he will be serving instead as its acclaimed reeve.

Van Kommer is semi-retired and farms out of the Carberry area with his wife, Julie. In addition to representing Ward 1 these past four years, he has 33 years of experience working with the Department of Highways and five with Tri-Way Construction out of Brandon. He also shared that he has built many connections and friendships through sports—especially his 49 year curling career.

Two major items that con-



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Robert Van Kommer.

tributed to Van Kommer's decision to step up as reeve. One of those was the 1,300 acre conservancy partnership project with Nature Conservancy Canada.

"It was two years in the making, and we got it finalized this past summer, but there are some aspects of it that have to get worked out yet," Van Kommer explained. "I was the lead hand on that project."

He added, "We didn't know when I was coming forward who was all going to run again— we were fortunate to have basically everyone run again; we had one election in Ward 2— so this council knows what the objective was. But when I decided to run for reeve, I wanted to make sure that it was put to bed the way that it was intended for the future."

The second was in regards to the intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 5— the location of a future overpass.

"They know what they're doing, but I felt it was kind of a good position for me to be in as reeve— to be a good contact for the Department of Highways and the consultants," said Van Kommer. "There's good people that work there, and I've worked with them for so

long that I felt it would be a good partnership in that aspect as well."

Overall, Van Kommer said his focus for the coming term is 'sustainability'.

"Keep what we've got; don't go backwards. We have a huge RM— there's so many different aspects to this RM. We can't go backward in time, we have to keep moving forward, we have to keep being proactive, and we want to keep what we have," Van Kommer expressed.

With his years of experience both in and outside of governance, Van Kommer is eager to step up to the task and represent the people.

"I love talking to people, I love meeting people... I've always been that guy," said Van Kommer. "And if I don't know the answer, I try my best to get them an answer."

'It really does help'

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"Mittens will stay \$10 as they were before, bags are \$5, and bags with long straps will be \$10," said Toovey. "I really want to keep the prices reasonable for people."

All funds raised by Toovey go directly to purchasing more wool for her charity work.

Barring any extenuating circumstances, Country Meadows will host the sale on Nov. 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"I hope that with the fundraiser being close to Christmas, we'll get more sales," said Toovey. "And it really does help. Wool is getting harder to find, and [at an affordable cost]."

Country Meadows itself will also have some goods available at the sale, as well as a draw and silent auction that will help provide funding for activities and other needs. Additionally, some guest vendors will also be present. The staff are eager to welcome the public on Nov. 13.

In the meantime, however, Toovey is already considering her future efforts. In her final comments, she stated, "As the years go on, my inventory list will probably get bigger. I know slippers are on my list— and the staff here are interested in those too."

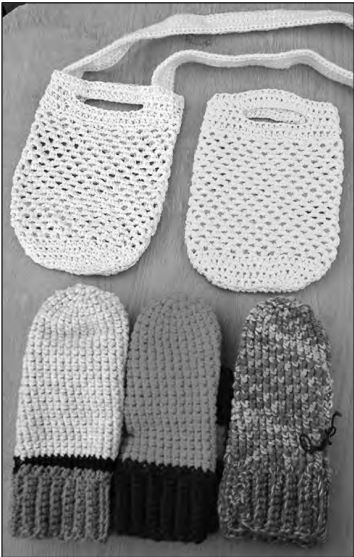


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A sample of Judy Toovey's work— some of which will be on sale to help her charitable efforts of helping people in need keep warm during the winter months.



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Giving back is on the menu at RD's On Main

Anniversary Fundraiser brings in \$1,830 for Minnedosa Food Bank

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

RD's On Main in Minnedosa recently marked a major milestone by giving back to the community that has supported them for over a decade.

On Friday, Oct. 16, the family owned restaurant hosted a free luncheon buffet, as part of the celebration for its' 11th anniversary. Locals were invited to enjoy a meal and asked to contribute whatever amount they could towards the Minnedosa & Area Food Bank. The fundraiser was ultimately able to bring an impressive \$1,830 for the local organization.

Over the past several years, RD's has selected several different organizations to support through its anniversary luncheon, with all proceeds directed to those worthy local causes. For owner

Rajesh Mishra, this tradition is about more than celebrating a business' anniversary; it's a chance to recognize the community's ongoing support.

"This community is always giving to us, so we try to give back where it's helpful for everybody in the community," Mishra said.

Mishra expanded on the point, explaining that the restaurant's approach to community reflects the close-knit atmosphere among its staff and the importance of helping others.

"So this community is at the heart of our family too and we are all together," he said. "And the people support us and our business, and we are just trying to do something where we can give back to them."

Linda Bertram, a board member with the Minne-

dosa & Area Food Bank, welcomed the contribution and expressed appreciation to the entire Mishra family, their staff and the community at large, for their continued generosity.

"We're really thankful that Raj has chosen us. I know he's done this luncheon before, and has given over the year to other organizations and worthy causes, so I'm really thankful that they chose us because we can certainly use it," Bertram stated. "[As well], the community has been very supportive with donations; monetary donations or food donations."

The \$1,830 donation will support the food bank's work assisting individuals and families in Minnedosa and the surrounding area. Anyone wishing to donate or learn more can do so by going online at www.minnedosafoodbank.ca.



Above picture: RD's On Main is owned and operated Rajesh Mishra with his family, Deepmala, Arpit, Reyansy and Deepak. Some of the employees include Anita Holdaway and Wani Prasad. Picture on left: Rajesh presents a cheque for \$1,830 to Linda Bertram, board member for the Minnedosa Food Bank.

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11th Annual 'What's the BIG Idea?' event



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Pictured: Jena Jakubowski, Scott Gwyer, Jay Gwyer, Kate Moir, and Paula Gunda.

