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By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

For Darryl Gerrard, just over a decade of service at Neepawa's Council table has prepared him to lead from its most prominent seat. Following the Oct. 28 Manitoba municipal election, Gerrard will be acclaimed as Neepawa's mayor, officially taking over as head of council from Brian Hedley.

For Gerrard, the acclamation is an honour, but he understands that with that honour comes an accountability to the community.

"I feel, I guess, very honoured, but I also feel a heavy weight of responsibility now to make sure that I deliver for the people of Neepawa," Gerrard said. "I'm truly thankful and I know with that responsibility, I've got to roll up my sleeves and make sure I earn that trust."

Gerrard is no newcomer to municipal government, having served on Neepawa council for 11 years. In that time, he has worked under several mayors and served in a variety of committee roles, in-

cluding as Chair of the General Government and Finance.

Away from municipal politics, Gerrard worked in the agricultural equipment industry with Yellowhead Farm Equipment, later known as Enns Bros, as the District Sale Manager. Having recently retired, Gerrard now spends his time in a new role with Grit Force Fitness, as a certified Personal Trainer/Coach. That varied array of experience has shaped his view of what a leader should be and how a collective should work together.

"I'm a team person fi st. I believe that how we raise the team up is more important than any individual there." Gerrard expressed. "The most successful mayors aren't the ones that need to be the one that have to stand out front all the time. It's the ones that are quite content to have it be community fi st, and the mayor is just solely there as their representative."

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'I've got to roll up my sleeves and make sure I earn that trust'

Darryl Gerrard will be acclaimed as Neepawa's next Mayor



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Indigenous Culture Day



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Monday, Sept. 28 was Indigenous Culture Day in Neepawa. Organized by ArtsForward, it featured educational demonstrations for the public, and activity stations for the students.

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2006: Layng's Ford officially recognized

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
October 8, 1901**

Freeland: J.A. Whiteman lost a valuable horse while in Neepawa on Tuesday of last week.

A large bear was seen standing upright on the road one mile north of the cemetery on Saturday afternoon. At the approach of a wagon, it wagged its front paw and sloped off into the scrub. This spot is only about a mile and a half from town and is one of the closest calls to Neepawa we have had from Bruin. He was evidently inspecting the old railway grade and considering whether the new grade for the C.N.R. would also afford a causeway for his tribe before the iron horse snorted thereon.

C.N.R. surveyors have been over the territory between Beaver and Neepawa seeking out the most desirable route for the proposed extension of that

railway to this town. The location is not yet decided on, but it is understood it will come by way of Oakdale and enter town at the south end through the Caswell property, the station being located about the exhibition ground.

There have been 19,000 Barnard boys brought to Canada. Mr. Stuthers, manager of the home at Russell, states that the demand for them throughout the country, far exceeds the supply.

Note: It is believed that this excerpt is in reference to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. As such it should actually be written as "Barnardo boys".

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia (CE), over 100,000 children were sent from Britain to Canada in 1869 to 1932 via assisted juvenile emigration. These youth migrants were referred to as "Home Children", since most went from an emigration agency's home for children in Britain to a Canadian receiving home. The children were then placed with families in rural Canada.

According to CE, some of these children were orphans, while most others were from poor families that were unable to care for them due to poverty or the illness, death or injury of a parent.

Through the program, children were also taught skills/trades that they could later use as adults in the workforce.

There were many positives for the kids who went through this program. However, it should also be noted that there were negative impacts as well. Per the information stated by the CE, it is known that some of the children were abused, and many poorly treated by today's standards. Additionally, some children were sent to Canada without their parents' consent.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
October 8, 1926**

Arden: Winnipeg has

swellmarcell beauty parlors. Come on Alex, Arden must get all this extra ladies' trade.

McCreary: A. L. Whyte, of Norgate, has a very heavy crop of potatoes this year, 475 bushels from 3/4 of an acre and of the very best sample.

Glencairn: The C.N.R. Bridge gang completed the two cement bridges over the main ditch and have gone to Glenella. They just got finished in time as the creek is very high now.

Glencairn: Harold Kaye has been laid up with blood poisoning for two weeks, caused by a small cut on his hand.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
October 11, 1951**

Mayor Dr. Paul Cleave was declared re-elected by acclamation when nominations closed on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and there was no one nominated to oppose him.

Wellwood: Mr. and Mrs. H. Caldwell, Mrs. Titus, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinnon attended the centenary celebration at the Old Kildonan Church in Winnipeg on Sunday.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
October 14, 1976**

Wednesday, Oct. 6, saw the formation of a new service club for the town of Neepawa—the Neepawa Kinsmen Club.

Approximately 35 members, between the ages of 20 to 40 attended the organizational meeting held in the Vivian Hotel to elect a temporary executive consisting of president Wayne Hollier, secretary Harvey Ebner and treasurer Randy Dudar.



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Joan McGillivray and Ed Sage were part of the official party that took part in the cairn dedication for the RM of Langford, commemorating the location of Layng's Ford, in October of 2006.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
October 9, 2006**

The proposed Yellowhead Wind Farm is good news for an area that's taken a recent wallop in the economic front...

[Neepawa mayor Bob] Durston said the wind farms would also make up for some of the job losses Neepawa and Minnedosa are experiencing.

The NDP is moving 19 government jobs from Neepawa and Minnedosa, following the creation of the Crown Lands and Property special operating agency Apr. 1.

More than 40 current and former residents of the RM of Langford braved the rainy, cold weather Thursday, Sept. 28 to gather at a cairn commemorating the location of Layng's Ford...

The plaque reads: "LAYNG'S FORD SE 25-13-15 W1. The Jon Hamilton Layng home located just east of Boggy

Creek became a stopping place for travellers to enjoy a meal and rest before they proceeded about one-quarter mile west to cross the creek at one of the few spots with a firm creek bottom. This Layng's Ford became known as Langford, the name chosen in 1891 for the newly created municipality."

The six-ton stone that bears the plaque was dug out of a field located six miles north of the site. The cairn's location is 10 miles southeast on Highway 5.

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Election Guide correction

In the Municipal Elections Guide, published on Page 6 of the Oct. 2 edition, the Banner & Press inadvertently left Dylan Gabor's name off the candidate list for the Westlake-Gladstone election. The Banner & Press apologize to candidate Gabor and to Westlake-Gladstone residents for the error.

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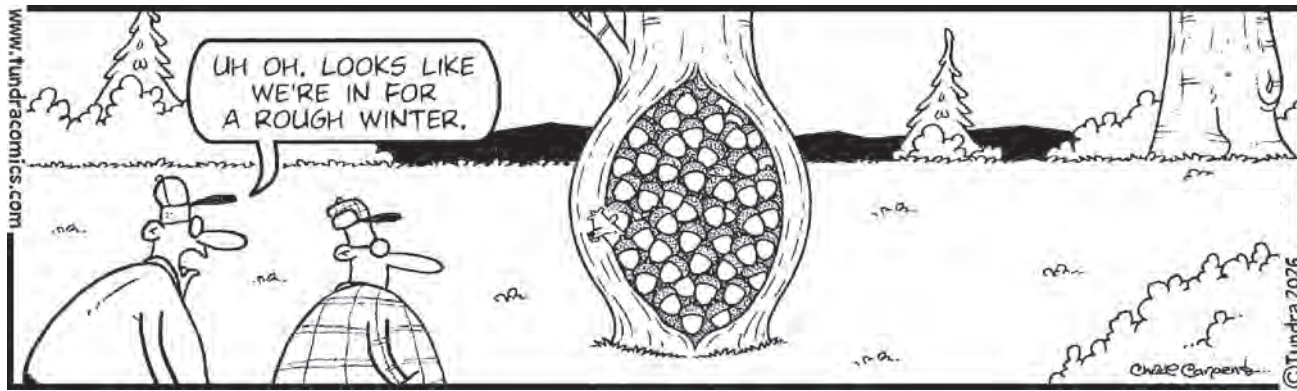
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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Are expectations too high?

With municipal elections looming across Manitoba, it's important that every voter consider the issues that face their community. Believe me, there are many issues facing our communities. Over the past several weeks, I have been observing discussions and responses from a number of municipalities and towns.

There are some issues coming up that seem common to all our towns and RMs, the number one issue on peoples' minds seems to be roads, roads and more roads. It costs a lot of money to maintain a road in rural areas. It costs a lot more money to keep the roads paved and the potholes patched and filled. It would appear that most towns are overwhelmed with the workload. There are bone-jarring ruts and potholes in every town. I doubt at this time that the municipalities or towns have the financial resources to fix all the roads. I suspect the needed repairs will need a number of options to bring about the kind of roads we want. Local governments could possibly consider more efficient use of the resources they have in terms of staff. Another option is to take paved roads and turn them into gravel roads by re-milling the surface and then use a grader and maintain them much as in fashion that happens in rural municipalities. A third option is to make a strong appeal through the Association of Manitoba Association of Municipalities (AMM) for accessing funding for roads from the senior levels of government, namely the province and the federal government.

Just about every town and village, and therefore also the surrounding RMs, have a problem maintaining recreation facilities. It should be noted that communities such as Virden, Minnedosa and Rivers have relatively new and well-maintained recreation

facilities especially in terms of skating and curling rinks and halls. Carberry has an older facility but it's in pretty good shape. Other towns, including Neepawa are on the verge of needing major repairs or replacement. Past and recent experience shows that replacement may cost \$15-\$25 million. If we look a little further afield to Winkler, for example, a major reconstruction was the path chosen rather full replacement. Many of the towns in our newspapers coverage area are faced with repairs or replacement. As distasteful as spending that much money may seem to be, if recreation facilities are not replaced or renovated, the community could soon be no longer viable.

