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Early Deadline!

Deadline for July 3rd issue:
12 noon, Monday, June 29th

The Neepawa Banner & Press office will be closed July 1st

By Eoin Devereux
 Neepawa Banner & Press

Neepawa was alive with community spirit on Saturday, June 13 with Filipino Heritage 2026. Hosted by the local chapter of the Filipino Canadian Association, this annual celebration has become Neepawa's largest and most vibrant cultural event of the year.

The festivities began with a colourful Float Parade that departed from Riverbend Park and cruised across the streets of Neepawa's downtown, making its way to the Yellowhead. Despite the weather being a bit chilly for June, spectators still lined along the streets to watch the procession of decorated floats, performers and community members proudly celebrating their Filipino heritage.

Following the parade, the celebration continued at the Yellowhead Centre, where attendees enjoyed an exciting lineup of activities and performances. The festivities included a live band, as well as family oriented events, such as a magic show for the kids and cultural games for all the families. The celebration concluded with an after-party that kept the festive spirit alive well into the evening.

Over the years, Filipino Heritage has become one of Neepawa's signature celebrations, and this year's event once again demonstrated its' growing popularity and importance.

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Mabuhay Neepawa!

Filipino Heritage Day celebrates diversity, culture and community



PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

While the weather was a bit cool, the spirits of the people were warm for Neepawa's Filipino Heritage Day Parade and Celebration, held on Saturday, June 13. As part of the larger festivities for Filipino Heritage Month, the day was filled with culture, delicious food, music, community spirit, and the presentation of community awards.

BBQ TODAY

Join us at Stride Credit Union Neepawa today for a fundraising BBQ!

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All proceeds donated to Neepawa Men's Shed



Massive road repairs proceeding in Minnedosa

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Town of Minnedosa is moving forward on a massive road repair and paving effort in 2026. On Tuesday, June 9, Council awarded the contract to Zenith Paving Ltd of Brandon for improvements to seven sections of road in the northeast and southwest areas of town. Four competing bids in total were received for this planned project.

The combined cost of all seven projects is \$824,004, including GST. Earlier this year, Council had allocated \$750,000 in its 2026 Financial Plan for this work. To cover the difference between the approved budget and the contract amount, an additional \$74,004 will be drawn from the Town's general reserve. The approved projects include:

- 4th St. NE, from 6th Ave. north (For 200 feet) – \$24,465
- 1st St. NE, from 2nd to 4th Ave. – \$58,564
- 1st St. NE, from 4th to 6th Ave. – \$121,011
- 1st Ave. SW, from 4th to 5th St. – \$54,004
- 1st Ave. SW, from 5th to 6th St. – \$136,364
- 4th Ave. SW, from 4th Street to the dead end – \$115,070, and
- 5th St. SW, from 1st to 5th Ave. – \$314,526

According to the Manager of Operations Brian Jensen, Zenith Paving Ltd. was recommended for the contract award. The company was also noted as the only proponent to conduct an on-site visit to fully assess the scope of work before submitting its bid.

The road improvements will commence in September, and be completed in their entirety in one visit, as Zenith will immediately move from project to project, while there.

New EMRs, paramedics coming to rural Manitoba

Banner Staff
Neepawa Banner & Press

Fresh faces are joining Manitoba's Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs). The Neepawa Banner & Press was informed via email from the province's Cabinet Communications that 10 new EMRs began their onboarding on Monday, June 15. Following the onboarding, they will join ambulance services in rural Manitoba Communities.

Of these 10, one will be stationed in Minnedosa. The remaining EMRs are being stationed in communities outside of the Neepawa Banner & Press Coverage area (Lac du Bonnet, St. Laurent, Ashern, and Arborg).

According to the details provided, these individuals are part of an EMR training program deliv-

ered in Arborg through Manitoba's partnership with CritiCare Paramedic Academy.

Additionally, five new Primary Care Paramedics also began their onboarding on June 15. Within this area, two will be stationed in Minnedosa, one in Glenboro, and one in Erickson. The fifth individual is being stationed outside the region, at Gypsumville.

A \$5,000 bursary was also stated to have been introduced by the Manitoba Government, with the goal of helping to make EMR training more affordable and accessible for students willing to work in rural communities.

The Government of Manitoba did not issue a press release for these items.

Darryl Gerrard enters race for Neepawa Mayor

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

After more than a decade sitting as a member of Neepawa Town Council, Darryl Gerrard has decided he will seek the mayor's chair in the 2026 municipal election.

Gerrard, who is currently serving his 11th year as a councillor, formally declared his intentions to run for Mayor on Friday, June 12.

Throughout his time on council, Gerrard has become heavily involved in municipal policy, most notably in budget deliberations, as Chair of the General Government and Finance Committee.

Away from his role in municipal politics, Gerrard worked in the agricultural equipment industry with Yellowhead Farm Equipment, later known as Enns Bros. Having recently retired as the District Sale Manager, Gerrard took up a new role with Grit Force Fitness, as a certified Personal Trainer/Coach. He and his wife, Michelle, have called Neepawa home for approximately 25 years.

"I love that I've spent almost half my living life in Neepawa and on council," added Gerrard.

Shape Neepawa's future

Gerrard noted his decision to run for Mayor was driven by a desire to help guide several major community initiatives over the next four years that will shape Neepawa's future. Examples of that include the development around the new regional Health Centre and Project 320, the ambitious residential development project moving ahead on the northwest edge of town.

"Obviously, I'm very interested in a lot of the issues we've got going on, like Project 320, seeing that we move that development

through," Gerrard said. "And the [new] hospital and potential school site there on the east end. That's all in play out there, very important project that all connects and we connect that into the community."

For Gerrard, housing availability remains one of the municipality's most pressing challenges, as we are dealing with "A land crunch right now in terms of housing."

He said he wants to see significant progress on the project in the near future as subdivision work continues.

In addition to residential growth, Gerrard noted he sees opportunities for further highway commercial development on municipally owned lands. While growth remains a key focus, Gerrard also stressed that the development must be carefully managed.

"For me, I've always believed in balanced growth. I believe in growth that



IMAGE COURTESY OF LINKED IN

Councillor Darryl Gerrard is the first to announced their intentions to run for the position of Mayor for the Town of Neepawa

doesn't necessarily have to happen fast, but we have to make sure that it happens in a way that's affordable and meets what the community needs right now."

Beyond housing and development, Gerrard also

pointed to future recreation infrastructure discussions as another major issue facing council over the next term.

The next Manitoba municipal election is scheduled for October 2026.