Submitted

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Four new businesses from the Neepawa and area were showcased at the 11th Annual "What's the Big Idea?" event, held on Oct. 15, at the Neepawa United Anglican Church. The new entrepreneurs pitched their business ideas and won \$10,500 in cash and prize awards. Since 2015, 66 businesses have been awarded \$108,600 to support the launch of businesses in the region.

The full day entrepreneurship event offered networking and an entrepreneur trade-show. Guest speakers included the opening keynote address by Mark Mitchell from Brews Bros and Irons & Rye. He talked about the process of an idea becoming reality and what you learn along the way. This was followed by business presentations by Women's Enterprise Centre of MB, Community Futures Westman and MNP. A delicious lunch was sponsored by HyLife Foods. The lunch keynote speaker, Amanda Naughton-Gale, Community Ministries Director for Neepawa Community Services presented on Visioning the Possibilities and how that has helped Neepawa Community Services grow to the thriving social enterprise it is today. A new feature this year was facilitated by Sabine Chorley, the Economic Development Officer for Minnedosa and gave the audience a chance to ask the new businesses questions after the Pitching Parlour was finished.

The Pitching Parlour competition saw four entrepreneurs from the Neepawa and Minnedosa area competing for 15 prizes. The judges were Trent Clayton from BDC, Alanna Keefe of

Women's Enterprise Centre of MB (WEMB) and Devin Shtykalo from Rural MB Economic Development Corp (RMED).

The Best Business Idea of the Day award of \$1,000 was sponsored by Stride Credit Union and was won by Vertical Rain Farms Ltd. Jena Jakubowski will own this year-round vertical produce farm near Wellwood and deliver fresh produce direct to customers using a subscription service. Jena also won \$500 from RBC for Best Idea with Tech, \$500 from MNP for the Best Idea in Ag and \$2,000 from NADCO.

Scott's Detailing from Minnedosa won \$1,000 for Best Pitch of the Day sponsored by Community Futures Westman. Scott Gwyer and his business partner Jay Gwyer operate Scott's Detailing, a regional mobile vehicle detailing business. Scott and Jay also won \$500 and a one-year membership from the Minnedosa & District Chamber and \$1,000 award from the Town of Minnedosa.

Kate Moir pitched Her Closet Collective and won the \$1,000 Marketing Package from PromoTime, Provost Signs and the Neepawa Banner & Press. Kate's idea for a mobile women's clothing thrift pop up store also won \$500 from Minto-Odanah, and \$1,000 from the Minnedosa CDC.

Pink Pixel Gallery is being

launched by Paula Gunda of Neepawa and won \$1,000 from the Town of Neepawa. This event planning business will be a one stop shop for customized keepsakes and photo and video services and also won \$500 and a one year membership from the Neepawa & District Chamber.

Mayor Brian Hedley welcomed the entrepreneurs on behalf of the Town of Neepawa. He said, "For many participants, this event is the first step on the journey to business success. The What's the Big Idea? event helps entrepreneurs strengthen their business skills by learning from professionals, expanding their networks and creating a supportive environment to pitch their ideas."

Neepawa's Economic Development Office, Marilyn Crewe, works with the new businesses to make the most of the event and encourages the entrepreneurs to network with the business support agencies who attend. She says, "What's the Big Idea? continues to impact our rural communities, with businesses receiving over \$100,000 in awards and prizes since 2015. Big Idea would not be possible without the ongoing commitment from regional and provincial organizations and businesses that have supported our new startups by sponsoring this event and the awards."

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Gary MacDonald, Ted Hector and Glenn Hubert in front of Hillside Cycle in Dauphin. In front of them stands a 1942 flathead 45" (750cc) Harley-Davidson. The engine is heavily modified with dual intake ports fed by a 500cc compressor through an S&S carburetor. Cylinder heads feature dual spark plugs and special combustion chamber porting. Transmission is a 1960's Triumph 4-speed, kick-start only.

Submitted Article

COURTESY OF GARY MACDONALD

After being denied success last year, Ted Hector of Alonsa and Gary MacDonald of McCreary returned to the Bonneville Salt Flats this August with their vintage 750cc Harley racing motorcycle and set a new AMANational Record of 108 mph (174 kph) in "vintage blown fuel" class. The motorcycle features a 1942 Harley-Davidson 750cc WLC flathead engine, originally produced for the Canadian forces during World War 2, but now heavily modified for land speed racing.

This year, the track at Bonneville Speedway had a very hard, slippery surface, which unfortunately, was also peppered with dangerous potholes and surface breaks. In spite of the poor track conditions, on Sunday morning Ted achieved a solid time of 104 mph on his initial run. During the return run, the engine was running very strong, but when Ted shifted into fourth gear the sprocket key sheared and the bike coasted to a stop. That afternoon was spent in disassembly and repair (in 40° C without shade), and with some generous assistance from our American friends and competitors.

We had the bike back up and ready to race for the following morning.

At 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 24, Ted made another great run and posted over 109 mph. The bike was running strong and with the return run completed by 10:00 am, we had a new AMA record of 108.339 mph (174 kph).

Our team has been campaigning vintage flathead Harleys at the Salt Flats for the last 20 years and currently hold numerous records in 750cc, 1000cc, and 1650cc classes. This year a highly touted American team showed up to challenge our "vintage gas" record set back in 2006, with their own version of a 750cc Harley flathead racer. After multiple attempts they peaked out at 86 mph, well short of our standing 108.9 mph record. But it's all friendly rivalry... that is as long as we are still winning, of course. In all seriousness, everyone we ran into during the entire trip to Utah and back was friendly and helpful, and not once did anyone mention or even seem to care about the "trade war".

We'd like to thank our sponsors; Hillside Cycle and Machine of Dauphin, Capp Transport of Alonsa, Zdan Farms of Alonsa, and The Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba.