The third issue that I believe is common to all the communities is a lack of affordable housing. To say the words affordable housing is almost a misnomer now because housing simply isn't affordable. There are some things that could be changed. Zoning needs to be changed, some of the building regulations need to be changed, but that's a provincial matter. Then I think peoples' expectations need to change. Houses have become very large and expensive. Millions of families across Canada were raised in houses that were well under 1,000 square feet. That measurement today is considered intolerable for a family of a mom, dad and two kids. Our expectations have far exceeded our ability to pay for

them. I believe that smaller homes are the answer. Any initiative to build smaller homes should be encouraged and not frowned upon. Ironically, it seems that today's families want to have rooms big enough for every child to have a queen-size bed. Not that many years ago, two or three kids would share a so-called double bed and that was a 54 inch, not a queen. I realize that's a bit of a side-track but perhaps it is indicative of how our desires and wishes for luxury in everything has surpassed our abilities to be able to pay for such luxury.

Listed above are but three issues that I think are common to all our communities. There are many other issues as well. Hopefully, once the election dust is cleared at the end of October, the councils will be able to get to work and bring about solutions for their communities that will work and make our communities even more viable and more desirable to live in. As I said last week, municipal government is the most important level of government in Canada. Please vote, please build your councillors up and not tear them down so that we may all have a better life in the rural Manitoba we love. It's a way of life worth fighting for and allowing it to thrive and grow.

Get involved and please vote.

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KEN WADDELL



Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Thanksgiving... Gratitude

Arie, my little black Yorkie Poodle, was given to me just a bit over three years ago. She was about one year old at the time. That means that three of her four years she has been under my care, surrounded by my love. Tonight, she not only came and sat on my lap, a rare gift, she rolled over, belly up, totally relaxed, allowing me to scratch her tummy and rub her ears. The moment did not go unnoticed. I have wanted her to be a cuddler and a snuggler. She has declined almost each and every invitation. She loves to be fed, to be walked, to be played with—just don't get familiar. Sitting there, with Arie choosing me, filled me with gratitude.

Many times in every day I seek to see the good and give thanks. I think of the young man on the electric scooter... One day as he approached me, on the sidewalk, with a passenger and neither wearing helmets, I simply drew my dog right close to my side, paused, and asked him/them to not use the sidewalk. The abrupt reply—"I was born in this country" took me by surprise. It was not who they were, it was that they should not be riding on a walking path. Needless to say, that day they stood their course. Just a few days later, almost a complete repeat. Arie and I were walking, on the sidewalk, the same young man approaching—this time without a passenger. Again, I drew Arie close, and simply stood still. He made eye contact and swerved onto the grass while passing us. I was able to say thank you, whether it was heard or not. And I was filled with gratitude that the request of an old lady had been considered.

The neighbour across the back lane takes time to mow the unfenced portion of my back yard. This is a bit of give and take for they often need to use part of my property when using their back yard entrance. They understand the property line, understand that I could be a stinker, and they carefully, regularly mow what I call the back forty. And I am filled with gratitude that neighbours can be neighbourly.

There are nights that I fight with sleep. Trust me, I court her! A darkened, cool room. Limited screen time before retiring, no visible clock, only one small flickering LED light on my night noise gizmo. The ceiling fan on low, the window ajar as long as the season allows, regular routine. Trust me, I'm trying! And then there is the morning that I am amazed that I have slept well. The day is filled with casual accomplishments. It's not an effort to think or do. And I am so very filled with gratitude! I do not, ever, take a good night's sleep for granted.

The faith I hold dear fills me with daily thanksgiving, the greatest thanksgiving. The God who created me holds me from my first breath to my last breath, for my days were known before my being and I will be known always. And I am filled with gratitude in this assurance of being loved.

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Municipal Election 2026

As we prepare for the election, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28, the Banner & Press is curious about what exactly Neepawa voters see as the priorities for their next Mayor and Council.

Listed below are a range of responsibilities the leaders of any community must look after, to ensure a well run community. Please share with us your priorities. Mark with- in the boxes the numbers between 1 and whatever number of options you select, with #1 being the most important priority for you, #2 being your second most important priority, and so on.

Though there are 20 different choices listed, you don't have to list all 20. If you only have one priority, we want to hear about it. As well, if your priorities are not in the listing, please let us know. Send us your list, either by dropping off a copy of the page to the Banner & Press office, or take a picture of the page and email it to news@neepawabanner.com. All the results will be published in the Oct. 23 edition, just a little ahead of election day.

- ☐
- Repair of existing municipal streets

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My priority in voting this year is related to: _____

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HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Leftover turkey

Leftovers are one of my favorite parts of Thanksgiving since it means easy meals for the next few days. Give new life to leftovers with these super easy turkey recipes.

This leftover turkey shepherd's casserole is the perfect way to use up any leftover turkey and mashed potatoes from the holidays! For the broth you can use homemade broth from the turkey carcass, or leftover gravy if any, or chicken broth. If using leftover gravy, you do not need to add any flour.

Turkey shepherd's casserole

- 2 Tbsp. butter

1 medium onion, diced

1 medium carrot, peeled and diced

1 stalk celery, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp. dried thyme

1 tsp. dried parsley

salt and pepper to taste
- 3 Tbsp. flour

2 cups turkey or chicken broth

1 cube chicken bouillon (optional)

3-4 cups turkey meat, cut into pieces

1/2 cup frozen peas

4 cups mashed potatoes

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (optional)

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a large Dutch oven over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the onion, carrot, and celery. Cook, stirring frequently, until the onion is lightly golden, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute. Sprinkle the flour over the veggies and stir well. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes stirring. Add the chicken broth and chicken bouillon cube and stir to dissolve the cube. Add the thyme and parsley. Cook for 5 more minutes until the sauce thickens, stirring occasionally. Add turkey and peas. Spray a 3-quart casserole dish with cooking spray. Add the turkey layer to the prepared dish. Spoon the mashed potatoes over the turkey layer, spreading into an even layer. If using the cheese, take a fork and rough up the top a bit then sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Bake for 30 minutes until cheese melts and it's golden on top and the casserole is bubbly.

Slow cooker turkey chowder

- 2 cups or more cubed leftover turkey

1 large rib celery

1 large onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 medium diced carrots

2 medium potatoes, cubed

1 can cream corn

1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 tsp. dried thyme

2 tsp. dried parsley

4 cups turkey or chicken broth

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1/4 cup cornstarch,

1/4 cup cold water

1 cup cream

Add the turkey, veggies, seasonings, and broth to the slow cooker. Cook for 4 hours on high or 8 hours on low. When the cooking time is up, whisk together the cold water and corn starch, stir into the chowder. Cook on high for 30 minutes longer or until soup thickens. Stir in the cream. Serve.

Gladstone market report

Submitted
Neepawa Banner & Press

We sold 1,222 head on Tuesday, Oct.6 here in Happy Rock.

We had a strong sale!

We had no cows on Oct.6– they will sell Oct. 9.

Plainer-type cattle, cattle with horns, and bulls continue to see discounts.

Here are a couple market highlights from Tuesday's sale:

- Fifteen black and red x, big steer calves from Carman weighing 806 pounds and cashed there ticket in at \$5.23 a pound \$4,215 a head

- Thirty-two red x steer calves come in the ring weighing 679 pounds and brought \$5.59 a pound \$3,796 a head.
- We had a full load of 960 pound yearling heifers. And they sold for \$4.12 a pound \$3,955 a head!
- Eight black heifer calves weigh 574 pounds and bring \$5.40 a pound \$3,100 a head.

Hopefully that gives you a good idea of how the market shaped up.

Our next feeder sale is next Tuesday, Oct. 13. We have a butcher sale this Friday Oct. 9.

Gladstone
Auction Mart
Cattle Market Report

Oct. 6, 2026	
Steers	
3-400 lbs.	\$8.75 to 10.00
4-500 lbs.	\$6.95 to 8.12
5-600 lbs.	\$6.30 to 7.13
6-700 lbs.	\$5.20 to 6.03
7-800 lbs.	\$4.85 to 5.57
8-900 lbs.	\$4.25 to 5.23
900+ lbs.	\$4.15 to 4.75
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$6.75 to 8.13
4-500 lbs.	\$6.00 to 7.20
5-600 lbs.	\$5.10 to 6.08
6-700 lbs.	\$4.90 to 5.45
7-800 lbs.	\$4.30 to 5.36
8-900 lbs.	\$3.85 to 4.43
900+ lbs.	\$3.50 to 4.30
1,222 head sold	



Meet the Council Candidates

Editor's note: In the weeks leading up the Town of Neepawa's Municipal Election, the Banner & Press will be contacting all the Council candidates for interviews, which will be publishing the information in the order they are collected.

Raphael Flores seeks place at Neepawa Council table

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Raphael Flores Jr. has lived in Neepawa long enough to know we have something pretty special going on in this town... But he also knows that we still have some work to do.

Flores is seeking a seat on Neepawa Town Council and brings 16 years of experience living, working and volunteering in the community to his campaign. Raphael has worked at Neepawa High School for 14 years as an assistant head custodian. As well, he also works part-time as a health-care aide with Prairie Mountain Health and also serves on the board of directors of Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op. His involvement in local sports is well known, helping organize the local winter basketball and volleyball leagues.

Flores told the Banner & Press that his decision to run comes from his belief that Neepawa has significant opportunities ahead.

"I see in this beautiful town of Neepawa a lot of opportunities and progress," Flores said. "I am happy to bring to the table new ideas and make collaboration with the whole council, administration and employees."

Flores added that as he spoke with residents while collecting signatures for his nomination papers, he identified several issues that deserve particular attention from the next council.

At the top of his list is the condition of Neepawa's roads, as Flores said improving both major and secondary streets has not felt like a priority. He added that rather than relying primarily on repeated patching and end of season construction, the town needs to completely reexamine its long-term infrastructure strategy.

Affordable housing is another priority, including housing options for seniors and additional daycare capacity. Flores said these investments could help address important needs for families and older residents while supporting the community's continued growth.

Flores also wants to see greater investment in recreational facilities. He envisions a multi-purpose facility that could accommodate not just skating, but also growing local activities such as basketball, pickleball and badminton. It could also provide indoor space for community gatherings, weddings, birthdays and other events. He said with the amount of families choosing Neepawa as their home, there needs to be a family orientated rec options that can be used year round.

Flores' final priority is economic development, as he would like to assist in exploring ways to attract additional investors and support existing local businesses. That includes examining business taxation as one possible tool for encouraging investment and creating more employment opportunities.

