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New hospital may see first patient in 2026

By Casper Wehrhahn
 NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A healthy attendance was seen on the evening of Oct. 24 for a presentation regarding an ongoing, long-term project in Neepawa. Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) representative Debbie Poole (regional lead) and LM Architectural's Matthew Bowering (architect) were at the Roxy Theatre that evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., providing an update on the construction and planning surrounding the new 'Neepawa Health Centre'.

This hospital project was first announced on Dec. 10, 2021 and the location officially designated in 2022. Since then, construction at the nearly 40 acres on Neepawa's east side, near Highway 16 and Broadway Street, has been ongoing. As of the Oct. 21, 2022 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press, the completion of construction was targeted for 2025.

Below are some of the many details from the Oct. 24, 2024 presentation and Q&A session. This summary focuses on new information, or details that may otherwise be of interest to our readers.

•Facility acquisition— The handover of the facility is anticipated to occur in 2026, with the first patient being accepted in late 2026 or early 2027. After facility acquisition, there is an orientation and training plan which must be executed before the facility can open. This is currently expected to take three to six months, which is the reasoning for the late 2026 to early 2027 timeline.

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PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND LM ARCHITECTURAL PRESENTATION
 Prairie Mountain Health and LM Architectural provided an update on the construction of the new Neepawa Health Centre (hospital) on Oct. 24.

Pictured: A recent photo showing the progress made in this massive project's construction. This photo was shared on the evening of the presentation. There is much yet to be done, but things are taking shape. Some features that stand out at a glance are the large windows for the atrium (seen toward the centre, facing the camera) and the round cement pad at the back right of the photo. That cement pad will serve as a landing pad for helicopters.

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First responders to Carberry crash honoured

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Manitoba has paid tribute to those who answered the call on one of the province's darkest days.

On Monday, Oct 28, members of the Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire & Rescue, along with members of the departments in Neepawa and Brandon, were inducted into the Order of the Buffalo Hunt.

The order honours Manitobans who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of leadership, service and community commitment.

On this day, the honour was in recognition of the first responders' efforts and bravery during the 2023 Carberry Bus Crash.

On June 15 of last year, those emergency personnel were the first to respond to a multi-vehicle accident near Carberry.

A bus carrying 25 people from the Dauphin area, was headed to the Sandhills Casino near Carberry when it was struck by a semi at



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.
Premier Wab Kinew (at centre) presented the Order of the Buffalo Hunt to 134 people connected the tragic 2023 Carberry bus crash. The fire chiefs for Neepawa, Carberry North Cypress-Langford and Brandon, as well as the Office of the Fire Commissioner (pictured above) were on hand for the ceremony.

the Trans-Canada and Highway 5 intersection. 17 people lost their lives from this tragic accident.

In total, 134 people connected to the life saving efforts were honoured. Along with the first responders,

members of the RCMP, STARS air ambulance and hospitals in Brandon,

Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg were also inducted. Premier Wab Kinew

bestowed the honour during a ceremony at the Legislature.

"We want to honour those whose valour and heroism helped to embody the best of Manitobans," said Kinew. "When we think of the first responders and how they stepped up and answered the call that day and in a moment of challenge or a moment of danger, they went towards the crisis instead of running away."

The honour was accepted on behalf of the first responders by:

- Keith Loney, fire chief of Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire and Rescue;
- Yves Guillas, fire chief of the Neepawa Volunteer Fire Department;
- Terry Parlow, chief, and Kevin Garrioch of Brandon Fire and Emergency Services; and
- Ryan Schenk and Grant Winder from the Office of the Fire Commissioner.

Kelwood Remembrance Day Service details

The following is a special insertion for the Remembrance Day service details for Kelwood, as they were not available in time for the special section's print deadline.

Kelwood service details

All are welcome to attend services for Remembrance Day at Kelwood. Those wishing to attend are asked to gather at the Legion for 10:45 a.m.

Service will commence at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow after service.



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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

1924: Long-time Glendale municipal servant passes

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

125 years ago, Wednesday, November 1, 1899

Arden: One of the most dastardly acts on record in this part was perpetrated on Israel Powell's farm, three and a half miles east of town, Sunday morning, in the burning of James W. Dotten's separator. The machine was pulled out on some fresh breaking for sure safeness over Sunday. Suspicion rests on a certain party and it is the wish of honest people ere long the miscreant will be brought to justice.

100 years ago, Tuesday, November 4, 1924

Lots of changes taking place in the near future. Sid Hunt is going on to Sam Magill's place, Ed. Hunter onto the Albert Henton farm where Sid. Hunt has been for the past five years and Leslie Birnie going back to his old homestead.

75 years ago, Thursday, November 3, 1949

Mentmore: Damage estimated unofficially at \$500 was caused Wednesday morning by a fire at the farm home of Will Sirett, of Mentmore. Cause of the fire was not known immediately. The

claims are believed to have started in the basement of the house.

Neepawa Fire Department was summoned, but neighbours had brought the fire under control before their arrival.

Spara Ward, of Neepawa, formerly a farmer in Franklin district, will celebrate his 81st birthday, Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Born in Meaford, County Grey, Ontario, in 1868, Mr. Ward came west in 1889 and farmed in the Springhill and Franklin district. He married Bertha Max DeGroat in 1907, at Kelwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward retired to reside in Neepawa in 1945.

Arden: The girls of Arden met at the home of Iris Stanners at 7:30 on Oct. 26, to form a sewing club under the leadership of Mrs. S. Drysdale.

Mrs. McNair is assistant leader.

Officers elected for the "Arden Stylish Stitchers" were:

President Iris Stanners; vice president, Oretta Butler; secretary, Wanda Thomson; treasurer, Mary Brown.

50 years ago, Thursday, November 7, 1974

Yellowhead Manor will be ready on schedule Nov. 15 when the first occupant

will be moved in. Five residents will be moved in each day following that until all 49 suites are filled. The contractors have nearly completed the installation of the exterior metal siding, the grounds have been landscaped, the parking lot paved and furniture has been installed in the downstairs lounge. A piano has been purchased for the Senior Citizens Drop-in Centre which will be located on the first floor and delivery of other furniture is expected soon.

20 years ago, Monday, November 1, 2004

Even though the new care home remains somewhat of a mystery as to when it will be completed, the [Neepawa and Area Personal Care Home Fund Raising Committee], headed by Mark Perrett and Brian Bailey, optimistically surges forward in anticipation of that big announcement from Manitoba Health.

The most recent fund raiser, the English Pub Night, raised an additional \$2,800 to add to the growing total, which has now surpassed \$150,000.

The target figure for the fundraising committee is \$500,000.

The money raised will either offset the required community portion (10 per cent of the total cost) or be used to provide extras in the new facility.

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Pictured is the late Robert Dunsmore, who passed away in Neepawa on Oct. 31, 1924. Dunsmore was secretary-treasurer at the organization of Glendale municipality- a position he maintained after merging Glendale and Osprey into the municipality of Langford. He served for 29 years before resigning.

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Proverbs 9:10 (New International Version)

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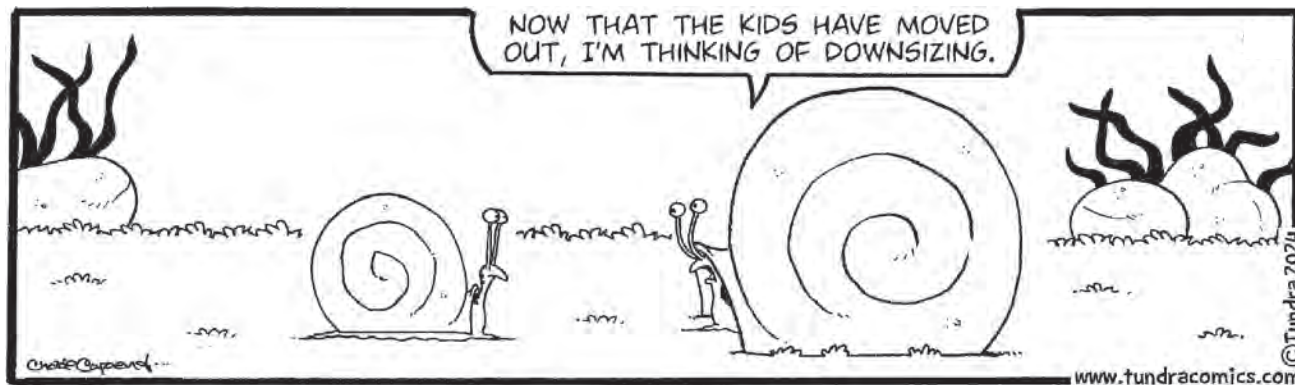
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By Chad Carpenter



And the winner is...

I have been asked many times recently, "Who will win the U.S. presidential election?" My answer is simple, "I don't know."

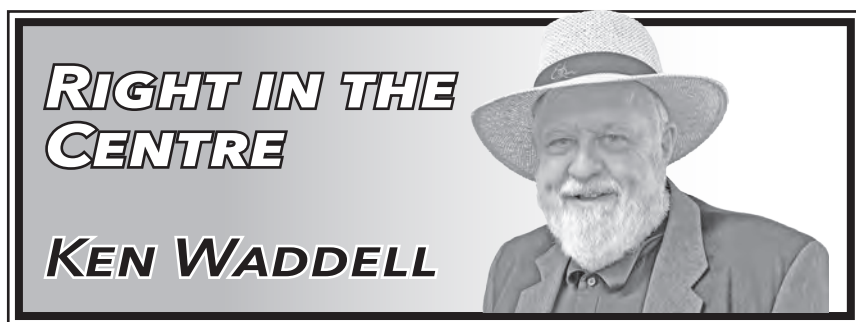
What I do know is that if Donald Trump is elected, it will be because people are sick of the stands taken by the Democrats who are shamelessly backed by the majority of the media and the entertainment industry.

That stand, if you can actually call it a stand or platform, is contrary to what the majority of people believe. I call the Democratic stand "the accepted narrative".

Many people are sick and tired of being told what they have to think, what they have to believe, what they have to say, what they can and can't say.

Most people know that the so-called Woke Movement is mostly nonsense and some of it is just destructive to individuals and to society. Even left-leaning commentators like comedian Bill Maher have turned on the Democrats saying the "woke" movement is largely nonsense. I think the breaking point for Maher came when the woke promoters said the U.S. is worse off than even before. He quickly shot down that theory by comparing today to the U.S. slavery days, the 1950s segregation days, the levels of education compared to past eras, the average life expectancy and the level of prosperity compared to many decades ago. Yes, there is a lot of progress that needs to be made, but to say the Americans are worse off than ever before is just plain silly. If the U.S. is such a bad place, then why are people willing to risk dying to get into the country.

The left wing, or the Democrats,



could easily lose a very winnable election because they are so out of touch with the beliefs, desires and needs of the average citizen.

In addition to all the things listed above about the "accepted narrative" the Democrats are out of touch on the issue of abortion. Abortion is inevitable in some circumstances. I have studied, pondered, spoken about and actually grieved over this topic. The bottom line was accurately summed up by former Democratic U.S. president Bill Clinton who said that abortion should be safe, legal and rare. Most people especially believe in that last part, rare. Today's Democrats are going out of their minds about abortion being necessary or a right, almost something to be sought after. They call themselves "Pro-choice" but they conveniently ignore the fact that abortion results in the death of a baby and that baby does not have a choice. And when babies are little more than young children, those same Democrats are promoting how it's necessary for those children to access gender surgery.

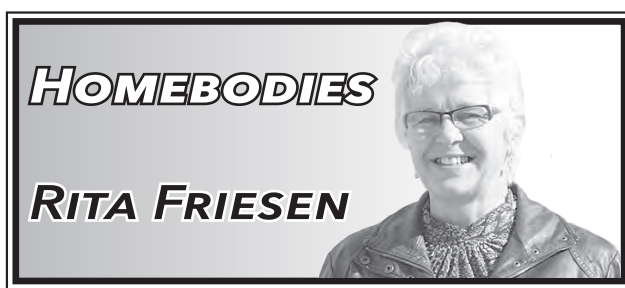
If the Democrats lose the upcoming election it will be due to them having lost their way. They have strayed away from common sense, from their faith principles and from reality.

But what about Trump? People

will say he's an idiot and a huckster. Well, he's smart enough to find a way to appeal to a large number of voters. He is aware that a successful politician has to be in sync with the voters. He knows the U.S. citizens got tired of wars pretty fast in the 20th century. They were late into WWI and WWII. They got whipped pretty badly in Vietnam, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan. Trump knows that and he, along with many others believe it's better to threaten war than it is to go to war. Wyatt Earp was successful not just because he was good gunfighter but because his enemies believed he was a good gunfighter. He survived some battles and died of old age, peacefully at his home.

It will be interesting to see if the U.S. voters accept a verbal gunslinger, who is a bit of a con artist, or a person who doesn't really know how out of touch their words put them versus the majority of citizens.

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I simply stood...

With the change in the daylight hours, the household patterns have changed as well. Arie, my dog, usually waited until it was walk time to step outside; she is smart enough to know that walk time will be later, preferably when the sun is shining and the temperature above ten degrees!! Now she is eager and willing to utilize the back yard as her relief centre and heads right back into the warmth of the house. I no longer step out with bare feet, and usually grab a light jacket before joining her outside. The sunrises have been spectacular. There is calmness in the air, and quietness, as the colours spread and stretch across the heavens. On some mornings the western sky reflects the glory of the eastern sky. This one morning in particular, I simply stood. It was the calm, the quiet, and the colours that spoke to me. There is a freshness in the air I breathe, there is the reminder of the seasons change in the layer of leaves covering the yard, and a affirmation of a wisdom beyond mine as I hear the call of the geese, an age old call that does not disturb the silence, rather accentuating it. 'I am a child of the universe' sounds within me.

My home has been busy this past month with much coming and going. A grandson, at my invitation has moved in; Marie a friend of more than fifty years made her annual visit; a trip out to Alberta shortened the month, so along with the words I speak, the month sped by. I was at the kitchen window, not doing dishes, making a cup of tea. I chanced to look up and out. To really look. And again, I simply stood. This time the colours filled the western sky. Out of habit, I turned to the now empty rooms and invited others to share the moment with me. Aware that I was alone, I continued to stand and absorb the magnificence of the scene before me. Now that the leaves are mostly off the trees, and when there are no loaded rail cars on the siding, I can see the escarpment. The sunset was brilliant, shifting and smoothing pinks and oranges and soft purples across the horizon. I am really not great at simply standing, but all I could do, all I wanted to do, was to stand and watch as darkness slowly covered the earth and the stars began to appear.