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'Making fresh produce more accessible for everyone'

Neepawa siblings preparing to launch indoor agricultural business in Wellwood

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

As the shift to the winter season continues to approach, most will be wrapping up what's left of their harvest seasons. At a third generation farm near Wellwood, however, things are taking a different turn.

Jena Jakubowski, alongside her brother Marty, is deep into the development of a brand new business—Vertical Rain Farms.

"The farm will use vertical hydroponic growing systems, allowing crops to be grown indoors using significantly less water than traditional agriculture while eliminating weather-related production challenges," said Jena. "Initially, our focus will be on leafy greens, herbs, strawberries, peppers, tomatoes, and other crops



Pictured: Jena Jakubowski (left) and Marty Jakubowski (right), co-founders of Vertical Rain Farms. These local siblings are deep into their business preparations, and are eager to soon serve the area.

that perform exceptionally well in controlled indoor environments."

Jena added, "Our pri-

mary service model will be subscription produce boxes delivered directly to homes, along with supplying local businesses and organizations."

Currently, the Jakubowskis are in the midst of preparing their growing space, finalizing some equipment purchases, and working through some other final steps before they begin production this year. The current timeline for the business's official launch is currently estimated to take place in January or February of 2027.

'People want fresher produce'

Both Jena and Marty were raised in Neepawa and have varied backgrounds. Marty has experience in



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construction, farming, and hydroponics. Similarly, Jena has worked in skilled trades for many years as a pipefitter, in construction management, carpentry, and financial services, with agriculture also being a major part of her life.

"I have spent years exploring ways to combine farming, technology, and entrepreneurship to help address food security challenges in rural communities," said Jena.

Delving further, she stated, "Being raised around farming taught me the value of local food production, but it also highlighted the challenges our region faces. Manitoba has a relatively short growing season, and much of the produce available during the winter months travels thousands of kilometres before reaching grocery store shelves."

As Jena's interest grew, she spent much time walking with families throughout the region.

"[I] found a common theme: people want fresher food, they want to support

local producers, and they would like more affordable options when possible," said Jena. "Vertical Rain Farms was created to help address those needs while building a business that strengthens local food security."

Positive early response

The Jakubowskis' immediate goal as co-founders is to have a successful launch and serve an initial customer base throughout the Neepawa, Minnedosa, Carberry, and Brandon area. Long-term, they have a variety of avenues for expansion in mind—both in terms of operation and service.

"We see opportunities to

expand both our production capacity and serve the area while introducing additional crop varieties. We have had local investors showing interest already in phase two," Jena shared. "We are also exploring partnerships with schools, daycares, restaurants, care facilities, and other organizations that could benefit from consistent access to fresh, locally grown produce year-round."

While Vertical Rain Farms is yet to bloom, as it were, Jena shared that the early response has been "incredibly encouraging".

"We've received support from families, local businesses, and organizations throughout Manitoba, and that support has reinforced our belief that there is strong demand for locally grown produce year-round," said Jena. "At its core, Vertical Rain Farms is about helping strengthen Manitoba's food system, supporting local communities, and making fresh produce more accessible for everyone."

As the Jakubowskis continue toward their 2027 launch, they encourage interested individuals to watch for updates on their social media, and to join their email list.



Pictured: An example of the hydroponic technologies that will be used by the Jakubowski siblings at Vertical Rain Farms.



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By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Count ‘em down, folks—Christmas is now just 10 weeks away. However, a touch of that special holiday is coming much sooner to one rural community. That’s because the Carberry & District Chamber of Commerce is presently preparing for the return of its annual Christmas Kickoff event.

This second iteration of the early celebrations is scheduled to take place from Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 29 in the town of Carberry.

“Quite, honestly, this event is not far from the forefront of our minds for the majority of the year! Preparations are going quite well,” said Tyson Boychuk, Christmas Kick-off Committee representative. “We are planning to expand our event this year, adding a little to our first annual event.”

Boychuk later added, “We are all excited for the Holiday Season and seeing this event bring the community together. We take pride in doing our best to build a sustainable event for years to come. Seeing the happiness and joy this event brings to the community is what fuels us as a committee.”

On Nov. 27, the Carberry and Area Community Foundation’s Memory Tree lighting will start off the evening, followed by

An early taste of the holidays

Carberry & District Chamber preparing for second annual Christmas Kicko



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARBERRY & DISTRICT CHAMBER
Streets in Carberry will be brightly lit at the Chamber of Commerce’s second Christmas Kickoff, which includes the annual parade of lights.

a parade of lights at 6:30 p.m. Upon the conclusion of the parade, the public is also invited to attend a free Community Christmas Kickoff Party at Carberry’s ball diamonds. The party will feature bonfires to keep warm, refreshments, horse drawn wagon rides, live entertainment, and more.

“And we continue to add more as we go,” said Boychuk.

Event schedules and details are still being ironed out for Nov. 28 and 29, but are expected to have plenty of fun for all— including events submitted by participating businesses and organizations.

Providing a few examples, Boychuk stated, “There is a U11 Hockey Tournament in town, there will be a Christmas Kickoff Gingerbread Competi-

tion hosted by Banquets & Bashes and Whispering Angels; we plan to have stories and photos with Santa, and I have even heard ‘rumblings’ of a Kickoff Chili Competition.”

Additional details are expected to be released throughout November.

In the meantime, the committee has an open call for parade floats, volunteer help, and December events

and promotions taking place within Carberry or the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford that can be added to their ‘Holiday Calendar’.

“We want as many people to come out and take in the event, and/or participate in the event as possible,” said Boychuk. “Contact us, ask us questions, send us submissions— we want it all!”

Further details can be

found on the Carberry & District Chamber of Commerce website. The Christmas Kick-off committee can also be reached by email at: christmaskick-off@carberychamber.ca. Parade of Lights registry and questions can also be sent directly to paradeoflights@carberychamber.ca.

