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Winnipeg developer unveils plan to bring the Kerr Block back to life



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The renovation of Neepawa’s historic Kerr Block is nearing completion as it is being set up with five residential suites and four main floor commercial units.

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Justin Beaulieu of Westgate Ltd. from Winnipeg is a renovation specialist. In a phone interview with the Neepawa Banner &

Press Beaulieu said, “We aren’t a big player in the real estate world but we have about 600 rental units, mostly in Winnipeg and around rural Manitoba. I like rural towns, I believe in them”. Among their rural holdings

are Valleyview Apartments on Brydon and Evergreen Apartments on Mountain Avenue in Neepawa. Those two facilities have been renovated and are rented out. The third Neepawa property

is the Kerr Block on Hamilton Street in downtown Neepawa. “The Kerr Block is planned to have six, three bedroom suites with in-suite laundry. The lower level will contain four retail units, two larger ones and two smaller

ones. Beaulieu said “Construction and renovation is my game.” Once renovations are complete, rental and property management is turned over to a realty firm.

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BPSD releases its budget for 2025-2026

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The numbers have officially been crunched by the Beautiful Plains School Division (BPSD) for its potential budget for the next school year.

An online video review of the proposal, was uploaded onto the School Division website on Tuesday, Mar. 4. An ad featuring those numbers also appeared in the Mar. 7 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

In the video presentation, BPSD Superintendent Jason Young and Secretary-Treasurer Shannon Bayes explained the details behind the budget results. For the upcoming year, the total proposed budget is expected to be \$30,749,600. That amount is an increase of just over \$1.9 million from the previous year and is a 6.7 per cent increase year over year.

Increasing staff costs are a factor in that increase, as each year, more teachers and other support staff are needed, as student enrolment within School Division continues to rise.

Where's the money coming from?

As for a breakdown of where the funding for the budget comes for Beautiful Plains, 57.5 per cent (\$17.7M) is contributed directly through provincial revenue. An additional 18.6 per cent (\$5.7M) is raised through provincial tax credits and grants and 23.2 per cent (\$7.15M) through local funding. The last 0.7 per cent (\$200K) is raised through other revenue.

What's this means for you?

As for what the proposed budget will actually mean for our property taxes, the cost to a homeowner will depend entirely on the change in their properties' value year over year. Using the average assessed increase in 2024 within the Division of 8.6 per cent, residential could be up \$29.00 on average for every \$100,000 of

value of your home. For commercial properties per \$100,000, with a 15.1 per cent assessment, it could increase by \$85.00, while for farmland on a 20.2 per cent assessment, it may go up by \$48.00 per \$100,000. Those numbers are variable.

Property owners should be aware, however, there is also a major change in the availability of Provincial Tax Credits. For this year, it is going from 3.1 per cent in 2024-2025 to 15.8 per cent in 2025-2026. Based on the type of property owned, a residential homeowner will be eligible for up to a \$1,500 reduction in their school property taxes, while farmland owners are eligible for 50 per cent off their school property taxes.

The mill rate, which is the amount of tax payable per 1,000 dollars of the assessed value of a property, will drop from 10.62 to 10.37 (-2.35 per cent).

Moving ahead

Beautiful Plains School Division trustees have now reviewed these details and finalized the budget at their meeting, on Tuesday, Mar. 11. The budget must be submitted to the province by Mar. 31.

Beautiful Plains is a rural division that stretches from Sprucewoods Provincial Park to Riding Mountain National Park. It has 14 schools within the district (Seven community schools and seven Hutterian schools) and its major centres are Neepawa, Carberry, Brookdale and Eden. It has approximately 300 staff members and 2,275 plus students.

Neepawa Titans score big for cancer research at Hockey Fights Cancer Night

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

On Saturday, February 22, Neepawa Titans fans packed the rink for a great fundraiser for its inaugural Hockey Fights Cancer Night.

To celebrate the occasion, the Titans wore specialty jerseys against the visiting Waywayseecappo Wolverines to spotlight the need for research and support in the battle against Cancer. Neepawa Titans Board member Jamie Denbow said the jerseys received a great reaction all around.

"The players loved it. They always play hard in a Titans jersey, but they came out even harder in a special game like this," he said. "Fans loved the jerseys, loved to support the cause, and were treated to a great Titans win."

Also on tap, the Neepawa Titans served a special Ukrainian-themed meal with homemade perogies and hosted a special chuck-a-puck with proceeds going to cancer initiatives. Denbow said it means a lot to the hockey club to see the community come out and support this cause.

"Cancer impacts everyone, and we are glad to create an opportunity for the community to support and draw attention to cancer care activities in Neepawa and area," said the board member.

After the game, Titans fans had the opportunity to own a piece of Titans history and bid on the game-worn jerseys. The auction was a hit, with many eager Titans fans clamouring to bid on



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On Saturday, February 22, the Neepawa Titans wore special themed jerseys for their inaugural Hockey Fights Cancer Night against the visiting Waywayseecappo Wolverines.

them. The Neepawa Titans are still finalizing the total dollar amount raised, but the club will donate the profits from the specialty jerseys to Neepawa Cancer Care. Titans fans can rejoice as the event returns for next year.

"This was step one of a multi-step plan. Next year will be bigger and brighter," said Denbow.

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1975: Hamilton Street offices go up in flames

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
March 14, 1900**

Note: The entries for 1900 are from The Neepawa Register, as The Press for that year is not fit for regular handling.

The question of establishing a land department for dealing with the railway, school and swamp lands of the province, is being discussed by the ministers, and it is expected that the matter will be announced in the near future. It is also the intention of the government to establish a provincial immigration department, which will work upon lines more beneficial to the province than any hitherto adopted. This matter, however, will not be taken up until the legislature has assembled.

—Tribune.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
March 10, 1925**

McCreary: The ladies who went to Dauphin from

here to take in the bonspiel were very successful, winning all the games they played with the exception of one entitling them to a first and a second in the two events, which were for competition. If the men can't win, we will have to send the women. What do you say, boys?

McCreary: Mr. McMann is renovating the buildings on his farm adjoining the town and expects the lumber all on the ground soon.

Doors on the court house now swing outward after swinging inward for over 40 years in violation of law. It takes a long time to swing from wrong to right in this community. But we do try to get right as the grave begins to yawn for us.

A spirited discussion has been going on in Dauphin for some weeks on a proposition that the municipality build a rink for skating and hockey. A bylaw to authorize the expenditure is being voted on by the ratepayers. A similar bylaw was rejected last year.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
March 16, 1950**

A delegation from the Neepawa Chamber of Commerce will ask officials of Drewry's to remove their large sign situated near the eastern approach of the town. This was decided at the open meeting which followed the address by Prof. Tweedle.

The Lions Club Winter Carnival, always a highlight of the season, this year exceeded all expectations. Featured by a galaxy of Winnipeg, Brandon and Neepawa's district ice stars, this year's carnival attracted a near capacity throng of 1,500 to the Sports Arena Saturday.

Jack A. Davidson, chairman of the Neepawa School Board, has informed The Press that it is the intention of the Board to proceed with the original school bylaw draft...

Mr. Davidson also advised that the school board may have an announcement shortly, of interest and affecting the overall cost picture of the proposed new school.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Campbell, pioneer resident of the Neepawa district, marked her 90th birthday Tuesday, Mar. 14.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
March 13, 1975**

A fire which broke out shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 9, completely gutted a downtown Neepawa business premises at 271 Hamilton Street. The building contained the offices of Lerner, Agraal and Brawn, a law firm, and



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As pictured here, the Neepawa Fire Department battled desperately to control a blaze in business offices on Hamilton Street around this time in March of 1975. They would manage to put out the fire, but not until the offices of Lerner, Agrawal and Brawn (law firm) and Greenhalgh Agencies (insurance/electronics/real estate) were completely destroyed. There was one minor injury from the fire.