Perhaps it is because Marie and I spent much time at Park Lake watching the migrating geese, and took many long walks- immersed in conversation and quiet- that I am more ready to be still. Perhaps it is that once again, I am adjusting to changes in life cycles. Perhaps it is because I am getting older, and wiser. Perhaps hearing the Desiderata read twice this month triggers it. Perhaps it is because I have an increased desire to be at rest, with myself, and the universe, especially with the Creator of the universe. I am learning to pause, and simply stand, with ease.

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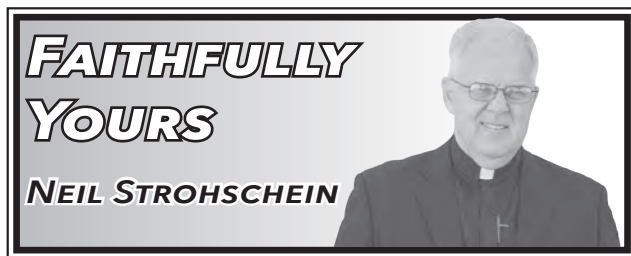
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Thanks for service workers

It may have been a new television series; but its theme was far from new.

In November of 2003, the Discovery Channel aired the first of three pilot episodes of Dirty Jobs. The idea for the series came from the old saying: "It's a dirty job; but someone has to do it." The show's creators wondered how many "dirty jobs" existed. Then they hired Mike Rowe to try his hand at some of the most difficult, strange, disgusting, and downright messy occupational tasks the show's research staff could discover. Rowe worked alongside those who did these tasks every day. Viewers got to see what the workers do to provide the services we often take for granted.

Over the next 20 years, 187 episodes of Dirty Jobs were produced. They featured hundreds of people completing tasks that the rest of us might not even consider trying; and having fun doing them. I am sure that, had they so desired, they could have easily ex-



tended the series for two or three more years. But viewers' tastes change and the last episode of Dirty Jobs aired in 2023.

The dirty jobs, however, are still with us. Every day, in cities, towns and rural areas throughout this province; we can see people doing some of the same dirty jobs that Mike Rowe tried for his TV show.

These dedicated workers clean our streets, pick up garbage and unplug clogged sewer lines. Some clean rural septic tanks or haul liquid manure from farm slurry pits to fields close by. Some will go out in -40 degree temperatures to investigate a suspicious death, fight a house fire or rescue passengers who have been hurt in a car crash. Others climb hydro poles to reconnect broken trans-

mission lines and restore interrupted service.

To these, we add those who work rotating shifts in health care, emergency services, protective services, transportation, communication, industry and infrastructure. They, or those who work with them are always on the alert, ready to respond when calls for help come in; ready to do all they can to save lives and protect property; and ready to stay behind, if necessary, to offer comfort and counsel to those who are hurting. We hope we never need to access their services; but it's nice to know they are here when needed.

I have lived in Neepawa for 27 years. In that time, I have met very few of the people to whom I referred in the previous paragraphs. I may not have seen them

actively at work; but I have seen and appreciated the results of their work.

So it is to them that I direct the closing words of this column. By your willingness to take on the difficult and often dirty jobs, you enhance the quality of life in our towns and the surrounding communities. Thanks to your dedicated service, people can commute to and from work on safe roads. Students and the elderly can walk on well maintained sidewalks. And thanks to you, we can count on reliable municipal services (water, sewer, hydro, gas) that will accommodate times of higher than normal demand.

When I think of all the work you do and all the benefits I and others enjoy because of it, my emotions prevent me from putting my feelings of gratitude into words. So I offer a simple "thank you." to you and to all who take on the dirty jobs that keep our community beautiful, safe and well serviced. May God bless and protect you all.

Letters

It's not safe out there

Editors note: This was submitted to the Banner & Press as a thumbs up. Due to the length, however, we chose to print in in our letters section in its entirety, as oppose to editing it down to the 100 word requirement.

A thumbs down and a question for the Beautiful Plains School Division and Town of Neepawa. Why do we not have bus stops around Neepawa for town students?

We recently needed to book the handi-transit for a few mornings due to appointments for an elderly family member and were told no because they are booked taking children to/from school for the entire year.

Have you ever had to drive NEAR one of the schools during the pickup and drop off times? I'm not talking about one of the streets directly along side the school. It is an insane mess with traffic. And did you know parents are parked there an hour before pickup? Not to mention winter is coming and good luck with the "idle free zones".

The new entrance at the Yellowhead did not make this insanity any better. If the Town knew before adding it that they would not be able to put stop signs on the road because it is actually highways, then why do it there?

Have you ever participated in the drop off and pick up? I come out of there feeling like "Mr. Wheeler" (*look up goofy Mr Walker /Mr Wheeler*). My stress level is through the roof!

I think it's time for some talks to happen and ideas to start coming together. This situation is not getting any better. This is not safe for the kids or the drivers.

Sabrina Fredbjornson
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Cherish the moments

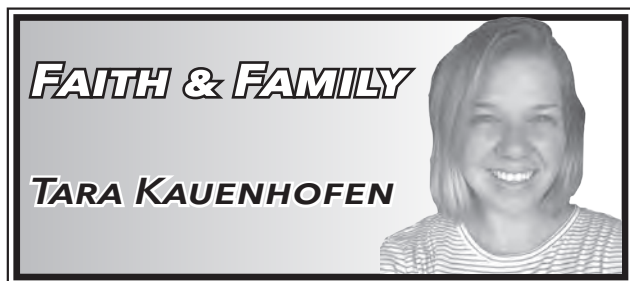
I heard it said once that motherhood can be described like this, your heart breaking with joy.

With each milestone, each new skill learned, each new year that passes, every tooth that falls out and is replaced with an adult tooth.

With each baby feature that slowly turns into a toddler's face, and then into a boy's, and then into a floppy haired goofy grinned pre-teen, and then the glimpses and flashes of what will come as a teen and then adulthood.

With every success they have, with every moment they used to need you and don't anymore, there is a heartbreaking mix of pride that you never knew you could hold for another human being and an equally surprising depth of sadness as another stage comes and goes.

So this past week, when I went to look at the calendar to go over our weekly schedule, I found myself doing a double take and sure



enough, my fourth baby boy is almost one.

I found myself scooping him up in my arms and begging him to stay little a while longer, trying to snuggle him close while he wriggled away to get to his big brothers to play.

I found myself watching him, and with every beat of my heart came an ache that was both joy and pain as I willed him to be little a little bit longer.

And like Mary holding Jesus, I found myself pondering these things in my heart.

The memories of all four boys growing flashing in my minds eye like a slideshow of the last almost ten years of my life and all I could think

was, God please let me cherish every moment before it is gone and we are on to another stage yet again!

So as my heart aches with joy, as it is filled with the depths of both pride and sadness, I am doing my best to soak it all in.

To stop the hustle and bustle and watch them more, to sit down on the floor in front of them and study their faces, to enjoy them

today exactly as they are for only this day, to let the aching and joy co-mingle in my heart and take the time to feel the sadness when it comes to the surface just as much as I do the joy.

To remember in all of this that they co-exist for a reason, they twist and turn and wind through our memories and hearts as a reminder to not take this time for granted and know that someday the pitter patter of little feet will be long gone, the remnant of peanut butter fingerprints and dirty shoes will have faded and been washed away and what will remain are only the faint memories of what will feel like a lifetime ago.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Thoughts?

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Thumbs up, thumbs down

A big thumbs up to everyone that brought garden produce for us to enjoy, it was all greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Elks Manor
Judie Birch

Thumbs up to the R.C. Legion Ladies Auxiliary for supporting our charity, Cats TNR & Rescue, with a delicious roast beef fundraiser supper on Oct. 18. We are so grateful. Your group is an important part of this community.

Cats TNR & Rescue
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OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Royal Canadian Airforce

When the Second World War started, Britain looked to the Dominions for training of the needed air crews. They lacked the space to accommodate training and operational facilities and were exposed to enemy attack. Canada stepped up to the plate. It offered several advantages: being closest to Britain made for easier transportation of men and equipment; had plentiful air space; far from active fighting; had an aviation industry; and had ready access to fuel. Canada answered the call for help by establishing the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Across the nation many schools were set up to teach Commonwealth aviators how to fly. In Manitoba, twenty four such BCATP facilities were built in record speed and were mostly operational in less than a year. Canada was responsible for training pilots, navigators, air gunners, wireless operators, bomb aimers and flight engineers. These training schools hosted men from New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada, United States and, to a lesser degree other Allied countries, graduating more than 131,000 personnel.

The war came soon after the Great Depression and the financial aspects of the BCATP were a huge bonus to the communities in which they were located. For Neepawa, construction began in September of 1941 and in early 1942 things were in operation. This construction generated many jobs and when finished over 200 civilians were hired to help feed the men and maintain and run the facilities. Businesses like coffee shops, bowling alleys and dance arcades were booming and the local young ladies had plenty of opportunities to attend these places of entertainment.

Service in the air force was the first choice of many young Canadians. During the First World War, pilots

were seen as the "knights of the air." They did not have to crawl through mud on a cold and wet battlefield and fight for days on end. While combat missions often put them in severe danger, those times were relatively brief and much of their time was their own. Particularly in England, pilots and crew had access to pubs, the company of local women, and passes to visit cities. The flip side was the casualty rates were unusually high. For every 100 airmen who joined the unit, 45 were killed, 6 were seriously wounded, eight became prisoners of war and 41 escaped unscathed, at least physically.

In the early years of the war, Canada needed training aircraft and the United States was producing them. Under the Neutrality Acts, (USA was not at war yet) planes could not be flown out of the United States for sale to foreign governments. So the Roosevelt administration came up with a solution. Instead, factory pilots flew them right up to the Canadian border. The grounded planes were then attached to teams of horses or tractors and hauled across the border. A Canadian Customs Broker was used to accept and move the aircraft across the line. He in turn could turn them over to whomever he wanted. Then RCAF crews flew them to their destinations.

Should you get the chance, visit the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon. It is the only museum in the world dedicated solely to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The museum serves as a unique memorial to the men who trained and served and the ones who died for allied victory in World War II. This Remembrance day may we take the time to reflect the RCAF commitment and bravery of the men in the planes and on the ground.

Cornish Pasties

A Cornish pasty fresh from the oven is loved throughout Great Britain and has long been part of the country's culinary heritage.

Cornish Pasties

2 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
4 Tbsp. cold butter
4 Tbsp. cold lard
6-8 Tbsp. ice water
1 tsp. vinegar

Filling:

3/4 -1 lb. cubed or
diced lean beef steak (uncooked)
3/4 cup diced turnip
1/2 cup diced onion
1 cup peeled, diced potatoes
1 Tbsp. minced fresh thyme,

or 1 tsp. dried
1 tsp. garlic powder
salt and pepper to taste

Egg wash:

1 egg, beaten
1 Tbsp. water

For the pastry: In a bowl, add the flour and salt. Cut the fat into the flour until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix the water and vinegar. Drizzle this over the flour mixture while tossing everything together with a fork. Chill dough while you prepare the filling. For the filling: Stir all of the ingredients together in a large bowl (uncooked; they'll cook in the oven). Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment. Cut out 6-8 circles, approximately 7-8 inches in diameter. Place a generous portion of the meat and vegetable filling in the middle of each pastry circle, leaving a border around the edges.

Brush the edge of the circle with water, and bring two opposite sides up and over the filling to pinch together starting in the center and working outwards. Flute the seam as you would a piecrust, so it looks like the back of a dinosaur. Cut a design into one of the sides of the pasties to vent the steam. Place, fluted edges up, on the prepared baking sheet. Brush with egg wash.

Bake at 400°F for the first 15 minutes, then reduce the temperature to 350°F and bake for a further 25 to 30 minutes. It needs to be a dark golden brown. Remove from the oven and serve warm.

Micro moments
for connectionYOUR
LISTENING EAR
DELSIE MARTIN

Emotional distance is something that every person in a relationship will experience at some point. There are many reasons for emotional distance including being in a long-term relationship, having children, busy schedules, etc... As we go on in our relationships, our lives become busier with more commitments, which can get in the way of taking time to connect with your partner. Early on in relationships it's easier to find the time to connect because we are driven to do so in a way that we aren't as time passes. Even the most motivated of us can struggle to carve out some time for our partners, so we must focus on connecting in other, more time efficient ways. I like to call these 'micro moments for connection'. Micro moments of connection are these small but big impacting things that we can do throughout our days to make a connection with our partner.

Micro moments can begin as soon as the sun rises. Good morning hugs and kisses are a great way to set the day out on a positive note. Don't forget the, "I love you" as you part for the day. While at work, finding time for connecting can be especially tricky but there are some quick tips at this point of the day. First, send a text message during the day when you are thinking about them or if something ridiculous happened at work. Second, maybe a quick Facetime hello at lunch break, or even take it to the next step with a lunch date. Not everyone has the capacity to text or call during the day. For these folks, might I recommend a cute note strategically placed in

a lunch kit or in a wallet/purse? Or, if you have the opportunity, a delivery of a special coffee or treat to your partner's work. Sharing appreciations with your partner is another way to connect, telling them when they do something that you appreciate is not only great for self esteem but great for building emotional connection.

Coming home from work is a transitional period and is often a difficult time to connect, especially in households with children. Make sure that you acknowledge your partner when you see one another after the day. At this point you don't necessarily have to get into how your days were (unless you have the time). Cooking supper together can be another opportunity for connection or if you prefer cooking solo, having your partner keep you company while you cook can be a great point of connection. After supper is hopefully your relax time (I'm talking about after kids have gone to bed), this time provides you with many opportunities. Maybe you enjoy sitting on the couch and watching TV. How about switching it up and instead of sitting on opposite ends of the couch, you sit near one another or do this and hold hands. Maybe you sit together, have a coffee and exchange stories about your day or maybe you have a crib competition. Before sleep can be a peaceful (or fun!) time for a couple. Try to use these last moments of the day to connect with good night wishes, I love yous and hopes for a day of connection tomorrow.

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Former M.P. Robert Sopuck passes away

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Robert Sopuck, a man who represented our region as its Member of Parliament for nearly a decade, has passed away at the age of 73. Sopuck was elected in a 2010 by-election and represented the Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette district, and later the rechristened constituency of Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa. He served the region as M.P. for nine years until his retirement from politics back in 2019.

But for many people across western Manitoba, Bob was known for much more than politics, as he was passionate about the protection of conservation issues, with a focus on fisheries and wildlife.

“He dedicated his life to conservation, living his life outdoors and the public at large,” said step-daughter Marsha Street, in an interview with Ian Froese of CBC News.