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1976: Kelwood students tour paper mill

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

**125 years ago,
Friday,
June 14, 1901**

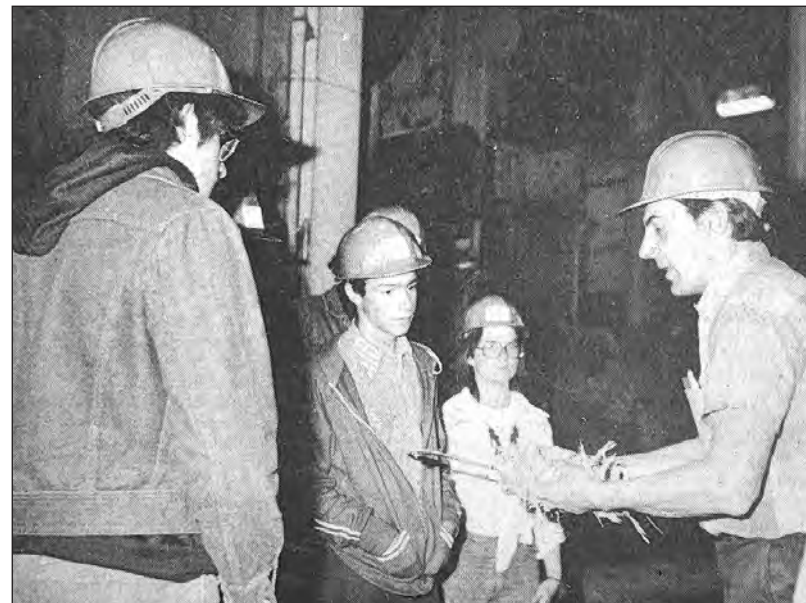
Franklin: Last week we had six inches of snow and six degrees of frost. This week we have six inches of mud. Variety adds spice to life surely.

Freeland: A. Ross has material on the ground for a fine new stable, which he intends to erect this summer. Mr. Kelly is doing the mason work. The stable is 26x28 with a lean-to of 14x28.

The town council, having declined to repeal the bicycle tax, it now becomes the patriotic duty of the owners of the wheels to procure their tags from the secretary-treasurer or constable. It is not the duty of town officials to solicit the payment of this or any other fees or taxes. Their duty is to take proceedings against persons who do not pay promptly. June 29 is the final date fixed for voluntary payment of the bicycle tax. After that time the constable will take action.

**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
June 15, 1926**

Arden: Arden girls baseball team are open for friendly games with any of the girls' teams of the surrounding district at home or away. The girls



NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES

Kelwood Collegiate's Grade 11 class took a trip to Kenora, Ontario in June of 1976. They stayed at Camp Ken-o-ed on Hillock Lake. During their stay, they had the opportunity to take a tour of a paper mill.

Left: Kelwood students inspecting a grinding stone at the paper mill.
Right: A guide shows the students ground wood for paper making.

also are wondering why Neepawa is not putting on a ladies baseball tournament on July 1st.

Chas. Hart, who has been with the Neepawa harness company for some time, is to continue business in the same premises. His specialties are the repairing of shoes, harness and auto tops.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
June 21, 1951**

Hundreds of district residents are expected to attend the official opening ceremonies of the new Memorial Hospital tomorrow.

The first sod was turned and work started on

Neepawa's new six-sheet curling rink on June 11. W. G. Pollock turned the first sod at the site on Fifth Ave. south of the old curling rink.

Mr. Pollock is a former president of the Neepawa Curling Rink Holding Company and an honorary life member of the local curling club.

John Simpson, pioneer resident of Neepawa, marked his 95th birthday Saturday, June 16, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Wemyss, with whom he makes his home.

One of the outstanding features of the modern new Neepawa and District Memorial Hospital is the maternity ward which occupies a separate wing. This is quite unusual for most hospitals in rural areas have the maternity ward incorporated in the hospital proper.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
June 17, 1976**

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Buchanan of 247 Boundary

St., Neepawa, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 5.

The Kelwood Collegiate grade eleven class have just recently returned from a trip to Kenora, Ont., where they stayed at camp Ken-o-ed on Hillock Lake. The camp is leased by the Kenora Board of Education from the Ontario Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company for use as an Outdoor Education facility.

Included in their various activities was a guided tour through the paper mill where they saw all phases of production that started with lods and ended with newsprint.

On Saturday, May 29, about 150 relatives, friends and neighbours gathered in Eden Community Hall to honour Lorne and Merle McCreacken on their 40th wedding anniversary.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
June 19, 2006**

People say you should



NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES

Kenneth R. Moore, director of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band, which was scheduled to perform in Neepawa on July 5, 1976. The event was previewed in the June 17 paper for that year.

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Highlights of the week

NACC Community Concert with NACI Chorale
June 22 at 8pm | June 25 at 1pm | June 24 at 4pm

Indigenous History Month Learning Event
June 22 at 1:40pm | June 24 at 8:15 pm | June 26 at 4:40pm

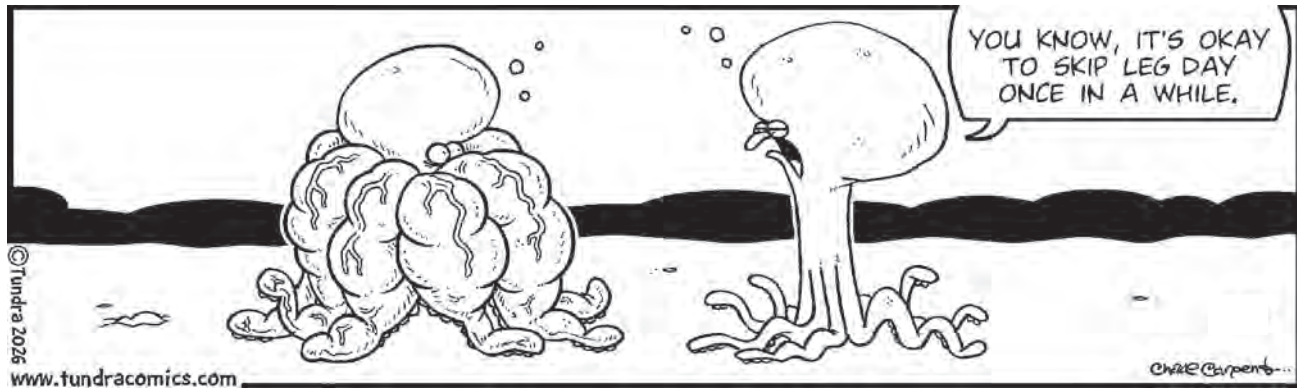
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June 23 at 12:10pm | June 25 at 6:30pm | June 27 at 10:30 am



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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter

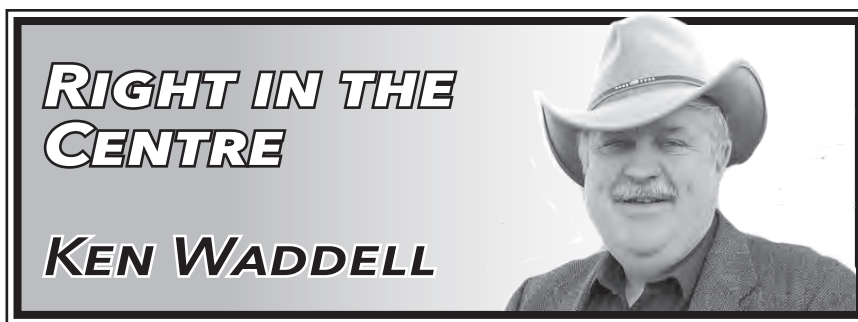


Advertising pays off every time

This week I am going to write about a topic that is obviously near and dear to my heart. My wife and I have invested a lifetime into rural communities in south-western Manitoba. Christine was born at Virden and raised at Scarth and attended high school in Virden. Some of her ancestors were the earliest European people to come to the Virden District. They include the Milnes, the Jeffreys, the Ivens families and a bit later the Lobels. My Manitoba roots aren't as deep as Christine's, but my family lived in Wapella, Saskatchewan (The McFadyens) and then Winnipeg (The Waddells) and then Muir (near Gladstone) and then Holland. We are pretty much rural based and have a fair amount of farm, business and rural experience and yes, newspaper experience. We started in the newspaper business in 1968 and for the sake of keeping track, that's 58 years ago. We have been blessed with an ever larger family, hundreds of friends and I daresay, very few people who dislike us. Those few that do, are polite enough not to say much. We love the newspaper businesses and after the aforementioned 58 years, we have some ideas and observations about how to make it work.

In our opinion, newspapers need to be small and locally owned and managed. The Manitoba landscape is littered with the shadows and remnants of dead newspapers, almost all of which were corporately, out-of-province owned.

Copies of newspapers can be sold over the counter, distributed by subscription or, as in our case, distributed free. Our three papers are handed out in about 160 locations from Ste. Rose to Reston, from Westbourne to Elkhorn. They are in news stands and many, many stores. In the case of stores and other businesses, owners seem happy to have customers come



into their establishment to pick up the paper.

Advertising is the life blood of newspapers. I do have a concern that has developed over the past few years. It's no secret that advertising that was once common in newspapers all the way back to the founding of our papers in the 1890s to early 1900s has changed. There used to be ads, and sometime very large ones, for groceries and automobiles. Many ads have shifted to flyers, TV and the internet. For a while, government ads almost all disappeared to social media and facebook. It is switching back some and for that we are thankful. While social media has its place for sure, you would think that governments should be advertising with Canadian media, not California based internet companies.

Please consider using your local paper to advertise. Yes, it costs some money, but if nobody attends your event, it costs a lot of money too. If a \$50 ad brings in even a few more people to your event, it should be a good return on the investment.

Be sure to advertise early. Most community newspapers come out on Thursdays or Fridays. That's way too late to advertise an event that is happening on the immediate Saturday or Sunday. People are very busy these days and need to plan ahead for a week or two.

Check with your local paper and ask about discounts on multiple

ads. And please, get the ad in early enough that it can be designed with a strong visual appeal. Nothing drives a newspaper crazy faster than having to make up ads at, or past, the deadline.

There is one local type of advertising that I think, needs to be revisited and that's local events. We are grateful for all the local event ads. What drives us crazy is the events and organizations that don't advertise anywhere except on social media. We were told about a local event only advertised on social media in one of our communities recently, and it should have been a very important one. It should have had 100 or even 200 people at it. There were two. That's an extreme example but it is indicative of certain facts. Many people don't look at social media. Much of social media is reels that have absolutely nothing to do with our local communities. Ok, folks, how many pet videos, prank videos and yes, even pornography do we need? What, if any, good does some of the garbage on social media have that benefits our local communities? At best, it's humorous and at worst it's harmful. Someone recently said with the internet, we get fresh water and sewage out of the same pipe. I know that sounds harsh, but think about it for a moment.

Thanks for keeping your local newspaper in mind, we have been around for long time and hope to be around for a long time to come.

Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Contentment...

It would be safe to say that much of my adult life I have been content. There have been times when I have been restless, and too many times when I have been anxious, but a deep contentment anchored those emotions. Okay, to be honest, contentment settled in after a disastrous early marriage. Those brief years, and I would have been classified as an adult, were not stable or safe, two of my necessities for contentment. I was truly blessed with finding/being found by two good, honest men of integrity. That was sequentially, not simultaneously!

This line of thought came as my dog Arie and I were out walking. After far too long, we have resumed daily excursions — shorter than usual — as I recover from a pinched nerve and tendonitis in a major backside muscle set. Perhaps my deep gratitude for my recovery spawned the thought of this deep contentment that I am currently enjoying. I love my home. This spring saw the completion of several major projects. I could certainly have appreciated my home without them, however these improvements not only make my day to day easier, they will enable me to be comfortable in my home as I continue to age.

There was a time when my home was filled with background noise; I don't appreciate noise for the sake of noise anymore. I even gave my TV away, and it was a smart one. I have space for my hobbies and my books. I have time. I have time to simply sit, to visit with friends, to work at my own pace. I cook and bake when I am so moved, not out of necessity. I'm really ok with leftovers, and can enjoy soup or chili or more days than I probably should. The yards are perfect for me.

Yes, plural. The front yard is for looks, even went so far as to have some dandelion control last year. There are chairs on the deck, not often a body in the chair. The middle yard is my den. There are raised vegetable beds, raspberries, strawberries, one goodberry, several hap-saks, some saskatoons and three apple trees. There are bird nests and a bird bath, lawn chairs and a fire pit. Mowing and trimming are a nightmare. The very back yard is so basic, nothing but grass. And I love each of these spaces.

My contentment runs deep. I have people to love, and those who love me. Sticky hugs from little people fill my heart to overflowing. Letters, in lovely block letters, from great grandchildren grace the fridge. Phone calls and face times are gifts. No doubt, I've learned a great deal about relationships in my eighty years, have had to make some tough decisions, but I am so content with those who choose to be in my life — friends and family.

This contentment is anchored in and by my faith. I have tested the faithfulness of my God, and have never found her wanting. I am striving to say with the assuredness of the Apostle Paul 'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation'. Not quite there yet, but well on my way.

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Letters to the editor

Count your blessings

The Town of Virden own and operate a beautiful hall/hockey complex which has been used as an example of what might fit here. If you haven't been in it's worth the drive. Their overall operating costs of the recreational department, of which the arena is part of, fluctuates up to 1.4 million. Neepawa, with twice the population spends about half, \$748,000 (2023), of what Virden does on recreation and by contrast does not fully fund their communities arena.

Niverville is a town with a new arena as well. They also own and operate it through their recreational and cultural department. In 2024, Niverville, with a population higher than Neepawa by 262 souls at the time, spent \$2.8 million on recreation and culture. Just short of four times that of Neepawa.

Minnedosa also own and operate a new arena. Their recreation and cultural department spent close to 1.6 million in 2023. The same year Neepawa, with more than double the population, spent

less than half that.