Greenhalgh Agencies and Electronics, an insurance, real estate and television and radio store.

The fire was discovered by Walter Greenhalgh, who had been working in his new store next door in the former Whitmore building into which he had planned to move on the Monday of this week.

Mr. Greenhalgh went to the old store just before 10 o'clock and, upon opening the door, found it full of smoke.

Neepawa welcomes yet another new business enterprise to the community, with the addition of D and D Automatics. The owner-operators, Don Crabbe and Doug Pennell, will occupy the building that formerly housed West-End Tire Ltd. on North Mountain Avenue. They opened business on Tuesday.

Kirkland Westwood captured the A side Final in the Elks Pee Wee Hockey Tournament held over the weekend in Neepawa. The Kirkland team is from Winnipeg.

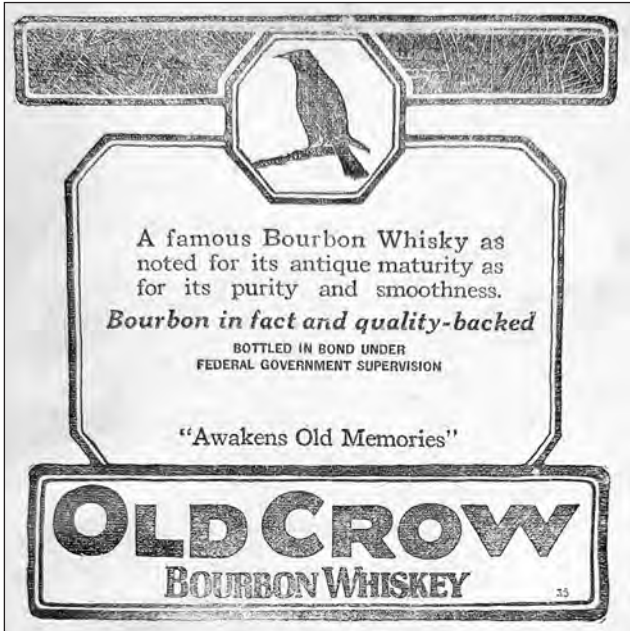
**20 years ago,
Monday,
March 14, 2005**

Prairie Forest Products of Neepawa is planning a \$4-million upgrade, with the construction of a new treatment facility.

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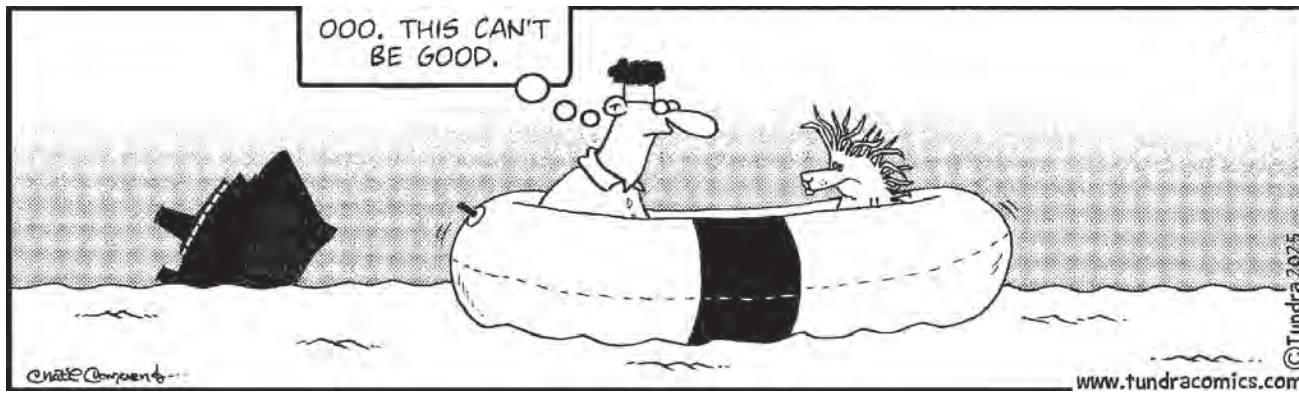
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By Chad Carpenter

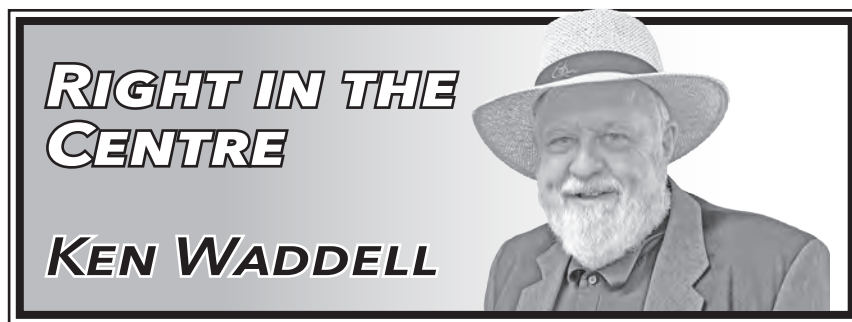


Tariffs a bad choice on both sides of the border

The Federal Liberal Party of Canada leadership race ended in the afternoon on Sunday, March 9. By the look of the results, the race actually ended before it started. The predicted winner, Mark Carney, received over 85 per cent of the vote. Over 400,000 people signed up to vote but just over 150,000 people actually voted. It is my understanding that a person doesn't have to pay a membership fee, they only need to register to be a member and to vote in the leadership race.

Mark Carney promised throughout the short campaign and in his speech on Sunday that he would stand up to Trump, repeal the carbon tax and unite the country. It sounds good except for the fact that Carney has been Justin Trudeau's financial advisor for years and until recently has been a big promoter of the carbon tax. Carney's approach has been that the government has to punish purchasers of gas by taxing it heavily in an effort to get car and truck drivers to use less, to save the planet from burning up.

It's very flawed logic because Canada produces a very small percentage of the world's greenhouse gases, especially compared to China for example. In addition China uses every fuel available to them to burn to create energy heat buildings and power plants. We, in Canada, have been taxing our people to solve a problem that may not exist and even if it does, we aren't doing much to make it worse.



The Liberal policies that have limited our economy will continue under Carney who may well be named prime minister by the time you read this column.

One of the absolutely worst Liberal policies has been to commit \$50 billion to three EV car battery plants when we don't even produce an electric car in Canada. Canada has also placed a tariff on Chinese electric vehicles, I believe it's 100 percent and that does two things. It makes them just as expensive as US built EVs and it angered the Chinese government to the point that China will apply a 100 per cent tariff to just over \$1 billion of Canadian canola/rapeseed oil, oil cakes and pea imports, and a 25 per cent duty on \$1.6 billion worth of Canadian aquatic products and pork. The tariffs on canola and pork could have a devastating effect on Manitoba farmers and the economy.

Hopefully, Carney will seek to mend the errors of his and the Liberals ways. Nobody wins in a tariff war. Recently, Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa Member of Parlia-

ment, Dan Mazier said, "Canada putting tariffs on products coming into Canada is like a person punching themselves in the face." The federal Liberals are just as dumb as Trump because he said US citizens won't bear the expense of the tariffs, the countries will. That's not true, tariffs raises the price of products the consumer.