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs up to Rob Todoruk for mowing the grass in the ditches on Road 85N in the R.M. of Rosedale and thumbs down to the R.M. of Rosedale for not mowing the ditches all summer.

Darrell and Judy Gabler
Kelwood, MB

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Thumbs up to our fire firefighters for turning off the fire alarm and starting up the elevator, as they shut down after a fire alarm goes off.

Debby Stevenson
Neepeawa, MB



Gladstone market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We sold 1,725 head on Tuesday, Oct. 20 here in Happy Rock, and we had a strong sale!

There were no cows on offer at this sale.

Note: Cows were scheduled to be sold at a butcher and added feeder sale scheduled for the date of this paper— Friday, Oct. 23.

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 yesterday’s show list sale:

•We had four big Charolais steers weighing 871 pounds that cashed their tickets at \$4.75 a pound, bringing

\$4,137 per head.

•Another nice group was 29 red and black cross steers weighing 731 pounds. They brought \$5.31 a pound, or \$3,882 per head.

•We also had seven red and black cross steers weighing

594 pounds that brought \$6.2350 a pound, working out to \$3,704 per head.

•On the heifer side, we had 12 Charolais heifers weighing 665 pounds that sold for \$5.0050 a pound, bringing \$3,328 per head.

•And we had four black and red cross heifer calves weighing 579 pounds that brought \$5.5250 a pound, or \$3,199 per head.

A lot of our fall sales are filling up fast, with many already full.

Gladstone Auction Mart Cattle Market Report Oct. 20, 2026

Steers

3-400 lbs.	\$8.50 to 9.40
4-500 lbs.	\$6.75 to 7.75
5-600 lbs.	\$6.10 to 6.89
6-700 lbs.	\$5.20 to 6.11
7-800 lbs.	\$4.60 to 5.41
8-900 lbs.	\$4.25 to 5.17
900+ lbs.	\$4.15 to 4.82

Heifers

3-400 lbs.	\$7.00 to 8.50
4-500 lbs.	\$6.16 to 7.02
5-600 lbs.	\$5.20 to 6.03
6-700 lbs.	\$4.90 to 5.30
7-800 lbs.	\$4.25 to 4.86
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Obituary

Thomas Yerex

Tom Yerex passed away on
October 14, 2026, at the age
of 78, after a short stay in
Neepawa Hospital.

Tom was born in
Winnipeg on April 29, 1948,
to Max and Lorna Yerex. He
was the oldest of five children:
three boys first, then two girls.
When their sister Grace was
little, she called them "my boys." After several moves,
to Springhill, Riding Mountain and Kelwood, the family
settled on the farm near Riding Mountain.



Tom learned to work hard early. He left school at
about 17 to work alongside his father at the Sinclair Mills
sawmill in B.C. Back in Manitoba, he built grain elevators
with Manitoba Pool, worked underground in the mine at
Thompson, and did some diamond drilling. In 1973 he
married Judy Carter, and they drove to Niagara Falls
for their honeymoon. They made their first home in
Winnipeg, where Chad was born. There Tom worked road
construction alongside his uncle Ed, who became a great
friend and comrade over the years.

In 1975, Tom and Judy moved to Birnie, where
Warren was born to complete their family. Tom worked
road construction and did some farming before joining
the Municipality of Rosedale, where he worked for many
years. He took great pride in his work on the grader, plow
and bulldozer, and just as much pride in his yard, his
garden and, later, his wood carvings.

Tom was a family man. He and Judy faithfully
supported their boys, and later their grandchildren, in
sports and school, and shared many good times with their
community of family and friends. When the boys started
hockey and baseball, Tom and Judy traded their curling
nights for hockey rinks, and Tom enjoyed coaching the
boys' baseball teams.

Tom had a hearty laugh. He has been described as a
noble man who always put his family first. He loved what
he loved, had some strong opinions, and was never afraid
to take a stand against something he believed was unjust.
Above all, he loved following his grandkids wherever life
took them. He loved a good story, whether he was telling
it or hearing it, and never missed a chance to celebrate
good times and share a few drinks with friends.

Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, travelling, good
music and carving wood. He also loved touring friends
and family around on his quads, side-by-side and snow
machines, usually with a stop at the local Legion.

Tom is lovingly remembered by his wife of 53 years,
Judy; his sons Chad (Charla) and their daughters Charlize
and Courtney, and Warren (Tricia) and their son Daxon;
his mother, Lorna Yerex; his brother Ken (Karen) and their
children Katrina, Krista, Kelly and Karsten and families;
his sister Grace (Marvin) and Grace's children Jan-Ole
and Irene and families; his niece Raquel, daughter of
his late sister Laura Joan, and family; his auntie Carol
(Teddy); his brother-in-law Terje; and many friends and
extended family near and far.

He was predeceased by his father, Max; his brother
Chris; his sister Laura Joan; his brothers-in-law Javier
Guardo and Terry Carter; his sister-in-law Lynne Carter;
and his parents-in-law, Jim and Gina Carter.

A graveside service will be held at Riding Mountain
Cemetery on Wednesday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m.,
followed by a gathering at the Riding Mountain Legion
Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to
Neepawa District Palliative Care.

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



Ronley Duane Buhler

Ronley Duane Buhler, 62,
of Waldersee, Manitoba,
passed away peacefully on
October 2, 2026.

Ron spent much of his life
on the farm in Waldersee,
where he farmed for many
years and found great joy in
the simple things that made
life meaningful to him. After

retiring, he especially enjoyed his last few years taking
life at a slower pace and enjoying the things he loved.