So imagine if you can, a non shareholder corporation forming in Virden, Niverville or Minnedosa with the goal to take over ownership and control of the multi million dollar public facilities their towns own, operate and finance through general revenue. To change what was by law the responsibility of the towns into a dependency on the mercy of the towns. Mercy, which history has taught us here, and the numbers scream, will be woefully in short supply. It simply can't be rationalized.

So count your blessings Council of the Town of Neepawa. Your counterparts in these towns have shown you the "progressive" conservative way.

It's 2026. Circumstances have changed over the decades. It's a new era. Isn't it time to start pulling your weight???

Respectfully
Ross McBride
Neepawa, MB

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Saint Dominics

Today's recipes come from Saint Dominic's Roman Catholic Church from the year 2000. The cookbook was called "Treasured Recipes of the Millennium." The first Catholics in Neepawa attended infrequent masses in homes. In 1925 a small church was moved into Neepawa. The building was expanded twice over the years. In 1961 a new larger church began to be built. In 1962 it was completed and blessed. Over the years it has received a new rectory and renovations to update the church. The cookbook is dedicated to all past, present and future members of the Saint Dominics Parish in Neepawa. Enjoy the recipes I have shared with you.

Crunchy pea salad - Cecile Melnyk

16 oz. pkg. frozen peas	1/4 cup sliced green onions	1/2 tsp. dried dill
1 cup chopped cauliflower	1 cup ranch salad dressing	1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup diced celery	1/2 cup sour cream	1/8 tsp. pepper
1 cup slivered almonds		Lettuce leaves, optional

In a large bowl combine the first 10 ingredients. Cover and chill until serving. Serve on lettuce leaves if desired. Yields 6-8 servings. Hint: Thaw the frozen peas before making the salad.

Carrot casserole - Tessie Kostenchuk (In memory of Sister Rita)

4 cups sliced carrots	1 can celery soup
1 pkg. Stove Top Stuffing	3/4 cup shredded cheese
3 Tbsp. margarine	Salt and pepper
1/4 cup chopped onions	1/4 cup melted margarine

Cook carrots. Prepare Stove Top Stuffing and set aside. Sauté onions in margarine. Add soup and shredded cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Add carrots, salt and pepper. Put in a greased 2 quart casserole. Cover with stuffing mix. Drizzle melted margarine over top. Bake 20 minutes for 350°F.

Cabbage rolls (Hungarian) Margaret Gal (nee Karaz) In memory of Elizabeth Karaz

1 lb. freshly ground pork	1 tsp. black pepper
3/4 cup uncooked rice	Steamed cabbage leaves
1 clove garlic, minced	Few strips of bacon, optional (bacon gives it a nice flavour)
1 small onion, chopped and sauteed	Sauerkraut, optional
3 tsp. paprika	1 can tomato soup
2 tsp. salt	

Mix the first seven ingredients. Place a dollop of the filling on each cabbage leaf; roll up. Line the bottom of a large pot with cabbage leaves and place cabbage rolls on top. To cook, add one can tomato soup and enough water to just cover the rolls. You can top this off with sauerkraut or bacon strips or both. Bring it to a boil; turn down heat and cook slowly for approximately one hour or until rice is cooked.

Lemon coconut squares - Margaret Smith

1 cup flour	2 eggs
1/4 cup icing sugar	3/4 cup white sugar
1/2 cup margarine	1/2 tsp. baking powder
3/4 cup coconut	2 Tbsp. lemon juice

Mix flour, icing sugar and margarine. Press evenly into an 8X8 inch pan. Bake at 350°F for 15-20 minutes. Sprinkle with coconut. Beat remaining ingredients together; pour over top. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool and mark into squares. When cooled completely, cut and remove from pans.

Cinnamon apple rice pudding - Richard Gutoski

3 Tbsp. butter	2 cups unsweetened apple juice
1 large apple, peeled, cored and chopped	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup short grain rice	1/2 tsp. each salt and nutmeg
1/3 cup raisins	300 mL can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk,

Melt butter; cook and stir apples for 2 minutes. Add rice; stir for 1 minute. Stir in raisins and one-half cup apple juice. Stir about 1 minute. Add remaining juice, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg; bring to a boil. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes or until rice is tender. Stir in Eagle brand milk; heat through, stirring often. Serve warm. Garnish as desired. Serves eight.

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs up to the Beautiful Plains Horticultural Society for the fantastic work they have done and continue to do at the "Brent Hunter Memorial Park" at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Elizabeth Street. The park looks amazing with all of the spring blossoms in bloom.

Joyce Bailey
Neepawa, MB



Would you like to send a thumbs up or thumbs down to an individual or group in the community? Please send it our way. Submissions must include a name and location, and must be under 100 words.

We want to hear from you!

In person: 243 Hamilton St. Neepawa. By email: news@neepawabanner.com

Reigning over Parkland



PHOTO BY ROB WADDELL

This Belted Kingfisher crossed our photographer's lens recently in the Parkland area. The Belted Kingfisher, Canada's only kingfisher species, is easily recognized by its shaggy blue-grey crest, dagger-like bill, and rattling call. Breeding occurs from Alaska eastward across Canada south of the tree line, and throughout most of the U.S.A. except the desert regions.

History lessons with Helen: The automobile

By Helen Drysdale
Neepawa Banner & Press

I was giving a younger classroom a tour of the museum. At the end of the tour a little girl came up to me and asked me if cars were invented when I was born! So, I decided today's history lesson is about Manitoba's early car history. And yes I was born long after cars were invented!

The first automobile in Winnipeg was a three-wheeled Knox purchased by University of Manitoba professor Edgar Boteler Kenrick in 1901. The Knox Model A was a three-wheel runabout with a five-hp one-cylinder air-cooled engine. The engine was air-cooled by means of steel pins, screwed into the sides of the cylinder walls allowing air flowing over them to cool the engine.

Automobiles and the rules for driving were simple: keep to the right side of the road. Whatever the quality of roads, Winnipeg enthusiasts soon organized themselves into the province's first auto club. When formed in 1904, the Winnipeg Automobile Club boasted 14 members and was the first of its type in Canada. The club's mandate was to make travelling by car safer and more enjoyable, as well as to protect the rights of motorists. The Automobile Club lobbied to develop roads, install signposts and have maps produced. By 1908, there were over 100 vehicles in Winnipeg. The city police received many complaints about "breakneck driving"

and frightened horses running away.

The first car produced by Henry Ford was the Ford Model A which began production in 1903. The vehicle sold for a base price of \$750 and had a top speed of 28 mph. Soon there were more Fords produced than all other manufacturers combined and at very reasonable prices. At that time, you could get any color you wanted so long as it was black. Henry Ford favoured the black colour because it dried the fastest. In 1908 the Model T was introduced and was capable of speeds as great as 30 mph. By December 10, 1915, the millionth Ford model T car was produced changing the automotive world. People loved its simple design, reliable performance and affordable price.