We also need to get rid of all the trade barriers between provinces. I think there are still restrictions on sending meat from one province to the other if it is processed in a provincially inspected plant. Small scale breweries have an awful time getting their products into liquor stores in another province.

Trump shouldn't put tariffs on goods from other countries and neither should Canada.

Neither should we play silly protectionist games between provinces.

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Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



When I am old...

Strange, isn't it, that when we were young someone who was forty was old. Our grandparents were really old. And they may have been 65! I look through the old photo albums and note pictures of my ancestors — grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles- and they appear more aged when they were in their mid life than when they were 10 years older. Part of that will be the change in clothing and hair styles. Part of that will be in the very formal way they presented for family pictures, and part of it will be that life in general had become easier. Career pressures under control, family grown and provided for, and retirement in sight. Much easier to smile.

Reflecting on family genes and attributes, I am thankful for both. Uncle Henry, an uncle by marriage so no genetic line, loved sports- skiing, baseball, golfing- and fully engaged in competitions. There was a Toews family reunion at the Kane schoolyard. The afternoon activities included a baseball game. I so clearly recall Uncle Henry, no longer young, probably the age I now am, leaving third, rushing for home plate, his toupee seriously awry! Safely scoring, he adjusted his hair piece and continued on. I want that! (Well, maybe not the hair piece! But the attitude!)

One of my aunts, my father's sister, so this is a genetic connection, is 94. Aunt Marilyn continues to be engaged with living, using her musical ability, piano and voice, to encourage others and support her younger than me daughter in her musical endeavours. Up until a few years ago my aunt shared her gifts with 'seniors', some younger than she! Aunt Marilyn pursued her love for music and education as an adult, raising a family of five, the wife of a teacher/preacher and faithful family member to her extended family. Her knowledge of scripture, her depth of faith, her love for God and family inspire me.

Then there was Mr. Bergen: a refugee from Russia, a farmer, a patriarch, an advocate for higher education, and a life long learner. No genetics but what a character. He spoke Low German, I spoke English and he felt if that worked for the world powers of the time, it worked for us. The parents provided the finances for the oldest child to attend university, and then that child helped the next one, and so on down the line. Now, I know that the children were not four years apart in age so there must have been some overlap of support, in the family there were teachers, nurses, and a missionary. The youngest son chose to maintain the farm. I recall watching Mr. Bergen planting an apple tree in a decaying stump in the yard knowing that he would not eat of the fruit, but his children and grandchildren would. Foresight and wisdom.

I do wonder what others will remember of me. Keeping in mind that I am not yet old and have years left to make a difference! It is my heart's desire that I will be remembered with affection, and respect. I'm still working on making memories!

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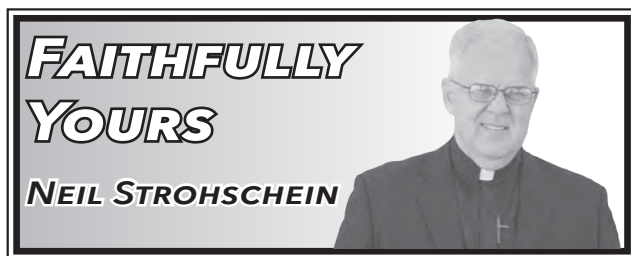
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Walking the road of servanthood

It was something Jesus' disciples never expected to see. Their Lord and Master, their teacher, the one they affectionately called "Rabbi," knelt next to them—a towel wrapped around his waist and a basin of water on the floor close by. He moved from one disciple to another, washing their dirty, smelly, blistered and calloused feet.

Jesus didn't have to wash the disciples' feet. As the host of their Passover meal, he could have asked one of the disciples to perform this task. Instead, he waited to see if one of them would volunteer to do it; but when no one did, Jesus did it himself.

Jesus' actions, while unusual, were consistent with his character. He had not come to this earth to be served by others. He had come to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (See Matthew 20:28) To accomplish this goal, Jesus had to be totally surrendered to the will of his Heavenly Father and be prepared to use his power



and resources to help those who his Father brought to him.

As one might expect, this did not sit well with some of the people Jesus met during his time on earth. When, for example, he told the residents of Nazareth (the Galilean town in which he grew up) that they shouldn't expect him to do in their town the miracles he had done in Capernaum, they got angry and tried to throw him off a cliff outside of town.

When he exposed the sins of the Jewish religious leaders (the priests and other officers in the Jerusalem temple), they rejected him and tried to silence him. When they failed to do that, they joined with others in a conspiracy to put Jesus to death. But despite their

threats, Jesus kept serving those his Father brought to him (including some of them) until the day he died. He was faithful to his calling, right to the end.

Sometimes, to be the servant God wanted him to be, Jesus had to rebuke the common people for the inconsistencies he saw in them. We recall how, after he had fed roughly 17,000 men, women and children; Jesus showed his disappointment with those who came to see him the following morning. "You aren't here because you saw signs," he told them. "You are here because you ate your fill of loaves (and fish)." (See John 6:26) They wanted a Messiah who would give them whatever they asked of him. They didn't want a Messiah

who would ask anything of them.

Jesus wasn't the first one to experience the challenges of being a servant; and he won't be the last. Servants who do what people desire (even when what they desire isn't what is best for them) will always be popular. Those who don't will be mocked, ridiculed and rejected, just as Jesus was. Choosing to be a public servant (whether in government, business, community service or church) is not for the faint of heart.

But that shouldn't frighten any of us. The road of servanthood may be challenging; but it can also be very rewarding. It begins with a simple prayer; asking God to help us love, accept and forgive others as he has loved, accepted and forgiven us. Then we go about our work, seeking to use what God has given us to help us help those he will send our way. Such faithful service will always bring great rewards—if not in this life, then certainly in the life to come.

Context note:

In the Looking Back section for the Feb. 28, 2025 edition, there was an entry from the 1900 archives regarding the Boer War. The entry read "The news that the Boers are firing shells into Ladysmith charged with sauerkraut and plugged with limburger cheese is disquieting. Why doesn't Buller hurry up?"

A kind reader of the Neepawa Banner & Press (Jeff Henderson, of Franklin), has provided further explanation on this entry.

The remark is noted to be a xenophobic late-Victorian era insult, drawing from British influence. A short form of the explanation behind it is:

- The Boers were descendants of colonists that settled in the area after release from the Dutch East Indies Trading Company service.
- "Dutch" at the time included the region where limburger cheese was developed.
- There was an overlap of Germanic, Holy Roman Empire, Dutch and French, hence the "sauerkraut".
- During the Boers siege on the town of Ladysmith, they had poor quality ammunition. They also had poor quality gunpowder and had quality control issues. Meanwhile, the British had higher quality product for both.

Taking the above factors into account, opportunity was seized to not only jab at the poor quality of the Boers' ammunition quality, but to insult the heritage of Britain's enemies.

RCMP Update: February edition

By Cpl Jason Peters

ACTING DETACHMENT COMMANDER

In the month of February, the Spruce Plains RCMP had 142 occurrences, including six assaults, seven break and enters, seven frauds, 10 mental health act calls, five thefts, six traffic collisions, six uttering threats, 11 breach of court conditions and many other Criminal Code and Provincial Statutes.

On Feb. 13, at 7:00 a.m., Neepawa RCMP received a report of suspicious activity near Glenella. Officers arrived on the scene and found a truck and snowmobile which were both unoccupied. Shortly after arriving, a male drove up to the scene advising that the snowmobile, along with an ATV, had been stolen from his father's property. He advised that two unknown males had been seen walking away from the abandoned truck and snowmobile while two other unknown males armed with a firearm had fled on the ATV. Manitoba RCMP

Police Dog Services (PDS), along with officers from Amaranth and Portage la Prairie Detachments and Sandy Bay Manitoba First Nations Police Service, were called in to assist. Officers arrested the two male suspects on Highway 261, that had fled from the truck and snowmobile on foot.