Flores said he hopes to bring that experience in organization, leadership and collaboration to council, working with fellow councillors and town staff to find practical solutions for Neepawa.

"Having said these with the councillors discussions and planning of the above council, I believe this will be beneficial for the whole community."



Dave Clark hopes to help guide Neepawa toward its next chapter

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The decisions made over the next four years around the Council table will help shape Neepawa for generations to come. Dave Clark is seeking a seat at that table to help guide the community through that decision-making process.

After joining council following a 2025 by-election, Clark has actively participated in municipal decision-making firsthand. He is now seeking re-election and says his decision to return is rooted in what he sees as the community's potential.

"I believe Neepawa is well positioned for continued growth and success and I want to help ensure that growth is managed responsibly and sustainably. Over the past term, council has worked through important decisions and challenges, and I would like to continue contributing my experience and practical approach

to support the community's future."

During his time on council, Clark has noted that one of his central considerations has been balancing the demands of a growing community with the need for fiscally responsible decision-making.

"I am proud of the council's commitment to making decisions that support both current residents and future generations. Neepawa has continued to grow significantly, and the council has worked to balance infrastructure needs, housing development, community services, and long-term planning. While many accomplishments are the result of a team effort, I believe maintaining a focus on responsible growth and fiscal accountability has made a meaningful difference for residents."

Looking ahead, Clark identified several key areas that he believes will require attention over the next four years.

"The key priorities include ensuring

infrastructure keeps pace with population growth, expanding housing opportunities, supporting economic development, and maintaining high-quality community services. We must also continue working collaboratively with local businesses, community organizations, and regional partners to ensure Neepawa remains a welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family."

Clark concluded by stating his campaign will include continued engagement with residents and a practical approach to municipal decision-making.

"My commitment is to continue listening to residents, making informed decisions, and advocating for the long-term interests of our community. I believe in practical, responsible leadership and in working together to address challenges while creating opportunities for future growth. I am grateful for the trust residents have placed in me and would be honoured to continue serving the community."

Jason Nadeau outlines priorities as he seeks another Council term

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Over the last eight years, Jason Nadeau has been a part of some of the biggest decisions that have shaped where Neepawa is today and where it's headed in the future. Now with the 2026 municipal election close at hand, Nadeau is seeking another term on Council, hoping to continue that progress and get to work on what remains to be done.

When it comes to his experience, Nadeau points to he, the council and the administration's efforts on several major investments that have proceeded during his tenure. Those include support of the new regional health-care facility, approval on construction of the new police station and the opening of the Fire Hall. He also identifies the Town's acquisition of 320 acres of land as an important

decision intended to provide opportunities for future development.

"Over the past eight years, Neepawa has made significant progress in securing and strengthening essential services and infrastructure," Nadeau said.

As for what needs attention over the next four years, Nadeau said there are several things the next Council must focus on.

"As we look to the future, I believe our attention must continue to focus on the issues residents have identified as important, including roads and infrastructure, housing, childcare, recreation, and responsible community growth."

Nadeau elaborated on the previous comment, expressing that Neepawa needs to pursue a variety of housing options to meet the needs of families, seniors and residents with different incomes. He also views

childcare as an important part of supporting working families and attracting new residents. On the topic of roads, Nadeau says the Town requires a new long-term repair and replacement plan, that identifies what many in the community see as its' greatest need.

"Growth brings challenges, but it also creates opportunities. Careful planning and responsible investment will be important as Neepawa continues to grow."

Nadeau also points to maintaining tax increases in line with inflation while balancing the need for in-

vestment in infrastructure and services as part of his record on council.

Looking ahead, Nadeau said his motivation for seeking another term is straightforward: continue to serve the community where he and his family live.

"For me, serving on Council is about giving back to a community that has given so much to me and my family," expressed Nadeau. "I am proud to call Neepawa home and I remain committed to serving our community with integrity, accountability, and respect."



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Meet the Council Candidates

Editor's note: In the weeks leading up to the Town of Neepawa's Municipal Election, the Banner & Press will be contacting all the Council candidates for interviews, which will be publishing the information in the order they are collected.

Murray Parrott says experience matters in Neepawa's future

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

When it comes to shaping Neepawa's future, Murray Parrott is betting that experience counts.

Parrott, who is seeking reelection to Town Council, brings with him a resume that reaches well beyond the municipal council table. In addition to serving as a councillor since 2010, as well as Deputy Mayor, he has also chaired the Neepawa and District Medical Committee (NADCO), the organ-

ization that has helped drive the operation and expansion of the Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic.

His community experience also includes serving on the Prairie Mountain Health board of directors. Combined with his business and development background, Parrott believes that range of experience gives him a valuable perspective, like very few others, on the job.

As for his motivation to seek another term on Council, Parrott told the Banner & Press that "We

have many large projects important to the town and region's future that need continuity in guidance."

Among the accomplishments he points to from his time in office is facilitating renovations and expansion at the med clinic, while helping ensure the pathway toward a regional hospital remained open. He has also remained active in physician recruitment and retention in Neepawa.

Parrott also credits his long-term community involvement for helping bring a new hotel to the

community, a project he worked on for eight years before and outside his role as a councillor.

As public works chair, he cites involvement during the expansion of the town's sewage treatment system, a project he said has helped position Neepawa for growth toward a potential population of 10,000.

Looking ahead, Parrott outlined what he sees as community priorities, for the years ahead.

"Completing the first phase of our new housing project, with day-

care onsite. [As well] our own asphalt recycling machine to enable our "Pothole" repairs to be more timely, and continue our sewer/water line replacement schedule with street paving the following year to allow for settlement."

Parrott's final message to the voters was to emphasize the importance of an experienced voice at the Council table; one that is ready to get to work on day one.

"We work as a region. We work as a team. We work for the long range lasting benefits."

Neepawa gave him a chance, now Zaldy Paguidopon wants to return the favour

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Zaldy Paguidopon came to Neepawa hoping for a better future. Now, he wants to give something back to the community that helped make that future possible. Paguidopon arrived in Neepawa as a temporary foreign worker in 2014. Seven years later, he became a Canadian citizen. And now, five years later, he'd like to represent Neepawa, as one of its' newest Town Councillors.

Since arriving in Canada, Paguidopon has worked in a variety of roles, including two and a half years with the Town's Public Works Department. Today, he works as a semi-truck driver with Gardewine. But his connection to Neepawa extends well beyond his employment.

Paguidopon spent two years volunteering with the Neepawa Fire Department, serving as a firefighter and earning recognition through the Order of the Buffalo Hunt for his service as a first responder during

the Carberry tragedy.

He has also been active in the local Filipino-Canadian community, as Regional President of Bisdak Neepawa and Area and participating with the Filipino Canadian Association of Neepawa and Area.

Sports have provided another avenue for Paguidopon to contribute. That passion began in the Philippines, where Zaldy worked as a Municipal Sports Coordinator and Youth Organizer and volunteered teaching children basic basketball skills.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science in Agroforestry Technology and graduate studies in Agriculture Science and Technology, along with a Business Administration program completed in Alberta.

Now, Paguidopon is seeking a seat on Neepawa Town Council, explaining to the Banner & Press that the decision is rooted in gratitude.

"Neepawa has been good to me, and now I want to give back by listening, serv-

ing, and working together with our community to build a better future," he said.

If elected, Paguidopon said population growth and proactive planning would be among his priorities. He wants to see sensible and affordable housing for families, workers, seniors and newcomers, while also supporting economic development, local businesses and essential infrastructure.

Youth development, recreational facilities, roads, sidewalks, drainage and airport access are also among the areas he believes deserve attention.

"My journey from coming to Canada as a temporary foreign worker, becoming a Canadian citizen, working in different sectors, volunteering, and serving our community, has taught me the importance of hard work, teamwork, listening, and giving back," Paguidopon said. "Now, I believe it is my time to give back to the community that has given me so many opportunities."

Mary Ann Marquez-Hunstad puts families at forefront of council campaign

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

For Mary Ann Marquez-Hunstad, making Neepawa a place where families can build a bright future is at the heart of her campaign for Town Council.

Marquez-Hunstad is the Manager for the Neepawa Safeway and a mother of two, who immigrated to Canada in 2019 after the passing of her fiancé in a tragic plane crash. After starting her new life in Winnipeg, Mary Ann eventually moved to Neepawa with her family.

"When I arrived in Neepawa, I didn't know many people, but the community made space for us," she said. "Now that I am settled in my career and my boys are growing up here, I feel a responsibility to contribute beyond volunteering and my day-to-day work."

Marquez-Hunstad's professional background includes an engineering degree and management experience. She noted her wealth of experiences are good preparation for the responsibilities of municipal government.

"Council work is about stewardship — of money, of services, and of people's trust," Marquez-Hunstad said. "In my current role I do that every day. I want to bring that same sense of duty to Town Hall."

At the top of her priorities is managing Neepawa's growth, while ensuring the community remains family-friendly. She points to the need for affordable housing

and infrastructure capable of supporting new development, without placing an unfair burden on taxpayers.

"Neepawa is attracting new families and new businesses, but we need housing people can afford and infrastructure — water, wastewater, roads, and sewers — that can keep up."

Healthcare is another priority, with Marquez-Hunstad adding that the efforts to recruit and retain doctors and other healthcare professionals must remain a focus. She also wants Neepawa to remain a community where children can thrive and seniors can live independently.

"That means safe neighbourhoods, clean and safe sidewalks, recreation, and youth opportunities."

Marquez-Hunstad also explained to the Banner & Press that she'd like to see greater support for newcomer families and stronger connections between Town Hall and its' residents. She believes that can be achieved through the municipality working more closely with cultural associations and volunteer groups.

"I bring lived experience, professional leadership, a community heart, and a deep love for this town. I would be honoured to serve Neepawa and help build a future where every family feels welcomed, supported, and heard," said Marquez-Hunstad. "I will come prepared, I will ask questions, I will own my decisions, and I will always put the long-term health of our town ahead of short-term politics."