Steam cars and Electric cars were also used for a time, but there were the problems of taking a long time for the pressure to build up in the steam car and the electric car had a short driving range before it needed charging, so it was the gasoline powered cars that ended up ruling. The province of Manitoba first required its residents to register their motor vehicles and display licence plates in 1911.

The "Winnipeg" was a four-cylinder car, manufactured in the state of New York, shipped to Winnipeg in pieces and assembled in Winnipeg in the early 1920s. Their slogan was "as good as the wheat." The radiator was custom built in Winnipeg to be frost proof with a distinctive

radiator emblem of a sheaf of wheat tied with the word Winnipeg and it came with a set of chains.

Back in Neepawa, local entrepreneurs were quick to catch on that the shift away from horse and buggy was not just a fad, and almost immediately began setting up automotive dealerships. Mr. William Willboughby, having a commercial stable on the corner of Hamilton and Brown, seemed to see the writing on the wall. His barn, at 100 feet by 100 feet, and three stories high was said to be the largest barn in Canada. It was sold in 1907 to H. R. Rutledge and within a few years it became a car garage and dealership. 1908, John Crawford purchased a train carload of McLaughlin-Buicks for sale in Neepawa. Charlie Pedlar came to Neepawa and opened a blacksmith shop. He too saw that change was coming and gave up being a blacksmith to sell Henry Ford Automobiles.

Taken from the 1980 Drysdale history book: In those years gasoline engines were not always reliable, and many frustrating hours were spent trying to make balky engines work. On any trip one had to be prepared to fix flat tires, adjust spark plugs and solve other motor problems. The Overland car purchased in 1914, by George was considered a very fine car, even though it had to be started by cranking. The gasoline tank was under the front seat and could be filled only by having all front seat passengers get out and wait until the seat was removed and the tank



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A photo taken in 1909, featuring Dr. Coad, Perry Brown in Russell car 1909 George Kerr went to Chicago and brought back three Russell cars - one for himself, one for Dr. Coad and one for Robert Kerr.

filled with gasoline and the seat replaced. "With careful maneuvering the top could be folded down as in a modern convertible. The celluloid side curtains were kept under the back seat and

what a scramble to get at them in the rain and button them into place." That new touring Overland car cost George Drysdale \$1,510 and \$6.30 to licence."

The Manitoba Antique

Automobile Museum in Elkhorn, Manitoba is worth the trip to see all they have to offer. It has a collection of over 100 automobiles that date back to 1908 including several Overland cars.



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A photo taken in looking down Mountain Avenue in Neepawa in the 1920s.



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Letter writing campaign on wind farm proposal tops 20,000

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

What began as a local letter-writing campaign has grown into a regional movement, with around 20,000 people putting pen to paper to support the cause.

On Friday, June 12, about half a dozen community members dropped off boxes upon boxes of letters to the Rural Municipality of Rosedale office. Those letters were voicing opposition to the proposed Fleury Winds development, a \$500 million project being considered for land within the Polonia region. If approved, Fleury Winds would install between 28 and 36 wind turbines throughout the Huns Valley. While about 40 area landowners have signed option-to-lease agreements with the developers, a number of other residents are pushing back and looking to stop the project entirely.

Delivery day

Along with those specific letters dropped off to Rosedale officials, additional ones were also delivered in the preceding days to the constituency offices of Agassiz MLA Jodie Byram and Riding Mountain MLA Greg Nesbitt. Those submissions were region appropriate (i.e. Agassiz resident letters were only delivered to Byram's office, while Riding Mountain submissions were only dropped off to Nesbitt).

Organizers also brought the combined collection of all the correspondence, just over 20,000, directly to the Manitoba Legislature on Monday, June 15.

Speaking during Friday's letter drop-off, one of the campaign organizers, Trevor Bennett, said the level of public engagement has exceeded their expectations.

"We had an amazing response out of the people, between the R.M.'s of Rosedale and Minto-Odanah, as well as Neepawa. The support for this across the region has been tremendous," said Bennett. "And the



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

From left to right: Leanne Hanlan, Brook Rossnagel, Jean Chopp, Gary Chopp, and Trevor Bennet deliver thousands of letters to the office of the R.M. of Rosedale in the County Courthouse building in Neepawa.

work that's been done by the people standing here today, and others, to get the knowledge in front of the people that need to know where the people actually stand. They have all done amazing work to get this all processed and organized. They have done an amazing job."

Jean Chopp, who has been assisting with the campaign, outlined the number of individual letters delivered specifically to the municipality on Friday.

"The original letters signed that we're representing [to the R.M. of Rosedale], plus the carbon copies, works out to 1,279 originals and 1,458 copies, so, it's over 2,700 letters that we'll be presenting to the R.M. today," noted Chopp.

More than just a one off planned

Organizers indicated the effort is far from over.

A larger delivery of letters was to be made at the Manitoba Legislature on Monday, with additional submissions planned in the months ahead.

Bennett said the goal is to ensure decision makers continue hearing from residents as discussions surrounding the wind farm proposal move forward.

"Get an envelope full and send them into the government to make sure that is in front of them," Bennett stated. "Our goal is to keep moving this forward and make sure that our government tax dollars aren't going to waste."

Bennet concluded by explaining that future letter-writing initiatives could take place every month or two as they work to keep public attention focused on the proposed development and its potential impact on the region.



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Just over 2,700 individual letters were dropped off to the R.M. of Rosedale, with others to be sent to the Agassiz and Riding Mountain MLA's and the Manitoba Legislature.



PHOTO BY ROB WADDELL

It's not unusual to see wild turkeys in the parkland area. Sometimes they cross the road in a large flock. This turkey tom was all fluffed and strutting his stuff for the camera this past week, no doubt also scouting his territory for friendly hen. Photo was taken near Riding Mountain Manitoba.

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Neepawa honoured by Tourism Westman

ArtFest and Amazing Race Neepawa earn 'Event of the Year'

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Two Neepawa events were recognized at Tourism Westman's Tribute to Tourism Awards recently. On June 11, ArtsForward was presented with the 'Event of the Year (Budget Under 10K)' honour for the community events known as ArtFest and Amazing Race Neepawa (originally Amazing Race Downtown Neepawa).

"For Neepawa, [this recognition] is fabulous," said Yvonne Sisley, executive director of ArtsForward.

Sisley emphasized that while the arts and cultural centre's name is etched on the award, the recognition from it extends beyond ArtsForward.

'Much more' together

ArtFest is an annual event organized by ArtsForward with a focus on live art, murals, and cultural programming. Projects from ArtFest also traditionally contribute to the expanding Neepawa Art Trail.

Amazing Race Neepawa— a collaboration with several community businesses and organizations— sparked in 2025 with Belinda Critchlow of hid'n hollow. Critchlow brought the idea forward, and the new event was added to the festival that same year.

"Having [Amazing Race Neepawa] tied into ArtFest was great. What Amazing Race Neepawa has done for



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Brenda Critchlow (left) and Yvonne Sisley (right) posing together with the Tourism Westman Event of the Year (Budget Under 10K) award in front of one of the business district signs in Neepawa on June 16.