With the help of a drone, officers located the stolen ATV that was stuck in deep snow in a field. PDS was able to locate the two male suspects and they were both arrested without incident. No firearm was recovered with the two suspects, but officers did locate one in the ditch where the snowmobile and truck were left. Nathan Catcheway, 18, Ethan Beaulieu, 26, Brendon Spence, 27, and Rambo Roulette, 38, all of Sandy Bay First Nation were charged with numerous offences and remanded into custody.

On Feb. 25, at 10:36 p.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle in the ditch on the wrong side of the road. Investigation

revealed that the driver was impaired by alcohol. The 21-year-old male was arrested for Impaired Operation and brought back to the detachment for breath tests, resulting in 130mg per cent. He will appear in court for charges of Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle over 80mg per cent.

On Feb. 2, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Neepawa RCMP responded to a two-vehicle collision two miles south of Glenella. Investigation revealed that a minivan being driven by a 24-year-old female from Amaranth lost control and a truck following struck the mini-van from behind. When speaking with the driver of the truck, a 16-year-old male from Dauphin, officers discovered that he had outstanding Warrants and was placed under arrest. Through further investigation, officers learned the truck had been reported stolen out of Elm Creek. A 22-year-old male, and 23-year-old female both from Sandy Bay First

Nation, and a 28-year-old female from McCreary all sustained minor injuries and were transported to hospital by EMS. All involved in the collision are known to each other. The driver of the truck is charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5,000. He also had three outstanding Warrants of Arrest from Winnipeg Police Service, and the others from the RCMP in Dauphin and Neepawa. He was remanded into custody.

Community Involvement

Officers from the Neepawa/Minnedosa RCMP participated in I Love to Read Month by visiting and reading to children at Springhill Colony, Glenella School and Seedz N Sprouts. Officers gave two presentations at HyLife, welcoming newcomers to Canada.

If you have a community event that you would like the RCMP to participate in, please contact your local detachment.

Thumbs up, thumbs down



Thumbs up to Grit Force Fitness in Neepawa for their recent purchase of some new weight lifting equipment. For an older lifter such as myself (30+ years at it.), who can't really lift as heavy with the free weights as I use to, it's nice to have the option to push yourself a little extra on the machines and be able to do so in a safe manner.

Eoin Devereux
Neepawa, MB

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Attention to all residents of Westlake-Gladstone

A social media post from a local resident in Gladstone is warning people throughout the area to keep an eye out for a pair of dogs.

The post states that "This event happened Mar. 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. across from Clarke's Funeral Home. These dogs took down this deer, [and] mauled it. The deer had to be euthanized by Conservation Officers. The Conservation Office is asking for information on these animals as other complaints have been registered. Please contact their office at 1 204 476 2076."

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Time change

Correction from Helen: OOPS! The pork chop recipe from the "quilting story" (featured in the Feb. 28 edition of the paper) should have one cup of raw rice in the ingredients! So sorry for the inconvenience.

Did you remember to change your clocks forward? For me it takes more than a few reminders from local news media, calendar reminders and friends to remember to change my clocks. I do not relish changing stove, microwave, alarm clocks and other devices that need to be set manually. I am grateful for smartphones and other digital and Wi-Fi assisted devices will automatically adjust while I am sleeping.

So why the time change? As the sun was shining at a time when people were still asleep in bed it was reasoned that the day light would benefit far more at the end of the day. By "springing forward" in March, we allow for more daylight at the end of the day in the spring and summer months. By "falling back" in November, we allow more daylight in the mornings. The first countries to adopt Day Light Savings Time (DST) were Germany and Austria-Hungary in 1916, during World War I. This measure helped to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort. In 1918, Canada introduced Daylight Saving Time as a way to increase production during WWI and again the use of valuable fuel or electricity to keep lights on would be lessened. After the war DST was discontinued but resumed during the Second World War. After the war, DST was used all year round in Canada.

Now not all Canadians follow daylight saving time. Saskatchewan has not observed daylight time since 1966 and stays on Central Standard Time all year round. That means it has the same time as Alberta in the winter but Manitoba in the summer. Yukon moved to permanent daylight time in 2020 and no longer changes their clocks. It is aligned with Alberta in the winter and B.C. in the summer. Daylight Saving Time is now used in over 70 countries worldwide, mainly in North America and European countries as the length of time the sun shines daily varies with the seasons. Countries near the equator do not change their clocks since daylight hours are twelve hours long in all seasons.

Feta cheese is a favourite of mine. It is a staple in Greek cuisine and a testament to the rich history and tradition of Greek cheese making dating back to the 8th Century BC. Feta has a distinctive taste which comes from being cured in a saltwater brine, in which the cheese is also packaged and stored. Whether crumbled over salads, put in a quiche or enjoyed on its own, feta has a way of enriching any dish. These two recipes are meals in themselves. Enjoy.

Sweet potato, feta salad

2 small sweet potatoes peeled and cubed 1 Tbsp. oil 1/2 tsp. salt 1 tsp. cumin 1- 540mL can mixed beans, rinsed and drained 2 green onions, thinly sliced 1/2 red pepper, diced (optional)	Dressing: 3 Tbsp. red wine vin- egar 3 Tbsp. oil 2 tsp. minced fresh gingerroot 1 garlic clove, minced 2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley 1/4 tsp. pepper	Salad: 4 cups lettuce greens 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (or more!)
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Place the sweet potatoes in a bowl. Add the oil, salt and cumin and toss to coat. Place on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Roast at 400°F for 25 minutes or until tender. Stir twice during baking. Cool the potatoes. In a bowl combine sweet potatoes and beans. In a small bowl, stir the dressing ingredients together. Add to the potato/bean mixture; toss to coat. Serve over lettuce greens; top with the cheese.

Spinach and feta quiche

1- 9" deep dish unbaked pie crust 1 package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained an squeezed dry 4 eggs 1 1/2 cups 10% cream or whole milk 1/2 tsp. each salt and pepper	1 heaping tsp. flour 2 tsp. dried Italian herb or oregano flakes (like LITEHOUSE) 4 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese 3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
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Bake empty pie shell for 8-10 minutes in a preheated 375°F oven. Remove from oven. Mix the eggs, cream, salt, pepper and flour together well. Add the Italian herb flakes and Parmesan cheese. Gently stir in the spinach and Feta cheese and pour into pie crust. Bake for 40- 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Let rest for five minutes before serving.

Thank you for reading the
Neepawa Banner & Press!

Cattlemen bid on
next herd sire

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Rancher's Select Simmental Bull brought sellers and buyers together on March 8 at Neepawa.

Three Simmental Cattle producers banded together to bring 50 potential herd sires into the sale ring at the Beautiful Plains Ag Complex. The consignors were RKT Simmentals, Rick and Kyle Taylor, of Minnedosa, Crest View Land and Cattle Company, Terry Woychyshyn and family of Erickson and Crest View Ranch, Greg and Amanda Woychyshyn, of Minnedosa.

Over 50 bulls passed under the auctioneer's hammer.

Top selling bull went for \$13,000 and the sale average was \$7,959.

Kyle Taylor told the Banner & Press, "We were pretty happy with sale, The beef industry is doing pretty well right now which is nice for a change." Both generations of each family can well remember when cattle prices were very poor and forced many producers to exit the industry.