Ron loved the Lord and was a kind and caring man
who was well liked by all who knew him. Family was
very important to Ron, and as one of nine siblings, he
especially cherished his many nieces and nephews, as
well as his great-nieces and great-nephews. He had a
special place in his heart for his dogs, whom he lovingly
referred to as his "kids".

Ron enjoyed spending time outdoors. He looked
forward to hunting in the fall and ice fishing during the
winter, especially with the friends and neighbors whom he
had become so fond of. Whether on the farm, outdoors,
or surrounded by family, Ron appreciated the people and
simple pleasures that brought him happiness.

Ron will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered
by his siblings: Alan Buhler (Janet), Debbie Simmons,
Terena Buhler, Gaylene Abrams (Jack), Kendra Lashuk,
Brent Buhler, and Bradley Buhler (Jennifer), as well as
many other family, friends and loved ones.

He was predeceased by his father Bernhard Buhler,
his mother Hilda Rosnagel, his brother Gary Buhler, his
stepfather Ervin Rosnagel, and brothers in law George
Simmons and Tim Lashuk.

Ron's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew
and loved him. His love for the Lord, his family, his dogs,
and the life he built on the farm will be remembered with
great affection.

If friends so desire, donations may be made to Zion
Lutheran Church: Box 278, Plumas, Manitoba R0J 1P0.

A Funeral Service was held on October 16, 2026 at the
Zion Lutheran Church.

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

Tender

TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION



2026/2027 Snow Removal Tenders



Turtle River School Division invites tenders for
Snow Removal at the following locations:

**Alonsa School • McCreary School
Ecole Laurier • McCreary Bus Garage
Glenella School • Ste. Rose School**

Please tender separately for each location. Tenders
are to be on a per hour basis, complete with
specifications of snow removal equipment and their
individual hourly rate.

The lowest, or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Please mark submitted tenders SNOW REMOVAL
TENDER. Sealed submissions will be accepted by the
undersigned until 12:00 noon November 6th, 2026.

Please send Snow Removal Tender submissions to:

Stephen Oversby
Maintenance Supervisor
Turtle River School Division
Box 309 McCreary, Manitoba
R0J 1B0

Email: soversby@trsd.ca

Phone: (204) 835-2067 Fax: (204) 835-2426

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE

TUESDAY NOON

Cancellations and corrections only within
business hours and corresponding deadlines.

The Neepawa Theatre Centre Inc.

is looking for

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.

Help Wanted

The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

invites applications for the position of
**2 part-time positions as
landfill attendant**



for the Plumas and Langruth waste disposal grounds.
Applicants may apply for both part-time positions or one
of the positions as the hours of operation allow for an
individual to hold both part-time positions if interested.
Each part-time position's hours vary by season and are
those of each waste disposal grounds operating hours.
The successful candidate will commence as soon as
possible. Days of work are Tuesday to Saturday excluding
Statutory Holidays. The successful candidate must provide
their own transportation to both work locations.

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, November
4, 2026 at 4.30pm or until the position is filled.

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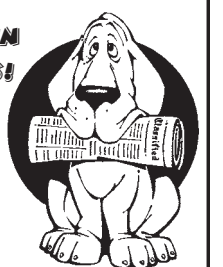
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Help Wanted



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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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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Freezerco Inc.
A subsidiary of HyLife Ltd.
30 Market Blvd., Steinbach MB Canada R5G 2X9
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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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What we can offer you:

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

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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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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Join FreezerCo Inc. and start building your future today.

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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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William Morton Collegiate Institute Athletics report

Submitted
WILLIAM MORTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

James Durocher of the WMCI Warriors Cross Country team attended the MHSAA Provincial meet in St. Malo on Oct. 14 to race in the J.V. boys 4km race. On a relatively flat course and a decent day, he was able to run his best time of the year for this distance against 282 runners and placed in the top 25.

The J.V. Girls Volleyball team played their first mini tournament of the Zone 7 regular season in MacGregor on Oct. 14. The girls played both Neepawa and Carberry and lost by scores of 17-25 and 15-25 against Neepawa and won against Carberry by scores 25-19 and 25-11.

“Passing was a struggle against Neepawa. We had lots of good plays at the

net which led to some really good rallies. We will continue to work hard in practice and look forward to the next time we get to play them!” (Coach Nicole Hardy)

The J.V. Boys Volleyball team played in their first mini tournament of the Zone 7 regular season at home on Oct. 14. The boys played two matches against Elton and MacGregor. The boys played Elton first and lost a close match by scores of 25-19, 14-25, 12-15 and then played MacGregor and again, lost a close match by scores of 17-25, 25-23, 12-15.

“Against Elton we had a lot of big hits and big blocks, the boys were starting to jell as a team. Everyone made it on the court and

we had good rallies and plays against MacGregor. I’m really excited to see what we can do next week” (Coach Jessie Giesel,)

The Varsity Girls did not have any Zone 7 league games this week, but traveled to Portage la Prairie last Saturday to play at Westpark. They ended up playing against Elm Creek (10-25, 16-25), Joseph H. Kerr (23-25, 15-25) and Westpark (25-20, 26-24) in their round robin matches and finished 1-2. In the first round of the playoff, the girls came up again against Joseph H Kerr (Snow Lake) and lost two straight sets 14-25 and 20-25.

“This weekend the varsity girls had a tough loss in the semi finals after some intense games during round robin play. Our goal has always been to keep learning and work-

ing together from the start of our season right to the end. This is exactly what we’ll do.”(Coach Danielle Henderson)

The Varsity Boys played at home this past week in Zone 7 league play on Oct. 15. The boys had to play two of the top teams within the Zone both in the same evening. The boys played Neepawa first and lost both sets by scores of 20-25 and 18-25. The next match against number 1 ranked Elton resulted in scores of 15-25 and 13-25.