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Meet the Council Candidates

Jeff Miner campaigns on communication, accountability

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

For Jeff Miner, a decision to seek out a place on Neepawa Town Council comes down to a straightforward belief...If you care about where you live, you have a responsibility to help make it better.

Originally from Dauphin, Miner had moved several times throughout his career, including a brief stint in Winnipeg, working with Red River Co-op to re-establish its Food Division. Preferring the benefits and peace of mind that only small town living can truly offer, Miner relocated to Neepawa ten years ago, where he has established his roots, working as the Office Manager for the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op.

Miner shared with the Banner & Press that his appreciation for the community is what actually prompted him to put his name forward in this election.

“Neepawa is the best place I’ve lived. It’s why I chose to stay here. And that creates ownership and responsibility – this is where I live. This is my home. I chose this,” said Miner. “There’s a lot of things that communities need that don’t come naturally, and if someone doesn’t step up and fill those gaps, then those things don’t happen. If you want nice things around you, someone has to make them happen. I’m putting my money where my mouth is: I want to live in a town with nice things around me. I can help make that happen.”

Outside of work, Miner has been involved in a variety of volunteer and public-service initiatives, throughout the years. Those include Habitat for Human-

ity, community foundations, Siloam Mission, food banks, animal shelters and arts organizations.

As for his foray into politics, Miner said that if elected, infrastructure and municipal services would be among his priorities, particularly road maintenance, snow removal, waste collection and water services. However, he did add that many of the concerns he has heard from residents ultimately point to another issue, the communication between the Town and the people it serves.

“People are frustrated at services, but it might be that there are good reasons behind what’s happening. If we look at the way a service is provided and determine that we are taking the most efficient and effective actions, then we should at least be able to be transparent and communicate that.”

Miner believes better communication does not necessarily mean every issue can be resolved immediately. Rather, he elaborates on the point that residents should have the chance to understand what the Town is doing, why decisions are being made and what the longer-term vision may be. From routine maintenance notices to larger municipal projects, he stressed that keeping residents informed can help build trust and reduce frustration.

As for if he is elected, Miner is not promising to have an answer for every issue, but stated that he would bring a willingness to listen, ask questions and remain accountable.

“I can’t promise that I can fix everything, but I can promise that I’ll show up, ask questions, do my level best, and be accountable.”

Neepawa’s next Mayor ready to go to work

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While Gerrard’s approach to the next Council is rooted in teamwork, he is still entering the term with a clear list of priorities of his own.

“The number one conversation is infrastructure and roads. You know, over my tenure on council, there hasn’t been the lack of will to spend on roads and infrastructure, it’s been our ability to execute that spend. I want to do a whole evaluation of the tender process and that and how we get roads priced.”

Because Neepawa must bid against other larger communities, such as Brandon, Steinbach and Winkler to schedule road paving and heavy civil construction companies, our community may not always be prioritized.

Gerrard intends to examine the Town’s tendering and project delivery processes, including how road projects are priced and scheduled, to minimize the impact of the ‘outside forces’

Housing is another immediate concern, though Gerrard pointed to Project 320 as a very important step toward creating additional housing and broadening Neepawa’s tax base. He also identified desire to address the shortage of childcare spaces, which he noted as a significant obstacle to attracting professionals and young families to the community.

As well, Gerrard hopes to see the Neepawa and Area Development Corporation (NADCO), play a larger role as well, particularly in developing regional-scale projects with surrounding municipalities.

An enviable position

Looking further ahead, Gerrard sees considerable potential in Neepawa’s water supply, existing infrastructure and available workforce as advantages that could help attract additional industry and investment.

“When we take a look at where we started drawing water from the aquifer,

right, and then that was a massive game changer for the community. It’s placed us in a very good position to go promote our community. I know some other communities are very limited now into how their development because of lack of water. We took those steps, we’ve made continued investments and that has us in an enviable position for the next decade,” said Gerrard. “When I started on council 11 years ago, I said I envisioned the day that the Town of Neepawa disappeared and it became the City of Neepawa. I don’t think something that will happen in the next four years, but I want to make sure I’m a part of that process of this community evolving to that.”



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Mayor-elect Darryl Gerrard.

In closing, Gerrard said he wants residents to hold him accountable for maintaining a fair and balanced approach while remaining willing to listen to people who disagree with him.

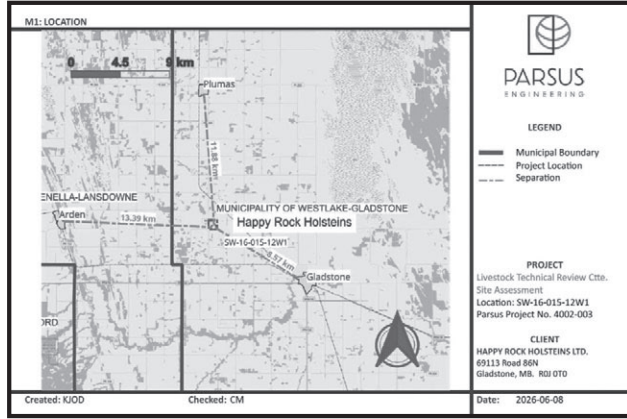
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The RM of Westlake-Gladstone has received a conditional use application from Happy Rock Holsteins to expand a dairy operation at SW-16-015-12W1 from 720 to 1,500 mature cows (1,440 to 3,000 Animal Units). This application has been sent to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for review, pursuant to Section 112 of The Planning Act.



If you would like to share your views concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by letter or email (TRC@gov.mb.ca) no later than **November 8th**. After this date, the Livestock Technical Review Committee will complete its assessment of the application. Your letter or email must include your name and reference TRC 12-127.

All submissions in response to this proposal are considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry with identifying details removed.

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New Rosedale Reeve ready to speak up, but vows to listen

Matthew Atkinson acclaimed as Reeve for Rural Municipality

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The winds of change are blowing through the Rural Municipality of Rosedale, as Matthew Atkinson has been acclaimed as Reeve.

Atkinson, who has lived in the municipality for two decades, brings with him extensive organizational experience from his previous tenures serving as a board member with the Canadian Cattle Association and as past president of the Manitoba Beef Producers.

In a recent interview with the Banner & Press, Atkinson noted that background has prepared him for the challenges of municipal leadership, particularly when it comes to navigating the complex issues.

"There are a few issues going on here and I'd spoken up [in the past]," Atkinson said. "I guess I enjoy working through controversial issues and really have a history of kind of speaking up and then trying to work through those issues."

One of those issues relates to the proposed development of Fleury Winds proposal in the valley. Since the project was announced earlier this year, it has become a hot point of discussion across the R.M. Atkinson said the proposed wind farm will require careful consideration, emphasizing that council's responsibility is to ensure residents' voices are heard while following a fair decision-making process. Atkinson also acknowledged his personal reservations about the project, but believes all perspectives deserve consideration.

"Do I personally want to look at one out my window?"



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Matthew Atkinson, the new Reeve for the Rural Municipality of Rosedale.

No, not really," he said. "But I also think that everybody should have a fair say in it on both sides of it. My frustration has always been with the process."

While the wind farm proposal is expected to be one of the most closely watched issues facing the municipality, Atkinson said the role of council goes far beyond a single project.

He explained that council will need to address a range of ongoing municipal priorities, including road maintenance, service access, infrastructure upgrades and improving connectivity. Reliable internet access, he said, is increasingly

important as more people work from home and rural communities continue to grow.

Atkinson added that rising costs are creating challenges for municipalities, with fuel, labour, equipment and parts all putting pressure on the budgets of R.M.s, and the people that serve.

"Putting off upgrades and work so it costs more in the future is never a solution either," he said. "So we have to be creative and find a way to get things done."

Atkinson will lead a council which saw five of six ward seats acclaimed. The lone council spot that remains to be decided is in

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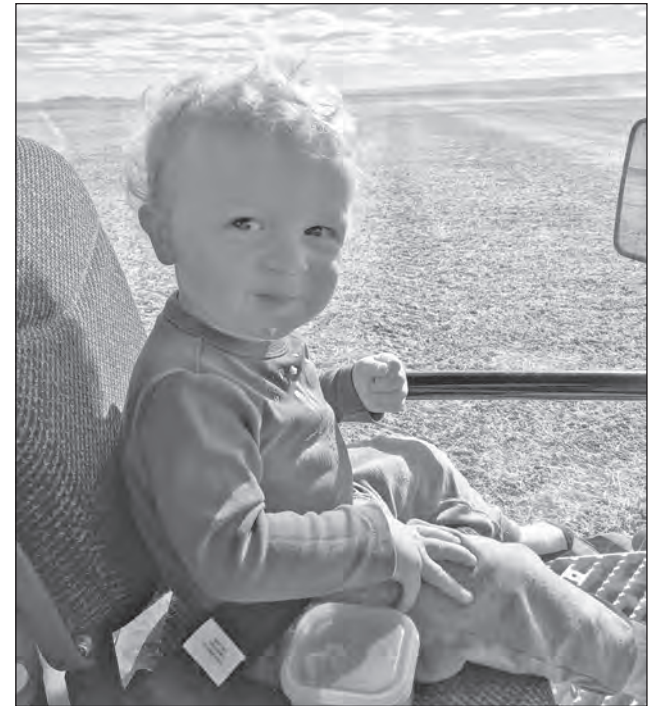


PHOTO BY CHARLENE SAQUET

With this photograph, Charlene Saquet was declared the winner of Lallemand's Hometown Roots Contest. It was taken on the family farm, which has been with them for three generations.

Submitted

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A \$5,000 donation from Lallemand Plant Care will help support the Laurier Community Centre in Laurier, Man., thanks to Charlene Saquet, Manitoba winner of the 2026 Hometown Roots Contest.

"This donation will help keep the community centre open and in good shape, which is very exciting," says Saquet. "It's all volunteer-run, and the fundraisers the hall does go towards paying monthly bills, maintenance, and repairs. It's really hard to get extra money to put towards renovations."

The donation will help the community centre move forward with its next renovation project, which includes exterior insulation and siding.

Saquet is a farmer, and her farm has been in the family for three generations. Her winning photo captures a moment in the field with her young son.