As news of Robert Sopuck’s passing spread, many offered their condolences to the family, and reflected upon their experiences with Bob.

In a message shared on X, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper expressed sadness upon hearing about Bob’s passing.

“Laureen and I are saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Sopuck. Bob was a formidable colleague and Member of Parliament. He championed Ukraine’s sovereignty, chaired the Hunting and Angling Caucus, and worked tirelessly for the people of Western Manitoba. Bob is in our prayers this evening as we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.”



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Meanwhile, our current M.P. Dan Mazier extended condolences to Bob’s wife Caroline and his family. Mazier also shared his thoughts on Bob’s legacy, stating that “Bob dedicated his entire life to defending and promoting the rural way of life. He was an avid outdoorsman who was a true champion for hunters and anglers all across Canada. Bob never shied away from fighting for rural Canadians. He had a soft and caring heart for the people he represented, yet a fierce commitment to his work. I will forever be grateful for his personal support over the years and for his willingness to share his plethora of knowledge and sage advice. Canada has lost a great man.”

The condolences went well beyond the halls of Parliament Hill, however, as many in western Manitoba shared their stories of Bob on several social media platforms, with many focused on his passion for the outdoors and always personable approach to people.

The Banner & Press also remembers and offers its condolences to the Sopuck family at this time. Bob was a well respected and well liked man, and deservedly so.

A challenging year for NACTV

Local community TV station hosts its’ Annual General Meeting



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

A variety of staff, board members, volunteers and supporters of Neepawa Access Community Television (NACTV) attended the annual general meeting, held on Thursday, Oct. 24 at Kinsmen Kourts II in Neepawa.

By Eoin Devereux

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa Access Community Television (NACTV) held its’ annual general meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the dining area of Kinsmen Kourts II. Just over 30 people attended the event to hear about the year that was for one of Canada’s last independent access channels.

A year-end budget loss

One of the first topics examined was a look at the television station’s financial report. For this past year, NACTV’s total revenue came in at \$250,602. Expenses, however, totalled \$269,522, which meant NACTV had a loss for the year of \$18,920.

The reasons for the overall loss is due in part to a smaller amount of royalties received from the Canadian Broadcasters Rights Agency (CBRA). Each year, NACTV gets a royalty cheque from the CBRA for content the local station has created. This year’s amount was \$31,113, which is almost \$7,700 less than they had received last year.

NACTV does have a surplus in the bank of \$50,089, which it has used to cover the loss for the year. Going into 2025, their banked surplus now sits at \$31,169. As well, NACTV is required to keep a certain amount of funds in reserves to ensure it has the money to cover Bingo prize payouts.

General Managers response

As for the year-over-year loss, NACTV General Manager Ken Waddell clarified those numbers. He noted that they are still waiting on some outstanding payments that have yet to arrive, and therefore cannot be factored into the year-end figures.

“The \$18,000 loss does not include money that is coming in soon from the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI), as well as royalties. So that didn’t appear in the current financial statement,”

stated Waddell. “[Having said that] the financial are very, very tight. There are circumstances beyond our control that are reason for this, though you’d still like to be able to be in a place where those circumstances don’t have this type of effect year over year.”

LJI Report

Rrian Prior and Liway Cabrera offered an update on NACTV’s participation in the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI). The LJI is a national program to support civic journalism in underserved communities across Canada. The funding is available to add in the hiring of journalists or payment of freelance reporters. In 2024, NACTV received \$97,781 from LJI.

As for the long term outlook of the partnership, Prior confirmed that NACTV has received notice that the LJI program has been extended for another three years.

In relation to the programming that has been created through LJI, the funding assists with coverage of council meetings in the R.M. of Rosedale and North Cypress-Langford. NACTV is also exploring the potential of adding board meetings for the Beautiful Plains School Division.

A need for volunteers

Another item of note discussed at the AGM was an urgent need for more volunteers. Due to fewer people assisting the television station, more and more events must be covered by per hour employees. That significantly impacts the bottom line, as the combined salary and benefits for the five employees totalled \$174,900 in 2024.

NACTV Board president Bill Syrik said any amount of support from the community would be appreciated.

“We don’t have volunteers for hockey games. We don’t have the volunteers for Town Hall meetings. We don’t have the video submissions from people to take up the program-

ming. So staff, in turn, have to step up, and they’ve done an amazing job of it. But, as a result, things get just more costly in the process,” said Syrik, “It just seems to be the general consensus right now that volunteers are just not nearly as easily acquirable. And the only thing I can think of at that point is to stress that anything that you can do to help out. By all means, just pick a time and we’ll figure something out.”

Syrik added that people should not be intimidated by the technical aspect of helping out at a TV station. He noted the equipment has become much easier to operate.

“All it takes is just setting up your iPhone just to record. It doesn’t have to be fancy, we just have to have the content. And if it’s something that you’d like to see build into more with effects or with sound, with music, etc. These are things that we can teach, and it’s just a matter of bring us the content and share us your vision,” Syrik explained. “When they think volunteering, they’re thinking that they’re on camera and they don’t have to be on camera. They can be behind the camera, they can be in the studio, they can be in the administration office. They can be just about in any, any type of position.”

Election of Directors

The 2024-2025 NACTV board of directors will include NACTV president Bill Syrik, Christine Belisle, Danielle Bell, Cathy McGrath, Roselia Sadiamona, Jon Luigi Pido, John Drinkwater (Member at large) and Corinna Jasienczyk (Member at large).

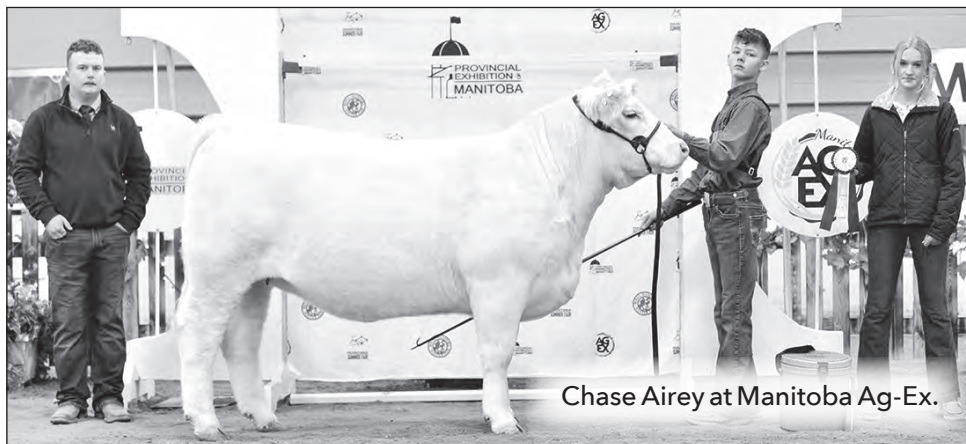


Manitoba Ag-Ex victories

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For the first time in years, it looked like Neepawa's Madisyn Robertson wouldn't be able to attend Ag Ex as she is attending university. Madisyn's mother Dalys reported, "I am not sure this MB Ag-Ex can be topped. Madisyn's schedule did not make attending possible and so we were stumbling through the week. Shortly after JMB Duplicate was declared All Breeds Jackpot Bull Champion we got a text from Madisyn that said "I think I have things arranged so I can come out with a friend" They arrived late Thursday night and we were able to surprise Gramps in the wash rack Friday morning. "It was the reset Madisyn needed, and after not seeing her for two months, we were happy to get hugs. She was blessed to receive a Manitoba Charolais Association scholarship. Then she finished off the week winning Senior Showmanship and assisting by ringing the Junior show. This mom's heart is full."

JMB Duplicate 402M, owned by JMB Charolais (Bert McDonald &



Judy Hart), Brookdale, was slapped Grand Champion in the All Breeds Bull Jackpot Show at Manitoba Ag-Ex. Judges were Randy James, Melissa McRae and Michael Hunter. Duplicate was also Bull Calf Champion in the Charolais Show, judged by Chad Hollinger. JMB Malibu 401M,

owned by JMB Charolais, Brookdale, was Champion Charolais Heifer in the Little Lady Classic at Manitoba Ag-Ex, and was also Champion Heifer Calf in the Charolais Show.

Chase Airey, HTA Charolais, Rivers, exhibited the Champion Yearling Female - Cay's Tanya 21L,

in the Manitoba Ag-Ex Junior Show on October 26, judged by Nolan Glover.

Madisyn Robertson, Neepawa, was selected Champion in Senior Showmanship by judge Amy Bonchuk at Manitoba Ag-Ex on October 26. Madisyn exhibited JMB Lilac 303L.

RCMP seize significant quantity of cash



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MANITOBA RCMP

RCMP seized a large sum of ill-gotten funds during a traffic stop on Oct. 24.

Press Release
MANITOBA RCMP

On Oct. 24, at 5:10 p.m., officers with the RCMP Roving Traffic unit conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle located on Highway 1, near Road 84W, in the R.M. of North Cypress-Langford.

The traffic stop led to the arrest of the driver, a 39-year-old male from Calgary, for the possession of Proceeds of Crime.

A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of a large sum of Canadian Currency.

The 39-year-old male was later released from police custody for a court appearance scheduled for Feb. 13, 2025, in Brandon, where he will face a charge of Possession of Proceeds of Crime over \$5,000.

RCMP continue to investigate.

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Neepawa Health Centre to have multiple access points

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•Moving and opening— A plan for moving from the current facility to the new one will soon begin development. Currently, PMH is planning to have the move completed within one to two days once the facility and staff are move-in ready. Operational readiness meetings are ongoing.

The opening of the new Neepawa Hospital will take place in phases. The first phase is focussed on having all services currently available at the existing hospital available at the new facility. The second phase would include any new services (ie: renal dialysis), as well as the expanded inpatient capacity.

According to the information presented: With the layout of the facility, this means that 30 inpatient private beds would be opened in phase one, with the remaining 30 opening in phase two. The current hospital has 35 inpatient beds.

During the moving process, the public will receive notice of what services have moved and staff will remain on-site at the existing facility to redirect people as needed. An overlap of services between the two locations may be available, depending on the move plan that is developed.

Regarding emergency services, special considerations are being taken when it comes to moving that department. While specifics were not shared at this time, the importance of keeping these services available at all times was noted.

•CT Scan— The question of the availability of

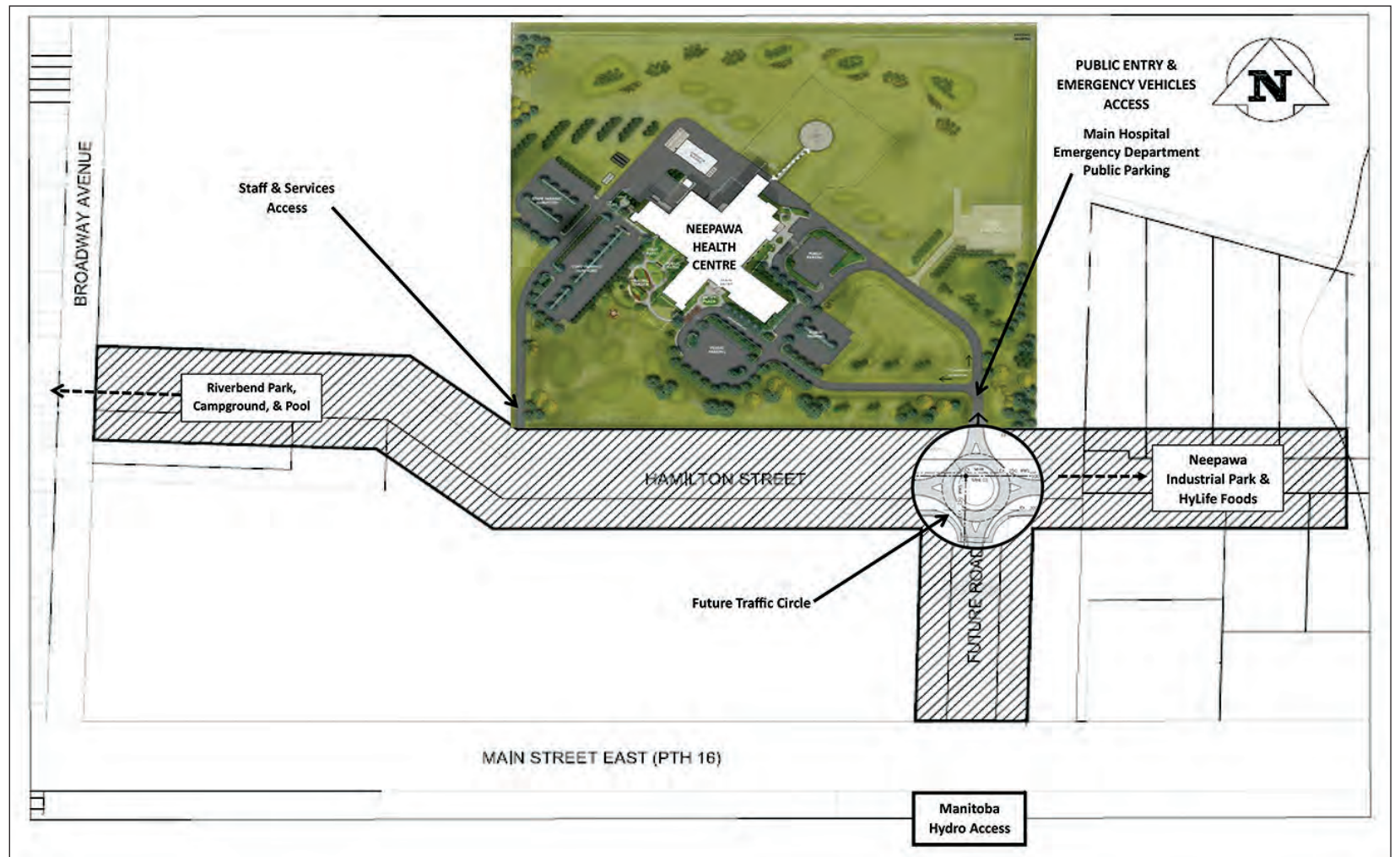


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Pictured above is a diagram provided to the Neepawa Banner & Press on Oct. 29 clarifying the position of the entrances to the new hospital, where they will connect to the road that is to be constructed in the future and how they are positioned in relation to the existing roads.

CT Scanning at the new facility— a hot topic since the project was first announced—was posed. While the verdict remains that the new hospital does not meet the criteria to include a CT Scan, Poole shared that it is constantly being re-evaluated. Additionally, a potential space has been identified in the event that this service is approved later on.