The boys continued playing the next day and travelled to Elton for a very competitive tournament with the top 3 AA teams being there. In their round robin pool, they had Morris (25-13, 25-17), Goose Lake (18-25, 14-25) and Major Pratt (12-25, 10-25) to finish in the pool 1-2.

In the playoff, the Warriors would face Carberry again this season and get the upper hand winning the match 24-26, 25-19 and 15-10. This would put them in the semifinal against top ranked Major Pratt again and the boys would succumb to them 14-25 and 13-25.

When playing in Elton the past weekend, player Lukas Kopp stated “It started out rough but it was a learning experience for the boys. It was nice to see new competition. There were a lot of ups and downs but we kept our spirits up.”

Upcoming WMCI Warrior Games and Tournaments (Oct. 23 to 31)

• **J.V. Girls Volleyball.** 4:30 p.m. Elton vs WMCI and 7:30 p.m. Erickson vs

WMCI at home on Oct. 28. Oct. 23-24 at Hamiota all day tournament. Oct. 30-31 at Somerset (Prairie Mountain HS) all day tournament

• **J.V. Boys Volleyball.** Oct. 30 and 31 Hamiota all day tournament

• **Varsity Girls Volleyball.** 6:30 p.m. WMCI vs Erickson and 7:30 p.m. WMCI vs MacGregor at MacGregor Collegiate on Oct. 27.

• **Varsity Boys Volleyball.** 5:30 p.m. WMCI vs Rivers and 6:30 p.m. WMCI vs Minnedosa at Rivers Collegiate on Oct. 29.

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Notice



NOTICE OF ELECTION

FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR
GERRARD, Darryl - ACCLAIMED

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR
Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Town of Neepawa will be taken to elect six (6) Councillors from the following duly nominated candidates:

CLARK, Dave
FLORES, Rafael Jr
MARQUEZ-HUNSTAD, Mary Ann
MINER, Jeffrey
NADEAU, Jason
PAGUIDOPON, Zaldy
PARROTT, Murray

VOTING PLACES
Voting places will be open for voting on **Wednesday the 28th day October, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at the Yellowhead Centre Hall, 175 Mountain Ave., Neepawa, MB

IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE - A person may be required to produce one (1) piece of government issued photo identification (for example - driver's license or passport) or at least two (2) other documents that provide proof of identity.

ADVANCE VOTING
For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but who have reason to believe that they will be absent or otherwise unable to attend their proper voting place on election day, an advance voting opportunity will be located at the Town of Neepawa Civic Administration Office, 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB, and will be open October 14, 2026, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

MOBILE VOTING
For the purpose of accommodating persons who are qualified to vote, but reside at a health care facility or one of the other locations listed below, a mobile voting station will be set up at each location on Election Day, during the following time periods:

Elks Manor 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Country Meadows PCH 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Neepawa Hospital 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Yellowhead Manor 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Kinsmen Kourts (1 & 2) 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE
A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by email to the senior election official - Box 339, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0, cao@neepawa.ca

If applying in person*, a voter may apply between September 30, 2026 and October 25, 2026.
* Voters applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at time of application. If applying by mail or email**, a voter may apply between September 30 2026 & October 25, 2026.
** A voter applying by mail or email will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior election official.

Colleen Synchysyn, Senior Election Official
Town of Neepawa, Phone (204) 476-7603, cao@neepawa.ca

Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE

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 9th day of November, 2026 (Previously October 22, 2026), at the hour of 1:00 PM, at Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone, 14 Dennis St. East, Gladstone, MB, 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")
124000	SW 1/4 16-15-11 WPM - 86039 RD 64W, RURAL WESTBOURNE	L - \$506,100 B - \$49,200	\$15,444.46
536100	AT GLADSTONE AND BEING LOTS 12 AND 13 BLOCK 72 PLAN 422 PLTO IN NE 1/4 30-14-11 WPM - 68 GALLOWAY ST, GLADSTONE	L - \$12,800 B - \$144,000	\$15,899.08

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 MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKEGLADSTONE 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 8th day of October, 2026.
Managed by:



Koreen Braun
Chief Administrative Officer
MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE
Phone: (204) 385-2332
Fax: (204) 385-2391

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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Stacey Waldner

TAKE NOTICE that you have been named as a party to an appeal at the Residential Tenancies Commission and an appeal hearing will be held on December 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at 1650-155 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Inquiries can be made to the **Residential Tenancies Commission:**
1650-155 Carlton Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3H8
Phone: 204-945-2028
Email: rtc@gov.mb.ca



Beautiful Plains School Division SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Electors in the Beautiful Plains School Division will be taken to elect School Trustees from the following duly nominated candidates:

Ward 2 – Neepawa & Area

Four (4) Trustees to be Elected

Kathleen Guillas
 Garth Hunter
 Susan Kohinski
 Yvonne Sisley
 Rey Toews

VOTING PLACES

Polls for Voting will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at the following locations:

Ward 2 – Neepawa & Area

- Poll 2-1** For Residents of the Town of Neepawa
 Yellowhead Center Hall
 Neepawa, MB
- Poll 2-2** For Residents of the former R. M. of Langford (portions of Odanah & Minto)
 (Wards 5 & 6 of North Cypress – Langford)
 Yellowhead Center Hall
 Neepawa, MB
- Poll 2-3A** For Residents of the R. M. of Rosedale (Municipal Wards 1 & 3)
 Yellowhead Center Hall
 Neepawa, MB
- Poll 2-3B** For Residents of Beautiful Plains School Division in the R. M. of Rosedale (Municipal Wards 2, 4, 5 & 6)
 Polonia Community Hall
 Polonia, MB
- Poll 2-4** For Residents of Beautiful Plains School Division in the R. M. of Glenella - Lansdowne
 Arden Community Centre
 Arden, MB

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A voter who is unable to go in person to the voting place or vote in advance, may apply in person, in writing, or by fax to the senior election official at Box 700, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0 or fax to 476-3606. When applying by mail or fax, a voter may apply between September 30th and October 25th, 2026. A voter applying by mail or fax will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post, or by making alternative arrangements with the senior elections official. Applications to vote by mail must include a completed "Application to Vote by Sealed Envelope" form and a copy of an official identification. Forms are available on the School Division home page website at www.bpsd.mb.ca or at the Division Office in Neepawa.