"The Hometown Roots photo contest is a great way to support smaller, rural communities, and we really appreciate Lallemand providing this opportunity," adds Saquet.

"The Hometown Roots Contest is about celebrating the people who make rural communities special and helping them give back in meaningful ways. We're proud that Charlene's winning entry will help support a community centre that is so important to Laurier," says Anne Favre, Strategic Marketing Director – USA & Canada, Lallemand Plant Care.



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A ‘unique’ show coming to be featured at Roxy Theatre

‘Places We Go’ to be performed Oct. 17

Banner Staff
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The world as we know it contains a vast array of human experiences. Next week, a theatre group known as UNI Together Productions (UNIT Productions) is eager to bring one of those many stories to Neepawa.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2:00 p.m., UNIT Productions is providing a free showing of their original story, ‘Places We Go’, at Neepawa’s Roxy Theatre. Places We Go follows the story of an eight year old girl named Grace, who is living in Manila while her mother lives and works in Winnipeg.

“It’s about family separation and Grace’s hope and attempts at trying to bring her mom home for just one day,” said Hazel Venzon, writer and co-founder for UNIT Productions. “I won’t give it away too much, but we live inside Grace’s world. We see the ways in which she’s affected by separation and the hope that she has and what drives her to get what she wants, which is of course to get a hug from her mother or to reconnect after so long.”

Venzon noted that the production is targeted to an age range of people eight years or older, but that younger kids will

enjoy the production as well.

The show is a 30 minute affair presented in a fashion which combines the styles of shadow plays and graphic novels.

“What you will see is a screen, and behind that screen is the performer, plus a rear projector using acetate to project the visual world of the play,” said Venzon. “So it remains a two dimensional experience, in some ways, but it’s all presented live. And that’s how you get the shadow, and that’s how you get the graphic arts type of influence in the show.”

Venzon added, “It’s unique, it’s all done by hand. So even if you see images moving left to right, or up and down, these are all images that have been drawn, printed onto large rolls of acetate, cut, [and are moved by the projectionists].”

Following the showing, UNIT Productions plans to host a question and answer session, and plans to have the graphic novel version of ‘Places We Go’ available for sale.

As part of this tour, the Neepawa Middle School will also receive a special showing of this production on Oct. 16. For these Neepawa students, the day will also feature a creative workshop.

Note: This story was written with information provided courtesy of NACTV.

An exercise in remembrance



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On Oct. 1, students of the Edrans Christian School were at the cemetery to place wooden crosses adorned with poppies beside all of the World War I, World War II, and Korean War veterans’ headstones. The students were also treated to a short history of the cenotaph, and of some of the veterans names which are inscribed on it. The crosses and poppies were supplied by the Gladstone Legion.

Be ready. Be informed. Be part of the community!

Community Safety Awareness Day Coming to Minnedosa on Oct. 17

Submitted
Media Release

What would you do if an emergency happened tomorrow? Do you know how to protect your family, where to find help, or what resources are available right here in our community?

Now is the time to find out!

Residents of Minnedosa and surrounding communities will have an opportunity to learn more about safety, emergency preparedness and community resources at an upcoming Community Awareness Safety Event.

This exciting community event will bring residents together with local safety professionals, emergency responders and community organizations for a day focused on learning, preparedness and building stronger connections.

Minnedosa has experienced emergencies and

challenging events in the past reminding residents that unexpected situations can affect individuals, families and community with little warning. From severe weather and flooding to other emergencies requiring coordinated community responses, those experiences have demonstrated the value of preparation and cooperation.

This event is intended to help residents be better prepared for whatever the future may bring.

Organizers say the event is designed to encourage conversation and awareness around a range of safety issues such as emergency preparedness; fire safety; personal safety; mental health; and hunter safety. Attendees can ask

questions, discover local resources, learn practical safety tips and connect with the people and organizations who help keep our community prepared.

Whether you’re a parent, senior, young person, homeowner, renter or simply someone who wants to be better prepared, there will be something for you.

A special focus of the event will be making safety and first aid approachable for children. Young visitors will have the opportunity to bring along their favorite “stuffie” and practise simple first aid.

The local Lions Club will also be on hand offering child fingerprinting and Child ID kits. The kits provide parents and guardians with an opportunity to

keep important identifying information for their child in a secure place should it ever be needed. It will be another practical resource families can take home as part of their overall approach to child safety.

Meet. Learn. Prepare.

Community safety is about more than knowing what to do during an emergency. It’s also about knowing your neighbours,

understanding the resources available to you and taking simple steps to be prepared.

“This is a great opportunity for residents to come together, ask questions and learn practical steps that can make a difference when it matters most,” said Lorna Hislop, Minnedosa Essential Social Services.

The event will provide an opportunity for families and individuals to gather, learn and connect

in a welcoming community setting.

Mark your calendar! Don’t wait for an emergency to start preparing. Bring your family. Bring your questions. Bring a neighbour.

Join us on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Minnedosa Community Conference Center for Community Safety Awareness Day.

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From left to right . Wendell Hoepfner, Robert Burton, Lamont Goossen, Donovan Penner, Shane Weatherall, Aaron Maczuga, Joel Wiebe, Shelby Defoe, Sierra Peters, Evan Penner, Paul French, Gary Goossen, Earl Burton. Missing Brent Smith, Randal Friesen.



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Each year, the Neepawa Banner & Press publishes a tribute to our volunteer fire departments. Please note that after several attempts to make contact, we didn't hear back from the fire departments or RMs shown in this boxed area to send in photos and name lists. Therefore, we have published name lists from last year and they may not be current but it's the best we could do. We didn't want to leave these six fire departments out so going forward, if you have any suggestions or concerns about how we can make better contact, please contact me Ken Waddell, Publisher, Neepawa Banner & Press at 204-476-3401 or email me at kwaddell@neepawabanner.com

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Neepawa Tigers face St. Vital Mustangs in RMFL

By Austin Lewis
Freelance Writer

The Neepawa Tigers football team faced their biggest challenge so far this season in the St. Vital Mustangs, who had scored an average of 40 points per game in the first two weeks of the Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) season.

Due to scheduling difficulties, The Neepawa Tigers game vs the St. Vital Mustangs was not a cancer care game. It is instead going to be next Sunday Oct. 11.

The Tigers defense started off the game strong with a few three and outs, then later in the first quarter with the Tigers on offense, Quarterback E.J. Clark with a solid punt towards the endzone allowed receiver Jesse Whitlaw to make the special teams tackle which gave the tigers a 1-0 lead on a rouge. After that St. Vital responds with a touchdown off a tush push to take their first lead of the game leading 7-1. In the second quarter, St. Vital adds to their lead with a 21 yard passing touchdown which made the score 15-1 after a converted two-point attempt.

Throughout the second quarter, the

Mustangs thought they got a first down from the Tigers 27 yard line but safety Titus Loeppky with a fumble recovery keeps the score by 14, However, Quarterback E.J. Clark went off the field for the remainder of the half with a bruised arm leaving for backup QB Zack Morrison to take the final snaps of the first half.

The second half of the game was all St. Vital as they scored three more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to win the game against the Neepawa Tigers by a score of 43-1 in completely dominant fashion. Jesse Whitlaw continued to be the star of the offense with seven carries for 112 yards along with two receptions for 27 yards, Linebacker Lexiin Amyotte with seven tackles of the day to bring his total to 28 tackles. This is the third game in a row the mustangs won by scoring 40 points per game. Congratulations to Ben Hulley, Jesse Whitlaw, and Zack Morrison on being he DQ players off the game.

The NACI Tigers will have their final home game of the season against the Southwest Sabres on Sunday Oct. 11 at 1:00 p.m.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Titans fall in final seconds to Virden Oil Capitals



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

It was a huge heartbreaker for the Neepawa Titans on Saturday, Oct. 3, as they lost to the Virden Oil Captials in regulation, 3-2. Carson Wright scored the game winner with only eight seconds left in regulation. Ryder Heapy and Jackson Kohut scored for Neepawa.

Game results

Virden 3-0 Neepawa

Friday, October 2

First Period

18:28 VDN L. Laramee (2)

ASST: T. Draper (5), G. Taylor (2)

Second Period

06:38 VDN B. Siemens (1)

ASST: G. Taylor (3)

Third Period

08:57 VDN T. Draper (4) PP

ASST: C. Wright (3), L. Black-Greaves (3)

Penalties NPA 0/3 VDN 1/4

Goaltenders

NPA C. Nicolson 40/43

VDN M. Gross 16/16

Attendance Oil & Gas Place - 674

Virden 3-2 Neepawa

Saturday, October 3

First Period

No scoring

Second Period

02:33 VDN T. Draper (5)

ASST: L. Laramee (2), C. Wright (4)

06:56 NPA R. Heapy (1)

ASST: T. Wallis (3), J. Polasek (4)

08:28 NPA J. Kohut (1)

ASST: J. Reimer (2), G. Slaney (2)

09:35 VDN T. Draper (6)

ASST: L. Fay (2)

Third Period

19:52 VDN C. Wright (2)

ASST: T. Draper (6), L. Goertzen (1)

Penalties VDN 0/5 NPA 0/6

Goaltenders

VDN K. Fuson 20/22

NPA C. Nicolson 24/27

Attendance Yellowhead Centre - 356

MJHL Standings

East Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Wayway	7	5	1	0	1	11
2. Virden	6	5	1	0	0	10
3. Norman	9	5	4	0	1	10
4. Swan Valley	7	4	3	0	0	8
5. Dauphin	8	3	3	2	0	8
6. Neepawa	7	1	5	1	0	3

West Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Steinbach	6	5	1	0	0	10
2. Portage	7	4	2	1	0	9
3. Selkirk	8	3	2	3	0	9
4. Niverville	4	3	1	0	0	6
5. Winkler	7	3	4	0	0	6
6. Wpg Blues	5	2	3	0	0	4
7. Wpg Monarchs	7	1	5	1	0	3

MJHL player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Matthew O'Sullivan (NMB)	7	9	16
2. Dylan Ruff (SVS)	5	10	15
3. Kade Stringer (NMB)	7	7	14
4. Liam Carlone (NMB)	4	10	14
5. Trace Langan (SVS)	7	6	13

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Addison McIntosh	4	1	5
2. Talen Wallis	2	3	5
3. Jack Polasek	2	2	4
4. Grayson Slaney	0	4	4
5. Kole Beard	1	1	2



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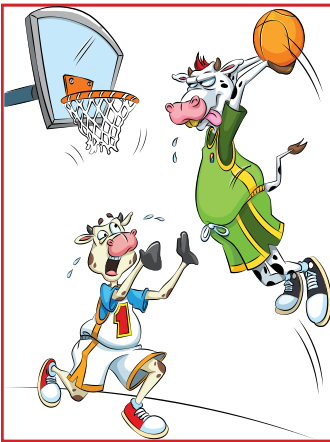
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'It truly means so much to us'

Logan's Walk nets over \$6,000 in donations for Touchwood

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

The seventh annual Logan's Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness was a sunny occasion followed by even sunnier dispositions. Through this most recent edition of the local awareness and fundraiser drive, held on Sept. 27, \$6,607 in donations was gathered.