•Infection control— The facility is designed and is being constructed with infection control in mind. It was noted that some standards have changed since COVID-19. For example, this plays a role in how beds

are separated from each other. Instead of a curtain, there is now a dividing wall.

•Telehealth— At this facility, telehealth can be done in any of the rooms at this facility. This is because the telehealth units are planned to be mobile, not fixed.

•Helipad— With regards to the helicopter landing pad, Bowering noted that a location for this feature was selected with regards to the area's predominant wind directions and ensuring any fumes do not enter the hospital.

Additionally, its primary usage would likely lean more towards ferrying severe

cases out to other facilities (such as Brandon and Winnipeg) as needed, rather than bringing patients in.

•Power— The new hospital will be carbon-free, with the building being fully electric.

•Traffic— Concerns were raised regarding traffic, especially for emergency vehicles which will need to access the facility. The entrance and road accesses have since been clarified (pictured above).

The main access point will be constructed on the north side of Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) #16, directly across from the ac-

cess to the Manitoba Hydro property (located south of PTH #16). This road will connect the hospital directly to PTH #16.

Hamilton Street, which currently runs through the Industrial Park and west of Broadway Avenue, will be extended. New construction will be done on the southern periphery of the hospital property, allowing Hamilton Street to run the full east-west distance through the SW 34-14-15. The Town anticipates this new piece of road will provide 'a valuable internal connection to the Town of Neepawa' as well as 'provide a safe alterna-

tive for individuals to access the hospital as opposed to entering directly from the highway'.

Additionally, along the east-west road (Hamilton Street), a traffic circle (round-about) will be constructed and positioned centrally to the north-south road connection to PTH #16, the entrance of the new hospital and the newly constructed section of Hamilton Street, to aid in the facilitation of safe and effective flow of traffic.

Regarding improvements to PTH #16, the Town of Neepawa has also noted that they have been working with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to co-ordinate the internal connection onto PTH #16, with the provincial component of the highway alterations. These alterations will include the installation of turning lanes to facilitate safe access to the new hospital.

The hospital itself will also have two access roads (one staff, one public).

Full presentation access

For those wishing to review the full, in depth presentation, a program has been recorded and will be available on NACTV.



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Left: Another view of the hospital's recent construction progress. This shows the hospital at a different angle, in which some landscaping features can be seen (toward the bottom).

Right: This artist's rendering shows how the individual bedrooms may look at the new hospital once it is completed. There is a 'care staff' side and a 'family side' (with seating).

Taste of Philippines arrives in Neepawa

Tsibog Eatery and Catering set to open in November

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

When the doors officially open at Neepawa's first full scale Filipino restaurant, for some it will simply be a chance to once again experience a flavourful food option from home.

But for Melanie Fuentes, Sherry Santos and the rest of the ownership group of Tsibog Eatery and Catering it is much more than that. For them, it is the culmination of a Canadian dream.

On Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10:00 a.m. Tsibog will celebrate its' grand opening. The restaurant is located at 337 Mountain Avenue, next to S-Mart. The menu will feature a wide array of Filipino delicacies, such as Pancit, Mami and Goto soups and much more.

The inspiration for this new local business began with Melanie Fuentes, who told the Banner & Press she always wanted to bring her passion for food from back home to her new home.

"Way back in Philippines, this is my business before we decide to try a new life here in a Neepawa. But, because of my passion for cooking I'm still hoping that someday I can have my small business here in Canada. And now I do," exclaimed Fuentes.

Passion can only take you so far, however, as the hurdles of starting a business in Canada can very quickly get in the way. Fuentes noted that the as-

sistance of many people, including the support of Brien Walsh, helped her and her business partner Sherry Santos to navigate through the process.

"We never thought that starting a business here in Canada is that so hard. And so thankful for the support of my husband, because he knows how I love cooking. And the word of my friend Brien telling 'We can do it' will make it happen! That give me strength to pursue my dream 'Karinderya' or Eatery," Fuentes noted. "My partner also Sherry Santos, [and] her parent have an eatery business also at the Philippines. I'm so thankful that Sherry believes me, I remember when I asked her to be partner with me, she never hesitate and say yes without thinking. She likes to cook too and excited to share her foods with our fellow Filipino. We both decide to put this business together, cause we know how our Filipino people missed our Filipino foods. Owen De Castro also is one of our partner that loves cooking too!"

A special note for everyone about the menu, as Sherry Santos added that the "Batchoy" or "Mami" that she'll be making is from her father's recipes. It was part of her family business since they were kids, which was their only source of income. Those recipes help them go into college and finish their studies. So, those recipes



The ownership group for Tsibog's Eatery and Catering Melanie Fuentes, Sherry Santos, Brien Walsh and Owen De Castro.

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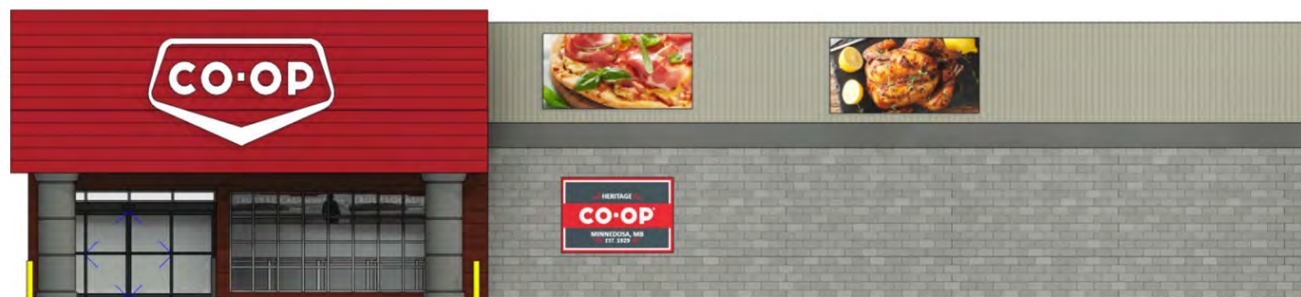
Picture on left: The exterior of Tsibog Eatery and Catering, as it appeared earlier this month. Renovations are currently on the go to be ready for the opening on Saturday, Nov. 2.

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will be cooked with a little something special.

Tsibog Eatery and Catering officially opens on Saturday, Nov. 2. Everyone

is welcome to walk in and try out a little taste of the Philippines.



Fresh, Modern Renovation Coming to Minnedosa Food Store

For Immediate Release

After years of planning, Heritage Co-op is excited to announce a major renovation at the Minnedosa Food Store. This renovation project, set to begin the first week of November, will bring a host of new features and improvements to the store which was built in 2000. Updates aim to modernize and enhance the shopping experience for our valued Members and customers.

Renovation Highlights:

- Expanded area for Deli and Bakery, with increased variety including a curry bar, hot lunch offering, and soft serve and ice cream cakes.
- Produce section will expand with a larger, more diverse selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Updated display cases in the Deli and Bakery, Produce, and Meat Departments.
- Refreshed or expanded production areas for the Deli and Bakery and Meat Departments.
- Removal of the office area on the main sales floor to add square footage.
- Enhanced customer service area at the tills and additional self-checkouts stations for faster service.
- Fresh look both inside and out.

"We are thrilled to embark on this renovation project," said Business to Customer Operations Manager Reg Clake and Food Division Manager Lori Pollon, "Our goal is to create a shopping environment that not only meets but exceeds the expectations of our customers. We believe these improvements will make a significant difference in the overall shopping experience."

We are committed to minimizing any inconvenience to our customers during this process. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to bring you a better shopping experience.



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Newcomers Coat Room's October give-away a success

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Newcomers Coat Room (NNCR) had a successful October give-away. NNCR president Leisel Milligan shared the details from the give-away weekend, held Oct. 4 to Oct. 5 and Oct. 11 to Oct. 12, noting that it resulted in 228 coats given away. This effort was supported by 40 community volunteers who put in a total of 192 volunteer hours.

"And many, many warm welcomes and smiles as newcomers were welcomed into our community," Milligan enthused.

New to the 2024 NNCR season, the community organization will be remaining open while it still has coat inventory available for children ages 14 and under.

"While our adult coat inventory is too low to remain open at this time, we are excited to continue to provide warm winter coats for newcomer children as they arrive this winter," said Leisel. "Please keep us in mind as newcomers cross your path or organization."

Newcomers needing a winter coat for their child in the 14 and under age range are asked to make an appointment with the NNCR service either via the form on their social media, or by reaching out to the organization via email at neepawancr@gmail.com.



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Pictured here are some scenes from the Neepawa Newcomers Coat Room's October give-away period. Individuals and families who are newcomers to Neepawa were welcomed and assisted by the NNCR staff to get matched with their new coats.



A special Halloween social



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Stacy Wilcox and Dion Harder held a special kind of wedding social in Carberry recently.

By Dawson Brooks
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A mysterious Halloween social was held in Carberry on October 26. It was an absolute monster mash, hosted by Stacy Wilcox and Dion Harder who will be getting married on August 23, 2025.

Carberry is known as very lovely community and the people are very friendly and supportive. Everybody in attendance went all out with the costumes. There were clowns, the Joker and some silly stuff, like a tape measure. It was just so funny, the type of thing that just blows you away with how dedicated everybody was

with the costumes, a truly jaw-dropping effort.

Stacey and Dion said, "Our favourite part of the social was the decorating." And decorating they did! A skeleton butler held candy, cobwebs on the walls and on the gravestones—cobwebs everywhere. It was definitely a chilling night

with Jack-o-lanterns on the front door, witches and ghouls everywhere. It's safe to say that it was a smashing hit. Everyone stayed until the very end with smiles on their faces and nothing but positive comments.

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Shane Hnidy inducted into Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

During his tenure both on and off the ice, Neepawa's Shane Hnidy has always been known as the ultimate 'team player'. Whether it was on the ice at the Yellowhead Centre, the T.D. Garden in Boston or in the broadcast booth in Las Vegas, Shane's 'team first' mindset set the tone for everyone in the room.

But even a team player deserves their individual honours from time to time, and Shane has finally received his, as a newest member of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame.

On Oct. 5, at Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg, Hnidy, along with four other players, three builders, and official and one member of the media, were all inducted into the

Hall for 2024.

Shane, who currently works for the Vegas GoldenKnights as a Television Analyst, was able to attend the festivities with his family.

Hnidy was raised at Neepawa and his parents, Ed and Diana are long-time Neepawa residents. His path to the Hall of Fame began right here, rising up through the ranks of the Neepawa minor hockey program.

Hnidy would have a brief stop with Neepawa Natives of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League before joining the Swift Current Broncos of the



The Hnidy family at Shane's induction ceremony in Winnipeg. Pictured left to right, Shawn (Shane's brother), Dad and Mom, Ed and Diana and Shane. Image on right: Hnidy's HOF plaque.

Western Hockey League as a 15-year-old. The Broncos would switch the rugged Hnidy to defense where he quickly established himself as one of the league's most reliable

defenders.

Traded to the Prince Albert Raiders in 1992, his exceptional play continued and he was selected by the Buffalo Sabres in the 7th round (173rd overall) of

Ottawa, Anaheim, Atlanta, Nashville and Boston, winning a Stanley Cup in 2011 as a member of the Bruins. He would have his day with the Stanley Cup on Aug. 18, 2011,

the 1994 NHL Entry Draft. After turning professional in 1996, he honed his skills in the minors for four years with St. John's, Baton Rouge, Grand Rapids and Cincinnati, before a trade to the NHL Ottawa Senators launched his NHL career.

Hnidy would play 550 games in the NHL along with 40 more playoff matches with

before officially retiring on August 31, 2011.

Hnidy would return to hockey in a broadcasting role, first with the Winnipeg Jets and then with the Vegas Golden Knights.



NACI Tigers start hockey season with pair of home games

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The hockey season has begun for the Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute (NACI) Tigers, with a pair of regular season games last week at the Yellowhead Centre.

One of those games was NACI's home opener against the Vincent Massey Vikings on Wednesday, Oct. 23. This was a rematch of last year's league final between the two clubs, which, unfortunately for the hometown Tigers, had the same results as last year, a Vincent Massey win.

Forward Josh Romanik scored three times and added one assist, to lead the

Vikings to a 6-2 victory. As for Neepawa, Cohen Kulbacki and Zac Plett were the goal scorers. Austin Michaluk made 47 saves in goal for NACI on the night.

As for the tempo of the game itself, Neepawa jumped out to a strong start, putting up a half dozen shots-on-goal, before Vincent Massey could register even one. Once the Vikings started rolling, however, they never stopped, as they'd register 14 straight shots on goal, including a goal in the opening frame.

The second period was more of the same, with Vincent Massey peppering 22 shots and scoring two more times. Neepawa could only

reply with one of its own. For the last 20 minutes of play, the Vikings notched three more goals, to NACI's one, and closed out the evening with the 6-2 win.

A strong start by the Neepawa Tigers was not enough to power them to a home win on Sunday, Oct. 27, as they were bested by the Dauphin Clippers 7-5. The Tigers opened things up with three goals in the first 13 minutes of the opening period. Hockin Kellen, Ian Foster and Cohen Kulbacki all scored, with Kellen's coming via a power-play. The Clippers replied, however, just before intermission as Ronin Mouck scored twice.

In the second period,

Dauphin took over the game with four more unanswered goals. The Tigers would battled back in the last 20 minutes of play with Wyatt Njegovan and Cohen Kulbacki each adding goals. Dauphin ensured the win, with one last goal with just 89 seconds left in regulation.

Ronin Mouck lead the way for the Clippers with three goals in total on the night, while Foster (1 goal - 3 assists) and Kulbacki (2G - 1A) would be the big contributors for Neepawa on this night.

The next home game for the Tigers is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Yellowhead Centre.