Greg Woychyshyn said in a phone interview about the sale, "It was alright," in a tone of voice that sounded like an understatement. "It's exciting times in the cattle business. Producers are getting good prices for calves and old bulls so they can spend some money on a replacement bull." Woychyshyn said the sale was a nice event marking 50 years in the cattle business.

The sale was managed by Bohrsen Marketing Services of Mountain View County, Alberta.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE WADDELL

The recent bull sale in Neepawa placed special emphasis on the Black Baldie. The Black Baldie is a black bodied cattle type with a white face. The black skin pigment and hair encroaching around the animal's eye is also considered to give some resistance to pink eye infections.

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Neepawa Town Council - early March meeting

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

“Staff are doing as much as they can”—Use caution on icy sidewalks:

During the Operations Department report at the Neepawa Town Council Meeting on Mar. 4, Manager of Operations Denis Saquet urged residents of Neepawa to be cautious on the sidewalks due to spring approaching and the freeze/thaw cycle.

“It’s that time of year when everything gets nice and icy. We’ve had some good melting recently, but that freezes up,” said Saquet. “Be extra vigilant. Staff are doing as much as they can, but with this much heat and freezing— we’re trying to thaw out culverts so the water can flow. We don’t generally get a bunch of time to go and sand the

sidewalks and streets the way we have all winter long.”

The Operations Manager noted that work on the Hamilton Street road is still in full swing, with more dirt being removed from the hill. The town is reviewing Manitoba Hydro and Bell MTS plans to complete the roadway.

Make a splash with swimming lessons

In the recreation report, the town announced that the registration date for swimming lessons is swiftly approaching. Registration opens on Mar. 17, at 7:00 a.m. and runs through Mar. 20. The sign-up occurs on Neepawa’s Let’s Camp Portal at (lets-camp.ca/camps/neepawa-riverbend-camp-ground.) Those signing up their children online are encouraged to check the schedule before registering

to know what classes to sign your child(ren) up for.

Recreation report

Councillor Yvonne Sisley reported that the recently held Neepawa Job Fair was a great success, with many local businesses reporting their pleasure in the event. Sixteen local businesses set up booths, and over 200 eager citizens attended the event, representing a moderate increase since last year.

During the town council meeting, Sisley gave an update on the annual Winter Festival, which went off without a hitch. The town councillor noted that throughout the day, many people could be seen at The Flats skating, building snowmen, participating in an obstacle course, and taking in the event. She thanked Gail Cathcart for preparing and serving the

chilli and shouted out to the sponsors for making this event successful.

Library committee seeks new members

The Neepawa Library Advisory Committee is in search of new members to join. To become a part of the committee, you must be a local citizen of Neepawa. Interested participants should contact the library to join. The Town has also ordered counters for the library so they can accurately track the amount of patronage and use. Councillor Jason Nadeau also noted that library-goers had positive feedback for the newly added digital comic book access, free with your library card, at the Neepawa Library. There were 250 accesses of the tool within the first month alone.

New business

Councillor Parrot let council know the date for the annual Neepawa and District Chamber of Commerce Fair. The event will

take place May 23-26. During the meeting, the town also confirmed it planned to host fireworks for Canada Day at the Flats/ Riverbend Park on July 1.

The Town of Neepawa also passed a motion regarding pest control of birds and varmints such as crows, beavers, pigeons, and gophers, which “pose a public nuisance and a danger to the public.” The council deemed it necessary to protect the community and its residents by shooting species that cause a nuisance. The Neepawa Town Council has appointed five citizens to act with direction through the Neepawa RCMP and the Chief Administrative Officer to discharge firearms within Neepawa’s town limits for pest control within town limits during the 2025 year.

To wrap up the meeting, the Town Council passed several motions, including entering a service agreement with Manitoba Hydro regarding the Isabelle Street project (East View

Lodge phase two) for the planning and installation of streetlights and electrical service, which will cost the town \$84,142.60. The Town of Neepawa has also contracted a geotechnical investigation for the Project 320 site, the 320-acre parcel of land purchased in 2024, located on the northwest corner of town. The geotechnical investigation measures how well soils resist heat, which affects many things, like the cost of construction, the type of foundation needed, and how future developments will be erected. The project will be undertaken by SSU Engineering Inc. in conjunction with Sison Blackburn Consulting Inc., which costs \$90,400.



Local business steps up support for Neepawa Titans

New fundraiser looks to ‘Fill the Bus’ this post-season

Banner Staff
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The distance from Neepawa to The Pas is roughly 524 km...give or take the 200 by 85 feet that are the dimensions of the average ice rink. Well, a local business is looking to shorten that distance one vehicle at a time.

On Wednesday, Mar. 5, Westward Ford announced its ‘Fill the Bus’ Fundraiser for the Neepawa Titans. The premise behind the event will see Westward donate \$100 from each of their vehicle sold in the month of March to the Neepawa Titans to assist with cost related to the post-season.

Though Neepawa’s first round playoff opponent was not official as of the Banner & Press publication deadline, it will more than likely be the Northern Manitoba Blizzard. Based out of The Pas, the Blizzard are the most northerly team in all of the MJHL and therefore an expensive road trip for every other franchise in the league. Costs include

bus rentals and fuel, as well as hotel costs for overnight stay, when necessary. Even with a barn full of fans for home playoff games, a series like this could be extremely costly to a small market franchise such as the Titans.

In an Instagram video announcing the project, General Sales Manager Kelly Stinson discussed the endeavour.

“We’re very excited to get behind the Titans, do a lot of work with Ken Pearson and the crew. And for the month of March, we’re going to help fill the bus for these guys. There’s a good chance they’re headed up north to go against the Blizzard, so we’re going to donate \$100 per car sale and hope to get to that \$2,500 mark. Make sure [the team] can get up there, get fed, and hopefully have a good, long playoff run,” stated Stinson.

The Banner & Press spoke with Stinson after the announcement. He noted that they know full well that the operation of a small town business, be it in the auto sales or a hockey

franchise, is an expensive proposition.

“[The] idea came from years around hockey and knowing how expensive it can be to run an organization. I’ve known Ken Pearson for many years and came up with the idea after chatting about who they would play first round. He mentioned they would most likely be going to The Pas to take on the Blizzard. As a small town store, we couldn’t just cut a cheque out right to support, but thought that we could tie in a sales promotion for the month of March and donate \$100 per sale,” Stinson added.

Titans Head Coach and General Manager Ken Pearson noted that the team is very appreciative of Stinson and Westward’s support as they prepare for the post-season.

“It is great to have businesses jump on board and help ease the financial pressures of operating a small market junior hockey franchise,” said Pearson



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Neepawa Rotary fundraiser is one for the books

Collection underway for annual Rotary Club book sale

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

There will be bargains galore this spring to be found at the Neepawa Rotary Club's annual book sale. The event, which first began back in 2018, is the Rotary Club's largest single fundraising function of the year and is scheduled this spring for May 12 to 16.

Book Sale Chairperson Murray Newton stated that last year's sale was their most successful to date, as just over \$5,000 was raised. Newton said matching that number is going to be a challenge, but everyone involved is feeling optimistic they can give it a go.

Book donations welcome

While the Rotary Club already has about five pallets worth of reading materials accumulated, Newton added that they're still looking for even more. If you are interested in helping out, he said there are five locations in Neepawa where you can drop off books.