ArtFest is take it to a whole new level," said Sisley. "It adds another activity and makes more things for families to be able to do. We have been lacking, since Lily Festival, on a summer festival-type event. And when we started ArtFest five years ago, that was kind of the idea— 'can we build this to a point where it could be a summer destination?'"

Sisley added, "The Art Trail and all of that tied into it really helped, because it's added a year-round lasting effect from the ArtFest. Adding Amazing Race on that same day and that partnership with that, it's brought it that much more."

This new facet of the event had 39 teams and 20 businesses participating. And, according to Tourism Westman, approximately 1,000 visitors throughout

the community.

"It was really fantastic the ideas the businesses put out there, and I think everybody who played just had an amazing time," said Critchlow. "Each business does their own idea just to try and showcase their business once the teams are in there. They went above and beyond."

Eager for 2026 editions

This award also comes just a month away from the 2026 edition of ArtFest, with Amazing Race Neepawa returning for a second year. Both events are taking place on July 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"We're really excited that there is a second year," said Critchlow. "After the [2025 event] was finished, Yvonne and I talked and I said, 'This

is really big, this has gone way bigger than I thought and it's a lot just for myself to go to businesses in my off-time', so Yvonne and ArtsForward have taken it over for this year, and for however many more she does."

"But working very closely with Belinda," Sisley added.

Registrations for the 2026 Amazing Race are already available, with people of all ages welcome to register a team of any size. Those interested can register at ArtsForward,

or via the relevant link on their social media.

"The first year was just fantastic. I don't know what [the businesses] will do to make it more special this year," Critchlow laughed.

As for ArtFest, Sisley shared that ArtsForward is excited to have nationally recognized artist Perry Haddock flown out from B.C. for a plein air event. Additionally, for the day as a whole, to experience the community-wide collaboration once again.

"Any event that you can do that you get community collaboration like that, and community organizations, businesses, and individuals who want to be part of something and see the excitement in there, it can only build from there. So we're super excited for this year," said Sisley. "I hope that it continues to build and that this is that summer festival we've been looking for."



FILE PHOTOS

Pictured above: A scene from The Amazing Race Neepawa's inaugural event in 2025.



Pictured right: Gwen Baryla, one of many participants of the 2025 ArtFest, working on a brand new painting during last year's event.

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\$7,700 raised at 2026 Neepawa Colour Run



PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

The second annual Rotary: The New Wave Neepawa Colour Run was a hit yet again. Shown here are some additional scenes from the event.

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Rotary: The New Wave Neepawa is another step closer to the finish line for its current ongoing project. Following the 2026 Colour Run, and a grant received from the

Beautiful Plains Community Foundation, the community service club is now “just over halfway” to its total Playground Enhancement Fund goal of \$55,000.

“The weather this year was not as wonderful as last year, but we still had

lots of fun,” said Kristen Tibbett, New Wave Neepawa president. “It turned out to be a really good day overall.”

Tibbett shared that runner numbers were slightly down from last year’s count of 250. However, they still came away with a much welcome positive result.

“We raised a bit more this year— we raised \$7,700,” said Tibbett.

Through the Playground Enhancement fund, Rotary: The New Wave Neepawa seeks to install a zipline at Neepawa’s Rotary Park.

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Neepawa paints with Pride



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Neepawa and Area Pride welcomed all community members to join them at ArtsForward on June 14 for the annual refurbishing of the rainbow sidewalk (left). Refreshments were also available indoors.

Pictured below: A portion of a bench that was painted in a group effort. Artists of all ages helped to turn the bench into the colourful display seen here.



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Neepawa baseball greats receive recognition

Garth White, Larry Nicholson, 2003 AA Midgets enter MB Baseball Hall of Fame

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The community of Neepawa was well represented in this year's Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame induction class, with three of the 13 honourees sharing strong local connections.

In the team category, the 2003 Neepawa AA Midgets were one of four clubs inducted during the Hall of Fame ceremony, held Saturday, June 13, at the Access Events Centre in Morden.

The 2003 team would win both the provincials and the Western Canadian Baseball Championships, besting North Battleford team 5-0 in the final, with Greg Hockin pitching a one hit complete game.

Meanwhile, in the individual categories, Larry Nicholson and Garth White both earned their place in the Hall of Fame in recognition of their outstanding contributions to baseball.

Nicholson, who grew up on a farm near Neepawa, established himself as an elite pitcher and power hitter for the Neepawa Farmers, starring with the club from the mid-1970s through the late 1980s.

The Banner & Press was unable to contact Nicholson before the publication deadline, but in an inter-

view with the Brandon Sun back in November, when the Hall of Fame class was first announced (*Nov. 3 edition*), He expressed his gratitude

"It's an honour, it really is," Nicholson told the Brandon Sun. "I played with some of the best ball players and against some of the best ball players and they're all down there [in the Hall of Fame in Morden]. It was a shock."

Garth White also suited up for the Farmers during the 1970s and 1980s, in both the Yellowhead Intermediate League and when they joined the MSBL in 1982.

In 1986, he took over as the team's head coach and lead the Farmers to MSBL championships in 1992 and 1994.

While honoured by the recognition, White said the induction represents much more than his own accomplishments.

"I'm grateful for the recognition, but not for myself, rather for the team and the league," said White. "It was a great league with some incredible players. I was fortunate to be involved during a time when it was close to its best in both talent and popularity. It's good that it'll be remembered like this."

In his acceptance speech,



White also expressed his thanks for the support from his family throughout the years, including his father and brother. He also noted the next generations, in the form of his children and grandchildren have also developed that same pas-

sion and love for baseball and softball.

"We will always be a baseball family," concluded White. "Keep following your kids and grandchildren in baseball and softball. It's the greatest sport on Earth."

IMAGES FROM THE HALL OF FAME CEREMONY USED WITH PERMISSION FROM BRYAN J. WHITE

Neepawa resident and MB Baseball Hall of Famer Don Schmall presents the Hall of Fame trophies to Garth White (top left) and Larry Nicholson (top right). As well, the 2003 Neepawa AA Midgets, who won the Western Canada Championship, earned a place in the Hall, at the annual ceremony held in Morden on Saturday, June 13.

Neepawa ready to welcome Canada's 'NextGen' of golfers

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Western Canada's most promising young golfers will converge on Neepawa this weekend, for Golf Canada's NextGen Prairie Championship. The Neepawa Golf & Country Club (NGCC) is hosting this national junior event, which will feature 120 competitors from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The tournament includes both boys' and girls' divisions, competing in a 54-hole stroke-play format.

The three day championship is part of Golf Canada's NextGen series, a developmental tour for junior golfers. For the Neepawa Golf & Country Club, this event represents one of the most significant championships staged at the facility in recent years.

NGCC General Manager and Golf Pro

Landon Cameron said the Championship also provides an excellent chance to showcase both the course and the community.