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Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Norman Blizzard	15	10	4	0	1	21
Dauphin Kings	14	10	4	0	0	20
Neepawa Titans	16	8	7	0	1	17
Virden Oil Captials	15	6	9	0	0	12
Wayway Woverines	12	5	7	0	0	10
Swan Valley Stampeders	14	1	11	2	0	4

Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Selkirk Steelers	16	12	3	0	1	25
Steinbach Pistons	13	10	2	1	0	21
Winkler Flyers	13	9	4	0	0	18
Portage Terriers	14	9	5	0	0	18
Niverville Nighthawks	15	8	7	0	0	16
Winnipeg Blues	13	2	9	1	1	6
Winnipeg Freeze	12	1	8	1	2	5

Game results

Friday, Oct. 25
Steinbach 6-0 Neepawa

First Period
 00:50 STN B. Kaiser (3)
 ASST: M. Laplante (1), L. Bogart (1)
 03:13 STN C. Paronuzzi (7) PP
 ASST: B. Berg (3), L. Bogart (2)
 03:59 STN R. McDonald (2)
 ASST: B. Barnett (4), S. Krestanowich (3)
 14:35 STN C. White (1)
 ASST: R. Gault (5), B. Farthing (1)
 17:16 STN R. McDonald (3)
 ASST: R. Gault (6), S. Noad (5)

Second Period
 02:14 STN J. Kostiuik (4)
 ASST: B. Berg (4), B. Green (4)

Third Period
 No scoring

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	0	0	0	0	0/4
STN	5	1	0	2	1/7

Goaltender
 NPA KC Couckuyt - (L) 48/54 saves
 STN Z. Burleigh - (W) 24/24 saves
 Attendance: 506 - HyLife Centre

Game results

Tuesday, Oct. 29
Neepawa 2-1 SO Selkirk

First Period
 19:55 NPA C. Hegarty (9) SH
 ASST: G. MacDonald (2)

Second Period
 No scoring

Third Period
 16:05 SEL R. Guevarra (10)
 ASST: O. Warnick (14)

Overtime
 No scoring

Shootout
 Selkirk: W. Witham - Goal; R. Guevarra - No goal; O. Warnick - No goal.
 Neepawa: C. Alexander - No goal; L. Paquette - Goal; T. Tychonick - Goal.

Scoring	1	2	3	OT	SO	Total	PP
SEL	0	0	1	0	0	1	1/4
NPA	1	0	0	0	1	2	0/3

Goaltender
 SEL N. Olsonawski - (SOL) 33/34 saves
 NPA KC. Couckuyt - (W) 21/22 saves
 Attendance: 303 - Yellowhead Centre

Game results

Saturday, Oct. 26
Niverville 4-1 Neepawa

First Period
 06:36 NIV M. Speranza (3)
 ASST: L. Warner (2), A. Dubinsky (1)
 09:51 NIV H. Wheddon (1)
 ASST: M. Boles (6), A. Laliberte (8)
 15:10 NIV A. Vigfusson (8) PP
 ASST: M. Boles (7), P. Carrier (5)

Second Period
 13:19 NIV A. Corbett (4) SH
 ASST: J. Konecni (3)

Third Period
 01:03 NPA C. Alexander (6)
 ASST: L. Paquette (9)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	0	0	1	1	0/4
NIV	3	1	0	4	1/2

Goaltender
 NPA M. Lobreau - (L) 34/38 saves
 NIV A. Dubinsky - (W) 27/28 saves
 Attendance: 370 - Niverville Rec Centre

MJHL Player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Owen Warnick (SEL)	9	14	23
2. Cam Bullinger (POR)	7	15	22
3. Luke McCarthy (SEL)	7	14	21
4. Rohan Guevarra (SEL)	10	10	20
5. Wyatt Witham (SEL)	10	8	18

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Colton Alexander	6	10	16
2. Caden Hegarty	9	3	12
3. Caden Hegarty	8	4	12
4. Logan Paquette	2	9	11
5. Cooper Kasprick	2	6	8

Titans topple Steelers in shootout

By Eoin Devereux
 NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titans bounced back from a pair of losses on the road, with an impressive 2-1 win in a shootout against the Selkirk Steelers. This victory is Neepawa's eighth of the season and second against Selkirk, who remain the MJHL's top team, with a 12-3-0-1 record.

As for the game itself, which was played on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Yellowhead Centre, Caden Hegarty opened up the scoring with a short handed goal. Hegarty made the most of his chance with a fast break out the Titan's zone from a pass from Garrett MacDonald. Hegarty would score the goal with only 5.6 seconds remaining in the first period.

The second and majority of the third would remain 1-0 for Neepawa. It would be a late opportunity from Selkirk's Rohan Guevarra that would tie the game and send it into overtime. After the five minutes of extra time solved nothing, we went to the shoot-out format.

It wouldn't take long for things to be settled from there, as Logan Paquette and Tim Tychonick both



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Tim Tychonick (#17) advances up the ice during the second period, during Neepawa's game against the Selkirk Steelers on Tuesday, Oct. 29. Late in the evening, Tychonick would score the game winning goal during a shootout, giving the Titans the 2-1 win.

scored on their chances, while goaltender K.C. Couckuyt stopped two of the three shooters he faced to secure the Neepawa win.

After a pair of weekend losses in Steinbach and Niverville, this result at home puts Neepawa back into a winning record on the year, improving to 8-7-0-1.

Next up for the Titans will a trip north to Swan River to face the Swan Valley Stampeders (1-11-

2-0). The last time these two teams played one another, both their games went into overtime, with Neepawa able to come away with the wins.

The next home action at the Yellowhead Centre will be on Monday Nov. 11, as the Titans will host a Remembrance Day matinee against the Niverville Nighthawks. Start time is set for 4:00 p.m.

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Slasher Showdown is back in Neepawa

NACI Tigers hosting annual hockey tournament

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A Halloween hockey tradition is back in Neepawa, with the Slasher Showdown set for this weekend. This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of the tournament, which is held annually at the Yellowhead Centre.

The NACI Tigers open up the two day event on Friday, Nov. 1 at 9:00 am, with a game against the Crocus Plains Plainsmen. The other teams participating in the tournament include the Vincent Massey Vikings,

Jeanne-Sauve Olympiens, W.C. Miller Aces, and College Beliveau Barracudas.

The coaching staff for the NACI this season consists of Mike Adams, Troy Brister and Chris Kulbacki returning behind the bench. There are also two new additions, with Jalin Adams and Cole Krutkewich joining the staff. As for the Tigers' roster, there are eight returning players and another eight that are brand new to the program.

Everyone is invited down to the Yellowhead Centre to cheer on the local high school team.

Give thanks by giving back

By Jean Borchardt
SUBMITTED



A beautiful Thanksgiving display was set up at the front of Christ Lutheran Church and the Banner says it all "Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good."

An ingathering of non-perishable food items were gathered by the members for the Neepawa Food Bank as well as for the breakfast program at the McCreary School.

Items such as cereals, Cheez whiz, jams/jellies, fruit or yogurt. God has blessed all of us and it's important to remember that blessing and share it at this time of year. Thank you!

NACI Tigers football season ends in Virden

By Dale Davidson
SUBMITTED

The Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) is an eight-team league of high school football teams located in western Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan.

The four teams with the top regular season record compete for the Doug Steeves Trophy while the next four teams play off for the Murray Black Cup. The 2024 (RMFL) regular season has ended, and playoffs are underway.

In the championship round Moosomin Generals beat Dauphin Clippers 26-20 in overtime and Swan Valley Tigers defeated the Southwest Sabres 55-21 to advance to the final.

In the consolation round the Park West Outlaws topped the Neelin Spartans 28-0 and the Virden



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In this game on Oct. 7 in Virden, the Golden Bears faced the Neepawa Tiger in a semi-final showdown for the Murray Balck Cup. (pictured) Virden running back Fola Fashola (14) cuts around Tigers defender Austin Lewis (64) on the way to a Golden Bears touchdown.

Golden Bears faced the Neepawa Tigers in Virden.

Sunday was a cool sunny fall day, and the Tigers brought along a large contingent of loyal fans to cheer on their team.

Although both teams gave it their best, the Neepawa offence was not able to get rolling and the Bears walked away with a convincing 77-0 win.

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Obituary



Patrick Angers

Pat Angers passed away peacefully, with family by his side, on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at the age of 85.

Patrick George Angers was born in Miami, MB on May 31, 1939 to Raymond and Isobel (McKertie) Angers. He spent all of his school years in Miami, playing hockey in the winter and baseball in the summer. He spent one year at the University of North Dakota on a hockey scholarship and then graduated from Manitoba Teachers College in 1959. That same year, he was privileged to be a member of the Winnipeg Braves who won the Canadian Junior Hockey Championship Memorial Cup and were later inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. He taught in East Kildonan for three years.

Pat met Marie Mueller when he played baseball with her brothers. They started dating in Teacher's College and, in 1962, they were married in the Anglican Church in Manitou. In 1963, they moved to Pine Falls where Pat taught Grade 5 and Physical Education. Oldest daughter, Michelle, was born in 1965, daughter Kelly in 1966 and son Michael in 1969. In 1970, they moved to Neepawa where Pat taught physical education at NACI for four years. During this time, Pat enjoyed playing baseball with the Cubs and hockey with the Natives. A highlight during this time was getting the opportunity to go to Nicaragua with the Canadian Baseball team in 1972. In 1975, the family moved to Carman where Pat taught science and was vice principal at Carman Collegiate. In 1980, a move was made back to Neepawa where Pat was appointed principal at Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute. He coached football, basketball, baseball and hockey.

Pat retired from teaching in 1994. For a few years, he worked in the Co-op Home Centre. He was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007

Pat was very involved at St. James Anglican Church as a lay reader and Vestry member. He spent most of his spare time hunting, fishing, playing pool at the Drop In Centre, playing cards and golfing (two holes in one in his 80's!)

Pat and Marie sold their house and Moved to Elks Manor in Neepawa in 2018. They enjoyed their time there and met many new friends.

Pat will be dearly missed by his children: Michelle Chyzyk (Dave), Kelly Sneesby (Al) and Mike Angers (Shauna); grandchildren: Ryan (Kayla), Bryn (Sarah), Tyson, Brady (Taylor), Matt, Jesse, Logan (Michael) and Drew (Shay); great grandchildren: Remi, Shay and Mila; brothers in law Lewis (Ella), Lloyd, and sister in law Bette and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Pat was predeceased by his loving wife, Marie, infant daughter, Darcy, parents Raymond and Isobel Angers, brother Gary, sister Linda, father-in-law Otto Mueller, mother-in-law Florence Mueller, sister-in-law Lorna Rolling and brother-in-law Walter Mueller.

The family would like to thank Dr. Poettcker and the staff of the Neepawa Health Centre for Pat's care in the last few weeks and to all of the friends that visited Pat while he was in hospital.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 11:00 at the Neepawa United Anglican Church with Reverend Chad McCharles officiating.

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Obituary

Nic Fedorowich

Nic Fedorowich passed away October 26, 2024 after a long illness.

Nic was born at home in Florence district in 1933. When he was twelve the family moved to Glenholm, where he would live for the next fifty years. He and Helen (Friesen) married in 1954, and in time welcomed sons Craig, James and Sean. Nic played defence for the Glenholm Raiders hockey team, and was active in the National Farmers' Union. He was a lifelong voracious reader, a dedicated amateur golfer and was frequently called upon to deliver a toast or eulogy.

Nic farmed in partnership with brother Bill until 1979. He sold farm equipment for a time before returning to farming, then retired for good in 1988. He and Helen bought and renovated the Card house in Neepawa in 1995, living there until Helen died in 2018. Nic moved to Hamiota to be closer to family; he was residing at Birch Lodge at the time of his passing.

Nic was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Helen; parents Gregory and Barbara; and siblings Steve, Tossy (Husak), Anna (Hollinger), John, Eva (Manning) and Bill.

He is survived by sister Vera Jones; sons Craig (Barb), James (Wendy) and Sean (Maria) and grandchildren Kardy, Nic and Sarah; sisters-in-law Margaret Fedorowich, Ann Friesen and Eileen Friesen; brother-in-law Abram Friesen; and many beloved nieces, nephews and extended family.

Memorial service Friday, November 8th at 2:00pm at ArtsForward in Neepawa, following interment at Riverside Cemetery.

Terrance Versyl McMillan

Terry was born in Portage la Prairie June 2, 1947 the son of Jack and Isobel McMillan. He was raised in the Pine Creek district and attended Norfolk School until Grade 8 then went to Austin for high school. He started working for local farmers as a teen until finishing school then moved to Winnipeg to work for Firestone Tire. He married Hazel Butterfield in MacGregor United Church on July 30, 1966. They started their married life in Neepawa, MB and moved to Carberry in 1967. In 1972, they moved to their rural residence just outside Carberry. Terry worked for Carnation Foods for 35 years as an industrial mechanic. When he retired, he enjoyed raising pure bred Gelbvieh cattle. Terry enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He played fastball and slow-pitch for many years for the Sidney Steelers.

Terry passed away at Carberry Personal Care Home on October 14, 2024. He is predeceased by his parents, his sister Shirley, brothers Bill, Barry and Wally, and his much-loved granddaughter Samantha. He is survived by his wife Hazel, children Colleen (Bruce), Penny (Ian) and Brent (Michelle), grandchildren Lexxie, Joshua, Olivia and Camryn and siblings Mary (Gord), Gerald (Becky), Ed (Susan), Nettie (Pete) and sisters-in-law Marge and Kathleen as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Carberry United Church on October 21, 2024 at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carberry Personal Care Home Courtyard Fund, Box 2000 Carberry, MB R0K 0H0.

The family would like to express deep appreciation for the care and compassion Terry received while a resident of the Carberry Personal Care Home. We also wish to thank Brian James of White's Funeral Home for his guidance and patience with our crew

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Letter to the editor: Walking to raise funds

I'm sure a lot of your readers maybe have pets at home, maybe you yourself do and I'm sure everyone has their own reason for having them, but there is one reason I'm sure we could agree on. It's that in one way or another, having them around is beneficial to our mental state of mind. One question I ask myself quite often is: what will I do with it if I have to suddenly go away for a short time? Where do I take it? Who do I leave it with? I'm sure a lot of you have asked yourselves that same question. I asked that same question a year or so ago by putting out a questionnaire in a few stores asking if the residents saw the need for a boarding facility in Neepawa and asking them to sign it if they felt there was a need. It generated a bit of interest and collected about 500 signatures locally, but I ask myself if enough people see it to truly determine whether the need was there or not, so I'm writing this to you to see if you consider asking that same question for me. The thing that got me first thinking about the idea was the fact that Neepawa is getting a new hospital. That hospital is going to be providing medical services to a much larger area than what our one in town does now, which made me ask myself what those people coming here from out of town do with their pets in the event they suddenly have to come here for medical reasons. The last thing anyone needs when they're trying to heal physically is to be worrying about something mentally, so knowing there was a place they could leave their pet knowing it was being cared for could in a way help with the healing process. I spoke with town council about the idea once and their one concern with the idea was the insurance costs of operating such a facility so where

would the funding come from. I could see their point because I know operating a facility like that you'd need staff as well so where do you find the funds. Well I've given that a lot of thought lately and I may have come up with a solution.