This total may yet be higher still, as the Neepawa Banner & Press was informed on Tuesday, Oct. 6 that additional donations may be pending. However, the total was not available before the print deadline.

Reflecting upon the day, Brandi Cox, mother of Logan Cox, said, "It was such a beautiful day for Logan's Walk. Thank you to everyone who came out and walked with us, to everyone who donated, and to all those who continue to support Logan year after year. It truly means so much to us and does not go unnoticed."

The funds that were contributed by this year's donors are all in benefit to this very community. All proceeds raised were directed to the Touchwood



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDI COX

Logan Cox hitching a ride with his dad, Will, during the seventh annual edition of Logan's Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness.

Park Association for the playground located near the cross-section of Commerce Street and Tupper Ave in Neepawa.

Including this year's amount, a grand total of \$18,334 has been contributed to the community structure.

"We couldn't be happier to have donated the pro-

ceeds from Logan's Walk to Touchwood Accessible Playground for the past two years, and again this year," said Brandi. "It means a lot to us knowing that the money is going towards something that everyone living at Touchwood and people in our community can enjoy."

Plenty of gratitude is extended from the Cox family to all who donated, and to those who were able to attend and participate in the walk. Yet there was even more gratitude to go around!

A barbecue and refreshments was available for all in attendance at the conclusion of the walk. Items for that barbecue were donated by local grocers. Additionally, there is plenty of work that goes into the maintenance of the Langford Walking Trails.

"A big thank you to Safeway, Giant Tiger and Co-op for donating items for the BBQ, and to the Langford Recreational Trails Committee for keeping the grounds so well maintained. It's the perfect place to hold Logan's Walk," said Brandi.



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Supporters of the seventh annual Logan's Walk enjoying their stroll, flanked on the right side by an energetic Robert Cox, older brother of Logan Cox.

Neepawa kid goes a long way



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WADDELL

Rotary speaker Kim Speiss (right) being thanked by Rain Prior (left).

By Ken Waddell
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Rotary Club had a special guest at their meeting on Sept. 23. Rotarian Christine Waddell introduced Kim Speiss as "A person that has taken every door that has been presented to her."

Speiss said, "I am a yes person. When I have an opportunity, such as speaking here today, I say yes. That is how I've handled my whole career. I was a farm kid who grew up near Rolling River First Nation and played with young Indigenous people which gave me a greater appreciation for First Nations and their culture."

Speiss said, "I had a tough time in high school but now I am a Regional Clinical Educator for Prairie Mountain Health. When I was a kid, I didn't care much about

a plan or a career. I worked at the Hammy (the Hamilton Hotel) in the bar, as a dockworker in Ontario and a ski lift operator in Saskatchewan. I became a Healthcare Aid at EastView Lodge and then I developed a different idea about work. I really like nursing and caring for people. I took my LPN training and a long list of courses."

Speiss noted, "If I hadn't been able to take the courses in a real setting such as Neepawa, I likely wouldn't have got to take those courses."

Speiss has worked at Neepawa hospital and around the region training others in the skills that she has developed over the last two decades. She encouraged people to follow the same path and to go through open doors and see where their skills and training will lead them.

One big pumpkin



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANA DAVIDSON

At the Glenella Pumpkin Fest on October 4, the first place pumpkin was grown by Robbie Davidson of Neepawa. It tipped the scale at 192 pounds.

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Obituary

Colin "Barrie" Radford



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our so loved Husband, Dad, and Poppa, Colin "Barrie" Radford, in the early hour of Monday, September 28, 2026 at Third Crossing Personal Care Home with family and friends by his side. Barrie was born March 22, 1937 in Gladstone, Manitoba. On October 10, 1964, he married his sweetheart Norma Anne Hay of Keyes, Manitoba. They settled on the Radford Family Farm at NE 31-14-12W - one mile East of Keyes.

Barrie was a lifelong farmer and steward of his land. He loved his land and his animals... ensuring he planted trees somewhere on his farm every year. He and Norma raised cattle, pigs, crops and four kids.

Barrie was very involved in his community. He loved sports - especially hockey. Barrie coached hockey - both Gwen and Garnet - for many years. He also coached the Ladies' softball team, his Woodside Angels for many years. Barrie belonged to the Gladstone Kinsmen Club and helped with many community projects throughout the years - and enjoyed many Kinsmen "festivities" too. Barrie was on the committee that brought artificial ice to the Gladstone Arena. He also served as the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op official Santa for a few years - bringing lots of laughs at Co-op Christmas parties.

Barrie loved to garden and to bake. He had a huge garden every year and was very proud of all his vegetables. He would graciously donate veggies to people all over town and thoroughly enjoyed the great conversations he had...highlights, for sure. He baked Monica's, Gwen's, and Jessica's wedding cakes and delivered many Christmas fruitcakes - free of charge- to area businesses and friends over the years.

In his younger years, Barrie played a lot of hockey and baseball. An avid sportsman, he especially loved deer hunting and his last hunt was in 2024. The farm shed and garage are filled with his many "trophies".

In October 2024, Barrie and Norma made the hard decision to leave the farm and move to town. This was a hard transition for Dad. The house sits on the edge of town and his first question was "Where is the Town Limit?" He thought he could hunt just past that line from their house!

He was a kind, fair, great husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend. Always a kind word - he loved to write silly and entertaining poems. He loved to sing. He always had that sly little smile. He is, and will always be, greatly missed.

He leaves his wife of almost 62 years, Norma; daughter Patricia (Trish) and Eric Sattelberger of Flin Flon and their 2 sons Kristian, and Keenan and partner Nicole; daughter Monica and former partner Robert Ferguson of Gladstone and their three daughters, Jessica and Alex Kunzelman, Channing and partner Kahu, and Brittany and partner Casey; daughter Gwen and Mark Carruthers of Orillia, Ontario and their sons Owen and partner Emily and Cameron and partner Caitlin; son Garnet and former partner Michelle of St. George and Brisbane, Australia and their two children, Joshua and Charli; brother Keith, sister-in-law Elva Radford, brother-in-law Fraser Hay; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Donations in Barrie's honour may be made to Gladstone United Church: Box 82, Gladstone MB R0J 0T0, Gladstone Game and Fish: Box 49, Gladstone MB R0J 0T0, or Gladstone Skating Rink: c/o Town of Gladstone, Box 25, Gladstone, Manitoba R0J 0T0.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Gladstone Co-op Community Hall, located at 79 5th St, Gladstone, Manitoba, on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 2:00pm.

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

Obituary



Louise Schmidt

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mom, Louise Schmidt, on October 1, 2026, at the age of 90.

Born on March 19, 1936, in Glenella, Manitoba, Louise lived a life centered around family, friendship and the simple things that brought her joy. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, neighbour and friend who meant so much to the people fortunate enough to know her.

She grew up on the family farm, where life was filled with hard work but also plenty of fun and adventure. Music was also an important part of family life, and Louise played both guitar and piano. Many family gatherings were centered around playing music together.

She attended Lucania School, and at the age of 15, moved to Winnipeg, where she lived with her grandparents, John and Mary Belows. She completed her education at Tec Voc and began her working life at Great West Life, later joining the Federal Government in the Department of Supply and Services. She continued working in Winnipeg until she met the love of her life, Norman Schmidt. After they married, Mom moved to Plumas, Manitoba where they settled on the Schmidt family homestead and began building their life together. The homestead became home for many years, and it was there she raised her family and created countless cherished memories. She was a devoted mother who made her children's lives and activities a priority, always there to support us and cheer us on. In 2012, Norman and Louise moved to Village View Lodge, where she spent the later years of her life.

Mom found happiness in the simple things in life. She loved gardening, growing vegetables, canning and baking. She enjoyed going for a drive out to the pasture or fields, looking for wildflowers and wildlife along the way. She also loved playing cards with her family, neighbours and friends, enjoying the laughter, conversation and companionship that came with those times together.

She was predeceased by her parents, Adam and Evelyn Flatt; her husband, Norman Schmidt; and her daughter Jennifer Schmidt. She will be lovingly remembered by her son Aaron, daughter Krista, sister Eunice, brother Ken (Mary) as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Kovachik at Portage District General Hospital for his advocacy and dedication to Mom's care as well as the nurses and caregivers at Gladstone Health Centre for the compassionate care and kindness shown to Mom and our family during her final days.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Pastor James Vosper for his spiritual guidance and care over the years and being there for Mom and our family with visits, prayers and comfort during this difficult time.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 11:00am at Zion Lutheran Church in Plumas, Manitoba.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Seven Regions Palliative Care or Zion Lutheran Church - Memorial Fund.

Mom will be deeply missed, but the love she gave us, the memories we shared and the lessons she taught us will stay with us always.

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

Coming Events



Plumas United Church Fall Supper

Sunday, October 18

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Obituary

Isabel Rose Jones (nee Winslow)

June 13, 1928 ~ Souris, MB

October 1, 2026 ~ Brandon, MB



Passed peacefully with family by her side. Rose was predeceased by her husband, Bill, parents Belle & Charles Winslow. Her siblings Charlie, Willie, Edna, Jack, Kaye and George.