"We're looking for new books all the time, and we have five locations where you can drop them off. There is the Home Hardware [Neepawa location], Co-op Grocery, Gill & Schmall Agencies, Stride Credit Union, which is a new location this year, and ArtsForward," expressed Newton. "There are bins in each of those places. If people have them in boxes, they can just set the boxes beside our bins, and they will get picked up. As well, if people have a bunch of books at one place, and they perhaps have trouble getting them down to a location, you can give me a phone call at 204-476-2542, or call or text my cell-phone at 204-841-1647, and we can arrange to get them picked up."

A new location

For the last two years, the Book Sale has been held at

the former Chalet Building, but must relocate, as that space is now home to a new and thriving local business (Chuckie's Liquidation).

In a way, the Rotary Club of Neepawa is a victim of its own success, as there are not many places in Neepawa with the space needed to accommodate the massive size of the event. Newton said they were lucky, however, as they have been able to secure an agreement with the Neepawa Junior Rifle Club building, located on the Agricultural Grounds.

Newton hopes that people will follow them over to their new home.

"There are not many places in town that have enough square footage for the sale, or are available for the amount of time we need for set-up, the sale, and tear down. So we are very thankful to the Rifle Club, for working with us on this.

The Neepawa Rotary Club Book Sale will run from Monday, May 12 to Friday, May 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day.



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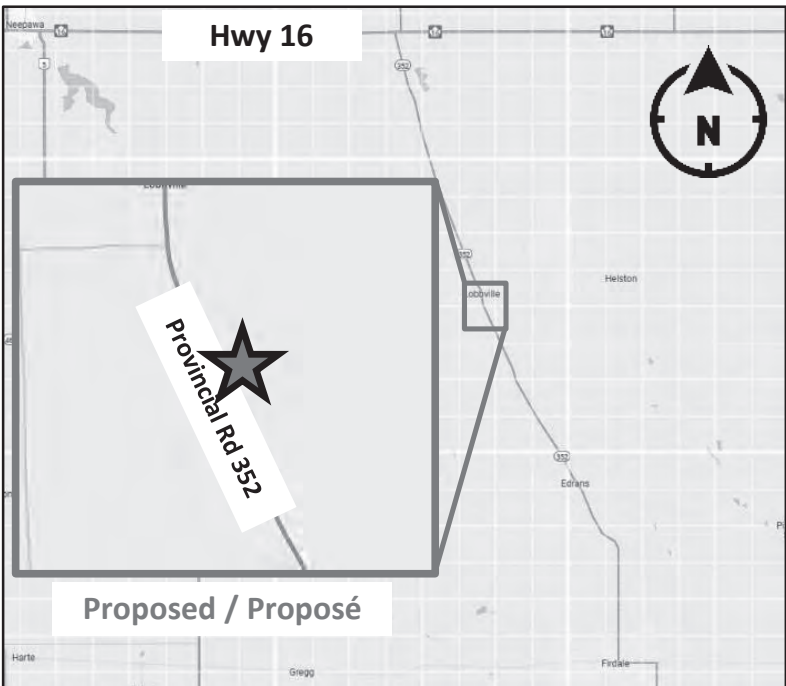
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Détails : Un cabinet d'équipements sera aussi aménagé à la base de la tour et l'ensemble du site sera ceinturé d'une clôture de sécurité et d'une entrée verrouillée.

Les citoyens sont invités à soumettre leurs commentaires, avant la fin de journée à la **14 avril 2025**, soit à l'adresse indiquée (avec une adresse de retour).



M.P. Mazier holds meet and greet in Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Heading into the spring (and very likely a spring election), our local Member of Parliament is interested in learning what's on our minds when it comes to the current state of Canada. On Saturday, Mar. 8, Dan Mazier hosted a morning meet and greet session at Neepawa's Royal Canadian Legion Branch #23. The gathering had no formal agenda, other than whatever those in attendance wanted to talk about.

The conversation touched on several of the current hot button topics, though the heavy emphasis lingered on tariff tensions with the United States, and the added pressures it's applying to our local agricultural sector.

Mazier spoke with those in attendance and answered their questions as best he could, but mainly just lis-



PHOTO BY EOIN EVEREUX

Local Member of Parliament Dan Mazier (seen at back, middle right), pictured engaging in discussion at the Neepawa Legion during his recent meet and greet. A number of topics kept him and the attendees busy.

tened to what the constituents had to say. After the session, he noted to the Banner & Press that these types of events are still the best type of interactions a

person can have with their representative.

"The reality is that there are a lot of things going on right now and a lot of good information was shared.

And, the sharing of information was not just one-sided either. There were things I didn't realize people were talking about, such as exporting hay for example. Re-

al-time stuff going on with these tariffs," said Mazier. "But it was more than just talking about that. There were a couple people who brought up other topics, ask-

ing 'What's your thoughts on this?' You don't get these opportunities all the time, but we have time now and we wanted to take advantage of the opportunity."

Connecting lifetime experiences

RBC branch manager Matthew Beech reflects on two years in Neepawa

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

"A welcoming and friendly community" with "a strong spirit of volunteerism". These are but a few words with which Matthew Beech, a mutual funds representative and branch manager of RBC, described Neepawa. Beech, formerly an assistant branch manager in Brandon, joined the RBC Neepawa branch team in September of 2023.

The Neepawa Banner & Press had the opportunity to speak with him recently for the purpose of gathering his thoughts on his time here thus far, and introducing him to the broader public.

"I truly enjoy the Neepawa community," said Beech, adding, "Neepawa is such a welcoming and friendly community. Seeing how the community comes together to celebrate one another whether through Filipino Heritage Days or the many other events that span sports, the arts, and so much more."

He expanded further, stating, "Within weeks of settling into my new role, I had many organizations reach out and ask me to join them. This led to me having an exciting opportunity to serve on the Chamber of Commerce Board as a board member. It's important to me to support the entrepreneurs and the businesses that help make our community thrive."

An interest since youth

Something that has been particularly gratifying for him, however, has been the opportunity to work with the team at RBC.

"The team is very enthusiastic about both financial advice and supporting the Neepawa community. [They are] fantastic at making our clients feel welcomed in the branch and I am so proud of the difference they make for others," said Beech.

Beech noted that this fits in well with his prior background, as his inspira-



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Matthew Beech, branch manager and mutual funds representative at RBC in Neepawa.

tion to pursue his career stems from a long-time knowledge that he wanted to do something that could help others. Additionally, he had an interest in both

finance and business.

"Since I was fifteen, I have enjoyed different leadership roles with different organizations," said Beech. "Growing up

in Southern Manitoba, I had the opportunity to develop my skills in leadership roles within the hospitality industry. I was lucky enough to have an amazing mentor who took the time with me to teach me about running a business— particularly in rural and smaller communities."

He expanded further, stating, "I also had the opportunity to study under wonderful professors in the Business program at Brandon University. My professors were passionate about the importance of every community, entrepreneur, and industry to a thriving economy. What stood out for me was learning how to connect what I learned through career, life experience, and education to the community around me."

With these ideals in mind, and a wide range of experiences bolstering his practical skills, the opportunity to work for RBC was the perfect fit for Beech. He shared that it was everything he was looking for in an employ-

er—"a people driven, client focused company that encourages a commitment to continuous learning, career development, and helping bring [the] clients' ideas and goals to life."

Always have a plan

If there is one thing that Beech has learned throughout his life and years of experience, both personally and professionally, it is to always "have a plan"— whether it is for your career, for travel, education, or another goal entirely.

"If you are feeling uncertain or simply haven't had the opportunity to sit down and create a financial plan for you and your family, please come see us at the Neepawa branch and ask for a financial review," said Beech. "The best way to reach your financial goals and dreams is by having a financial review annually with an advisor who can help define and prioritize your goals. We would love to see you!"