I'd love to see the facility operate as a non-profit charity that people could donate to and receive a tax receipt that they could then use when they file their taxes and as a way to get people to donate I'd like any of the additional funds if they could be raised over and above the costs of operating the kennel to put towards improving recreational facilities around town because being active helps with staying healthy. Here's my idea for a way I'd like to try to raise funding. Have you ever heard of something called a walk-a-thon? Then, well sir, I'm considering a walk-a-thon. I personally put in close, to if not more than, 20 kms a day on my feet just walking my dog so I'd gladly put in that many walking someone else's and if I'm not busy doing that than by maintaining the trail system and maintaining the facility.

Consider this for a second. Neepawa has a population of close to 6,000 people if even half of them saw the need and pledged me say five cents a km for every km I put in (or a dollar a day – small cup of coffee) and I put in a five day work week I alone could raise close to \$700,000 a year (you do the math 3,000 x a dollar a day x 20 days a month x 12) so I find myself asking how many of your readers would consider sponsoring me not just because they may have pets and may need to use the facility some day, but just because they think its a wonderful idea.

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The data, citizen accounts highlight need for another MRI

Portage La Prairie town hall calls for MRI in new hospital

By Anne Davison
RIVERS BANNER

If an MRI unit becomes a reality in Portage La Prairie, as people from the area are asking, it could be beneficial for everyone in southwestern Manitoba and possibly for Winnipeggers as well. One more MRI unit could help reduce wait times for a Brandon test, which is where most patients from Westman are referred to for Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

According to statistics from the Government of Manitoba, the province has 14 MRI units. Two of these are in Prairie Mountain Health region (Brandon and Dauphin). Southern Health Authority has one MRI unit for their populous area, and that is in Winkler.

A town hall event, hosted by Portage la Prairie MLA Jeff Bereza, was attended by over 200 people last Tuesday, Oct. 22, as part of

an ongoing push to include an MRI unit in the new Portage District General Hospital.

Bereza said the meeting “showed that Portagers and Manitobans will continue raising their collective voice for the tens of thousands of people waiting for MRIs in our province.”

In 2023-24 MRI diagnostics were used 97,712 times in Manitoba. Brandon Regional Health Centre averaged 868 tests per month. According to data for August 2024, there were 982 on the Brandon waiting list (excluding emergency scans).

An MRI scan can provide different information about structures in the body than can be seen with an X-ray, ultrasound, or computed tomography (CT) scan.

In answer to the Manitoba’s wait times of about seven weeks at Brandon, 19 weeks at Winkler, and over 50 weeks for a scan at Health Sciences, some

Manitoba patients head south.

According to a CBC story by Arturo Chang posted Sept. 13, “The Unity Medical Center in Grafton, N.D. — just over a two-hour drive from Winnipeg — says it receives between 15 and 20 Canadian patients every month.

‘They’re just coming down because they can’t get into Canadian doctors on a timely manner when they’re in so much pain,’ said radiology services supervisor Jess Tanke. ‘We can usually get them in within two weeks for an MRI, at the latest.’”

Portage citizens speak

The Portage town hall included a broad-based panel including local educator James Kostuchuk as emcee; Southern Health-Santé Sud Implementation Lead Kyle MacNair; Long Plain First Nation Councillor and Elder Liz Merrick, who is on the governing



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board for Southern Health; and Portage resident Judith Jeffries, who shared her and her husband’s experience having to travel out of province, and pay out of pocket, to receive MRI scans.

Attendees were also invited to ask questions, express their concerns, and share their stories.

“So many Portagers stood up to speak to the issue and courageously share their own stories,” said Bereza. “We heard from a young woman with

a family history of breast cancer whose life was saved thanks to an MRI, but now worries for her daughter. We heard from a young Indigenous man who is currently in incredible pain and was told by Shared Health just yesterday that he’s going to have to wait 44 weeks for an MRI.”

He said, “The main focus last night was to hear from the community and show to the government that this is a people issue, not a political one.”

Wab Kinew and health

minister Uzoma Asagwara were both in Portage la Prairie on Tuesday, but did not attend the town hall. Bereza said he repeatedly reached out to Asagwara—in the Legislative chamber and via letters and emails to the department—to attend the event, originally offering the minister to choose a preferred date.

Southern Health board chair Adam Monteith concluded the town hall with an encouraging statement.

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Agassiz MLA Fall Report

As Manitobans have returned to work and routine following their summer holidays, I too have rejoined my MLA colleagues for the fall legislative session. It will be an important several weeks at the legislature for our opposition members of the house, holding the NDP government to answer to Westman residents and all Manitobans for its dishonesty and dysfunction that concern everyone in our province.

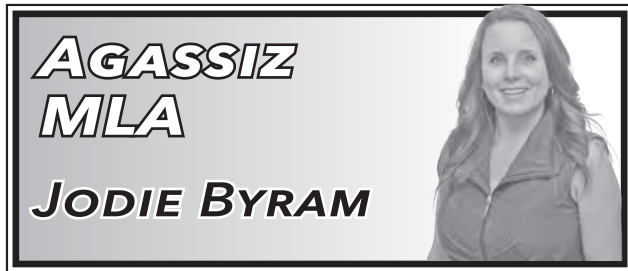
The dysfunction within the government has become apparent in allegations of toxicity and demeaning behaviour displayed by Wab Kinew toward his cabinet, caucus, staff and even public servants. Our Progressive Conservative caucus wants the provincial ethics commissioner to investigate, even though the government members voted down our request for such a probe.

My foremost concern this fall is an effort by the premier and his government to push through pieces of controversial

and harmful legislation while hiding them from public scrutiny. The NDP is including these contentious bills within omnibus budget implementation legislation, allowing them to bypass the legislative committee process and be passed into law without any input from concerned Manitobans.

One of these bills would damage business-labour relations by putting an end to secret-ballot voting for union certification, allowing union representatives to pressure and intimidate employees. It would also make it difficult for employers to use replacement staff during work stoppages. Other bills the government is hiding this way would be equally unpopular in driving up costs for families.

One such bill would remove transparency and accountability for Manitoba Hydro, leading to increased hydro rates. Another would transfer taxpayers' dollars to the NDP to help the party pad its coffers and finance its election cam-



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MLA
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paigns.

By wrapping the bills within the wider budget legislation, Kinew's NDP intends to quietly force through these changes that it knows the vast majority of Manitobans don't want.

The alarming rise in crime in our province is another pressing topic at the legislature. I am pushing the premier and NDP to present a plan to assist beleaguered retailers and homeowners who are struggling with the surge in break-ins and thefts. Police, too, need immediate help from this government in the form of funding for additional officers in Westman's urban and rural areas, and advocacy for reforms to bail provisions that keep too many criminals running free after they're

charged.

These NDP failures and others in education, health care and affordability are a result of a government that is not as advertised. Despite the promises over a year ago, waits for care remain as long as ever, hallway education has increased after the government's cancellation of at least nine new schools, and the costs of groceries and living in general have only risen. The Kinew government has delivered no action and no plan.

This fall, I am working hard with my opposition colleagues at the legislature, and we are pushing the Kinew government to answer for its failures and to start delivering real progress for people in Westman and across the province.

NACI Tab Collection

By Trent Tomoniko and Jomeru Untalan
NACI HOPE GROUP

The Neepawa Area Collegiate HOPE group will be collecting tabs once again for a good cause this year!

Last year, we were able to collect tabs to help a little girl in need. We're inviting community members to participate in this initiative to join us in collecting aluminum can tabs! You are

able to drop your tabs off at the main office at NACI. HOPE will be collecting until the end of the school year. All tabs collected will go towards a child in need in the Westman area to support their medical needs. What are you waiting for? Help out a BIG cause with something so LITTLE!

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Curling for our Community. Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op raises funds for local Food Banks during holiday season

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Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op is excited to launch a new fundraising event in Neepawa: Co-op FUNDspiel. This event will bring together curlers and community members for an exciting day of curling in support of Neepawa Salvation Army Food Bank.

Amanda Naughton-Gale, Community Ministries Director at Salvation Army Neepawa says, 'We are in the process of relocating our Community Services into one space which will provide a much more accessible space for our food bank, but also will allow us to construct a community kitchen and have more space to provide programming that can assist our clients. We also will be starting a satellite food bank in McCreary, to better serve this community. This project will

allow us to go beyond the transaction of giving food, to having a space that will bring people together and build community. This will be a space to support, build and transform lives.'

The day welcomes experienced and beginner curlers alike and will include three games, prizes for the top team and supper to follow. A canteen will be available during the day. Neepawa Curling Club will also host glow curling in the evening.

Keith Babcock, Produce Manager at Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op and avid curler says, 'We would like to thank the Neepawa Curling Club for donating the space so we can run this event. Curling has been growing over the years in the community and has been a great way to get people together.'

Businesses and individuals are invited to register a four-person team for \$200. 100 per cent of the registrations will go to Salvation Army Neepawa thanks to Neepawa Curling Club donating the space and Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op donating the dinner. To register a team, contact Ally Potrebka at Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op Administration Office by calling 204-476-2328 or email marketing@neepawagladstonecoop.com

Spectators are welcome to watch during the day and cheer on their favourite team. Good Buy To Hunger bags will also be available for purchase onsite for \$10. Each bag includes non-perishable food items which will go to the Salvation Army Food Banks to help support them during their busy holiday season.

Salvation Army Neepawa has been a recipient of Neepawa-Gladstone

Co-op's community support initiatives in the past. In January 2024 they received a 95-second shopping spree where Amanda Naughton-Gale collected just under \$333 in groceries

for the Food Bank. In 2023 they were also supported with a cash donation for the Halloween Food Drive in conjunction with N.A.C.I HOPE. Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op also supports

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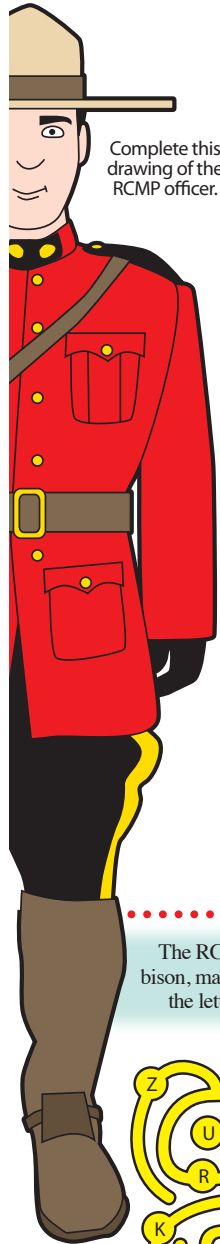
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Complete this drawing of the RCMP officer.

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“**W** _____ .”



Photo: flickr/POLICE/EVER

Famous Red Uniform

The RCMP wear red jackets and dark riding breeches, tall brown riding boots and a wide-brimmed hat for special occasions. Normally they wear a blue police uniform as seen in this photo.

Hold this page up to a mirror to find out the nickname of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers.

ZETIUOM

The RCMP have a special badge that includes Canadian images. These include the head of a bison, maple leaves and a crown. Their motto, “Maintiens le droit” is written on the badge. Write the letters found along the correct path through the maze to translate this motto to English.

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 Look through the newspaper for 10 or more words that make you think of police officers. Use these words to write a poem. Send your poem to the police station to say thank you to the officers who work to keep you safe.
 Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Find the differences.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Replace the missing words in this article.

**OFFICERS
 HORSES
 WEST
 CANADA
 ACCEPTED
 LAW
 MOUNTED**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was established in 1873 to bring _____ and order to the Canadian _____. The police _____ at that time all rode horses, that is why they were called the _____ Police.

In 1923, the RCMP joined with the Dominion Police who took care of the eastern provinces of _____. Even though they are all called “Mounties,” they do not all ride _____ these days.

In 1974, women were first _____ as uniformed officers.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

CANADIAN
 BREECHES
 MOUNTED
 POLICE
 HORSES
 LEAVES
 ROYAL
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 BISON
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 MAPLE
 PEACE
 WEST
 SAFE
 WEAR

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

Can you always get the answer?

Read today's Kid Scoop page and then work with a family member to see if you can find the answer to each of these questions.

- The nickname for the RCMP is the _____.
- The motto of the RCMP is _____.
- Women were accepted as uniformed officers of the RCMP in _____.
- On special occasions, the RCMP wear uniforms with _____ jackets.
- Three things you can find on the badge of a RCMP officer are: _____
- The RCMP were established in the year _____.
- Originally, all members of the RCMP rode _____.
- RCMP officers keep people in Canada safe from _____.
- RCMP officers today normally wear dark blue police _____.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word NORTH in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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A new chapter ahead for a Carberry restaurant

By Emily Beales
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Patti Hart, owner of Carberry, Manitoba's beloved Summer Shack restaurant, announced Tuesday, Aug. 27, that she is selling her business.

Hart's announcement comes just two and a half years after she bought the Summer Shack, which is now listed for \$249,000. Hart said a big move is the reason for her selling.

"My husband (Ryan), who works at the McCains factory, was offered a position in the Netherlands," Hart said.

Hart said that keeping the family together is important, saying, "If he's gonna go, we're all gonna go."

While Hart said she was excited about this new chapter, she did express sadness.

"This has become my home, and my workers have become my family," Hart said. "I'll miss that sense of community."

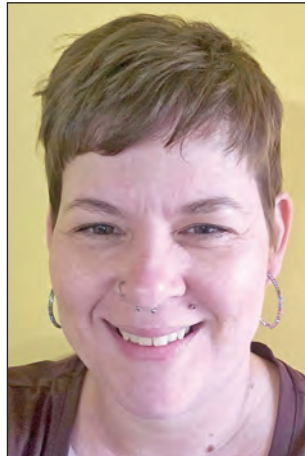
Hart said the idea of not seeing her staff daily is hard to swallow.

Hart added she has many loyal customers and leaving them behind is also bittersweet.

"I don't think I could put into words how grateful we are for all the support we've received from the town (while owning the Summer Shack)," Hart said.

Hart said that the Summer Shack holds many fond memories, including seeing her workers blossom and the smiles on people's faces.

"There's nothing better



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Patti Hart, owner of the Summer Shack restaurant in Carberry. She has decided to sell her business.

than handing a 3-year-old their ice cream cone, and their eyes get as big as saucers," Hart said. "That feeling never gets old."

Hart said she's certainly enjoyed her time as the Summer Shacks owner, saying, "It's been so much fun."

As Hart moves toward her next adventure, she said she hopes to find a buyer who will continue her business.

"Ideally, I would love to see somebody come in and keep running it the way we are," Hart said. "It's been a staple in Carberry ... and it's your summer spot."

Hart said she'd hate for a buyer to turn the Summer Shack into something else and for the business to lose its charm.

Oksana Rudeichuk, one of Hart's many employees who have been with Hart since the beginning, said she's sad to see Hart go.

"She's a great person," Rudeichuk said. "I'll miss her for sure."