Her children, Lynne (Bill), Donald (Joyce) and Dale (Tracey) will miss her greatly. She also leaves behind her Grandchildren whom she loved

beyond measure; Tegan, Brenden (Michelle), Michael (Jenn), Nicole (Brett), Colin (Tanis), Leah (Dennis), Devin (Jenn). Also 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Rose loved her garden, fishing, music and entertaining. No one left her home hungry. Rose was adventurous, willing to try new things and open to new ideas. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Graveside service was held in Brookdale, MB on October 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm with Rev. Joe Ball leading the service. Tea followed at the Brookdale Drop-In Centre.

If friends so desire, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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



TURTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Is currently looking for a
full time Cleaner at Glenella School.
This is a full time position,
(Monday – Friday, 5.5 hours daily).

Further information regarding duties, wage, hours & qualifications may be obtained by contacting the Turtle River School Division Maintenance Supervisor. Applications close when the position is filled.

Please forward all applications complete with 3 references to:

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

Phone: (204) 835-2067
Email: soversby@trsd.ca

Turtle River School Division welcomes applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations may be available upon request. All applications are appreciated, only candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted. Successful candidates must complete a Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector and Child Abuse Registry check.



MID-MAN FARMS LTD.

Mid-Man Farms Ltd is a quality focused farm located north of Carberry, Manitoba. Our strength is in our people who help drive our high standards for top quality potato and small grain products. Our goal is to be a sustainable and progressive partner in the agriculture industry.

Farm Grain Elevator Operator

We offer:

- Competitive wage
- Benefit package includes a Health spending account. (full time)
- A great group of people to work alongside.
- Newer equipment
- Modern facilities and tooling

We are searching for an individual to look after our grains stored in 2 elevators. We own elevators located at Harte and Gregg. Grains are loaded into the elevator during harvest and loaded out over the year until the next harvest. Stored grains need to be managed, and we also have a grain cleaner that is operational. Training provided for the correct person. This can be a full-time position with maintenance and repair work on the elevator and its equipment. We would consider a part-time schedule for the right person. Seeding and harvest times will require evenings and/or weekends.

Qualifications:

- A farm background is an asset and/or experience working on various farm equipment.
- Safely operate equipment.
- Experience repairing and maintaining buildings and equipment.
- Possess a valid driver's license (Class 1 preferred)
- Commitment to maintaining a safe work environment.
- Good communication and math skills.

**Please submit your resume with references to
Brock@mmfl.ca**

You can also contact Brock McIntosh at 204-476-0381 for further information.

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

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

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

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



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

Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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

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- 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.

Ways to apply:
Online at <http://hylife.com/careers/> or mail to PO Box 10,000, 106 Mill St., 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

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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Notice



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES
TOWN OF NEEPAWA

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 **4th day of November, 2026, at the hour of 02:00 PM**, at Town of Neepawa Council Chambers, 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, 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")
10500	LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 BLOCK 'A' PLAN 217 NLTO IN NW 1/4 33-14-15 WPM - 184 MOUNTAIN AVE, TOWN OF NEEPAWA	L -\$48,600 B -\$345,200	\$30,744.27

- 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 TOWN OF NEEPAWA 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 25th day of September, 2026.

Managed by:



Colleen Synchyshyn
Chief Administrative Officer
TOWN OF NEEPAWA
Phone: (204) 476-7603
Fax: (204) 476-7624

Setting the right tone



PHOTO BY ROB WADDELL

At the Oct. 3 Kaleidoscope Concert at Neepawa, Vince Andrushko and his partners in the band The VinceTones played to an appreciative audience at ArtsForward.

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

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 22nd day of October, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 AM, 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	\$11,508.31
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	\$12,395.88

- 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 WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE 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".
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 - 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 11 day of September, 2026.

Managed by:



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

Thank you for reading
the Neepawa Banner & Press

Thumbs up, thumbs down



A thumbs up and huge shout of thanks to everyone that donated fruit and veggies for us to share at the Elks Manor. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.
**Residents of Elks Manor
Neepawa, MB**



A thumbs up to Vince Andrushko and the Vince Tones for their performance last Saturday night at Arts Forward. What fun!
**Cathy Wroblewski
Neepawa, MB**



Thumbs down to NACI and BPSD. The email that was sent with drop off guidelines to all parents was a disgrace. It was obviously AI generated and does not show even a close representation of the area. Maybe we can use this as a teaching moment for our kids, explaining why we don't blindly trust AI and need to use our critical thinking skills before we make fools of ourselves.

**Elizabeth Morrell
Neepawa area, Manitoba**

Editor's note: NACI is planning a correction. —Ken Waddell



Heads up /warning: to anyone who might consider parking in the Neepawa Safeway parking lot but not shopping there. Safeway will have your vehicle towed if parked on their lot. Safeway put up small signs a few weeks ago, hardly noticeable if a vehicle is parked in front of it or in the dark. No early warnings, just posted signs and started towing. Be aware!!

**Barb Bohn
Neepawa, MB**

Notice

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:

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SECTION 43(1) An application for revision must:

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



NOTICE OF ELECTION Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne will be taken to elect **Councillor for Ward Two and Councillor for Ward Three** from the following duly nominated candidates:

For the Office of Councillor for Ward Two:

Muir, Jayce
Goodman, Wally

For the Office of Councillor for Ward Three:

Wilson, Teddy
Boxall, Don

Please note the following candidates were acclaimed:

Kevin Paramor as Reeve
Greg McConnell as Councillor for Ward One
James Paramor as Councillor for Ward Four
Damian Dempsey as Councillor for Ward Five
John Pottinger as Councillor for Ward Six

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Glenella Community Hall – 100 Ray Street, Glenella, MB

IDENTIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example - driver's license or passport) or at least two 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 **Glenella Municipal Office** and will be open on **Monday, the 19th day of October, 2026, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY SEALED ENVELOPE

Any 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 at Box 10, Glenella, MB, R0J 0V0, Email: rmofglen@glenella.ca. If applying in person*, a voter may apply between September 30th, 2026 and October 25th, 2026.

*A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail or email**, a voter may apply between September 30th, 2026 and October 25th, 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.

Wendy Wutzke, Senior Election Official
Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne
Box 10 Glenella, Manitoba R0J 0V0
Phone: 204-352-4281
Email: rmofglen@glenella.ca

NOTICE OF ELECTION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MINTO-ODANAH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the voters of The Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah will be taken to elect a Reeve at large, and four (4) Councillors at large, from the following duly nominated candidates:

REEVE
SYSLAK, Keith
COOK, Barr

FOUR (4) COUNCILLORS

ROURKE, Mike
HOPKINS, Bill
PEARSON, Craig
PEARSON, Dennis
POLLON, Brion
SHARPE, Fred

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday the 28th day of October, 2026 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at:

Minnedosa Community Conference Center
63 Main Street N.
Minnedosa, Manitoba

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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 Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah Municipal Office, 49 Main St. S, Minnedosa, MB, and will be open Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 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 email to the Senior Election Official at: R.M. of Minto-Odanah, Box 1197, 49 Main St. S., Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0, Email: cao@mintoodanah.ca.

If applying in person*, a voter may apply between Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 16th, 2026.

* A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by email **, a voter may apply between Thursday, July 30, 2026 and Friday, October 16th, 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.

Dated at Minnedosa in the Province of Manitoba, this 24th day of September, 2026.

Aaren Robertson, Senior Election Official
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Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION - 2026 THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the voters of The Rural Municipality of Alonsa will be taken to elect Reeve, Ward 2 Councillor, Ward 5 Councillor, Ward 6 Councillor and 3 Committee Members for the LUD Of Alonsa from the following duly nominated candidates:

For the Office of Reeve:

- BRUCE, James
- DAYHOLOS, Terry

For the Office of Ward 2 Councillor

- STOTT, Tim
- CAMPBELL, Cameron

For the Office of Ward 5 Councillor

- CLARKE, Jonathan
- WATERSTON, William

For the Office of Ward 6 Councillor

- MANCHEESE, Jenna
- HOULE, Marcel

For the Office of LUD of Alonsa Committee Members (3 Positions)

- GORDON, Natalie
- HARRIS, Harry
- MOZDZEN, Charlene
- SCHULTZ, Lexie

Note: Kerry Hopfner was acclaimed as Councillor for Ward 1, and Travis Turko was acclaimed as Councillor for Ward 3.

Ward 4 Councillor position is vacant.

LUD of Amaranth Committee Members – 3 Vacant positions.

VOTING PLACES

Voting places will be open for voting on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 2026, between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the following places:

Reeve – Ward 1 Electors

Westlake Community Centre - Eddystone, MB

Reeve & Councillor Ward 2

Kinosota Community Centre – Kinosota, MB

Reeve – Ward 3 Electors

Alonsa Community Centre – Alonsa, MB

Reeve-Ward 4 Electors

Lud of Alonsa Committee-LUD of Alonsa Electors

Alonsa Community Centre – Alonsa, MB

Reeve & Councillor – Ward 5

Amaranth Community Centre – Amaranth, MB

Reeve & Councillor – Ward 6

Amaranth Community Centre – Amaranth, MB

Identification May be Required Before Being Allowed to Vote. A person may be required to produce one piece of government issued photo identification (for example – driver's license or passport) or at least two 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 R.M. of Alonsa office, 20 Railway Avenue, Alonsa Manitoba and will be open Friday, October 23rd, 2026, between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 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, by fax, or by email to the Senior Election Official at Box 127, Alonsa, MB R0H 0A0, Fax (204) 767-2044, email info@rmofalonsa.com

If applying in person, a voter may apply between September 30th, 2026, and October 25, 2026. A voter applying in person may pick up a sealed envelope ballot package at the time of application.

If applying by mail, fax, or email, a voter may apply between now and October 25, 2026. A voter applying by mail, fax, or email will receive a sealed envelope ballot package by regular post or by making alternative arrangements with Senior Election Official. Identification is required.

Dated at the R.M. of Alonsa, in the Province of Manitoba, this 24th day of September, 2026.