"It's always a great opportunity to show people from outside our community how great our golf course is," said Cameron. "We had the opportunity to host this event in 2016, and to get Golf Canada to come calling for us to host again shows that we are doing something right."

Over the last few weeks, preparing the course for a national championship has required a tremendous effort from the club's staff, although Cameron says the approach has remained consistent.

"Nothing different, just more of the

same. Trying our best to have the entire place in good enough shape to host a national event," he explained. "Mark [Kerkowich] and his staff have

been exceptional at doing extra so that we can have the course ready to host 120 of the best junior golfers in Canada."

Beyond the work of the course maintenance team, Cameron credited the many volunteers who have stepped forward to ensure the championship goes off without a hitch.

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Neepawa Cubs blank Mavericks in Minnedosa

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

It was a near perfect night for Garrett Rempel and the Neepawa Cubs on Friday, June 12, as they cruised to a 9-0 win over the Minnedosa Mavericks. Rempel pitched 5 1/3 innings, surrendering just a single hit late and no runs, versus five strikeouts on the evening.

Rempel also went 2-for-3 at bat

for the Cubs, including a three run homer in the top of the very first inning. Teammate Lincoln Murray also knocked one out the park for Neepawa in the top of the 7th, as part of a five run rally late, ensuring the victory. He contributed with four RBI in total, on a 2-for-4 effort at the plate.

Taylor Fletcher entered the game as a relief pitcher for Rempel in the top of the sixth and stuck out three

of the seven batters he faced to secure the save.

This win improved Neepawa's record to 6-1-1, while the Mavericks have now dropped five in a row and are 2-7-0 on the season.

The next home game for the Cubs will be on Friday, June 19 versus the Portage Padres (5-3-1), who recently lost to Plumas 8-6. Opening pitch at the Agricultural Fairgrounds in Neepawa is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Santa Clara Baseball League

	G	W	L	T	Win %	Games Back
Plumas Pirates	9	7	1	1	.833	-
Neepawa Cubs	8	6	1	1	.812	0.5
Portage Padres	9	5	3	1	.611	2.0
Austin A's	7	2	4	1	.357	4.0
Minnedosa Mavericks	9	2	7	0	.222	5.5
Carberry Royals	8	0	6	2	.125	6.0

	AB	H	RBI	SB	HR	Avg
Ryan Benson (Neepawa)	33	14	13	4	1	.424
Tyler Olson (Portage)	37	12	10	0	1	.378
Austin Taylor (Minnedosa)	35	12	6	3	0	.343
Ryan Gower (Neepawa)	30	10	3	5	0	.333
Carter Schettler (Plumas)	31	10	3	5	0	.323

Minimum 30 at bats AB: At Bats. H: Hits. RBI: Runs Batted in. SB: Stolen Bases. HR: Home runs. Avg: Batting Average.

Pirates remain in first place after big win over Portage

By Austin Lewis
Freelance Writer

Unable to close out the Neepawa Cubs series last week, The Plumas Pirates looked to bounce back against the two-time defending champions Portage Padres in a rematch of last year's Santa Clara Baseball League final. Game one took place in the Plumas Ball Grounds, and Rylan Denbow took the mound as the starting pitcher. After three innings of baseball, the Padres and Pirates were tied at one run each after the Padres struck first with a single to right field, and Connor Braun

tied the game for the Pirates on a stolen base.

Throughout the remainder of the game, Rylan Denbow and the Padres pitcher threw strikeout after strikeout to keep the game even at one up until the final inning. Unfortunately, no runs were scored by either team in the bottom seventh, so game one of the series ends in a 1-1 tie. This the first time this season that a Plumas Pirates game ended in a tie.

The series then shifted to Portage La Prairie for game two, and both the Pirates and Padres looked for a win to close out the series. Game two started


and Riley McBride, on his first game back in the lineup had hit a lead off homerun on the first play of the game for an early 1-0 lead, and shortly after that Rylan Denbow continued to dominate as he hit a three-run homerun for an early 4-0 lead in the top first inning. After three innings of the game, the Padres ended the Pirates' shutout bid by scoring on a Plumas mispitch to cut the lead to 4-1.

With the Pirates up 6-1 and 8-3 at one

point, the Padres looked to pull off a comeback by scoring three straight runs in the final two innings, in the end, the Pirates pulled away with an 8-6 victory over the Padres on the road and closed out the series, Eric Sigurdson had a terrific time on the mound only allowing one run, Riley McBride closed

out the game after he missed three games due to an injury. The Pirates remain in first place in the league by one game, and the Pirates start their next series against the Austin A's. Game one was in Austin on Wednesday, June 17, and game two will be in Plumas on Friday, June 19.

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Obituary



John Edward Drinkwater

Born April 2, 1946 in Midlands Birmingham England to Marjorie and James Drinkwater. He schooled at Turves Green Secondary School Birmingham England.

Enjoyed travelling when he could. While in England he worked at Boots the Chemist for about 30 years. He met and married Margaret McConnell and eventually moved to Canada. While he did work at Neepawa Pharmacy for a number of years he eventually was hired by The Neepawa Banner where he enjoyed taking pictures and meeting people as he sold ads and helped distribute the papers. He later took up videography and worked with the NACTV for a number of years. He particularly enjoyed these jobs as one of his hobbies was photography. Some of you may remember his mantra "Just one more".

John leaves behind his wife of 38 years Margaret, brother Phillip, nephew Paul, a number of cousins in England and brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews from his wife's side of the family.

In Memory

In Memory of

Art Harris

May 31, 1929 - June 20, 2013
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In Memory of

Dennis Jakubowski

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Obituary

Florence Carter



Florence Carter, beloved wife of Murray Carter, passed away into the presence of her Lord and Saviour on June 5, 2026 at the age of 91. A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Minnedosa Evangelical Covenant Church, 101-4th Av. SW in Minnedosa, Manitoba.

Florence was born October 3rd 1934 in Edgar, Wisconsin, and was raised in Upper Michigan. In 1961 she moved to India to serve God with TEAM. There she met her husband, Murray, also serving with TEAM in India. They were married in 1964 and had two children, Laura and Annette. They continued to serve in India until 1979, and then in Italy from 1981 to 2004, when they retired and settled in Minnedosa.

Florence served God faithfully throughout her life and leaves a rich legacy of faith and integrity. A strong prayer warrior and a woman of noble character, she quietly touched many people's lives in profound and enduring ways. She is survived by her husband, Murray, her two daughters, Laura Verderame (John) and Annette Ford (Stephen), five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Donations in Florence's memory may be made to the Minnedosa Evangelical Covenant Church.

White's Funeral Home in care of arrangements.
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Robert Dudley Ramsey

April 3, 1934 - June 4, 2026



Peacefully, on June 4th 2026, Bob passed away at the Carberry Plains Personal Care Home, with his family by his side.