If applying in person, a voter may apply at the School Division Office in Neepawa, MB located at 213 Mountain Avenue during normal office hours between September 30th and October 25th, 2026. A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application. Identification will be required.

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A mobile voting station will be set up at the following facilities:

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4. Yellowhead Manor 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
5. Kinsmen Kourts (1 & 2) 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

DATED at the Town of Neepawa, in the Province of Manitoba, this 24th day of September, 2026.

Shannon Bayes, Senior Elections Official
 Phone#: 476-2388 Fax#: 476-3606



NOMINATION RESULTS SCHOOL TRUSTEES

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NOMINATION RESULTS FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE OF BEAUTIFUL PLAINS SCHOOL DIVISION

Ward 1 – Carberry & Area

(3 Trustees – all ELECTED by Acclamation)

Lavern Biehn
 Randy MacDonald
 Richard Manns

Ward 2 – Neepawa and Area - ELECTION

(4 Trustees to be elected)

Kathleen Guillas
 Garth Hunter
 Susan Kohinski
 Yvonne Sisley
 Rey Toews

Dated at the Town of Neepawa this 24th day of September 2026.

Shannon Bayes
 Senior Election Official
 Beautiful Plains School Division

2027 BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2027 Assessment Roll for the Town of Neepawa will be delivered to the Municipal Office, 275 Hamilton St., Neepawa, MB, on or before October 16, 2026 and will be open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act.

APPLICATION FOR REVISION SECTION 42(1) Any 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:

- a. liability to taxation;
 - b. amount of an assessed value;
 - c. classification of property; or
 - d. refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under Section 13(2)
- APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SECTION 43(1) An application for revision must:
- a. be made in writing;
 - b. set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which the revision is sought;
 - c. state the grounds on which the application is based; and
 - d. 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 CAO, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board, as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit at the Town of Neepawa Municipal Office on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is November 2, 2026 between regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Prior to filing a complaint against the liability to taxation, the amount of the assessed value, or the classification of property, you are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Provincial Municipal Assessment Branch: Minnedosa, (204) 867-4760. Appeal forms can be found at neepawa.ca under Residents, Property Tax or 275 Hamilton St.

Dated at The Town of Neepawa, this 8th day of October 2026.



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Curling for our Community

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op raises funds for Neepawa Curling Club lobby upgrades.

Submitted

NEEPAWA-GLADSTONE CO-OP

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op is excited to bring back the Co-op FUND-spiel, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, in support of Neepawa Curling Club. This event will bring together community members for an exciting day of curling to raise funds for upgrades to the curling club's lobby.

The day welcomes experienced and beginner curlers alike and will include three games, prizes given away throughout the day and pulled pork lunch, sponsored by HyLife. New this year will be a pancake breakfast, open to curlers and spectators, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be \$10 with all funds going to the curling club. Thank you to our breakfast sponsors Sysco and Northern Meats.

Keith Babcock, Fresh Store Manager at

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op and avid curler says, 'We're excited to bring the FUND-spiel back for a third year and help raise funds to the curling club. Curling is a growing sport in our community, and this is a great way for Co-op to give back. We've moved the event to a Saturday in hopes that families and youth curlers can join as well. This year we will have a youth bracket with free registration for kids.'

Businesses and individuals are invited to register a four-person team for \$200. One hundred per cent of the registrations will go to Neepawa Curling Club. To register a team, contact Ally Potrebka at Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op by calling 431-498-0344 or email marketing@neepawagladstonecoop.com

Spectators are welcome to watch during the day and cheer on their favourite team and enjoy breakfast or lunch for \$10, with proceeds going to Neepawa Curling Club.

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MJHL Standings

East Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Virden	11	10	1	0	0	20
2. Wayway	11	8	2	0	1	17
3. Dauphin	14	6	6	2	0	14
4. Nor Man	13	7	8	0	0	14
5. Swan Valley	11	6	4	1	0	13
6. Neepawa	12	3	7	1	1	8

West Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Selkirk	13	7	3	3	0	17
2. Steinbach	11	8	3	0	0	16
3. Niverville	9	6	2	1	0	13
4. Winkler	11	5	5	1	0	11
5. Portage	12	4	5	2	1	11
6. Wpg Monarchs	11	3	7	1	0	7
7. Wpg Blues	9	2	7	0	0	4

MJHL player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Marek Miller (STN)	9	13	22
2. Matthew O’Sullivan (NMB)	10	10	20
3. Trace Langan (SVS)	9	11	20
4. Tyson Draper (VDN)	10	9	19
5. Marlen Edwards (NIV)	8	11	19

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Addison McIntosh	5	4	9
2. Talen Wallis	2	7	9
3. Grayson Slaney	5	3	8
4. Eric Marks	4	1	5
5. Ryder Heaphy	1	3	4

Game results

Neepawa 4-2 Nor Man

Friday, October 16

First Period
04:42 NPA C. Mohr (2)
ASST: Unassisted
15:55 NMB K. Stringer (8)
ASST: L. Carlone (13), C. Knight (2)

Second Period
12:04 NPA G. Slaney (4)
ASST: C. Magarrell (3), T. Wallis (5)
19:02 R. Michalchuk (2)
ASST: A. McIntosh (4), N. Kozak (2)

Third Period
18:04 NMB R. Nahniefiev (3)
ASST: B. Green (10), L. Carlone (14)
19:27 NPA E. Marks (3) EN
ASST: DJ Meloney (3)