Rudeichuk said Hart is great at making people smile, and the Summer Shack feels like home with its "nice, warm atmosphere."

"I think people come to the Summer Shack mostly to see Hart than to have our food," Rudeichuk said.

Rudeichuk said she hopes the Summer Shack will remain unchanged amongst new ownership.

"I love this little place like it is right now," Rudeichuk said.

Micheal McDonald, a long-time Carberry resident, said he couldn't believe Hart was selling.

"When I heard the news, I was shocked," McDonald said.

Despite the shock, McDonald said Hart will be missed.

"Every time I went in there, she was always so friendly," McDonald said. "She always greeted me at the takeout window, making me feel welcome."

Additionally, McDonald said he would miss Hart's incredible food.

"She makes the best chicken burger around," McDonald said. "Now that she's selling, I'm not sure I'll ever get it again."

McDonald said, chicken burger aside, he doesn't know what he'd do without the business.

"Carberry isn't Carberry without the Summer Shack," McDonald said. "I mean what are we supposed to do without it?"

Editor's note: Emily Beales is a journalism student who has submitted this article to the Neepawa Banner & Press.

Poppies for Remembrance Day



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

As Remembrance Day draws near, stands such as this one may be seen in the Banner & Press coverage area selling poppy pins- a universal symbol of remembrance. The sale of these pins also supports your local Legion.

The individuals pictured here were photographed at their sale location in the Neepawa Co-op Food Store.

Npa. Handi-van 50/50 winner

PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

The winner of the Neepawa Handi-Van 50/50 was declared, with the winnings being presented on Oct. 18. Pictured from left to right: Handivan board member Liway Cabrera, Christine Yongco and Handi-Van contractor Justin Cicholski.



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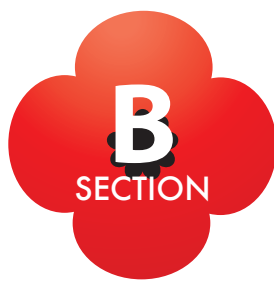
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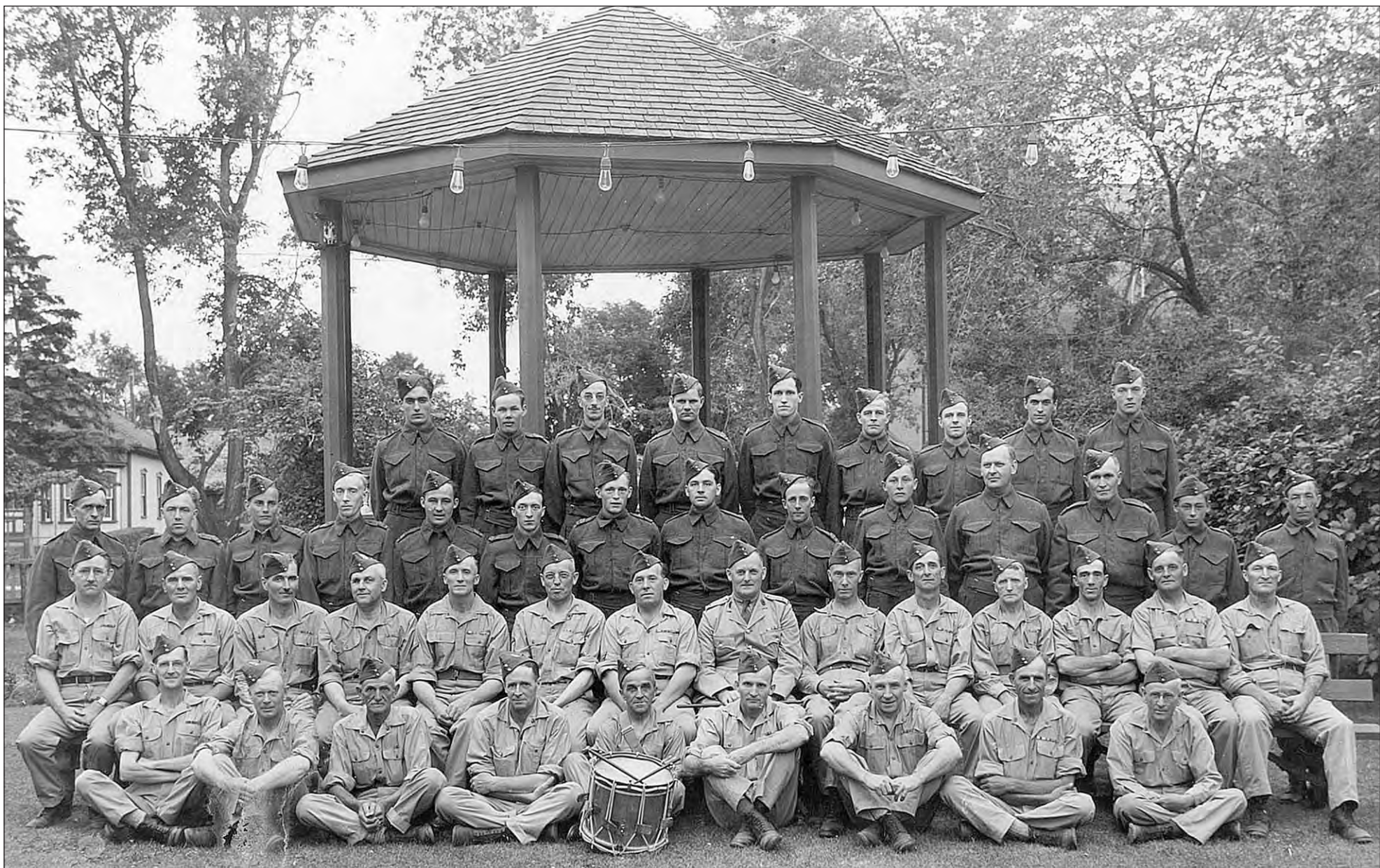


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BEAUTIFUL PLAINS ARCHIVES

These individuals were being remembered with a mark of pride in the Sept 30, 1982 edition of The Neepawa Press- The year and date the photo was taken was not available. All of the gentlemen pictured here are local veterans. The first and second rows are veterans of World War I- the group called the Home Guard. The third and fourth rows are members of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons, some of which eventually joined the World War II units. The caption on the photo also noted that the picture was taken here in Neepawa, out front of an old bandstand in the courtyard. Thanks is given to the Beautiful Plains Archives for providing the original copy of the photo and a list of names.

Pictured from left to right, starting in the back row: Norm Garter, Hallen, Charlie Day, D. Robinson, Roy Kerr, George Hunter, Hank Hudson, Ed Harper and C. Ralph. Third row: Bob Lough, Don Bell, J. Gillespie, Rad Bates, Jon Pasquill, Hory Frampton, Harold Thompson, Vic Murray, Allan Campbell, Bill Nicholson, Steve Forsman (fourth from the left), Jim Strohmman, Norman Orton and Martin Partaker. Third row: F. Holl, Clare Livesly, H. Dunbar, Fred Alguire, Tom McKenzie, Scotty Mann, Dick McKenzie, Percy Goodridge, Luxton, Shorty Marner, Bob Webb and Low Partaker. Front row: David Kidd, (unkown), Whitelaw, Harvey Thompson, Albert Walker, Jim Cullen, Lorne Guy, (unknown) and Geo. Fairburn. Note: Names provided as per the available list. Some are missing or may have spelling errors.



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'We were never late again' In Flanders Fields

A brief account of a Golden Stream resident's service

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Note: The following information was all compiled by the writer from Gwen's entry in the Women of the War Years, Stories of Determination and Indomitable Courage book.

In the early years of World War II, Gwen Rosling (later Saunders), was living at home in Golden Stream, near Gladstone. She worked on her parents' wheat farm—her parents being Charles and Minnie Gosling. Gwen was 21 at the time and had a brother, Art.

Art joined the war effort in 1942 and was serving overseas. Gwen had her own desire to lend a hand in the efforts and so attempted to find work at a factory. This, however fell through as she had discovered that there was a minimum weight requirement stating that all workers had to be at least 150 pounds, while Gwen herself was just 125 pounds.

Although the prospect of factory work dashed, she did discover that she would be eligible for the armed forces. However, her father didn't agree.

Despite the protest from her father, Gwen was off to Winnipeg to enlist in the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force on Jan. 6, 1943. After a successful enlistment, she was given service number 308982 and posted immediately to the base at Rockcliffe, near Ottawa, Ont. The first morning at Rockcliffe had her greeted with a regimen of vaccine shots for both arms. Both her and the rest of the recruits were left with arms so sore they were unable to be lifted.

Then, after a few days of rigorous basic training, Gwen decided to join the base precision drill squad. The specialized training for



WOMEN OF THE WAR YEARS,

Gwen Saunders (nee Rosling).

the drillquad meant drilling daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as well as learning 250 precise movements starting at the call of 'Attention' in a half hour program.

One morning, Gwen and another girl were both five minutes late to the drill hall. The punishment from their sergeant for this infraction was to write, by hand and by memory, the entire routine of all 250 movements. The pair completed the work and turned it in the next morning, the Sergeant tossing it into the garbage without even a passing glance.

In Gwen's account from Women of the War Years, she said, "It was a good lesson. We were never late again."

Recruitment tour

After five months of training, Gwen was touring Eastern Canada accompanied by an Air Force pipe and drum band to encourage

other women to join the Services. This took Gwen and the rest of the troupe to Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Living accommodations were on a train, with Gwen's unit in one car and the band in another. Meals were in local hotels along their routes. On other occasions, lodging was via billets in private homes. This tour ended at Rockcliffe and the unit was disbanded, the women dispersed to a variety of bases around the country.

Gwen wished to be overseas, but did not have experience in the kind of work—nursing, clerking, etc—and so had no say in the matter. Instead, she was sent to McDonald Air Force Base near Portage la Prairie, 25 miles from her home. There, she was assigned to the Officer's Mess to work in the kitchen and wait on

tables.

While at this station, she had a personal rebellion of sorts. This is because, while at McDonald, all women were told they would be permitted to go home at harvest time to help their families. However, Gwen's request for leave for that exact purpose was denied for an unknown reason.

Displeased with this result, Gwen had been determined to go anyway. She borrowed money from a sympathetic Corporal who knew her intentions, walked out through the sports field, caught a train at McDonald station and went home.

"Dad was glad to see me even though, being a Canadian Army veteran of the First World War, he knew darned well that I would be in trouble when they caught up with me," Gwen had said.

Sure enough, there was trouble. On her morning of her fifth day home a call from the postmaster was received saying the service police were looking for her in town. The postmaster suggested hiding, but set herself to face what was coming instead. Gwen was gassing up the tractor and preparing for the fields when they came. She complied, put on her uniform and left with them. Her CO, a city boy, gave her 12 days confinement to the barracks and docked her 10 days pay. Additionally, she had to scrub the laundry room floors and showers, have her work checked over by a Duty Officer, and repeat it again.

There is more that could be said of Gwen's service—additional adventures and posting, and meeting her husband Tim Saunders, but the Neepawa Banner & Press hopes that all enjoy this short summary of a few of her experiences.



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Pictured is Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae (author of renowned poem "In Flanders Fields") and his dog, Bonneau, photographed in 1914 in Europe during World War I.

He would write In Flanders Fields the following year after the death of his friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, at the second Battle of the Ypres in Belgium on May 2, 1915.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.


—John McCrae

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Clanwilliam man K.I.A.

Sgt.-Observer Walter Pedersen, shot down over Holland

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The following story is one of Sgt.-Observer Walter Carl Pedersen. Thanks is given to Brian Pedersen, Walter's nephew, who had previously provided the materials and details so that the Banner & Press may share and aid in its remembrance.

Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Pedersen, was born in Clanwilliam on June 30, 1907. He received his education there at Grey School, graduating in 1926. He then attended Dauphin Normal School from 1927 to '28 before going on to teach in the southern part of the province for several years.

The schools he taught at were: Empire (1928 to '29), Elphinstone (1929), Dropmore (1930 to '31) and Cartwright (1932 to '35).

Walter reported to be MIA/KIA

He enlisted with the air force when World War II broke out, being trained with the R.C.A.F. as a navigator. According to a newspaper clipping, he went overseas in March of 1942.

During his overseas duties, Sgt.-Observer Walter was reported missing and believed killed after a mission with the 369th. Unfortunately, reports would later bring in positive affirmation of his death, his plane having been shot down over Holland. According to a document written by Walter's family, this took place in June 1942.

In a letter written by Wybjan Groendijk on Sept. 14, 1942, details of the operation were shared.

The target on the night of the operation had been

Bremen, a German harbour city noted for being well defended. That night, 466 planes were sent out. Twenty did not return to their bases in England.

Use of OTUs 'inexcusable'

"Of these planes were some of the Operational Training Units (OTU) and of the Conversion units—crew who must learn to fly from two-engine to four-engine planes," Groendijk wrote. "Again this night the planes were flying over our isles... Six planes were shot down by night-fighters from the bases Leeuwarden, which is near to our isle."

At 2:30 a.m., a Wellington bomber came down in the North Sea west of the isle Texel. At 2:57 a.m., a second Wellington went down in the IJsselmeer, northwest of Kampen. A third at 3:43 a.m., at the sea west of Den-Helder. Then a fourth, again in the North Sea but north-west of the isle of Terschelling.

In Groendijk's letter, he states that it is possible that the last plane (or planes) had Walter Pedersen and Robert Plowright on board. As well, that the plane may have also been an OTU and that these planes had some very experienced crewmembers and airmen.

"When we see after the age of Walter, 34; and Robert, 34; they were certainly the instructors on board," said Groendijk. "The use of OTU crews on a target like this was, to my mind, inexcusable."

Groendijk went on to explain that OTUs were implemented on occasion to boost the numbers in the attacking force, but that usually the introduction to operational flying

before rejoining a squadron was against targets such as channel-ports. Or in France, where the defence was not so strong.

"The instructors had already survived hazardous operational tours," said Groendijk.

Walter had washed ashore at the beach of Terschelling on Sept. 21, being buried the next day. Robert Plowright was found ashore on Sept. 29 and was buried on Sept. 30.

The Wellington bomber crew

The crew of the Wellington bomber, in addition to Walter and Plowright, were: Sgt. R. F. Stay, Plt. Off. M. Holub, Sgt. B. L. Hancock and Sgt. S. Davies. At the time the letter was written, Davies, Hancock and Holub were all listed as missing.

Walter's death left behind to mourn him his parents, brothers Frank and Harold, both employed at the Neepawa Airport; sisters Mrs. Wm. Hutton, in Scandinavia; Mrs. Chris Roberston, in Gunton; and Mrs. Sid Saunders, in Clanwilliam.