Bob was born in Carberry and was the first child of Dudley (Dud) & Burdette (Bud) Ramsey. He lived in Carberry his entire 92 years of life. He spent many of his years

as an active community member, and volunteered in many initiatives from being on the fire brigade crew in his youth to a long-standing member of The Carberry Elks Club.

Bob began working with his dad at D.G. Ramsey garage, once he completed his schooling. Together, they shared a love for the business and passed it along to his son's Brian and Bruce. Brian now operates the business as Ramsey Motors.

Bob married Clara (Mansfield) in 1959 and was blessed with four children. He and his family enjoyed summers at their Delta Beach cottage. Bob had a lot of stories from the people he met on the side of the road, did business with, or from his extensive travels. Though he loved the cabin and traveling the world, his favourite part was returning to his hometown.

Bob was a family man. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 66 years, Clara; children, Linda, Brian (Annie), Bruce, Lisa (Glen); grandchildren, Tom, Laura (Stewart), Dez, Hannah, Jack; great grandchildren, Laelle and Jayden; siblings Betty (Jerry), Donna; sisters-in-law, Jean, Mona, Vi; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The care that Bob received at The Carberry Plains Health Centre and Carberry Plains Personal Care Home was second to none. Bob frequently mentioned it was the best service in town. The warm, compassionate, and loving care that he received during his stay is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

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What we can offer you:

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- Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation as per our collective bargaining agreement
- Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
- Employee Referral program - \$500!
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Your duties may include:

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- Ensuring all Quality Assurance checks are performed.
- Maintaining a safe, clean, and organized work area throughout the facility.
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We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and climbing.
- Available to work an 8-hour Night Shift from Monday-Friday, between 11:15 PM to 9:00 AM
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Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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Your duties may involve:

- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
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- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

To excel in this role, you should possess:

- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Understanding of animal behavior
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience working with livestock
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
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Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

Why join our team?

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Your duties may include:

- Slaughter, eviscerate, and mark hogs for further processing;
- Debone edible parts and remove inedible organs for parts;
- Cut pork carcasses into primal cuts for further processing, cutting, or packaging for local, national, and international premium markets.

We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Open to working in colder/warmer environments
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in meat cutting or slaughter or completed a program in Industrial Meat cutting
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English

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Neepawa's Margaret Laurence Home hosted their own celebration of National Stitch In Public Day on June 13, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. Anyone who knits, crochets, embroiders, or any other similar craft, were invited to participate.

While different craft organizations such as the Edmonton Needle Craft Guild or Embroiderers' Guild or America may hold their Stitch In Public Days at different times of the year, the primary focus is the same for all who participate: sharing their passion for needle arts.

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Celebrating the life and work of John Drinkwater



John Drinkwater worked for many years for the Neepawa Banner & Press. He was a reporter, photographer, and advertising salesman. He diligently delivered papers in several parts of our coverage area. He was well known to many people and had many, many friends. My wife Christine and I were pleased to be among his list of friends.

John delighted in calling me "Grampa" even though he was a couple of years older than myself. John struggled with a number of health issues over the years, but he kept on fighting to work and live well. John loved shooting videos for NACTV and served on the Board of Directors.

John passed away on June 7, 2026. Our sympathies are with his wife Margaret.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Neepawa United Anglican Church ~ Neepawa, Manitoba.

**Ken Waddell, Publisher,
Neepawa Banner & Press**



2024 RCMP Musical Ride

By John Drinkwater
SUBMITTED

The Erickson & District Chamber of Commerce hosted the RCMP Musical Ride on Wednesday, July 24. Sightseers from Erickson, Wasagaming, Onanole, Minnedosa, Neepawa, Brandon and even the U.S. enjoyed the event. "Roulette" a group of artists from Amaranth/Sandy Bay/First Nation, provided a musical performance prior to the Ride.

Guest of Honour was Graeme Kingdon who was born into a RCMP family up in the North West Territories and moved to Portage La Prairie when his RCMP Staff Sargent father was transferred there. After his father retired, they moved to the family farm in Basswood, MB. After completing high school in Minnedosa, Graeme acquired his Diploma in Agriculture at U.of M and his Degree in Agriculture

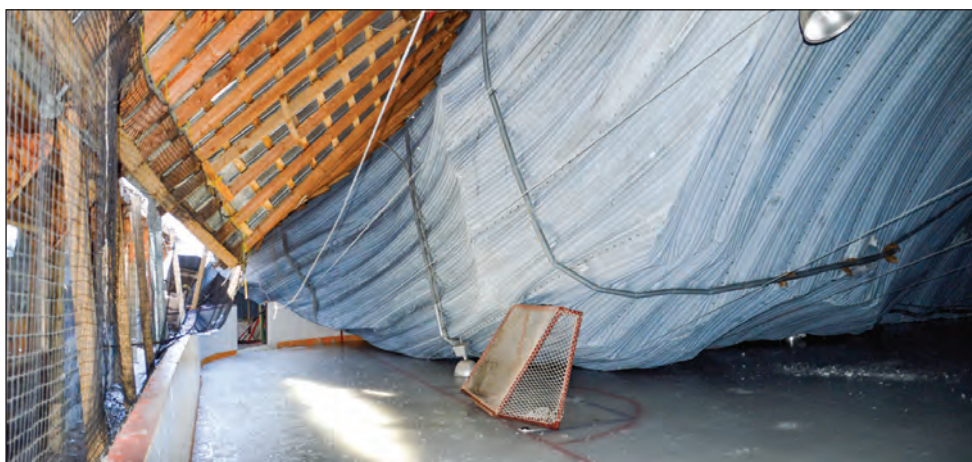


PHOTO BY JOHN DRINKWATER

A scene from the 2024 RCMP Musical Ride.

from Guelph, Ontario. However the RCMP was calling! He completed Depot in 2002 and served in Gypsumville, Selkirk, Bloodvein, Berens River, and Poplar River, all located in Manitoba. In 2007, he was accepted to a position in the RCMP Musical Ride, performing through Canada and the United States. For 2 years he rode in the #8 position riding "Sassy" or "Ozzie." Married in

2009, Graeme and his wife Nakella moved after he was transferred to Dauphin. In 2016 the family, comprising of Graeme, Nakella and two daughters moved again following his transfer to Wasagaming. Upon retirement from the RCMP in 2022, the Kingdom's commenced their new family career, growing U-pick strawberries on their farm near Basswood, Manitoba.



NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES AND SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Shown here are just a small handful of examples of John Drinkwater's hard work from over the years of his career with the Neepawa Banner, and then The Neepawa Banner & Press. Many of the photographs shown here were featured on past front pages, and he was one of three Neepawa photographers who won an MCNA award for the photo essay on the 2020 floods. John also wrote articles from time to time, such as for the 2024 RCMP Musical Ride (shown above right). Additionally, he has filmed many events and interviews for NACTV. One example of this extensive work can be seen near the top middle of the page.

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Neepawa shares in celebration for Filipino heritage



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