Market report

By Tyler Slawinski
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We shouldn't worry about the things we cannot change, but why is it when changes do happen we are always the ones that are affected the most? There seems to be a reprieve with some of the tariffs, but they still seem to be held over our heads. The global trade war is definitely creating a bearish market on all commodities.

The futures regained most of what was lost over the past week, creating a stable to stronger market this week. Supply and demand is definitely holding the bottom of this cattle market in place. Processing facilities are current, many feedlots and feed yards are not running at full capacity, and we have marketed a large number of the Canadian cattle for decent returns already. As fewer numbers of cattle trade, we start to see shortages in the market, driving up the prices in certain areas of the market.

We are experiencing all-time lows when it comes to cattle numbers in many parts of the world. We are seeing a market correction for the time being. How long will it last? We aren't sure; hopefully it's a short-term disruption and we can find some market neutrality moving forward.

The market was stronger in just about every class of cattle this week. Cattle that will be fit for grass or breeding are selling quite strong all things considered. We saw a very impressive set of cattle on Mar. 11 and very good quality. First cut cattle are selling strong, most of the feeder cattle sold well throughout today's market. Second and third cut cattle are definitely seeing big discounts, if they don't fit the orders they are soon sorted from the packages.

The cattle are still in demand, and I expect to see supply and demand create

market stability moving forward!

We sold 973 head of cattle through the ring in Gladstone on Tuesday! Cows and bulls trended with steady averages. Feeding type cows and heiferettes are still selling stronger than yielding cows. Yielding cows still traded with strength from 170.00 to 182.00 looking like strong demands. Feeding type cows are ranging between 183 to 194.00. Bulls traded stronger ranging between 210.00 to 233.00.

All classes of cattle sold well! Plainer type cattle, are still being discounted! Here is a look at the feeder market!

Some highlights from

Gladstone Auction Mart Cattle Market Report Mar. 11, 2025

Steers	
3-400 lbs.	\$5.18 to 6.28
4-500 lbs.	\$4.70 to 5.75
5-600 lbs.	\$4.50 to 5.25
6-700 lbs.	\$4.15 to 4.79
7-800 lbs.	\$3.50 to 4.14
8-900 lbs.	\$3.38 to 3.88
900+ lbs.	\$3.00 to 3.51
Bulls	\$2.10 to 2.33
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$5.00 to 5.67
4-500 lbs.	\$4.25 to 5.43
5-600 lbs.	\$3.85 to 4.54
6-700 lbs.	\$3.55 to 4.21
7-800 lbs.	\$3.22 to 3.90
8-900 lbs.	\$2.80 to 3.30
900+ lbs.	\$2.90 to 3.19
Cows	\$1.83 to 1.94

973 head sold

the sale: Crossbred steers weighed 503 traded for a decent 525.00 per pound! Black steers weighed 602 and traded for 479.50. Black steers weighed 762 and brought 401.00. Charolais steers weighed 804 pounds and they hit 387.00. A ring full of bigger brothers weighed 929 and they checked out at 349. Heifers, black heifers weighed 429 and traded for 538.00. Crossbred heifers weighed 586 and brought 414.00. Black heifers weighed 649 and made 414.50. Tan heifers weighed 723 and traded for 370.50. Last but not least a big set of 1027 pound Black heifers sold for 296.00.

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If there's something not so great, you can also send a thumbs down...

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Westgate's Beaulieu says he believes in rural towns



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Steady progress has been made in the renovations at the Kerr Block, both inside and out, since Westgate Ltd. purchased the historic Neepawa building. There is still much to be done, but it is nearing completion.

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The historic Kerr Block was built in 1896 by the Kerr family. The block bearing the family name was operated as a department store by three generations of the Kerr family. Originally all three floors were used as retail and storage, but in the 1930s the upper floor was converted to suites. The previous owners did some renovation, but when the heating system was no longer working, the health department ordered it boarded up. The tenants had to leave. After many

months of sporadic renovations by the previous owners, Beaulieu's company bought the Kerr block. Since then, there has been continuous and vigorous renovations taking place. Beaulieu said "I guess the previous owners

didn't realize just how much money needed to be invested. I decided we would do a complete renovation so the building will be really nice and ready for rental at a proper market value. The Kerr Block is a great build-

ing that has stood the test of time so we are doing a complete renovation."

The restoration is nearing completion and Beaulieu is hopeful rentals will be coming soon.

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Neepawa Novas excel at Morden Magic Competition

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The Neepawa Novas Gymnastics Club had a very successful outing at the Morden Magic Competition recently. The results for the sessions are detailed as stated below.

Session one

- Natalie (CCP4: 2011-2012): Vault, second; bars, second; beam, first; floor, second; all around, second place.
- Ava (CCP4: 2011-2012): Vault, third; bars, third; beam, third; floor, second; all around, third place.
- Eliena (CCP4: 2013): Vault, first; bars, first; beam, first; floor, first; all around, first.
- Reagan (CCP4: 2013): Vault, second; bars, third; beam, third; floor, third; all around, third.
- Jane (CCP6): Vault, sixth; bars, sixth; beam, fourth; floor, first; all around, fifth place.
- Jayden (CCP6): Vault, third; bars, fifth; beam, seventh; floor, seventh; all around, seventh.
- Kyanna (Xcel Gold): Vault, third; bars, eighth; beam, sixth; floor, fourth; all around, fifth.

Session two

- Alora (CCP2: 2010-2011): Vault, first; bars, second; beam, first; floor, first; all around, first.
- Hadley (CCP2: 2013): Vault, third; bars, first; beam, first; floor, first; all around, first.

Final session

- Avie (CCP3: 2012): Vault, sixth; bars, first; beam, third; floor, fifth; all around, fifth.
- Raven (CCP3: 2013): Vault, second; bars,

fourth; beam, first; floor, first; all around, first.

- Kylie (CCP3: 2013): Vault, seventh; bars, first; beam, first; floor, first; all around, first.

Kudos to each of these Novas on their efforts!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE NEEPAWA NOVAS GYMNASTICS CLUB

The Neepawa Novas had a lot of fun and success recently at the Morden Magic Competition. Pictured here are a number of those who participated in the competition.

Top left: The participants and medalists for session one of the competition.

Top right and above left: The participants and medalists for session two of the competition.

Above: Participants and medalists for the final session of the competition.

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Westbourne Open Bonspiel results



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The Westbourne Open Bonspiel concluded recently. It was held from Feb. 27 to Mar. 2 and it is reported that a good time was had by all. Appreciation is extended to all those who made it a success, sharing laughs and making memories from the great food, costume contest, social night featuring Prairieline and the great curling. Pictured here are the winners that have been declared for the A, B and C side events.

Top left: South Paw Ag Services A Event winners- Kaitlyn Davey (skip), Chas Lambert, Daisy McKee and Paula Kolida. Second place was the Doug Kuhn Rink.

Top right: Shur-Gro Farm Services B Event winners- Tim Davey (skip), Wade Duchak, Kyle Duchak and Clark Murray. Second place was the Lindsay Verwey rink.



Left: Dons Direct Deals C Event winners- Jason Heaman (skip), Chelsy MacInnis, Cassandra Clark and Eryn Butterfield. Second place was the Heather Davey rink.



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Rural Manitoba has been home for Jo-Elle her entire life, growing up just south of MacGregor and now raising her family outside of the town of Austin. She has also been immersed in agriculture since she was young – growing up on a farm, working with livestock at a feedlot as a teenager, earning her Agribusiness Diploma, marrying an ag producer and now working as an Agriculture/Commercial account manager at Stride Credit Union. She's been in the Credit Union system for over 13 years, gaining experience in the loans department, retail lending and as a branch manager.