Penalties NPA 0/4 NMB 0/1

Goaltenders
NPA C. Nicolson 45/47 saves
NMB K. Kirkwood 29/32 saves

Attendance Roy H. Johnston Arena - 376

Nor Man 4-3 Neepawa

Saturday, October 17

First Period
04:42 NMB S. Emelson (2)
ASST: L. Lorenz (1), C. Knight (3)
06:46 NPA G. Slaney (5)
ASST: T. Wallis (6), DJ Meloney (4)
14:20 NMB M. O. Sullivan (10) PP
ASST: O. Grenier (4), S. Singh (3)

Second Period
18:05 NPA E. Marks (4) PP
ASST: J. Hefferan (1), T. Wallis (7)
18:45 NPA C. Solem (2)
ASST: G. Slaney (3), C. Mohr (1)

Third Period
12:28 NMB L. Carlone (5)
ASST: K. Stringer (100), O. Grenier (5)
18:37 NMB Shiva Singh (1)
ASST: O. Grenier (6), B. Mich (1)

Penalties NPA 1/5 NMB 1/5

Goaltenders
NPA W. Nelson 35/39 saves
NMB C. MacKenzie 30/33 saves

Attendance Roy H. Johnston Arena - 312

Club 55 Bowling

Oct. 15, 2026: Ladies’ High Single: Judy Gabler 208. **Ladies’ High Triple:** Vivian Oswald 481. **Men’s High Single:** Russ Taylor 198. **Men’s High Triple:** Russ Taylor 557. **Other Good Scores:** Vivian Oswald 197, 152; Judy Gabler 208; Elsie Slimmon 169; Debbie Tarn 206; Marilyn Newton 174; Russ Taylor 198, 169, 190; Frank Porada 165, 179; Laurie Kohinski 206; Chuck Morden 164, 181; Darrell Gabler 160, 194, 186; Alan Tarn 193, 154, 171; Marris Bos 157.

Neepawa Titans split weekend road trip

By Eoin Devereux

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titans have returned home from a quick road trip to The Pas and a pair of games against the Northern Manitoba Blizzard. Neepawa opened the weekend in the great white north with an impressive 4-2 win on Friday, Oct. 16. Goaltender Conner Nicholson’s 45-save effort carried the team to the huge road win, while Crue Mohr, Grayson Slaney, Roan Michalchuk and Eric Marks all

scored for the Titans.

The next night, these two club were back at it at the Roy H. Johnston Arena. This Saturday rematch proved to be a little more disappointing for Neepawa, as they lost 4-3.

The Titans showed plenty of offensive resolve early, with Slaney scoring his second of the weekend, and fifth for the season in the first period. That followed in the second with goals from Marks and Cameron Solem to give the visitors a 3-2 advantage, heading into the third.

But Northern Manitoba continued to apply

pressure, eventually finding the equalizer mid-way through the third. Then they’d score what would be the game winner with little more than a minute remaining in regulation to steal one away from Neepawa. Wyatt Nelson stopped 35 of 39 shots on goal for the Titans.

Next up for Neepawa will be a pair of games at the Yellowhead Centre, against the Swan Valley Stampede. The first game will be played on Saturday, Oct. 24, while the second follows on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Both start times are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

A wild finish for NACI versus Neelin in Brandon

By Austin Lewis

FREELANCE WRITER

The Neepawa Tigers were back on the road at Neelin High School in Brandon, to take on the Neelin Spartans. It was a big road game in the Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL), after three weeks of home games. A win would boost them up in the East division,

The Tigers began on defence once again, unfortunately on the first drive they gave up a 19-yard rushing touchdown

to Neelin’s running back Yusef Eltawil for a 6-0 deficit. Later in the first quarter, the Tigers answered back with a passing touchdown from 18 yards caught by Jesse Whitlaw. The Tigers got their first lead of the game up 7-6. In the second quarter, wide receiver Jesse Whitlaw scored his second touchdown of the game, this time from 38 yards, and the Tigers ended the first half with a 14-6 lead over the Neelin Spartans.

Throughout the third quarter, the score re-

mained 14-6 as the Tigers defence kept the Spartans at one touchdown up until the fourth quarter they gave up a 24 yard passing touchdown to cut the deficit to 14-12. and later into the fourth, the Neelin Spartans scored a rushing touchdown on a jet sweep from 10 yards away, and along with a converted 2-point attempt, it was a 20-14 lead for the Spartans.

With the fourth quarter

nearing the end, the Spartans on a punt play took a knee in the end zone and not only gave the Tigers a safety, but also one last drive on offence. The Tigers thought they got the touchdown and won the game, but a controversial call at the end took it away.

The Tigers dropped this game 20-16 against the Neelin Spartans in a wild finish. Jesse Whitlaw lit up the lamp with two additional touchdowns for

a total of 165 yards and 12 carries. Congratulations to Ben Hulley, Easton McKee, and Jesse Whitlaw on being the DQ players of the game.

With the play-offs approaching, the Tigers are currently at fourth in the east division. However, they can potentially boost up to third with a win versus a tough Interlake Thunder team on Saturday, Oct. 24 in Stonewall at 1:00 p.m.

WMCI Student Athlete Profile



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Name: Peyton Campbell.
Sport: Volleyball.
Position: Setter **Grade:** 12th Grade. **Years competing:** Six years.
Jersey Number: #6



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Name: Stacie Czranko.
Sport: Volleyball.
Grade: 12th Grade. **Position:** Power. **Years competing:** Three years. **Jersey Number:** #8. **Superstition:** Spike the ball into ground three times, bounce ball three times, spin ball in hand three times before serving.

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- Will work together to enhance our community.

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Sincerely,

Murray Parrott