Note: Scandinavia was a village near Sandy Lake and Clanwilliam.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN PEDERSEN

Pictured is Sgt.-Observer Walter Carl Pedersen, uncle of Brian Pedersen. Walter was from Clanwilliam. Formerly a school teacher, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He is shown here in his gear in front of an aircraft. The year the photo was taken was not specified. After he was shot down, he was buried in Holland and his grave looked after by the Dutch.

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Scenes from service at home and abroad

Camp Sewell (Hughes), World War I



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A variety of scenes from Camp Sewell (Hughes) during World War I. No names, dates, or particulars were available for the photos.

Camp Sewell was established approximately 10 miles west of Carberry in 1909. It was first used in 1910, then renamed in 1915 to honour Major-General Sir Sam Hughes.

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Canadian mail on the go



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Pictured left: Christmas mail being unloaded for Canadian soldiers in the Netherlands in December of 1944, during World War II.

Right: Two unknown Canadian soldiers celebrating Christmas aboard a ship during World War II.

An ocean-bound feast



Olive Coad



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Pictured above is Olive Coad. During World War I, she served for three years in the First Casualty Clearing Station. She also served at No. 7 and No. 9 Field Hospitals, which were bombed during her service. After the war, she did private nursing in Neepawa and Eden.

Pigeon service



Wounded prisoners receive aid



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Pictured above, left: The Canadian Carrier Pigeon Service, ready to move! Year and location unknown. Pictured above, right: Wounded prisoners receiving first aid at a Canadian Dressing Station. The year and a general location were not listed with the original photo.

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Letters to Oberon- Cables and drogues

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The following are excerpts from letters sent by Clinton Henry Bee from a variety of locations during World War II. Access to these materials were provided courtesy of the Beautiful Plains Museum in Neepawa.

Clinton was in training in 1941 and 1942, being deployed overseas later on. These letters were primarily addressed to his mother, Mrs. Charles Bee, at Oberon (sometimes via mailbox 81 in Neepawa). They have been reprinted, in quotes, as originally written, including any spelling and grammatical errors.

Note: Entries may contain content of a sensitive nature, including mention of attempted suicide, and may be difficult to read. Please read with caution. May also contain certain terms dated to those times.

Jan. 5, 1942 – Fingal, Ont.

“Another Lizzie has crashed this evening this time on land. Both the pilot and the operator were killed as far as we know. I knew them both well. They had both been on the station considerable time and were very well liked.

War is coming a little close to home don't you think.”

Note: Lizzie (or Lizzy) is a shorthand nickname for a Lysander aircraft.

Feb. 24, 1942– Fingal, Ont.

“Never a dull moment I always say. The officers quarters has caught on fire at least three times. One officer said they might as well leave the hose there. The last time the hydrant froze up. The fire had gone out any way before the fire department got there. They have a sign on the hall for some reason or other. Good thing we don't have to depend on them. Then one night a guy decided to end it all and it all and slit his throat. I think they'll pull him up for sabotage or destruction of government property.

They got him early and although he's serious he'll pull through so they can give him a discharge. He's been nothing but a bother anyways. Always into trouble...

Yesterday a plane came down pretty hard. Motor had conked out in landing. It really messed the ship up considerably. Washed out completely. He was lucky he was down close or he would have spun in. As it was he got away with a broken back. I think he'll pull through alright. That makes eleven forced landings since Christmas. But that was the first one anybody had been hurt in.”

Apr. 21, 1942– Fingal, Ont.

“I guess the R.A.F. have the run of Neepawa now, until I get home at least?! As one fellow said they have the brains and nerve of an army mule.”

Sept. 27, 1942 – Fingal, Ont.

“Shortly after I wrote 16/9/42 to be exact they gave me a job that I've wanted for quite awhile. That is I am now what is called a drogue operator. I've picked up 18 hrs flying time now. Maybe I had better explain just what it is so you will get it straight. We get about two “flips” a day that is good days. First soon as we get up about 2000 ft we stream a drogue, let out

something like a cotton sack about twenty feet long on about 1500 ft of cable. Then we “fly the line” that is we fly out over the edge of the lake west about 15 miles at about 3000 ft while a gunnery ship fires on the drogue. When they have completed an exercise 200 rounds of ammunition we come in drop another drogue on the cable which slides

down releasing the first one through an ingenious device called a fish. When three exercises are complete usually taking an hour we drop a “bell” a sand bag on the cable which releases the last drogue then we reel in the cable on an electric winch and go down. We use “lizzies” on this job and the gunnery ship is the bolingbroke. You can see them in those pictures. So that now back on crew pay I'm making \$2.40 a day. I don't know how long this will last. While we are not flying we are kept quite busy picking up drogues off the field marking them repacking them or firing cables or firing up the ships with cables and drogues.”

Feb. 15, 1943 – R.A.F., R.C.A.F. Overseas [-Censored-]

We are in harbour someplace in [-censored-] waiting for the morrow to disembark for parts unknown.

It has been a very pleasant voyage so far as conditions permit with very good weather. Of course seeing nothing but water for so long got rather monotonous and the constant movement rather upsetted

my stomach once or twice but I've rather enjoyed it. It would have been swell in peace time.

You will have heard of our safe arrival tonight or tomorrow morning so I didn't see any real sense in sending a cable. There was an Admiral or something to meet us and rather encouraged us with the good news we may stick together in the R.C.A.F. as we wanted.”

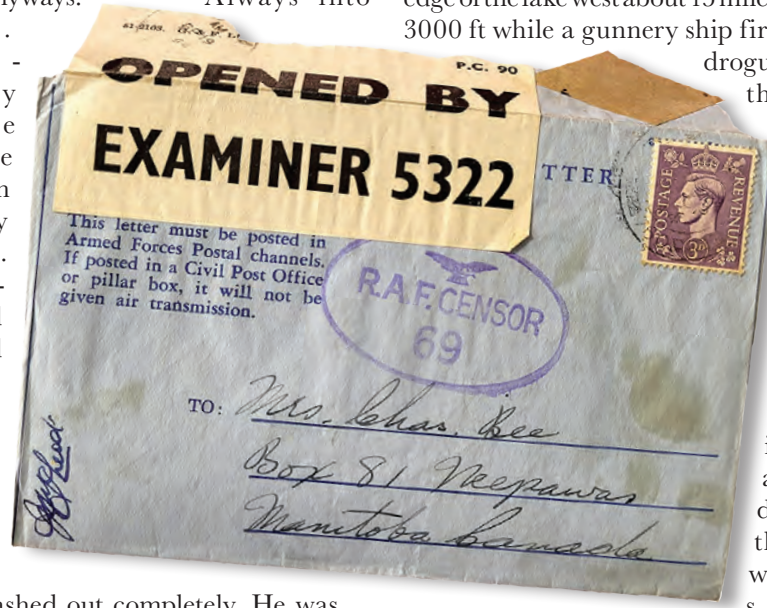
“We had a show here stressing the importance of keeping our mouth shut. Rather good and right to the point. Also this will be censored too so that I'm trying not to let anything slip.”

Mar. 14, 1943– Overseas

“With two or three of us digging into my can of tobacco it isn't going to last long. Sweets are also rationed to two large bars a month. When you can't get them you can't imagine the craving you get for them.”

“I was to be on a “Wings for Victory” tomorrow but I hear it has been cancelled.”


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The above photo is of a woman identified as Mrs. E. Holberry. Clinton 'Clint' Bee visited the Holberry family many times during his service overseas.



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The following are the available Remembrance Day service details for the region. These are all current as of Oct. 20.

Some details could not be received before the print deadline. Please watch for local updates if your community is missing.

Neepawa services

Services for Neepawa will be held on Nov. 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Yellowhead Hall.

Minnedosa services

There will be a Remembrance Day Service at the Minnedosa Community Conference Centre, located at 63 Main St. North. It will be held Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m.

Gladstone services

Remembrance Day service Monday, Nov. 11. Service will be at 10:15 a.m., Stride Hall, located at 79 Fifth Street in Gladstone. Lunch to follow, everyone welcome.

Carberry services

The service will be at the Carberry Community Hall. Attendees are asked to

be seated by 10:45 a.m.

Refreshments and lunch to follow, located at the Legion Clubroom.

Note: Details provided by the Canadian Legion's 'Find a Ceremony' service.

Ste. Rose services

Service will be held on Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Ste. Rose School. All are welcome.

Plumas services

Ceremonies will be held Nov. 11 at the Plumas Community Hall. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. Service begins at 11:00 a.m.

A lunch will follow the service. All are welcome.

Erickson services

Service will be hosted at the Erickson Legion Hall at 30 1st Street SW on Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m.

Note: Details provided by the Canadian Legion's 'Find a Ceremony' service.

All are encouraged to attend a service in your community, if possible, or to dedicate time to reflection and remembrance on Nov. 11. Lest we forget.

Tulips from Holland - 1980



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Neepawa received and planted 1,000 tulip bulbs in a surprise package from the government of Holland in 1980 as thanks for those who served in the armed forces during World War II. They were planted at the cenotaph, Legion and Riverside Cemetery.

The day of the planting at the cenotaph (and the date of this photo) would have been Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1980.

Those present were mayor Gary McElmon, Legion president Charlie McCullough, Nell Haverkamp (of Amsterdam), councillor Chris Heywood, Grey Link, Legion Auxilliary president Ruby Campbell and Legion secretary-treasurer Jack Johnstone.

'My earthly mission is fulfilled'

An airman's letter to his mother

By Casper Wehrhahn
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The following is a letter previously provided to the Banner & Press by Nick Beavington, of Gladstone. The letter had been printed on a document, which had the letter reprinted from The Times, June 18, 1940. It had been in the personal belongings of a young R.A.F. pilot in a bomber squadron who had been reported missing and believed to be killed. The purpose of the original letter was for it to be sent to his mother in the event of his death. The name of the soldier was not included in the letter.

The letter has been reprinted below as it originally appeared:

"Dearest Mother,

Though I feel no premonition at all, events are moving rapidly and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids which we shall shortly be called upon to undertake. You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades in the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of the greatest importance. Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled lighthouse

relief ship. Though it will be difficult for you, you will disappoint me if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately, for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability. No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as anyone in the country; and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future. My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It means that your sacrifice is as great as mine. Those who serve England must expect nothing from her; we tease ourselves if we regard our country as merely a place in which to eat and sleep.

History resounds with illustrious names who have given all, yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire, where there is a measure of peace, justice and freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilization that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale. For this I have to thank you. Yet there is more work for you to do. The home front will still have to stand united for years after the war is won. For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing; every individual is having the chance to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old. However long the time may

be, one thing can never be altered— I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death; only a queer elation... I would have it no other way. The universe is so vast and so ageless that the life of one man can only be justified by the measure of his sacrifice. We are sent to this world to acquire a personality and a character to take with us that can never be taken from us. Those who just eat and sleep, prosper and procreate, are no better than animals if all their lives they are at peace.

I firmly and absolutely believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our metal because He knows what is good for us. The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out had been discarded for moral principles.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war, I consider my character fully developed. Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret and one only— that I could not devote myself to making your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

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Note: Neepawa's E.F.T.S. was originally the #26, before being re-designated as the No. 35.

Left: These individuals were photographed at the Neepawa Airport while some construction was on-going. After completion, the air port would be used for the E.F.T.S. The men pictured here were involved in building the structure they are photographed at. A date and the names for those pictured were not available.

Right: This group of ladies, pictured in 1944, all worked at the Neepawa Airport together. Writing present on the back of the photo appears to read "2nd friend Janet Sangster now Mrs. Bill Blake at Moose Jaw 1987".

Letters to Oberon - Blast heaves floor like a boat

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**Apr. 26, 1943- 430 Sqd.
RCAF Overseas**

"My own opinion of this country wouldn't pass censor so I won't mention it. Been in London but I didn't see a great deal of it. Spent the night in an air raid shelter because there wasn't any room any place else."

Sept. 9, 1943- Overseas

"Well it seems we pulled off a good try the other day but Jerry was pretty smart too and didn't get fooled. You heard about it if you followed the news. Funny part of it here we

seldom get papers and though we have plenty of radios we pay so little attention that you people are really better informed than we are."

Mar. 5, 1944- Overseas

"Rather than waste this form I will continue here as of 1600 hrs March 15 1944. I have just arrived back at camp." ... "Last night we were lucky Jerry doesn't carry any heavies or I wouldn't be writing. Don't let it worry you. I slept soundly as ever after it. I did go to the shelter for awhile. It was just a nuisance raid spread all over the city. A small H.E. fell a hundred yds away,

blasting out the windows and making the floor heave like a boat. What scared me the most was the guns in the park the first time.

The flares lit the place up like day. I haven't read the paper so don't know how many

were hurt. My initiation is over anyway."

Apr. 30, 1944- Overseas

"You were asking about what to send. Well its this way. Never mind cookies as they break up. Just bars gum peanuts pipe tobacco razor blades and small articles like that as there is trouble packing things around. Better to have small parcels a little oftener."

June 20, 1944- Overseas

"You have no doubt read about those pilotless kites. I haven't seen any as yet although I seen the flash of one exploding the other night. There seems to have been quite a few sent over. But their effect has been just something of a nuisance although a few casualts have been caused."

Dec. 22, 1944- 6430 Echelon

"I was mentioned in a story in the paper a few days back. Seems like I was working on the oldest operational kite in the T.A.F. It got to be a has-been."

Note: TAF is short for Tactical Air Force.

May 5, 1945- 6430 Echelon

"I suppose the big news as far as we are concerned was Monty allowing the Jerries to surrender. So as far as we are concerned it is all over but the waiting. We had it announced over the loud speakers last night

just as we were coming back from the show. From then on they fired off flares until near midnight. Even, rumor has it, the padre was out shooting of a sten."

May 19, 1945- Overseas

"There are great gobs of POW being ferrryed out from here so Archie should soon turn up." ... "That F for Freddie had nothing on my kites. Both of which put in the most time of their type in T.A.F. (tactical air Force)"

Aug. 14, 1945- 6430 Echelon


"I'm back in England again for what I believe the last time. Finally got posted to an repat depot at Torquay. Latest rumor is we are leaving on the twenty eight so you can judge from that how many more letters you need to write."

"We were held up by the weather one day and by the chirps for five. Imagine five days to cover about six hundred miles. It took us only three hours [___] week before by plane. Some days we only had a sausage a small one at that for some sixteen hours. Pretty grim but we are finally into Canadien hands I don't think the limeys know what living is."

"The Jap war seems to be dribbling to a close. They better stop soon if they want to know anything about it afterwards."




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