Leslie Campbell, Senior Election Official
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Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD OF REVISION

Public notice is hereby given that the 2027 Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 316 Fourth Avenue Carberry, Manitoba and is 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

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

- Liability to taxation
- Amount of an assessed value
- Classification of property, or
- A refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)

Application Requirements

43 (1) An application for revision must:

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

The Board of Revision will sit on **Monday November 9, 2026 at 9:05 a.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, October 26 2026**

Dated this 25th day of September 2026.

Bernardo Pasco – Secretary
Board of Revision
Municipality of North Cypress-Langford
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Westman Youth Choir to tour

Submitted

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The Western Manitoba Youth Choir is preparing to tour in October, after having two intensive weekend rehearsals at Riding Mountain Conference Centre in Wasagamung in September. The 54 voice choir is drawn from 13 Westman communities. Conductors are Marla Fontaine and Vic Pankratz, with accompanist Danielle Guina. The Tour is Oct. 17 to 20 throughout western Manitoba. The concerts that are open to the public are

as follows:

- Melita Strand Theater. Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m.
- Deloraine Winchester Theater. Sunday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- Killarney United Church. Monday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church, Brandon. Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The choristers are excited to perform and invite you to celebrate their music with them! Follow them on Facebook, Instagram on online.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Your local singers involved with this year's Westman Choir are Georgia Richards, Charleigh Carefoot, Felix Carefoot and Aaron Dyck.

William Morton Collegiate Institute Athletics report

Submitted

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Welcome to the WMCI Athletics report, a weekly update on the goings on around Gladstone and area's fall and winter athletic schedule.

Golf

Two boys teams and one girls team played in the Zone-7 Golf Championships in Neepawa on Sept. 16. The boys teams finished 10th and 13th out of the teams who were competing while the girls team won the Zone-7 banner (Ella Stewart, Bentley

Reiner, Peyton Campbell and Onyx Halashewski).

Cross Country

Cross Country Zone-7 Championships were held for the first time at the Squirrel Hills in Minnedosa on Oct. 2. WMCI had two runners in the Junior Varsity boys category: Second year James Durocher and First year Lenjo Uebersax. Racing in a field of six athletes, James was able to finish third with a time of 18:16 and Lenjo placed fifth in a time of 20:09.

The 4km race was quite narrow and hilly with a

lot of small U-turns on the course, which did not allow for a consistent pace in the runners. Elle Armstrong placed second in the grade 8 girls category for the PCSD Divisional meet held at Three Creek Trails near Austin on Oct. 5.

Volleyball

Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball in MacGregor Oct. 3:

Round Robin-three games: Prairie Mountain Predators - 25-17, 25-21, Landmark 96ers- 25-10, 25-13, Teulon Saints- 24-25, 20-25

Playoff - Second in bracket Semis vs. MacGregor- 25-13, 25-23. Finals vs. Teulon- 16-25, 25-18, 16-18

"We finished second in the tournament, losing to Teulon, going to a third set thriller where WMCI ended up losing in the third set which was very close but only by two points. I personally think we did very well in this tournament for only having nine people. We did very great." -Caitlyn Single JV player.

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History lessons with Helen: Saturday nights

By Helen Drysdale
Neepawa Banner & Press

On the prairie, Saturday nights in towns were social events that brought people together from all walks of life and ages. From grandpas to the babies in moms' arms, they came to town to shop. Storekeepers' sales were usually higher on Saturday than the past weeks' sales. Saturday night shopping at that time was built on community participation. During this time, Sunday shopping was unheard of— Sunday was a day for church and family rest.

Down on the farm, chores were done late afternoon on Saturday. Then, each family member took their turn in the bathtub, dressed in their next-to-best clothes, shined shoes, and headed to town. A Saturday trip to town was for dual purposes:

shopping and visiting. A good spot to park was located on the main street, as that was where the action was happening. Grandma did not have to leave her 1949 Chevrolet Deluxe to visit; in the comfort of her car, her friends had sat and gabbed about the newest baby in the family, the terrible short dress that Miss whomever was wearing, the latest recipe they had tried, and who was feeling under the weather. The older men had scattered along the street talking about old times, the state of the government, the crops, and they had tried to guess the cost of the neighbour's new tractor.

Mom had gone off to do her grocery shopping and/or to either the pharmacy

or dry goods store. If the children had money, they went either to the five-and-dime store or the theater. Having not originated from Neepawa, I have been told that the Roxy had three movies on each Saturday. For a quarter or less, the kids and many adults would head to the theater for an evening matinee. Many of the movies were

westerns, like High Noon (starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly), Gunfight at the O.K. Corral (starring Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas), and the Rio Bravo (starring John Wayne and Dean Martin). Following Mom's shopping, she could go to the "Rest Room." A Women's Institute member was there to greet you as you signed their guestbook. The Rest Room was in the main floor of the Odd Fellows Hall where Brews Brothers' restaurant is currently

located. The Rest Room contained a room with chairs to sit and visit for a rest, as well as a bathroom facility. Dad headed to the farm supply store, the hardware store, and occasionally went for a quick beer at the pub... well, some visits were not quick!

The restaurants were open, so you could take the little

ones for an ice cream cone or your sweetie for a piece of pie and a cup of coffee after the movie. The pool hall, dance hall and bowling alley were also hopping with action. An older gent had visited Neepawa last week and reminisced to me about the Arcade Dance Hall. This fellow had noted fond memories of his time on Saturday evenings dancing with the pretty girls. Some of his friends had driven up and down the streets showing off their cars instead of dancing the night away.

Those were the days of personal relations with local businesses who knew your name, your family, and your shopping preferences. As television was introduced, residents were more inclined to sit at home on a Saturday night for their entertainment. Then came the shopping malls in the nearest cities for a day of shopping, eating out and entertainment. However, the biggest transformation in shopping came with the arrival of the internet. Nowadays, more people than ever are shopping online without ever having to leave their homes. Gone are the face-to-face interactions with real people that can't be copied by these new methods of shopping. I still enjoy picking up my groceries where the clerk knows that the parsley I am purchasing is for my rabbit, "Miss Mollie." It is the personal touch of shopping local, even when it is not a Saturday night.



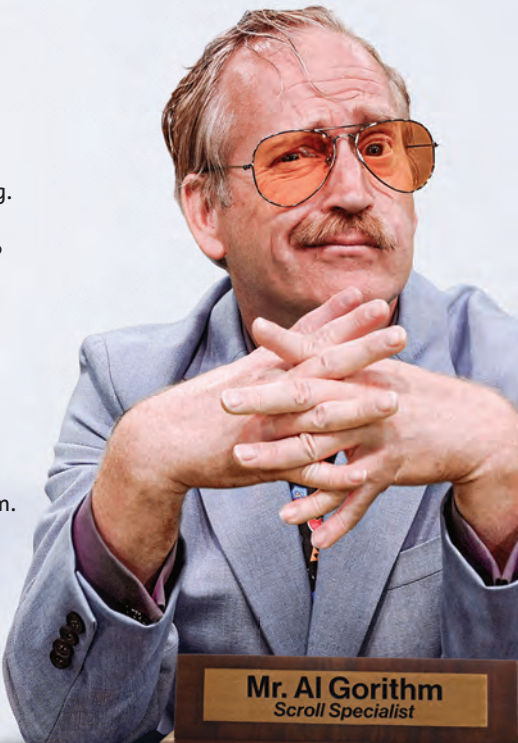
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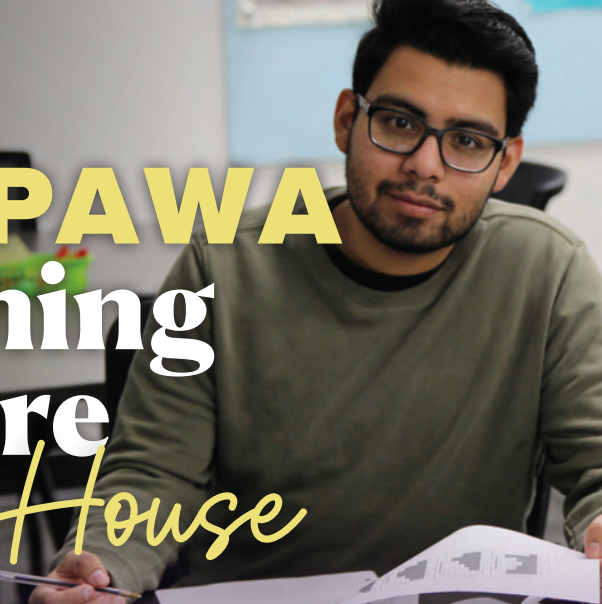
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JV Boys Volleyball in Russell Oct. 2-3:
Round Robin- five games: Major Pratt- 5-25, 16-25, Warren- 13-25, 6-25, Goose Lake- 21-25, 25-10, 15-17, Dauphin- 24-26, 19-25.
Playoff- fourth/fifth place game vs. Goose Lake- 12-25, 25-12, 15-10.
“Major Pratt was tough. Round robin versus Goose Lake was one that got away from us, we should’ve won that. We played Goose Lake again in the playoffs, we ended up winning that game when we only had seven players and John Ananoy was playing middle. He is

5’0” by the way” -Coach Jessie Geisel.
Varsity Girls Volleyball Ste Rose Oct. 2-3:
Glenella Eagles- 25-22, 25-10, Neepawa Tigers- 21-25, 17-25, Dauphin Clippers- 12-25, 13-25, Shoal Lake Sharks- 25-18, 23-25. Playoffs Quarterfinals - Swan River 14-25, 15-25.
“We tried hard, we got sixth place. At least it was not last. Dauphin was really good. We played good sets but the teams there were hard.” -Ruby Adam’s Varsity Player.
Upcoming WMCI Warrior events
Oct. 14: Cross Country

Provincials in St. Malo.
Oct. 14: J.V. Girls Volleyball - 5:30 p.m. vs Neepawa and 6:30 p.m. vs Carberry at MacGregor Collegiate.
Oct. 14: J.V. Boys Volleyball - 5:30 p.m. vs. Elton and 7:30 p.m. vs. MacGregor (Home games).
Oct. 17: Westpark Collegiate Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament.
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