In her position as Agriculture/Commercial account manager, Jo-Elle's goal is to know each of her member's individual businesses and provide guidance where needed. Sometimes that is through offering additional products or services to improve their business financially or to help with streamlining workloads. She can be a great resource in reviewing management strategies, financial reports and assisting with establishing goals. Jo-Elle focuses on learning about the business and ensuring that she and Stride are valuable partners to her members.

While Jo-Elle's work time is split in the Austin and MacGregor area, she did spend 6 years working in Carberry which led to great connections and long lasting friendships. Throughout her career, she has really enjoyed educating members on different products and services to improve their businesses, and getting to know the person behind the business.

"Living and working in rural Manitoba allows me to meet extraordinary people. Small communities know how to support one another and give back to those in need. The sense of community in our local Agriculture and Businesses is like nowhere else and I am proud to be a part of it." -Jo-Elle Early, Account Manager, Stride Credit Union.

Pharmacy Appreciation Month

How to navigate medication and exercise

Submitted
METRO CREATIVE

Exercise is widely acknowledged as a pathway to improved physical and mental health. Reduced vulnerability to disease, lower risk for broken bones thanks to improved bone density and strength, and improved mood are just some of the many benefits attributed to regular exercise. Indeed, exercise is vital to people of all ages, including seniors.

Seniors can benefit from routine exercise, but they may need to navigate working out differently than their younger counterparts. That's because prescription drug use is much higher among older adults compared to younger demographics. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 89 per cent of adults age 65 and older take prescription medication. That's notable because prescription medication can produce side effects that must be taken into consideration when designing and performing an exercise regimen. Seniors taking prescription medication who want to exercise can consider these strategies to ensure their workouts are safe.

• Open a dialogue with your physician(s). The first

step seniors must take is to open a dialogue with any physician who is currently prescribing them medicine. Physicians will be familiar with the potential side effects of medications they prescribe and are great resources who can share information about what seniors can expect while taking a given medicine. Physicians can discuss patients' intended workout schedules and may recommend taking medications at certain times of day so workout routines go as smoothly as possible.

• Consider low-exertion exercises. The Mayo Clinic notes that opioids slow breathing and heart rate. Breathing less means the body takes in less oxygen, and that in turn means less oxygen is available for muscles. This can adversely affect endurance, and seniors taking opioids may find they tire quickly or cannot exercise with the intensity

they're accustomed to. In such instances, seniors can consider low-exertion exercises such as walking so they can still get the benefits of physical activity while taking the medications their doctors prescribe.

• Work out with a friend. The buddy system has long been touted as a great way to maintain exercise motivation, but working out with a friend also is beneficial for seniors taking medication who don't necessarily need a companion to keep them on track. Exercising with a workout buddy can ensure someone is there to point out any side effects that individuals may not feel themselves or may feel but write off as harmless consequences of breaking a sweat. A workout buddy can report when a pal looks flushed or seems off in some other way. Of course, working out with a friend also ensures someone is there to call for help in the case



IMAGE COURTESY OF METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

of an emergency. Seniors have much to gain from exercising regularly. However, older adults taking prescription medications must be mindful of the potential side effects of their medicines and keep an eye out for any warning signs that they could be in danger.

Meet Your Pharmacists



Heather Todoruk
Heather Todoruk started working at Harris Pharmacy in 1992. She purchased Harris Pharmacy in 2014 from the Harris family. Heather is married to Robert, and they have 2 children Amy, a pharmacist in Winnipeg and Bryan, a conservation officer in Snow Lake. Her favorite child, Daisy is a mixed breed rescue dog, who is living her best life with the Todoruk family.



Kristin Tibbett
Kristin Tibbett started at Harris Pharmacy in 2013 after graduation from University of Manitoba. She is married to Cam, and they have two children, Hannah and Hunter, and live on mixed grain/cattle farm near Eden. Kristin loves summer, camping, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.



Jackie Pollock
Jackie Pollock started working at Harris Pharmacy in 2003 after graduation from the University of Manitoba. She is married to Mark and they live on a farm East of Neepawa with their three children, Brody, Emma and Ally. When Jackie is not at work you can find her attending her children's many sporting activities as their biggest fan. She also enjoys camping in the summer, travelling and spending time with her family and friends.

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for all the time and effort they put into ensuring the league remains a huge part of Neepawa’s basketball culture.

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Neepawa Tigers sweep first round playoff series

Facing Dauphin next in WHSHL playoffs

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers have made quick work of their opening round opposition in the Westman High School Hockey League (WHSHL) playoffs. The Tigers ended up sweeping the Glenboro/Carberry/Baldur (GCB) Wildcats in a best-of-three series, closing out the first round with a 6-4 win on Friday, Mar. 7.

Ian Foster earned a hat-trick in this game, while Wyatt Njegovan also potted a pair for Neepawa. Cohen Kulbacki had the other goal for the Tigers. This trio also scored all of Neepawa's goals in game one of the series, which was a 5-2 result for NACI, back on Wednesday, Mar. 5.

For the next round, Neepawa are paired against the Dauphin Clippers, who also swept their series, which was against the RGG Raiders.

Game one of this best-of-three was played in Dauphin on Tuesday, Mar. 11. In this matchup, it was the Clippers who dominated, ultimately winning 7-1. Cohen Kulbacki had the lone goal for the Tigers, his fourth of the post-season, while Ian Foster assisted on the effort.

Game two was played in Neepawa on Wednesday Mar. 12, and started just after the Banner & Press weekly publication deadline. Game three, if needed, was scheduled for Mar. 13 in Dauphin. All the details will appear in an upcoming edition of the Banner & Press.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Tigers were able to make quick work of the GCB Wildcats in their opening round playoff series, winning 2-games-to-0.

Zach Plett wins WHSHL Top Scoring Defensemen Award



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

A Neepawa Tigers defenseman receiving a year-end award has started to turn into a little bit of a tradition in the WHSHL. Recently, Zach Plett was honoured with the League's Top Scoring Defensemen award. Plett had a solid 40 point campaign (8G - 32A) on the blueline this season. This is the third year in a row that a Neepawa Tiger has won the award, as Ward Brister won it in 2022-23 and Rylan Bray in 2023-2024.

Recent success for Neepawa Minor Hockey



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A pair of Neepawa Minor Hockey clubs have had some recent success. Congrats to the U-9 Titans (picture on left), who recently went undefeated through both their regular season and the Parkissimo League playoffs. As well, a shoutout to the U-11 Titans, who earned themselves a silver medal at an event recently held in Reston.



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x - Nor Man Blizzard	55	34	20	0	1	69
x - Neepawa Titans	56	30	21	2	3	65
Wayway Wolverines	56	23	30	2	1	49
Virden Oil Capitals	56	23	31	1	1	48
Swan Valley Stampeders	56	16	33	5	2	39

Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
xyz - Winkler Flyers	55	43	8	3	1	90
x - Steinbach Pistons	56	41	11	2	2	86
x - Portage Terriers	56	40	15	0	1	81
x - Niverville Nighthawks	55	32	20	2	1	67
Selkirk Steelers	56	28	22	3	3	60
Winnipeg Blues	56	9	41	4	2	24
Winnipeg Freeze	55	6	46	1	2	15

X = CLINCHED A PLAYOFF SPOT Y = CLINCHED DIVISION Z = REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

Game results

Saturday, Mar. 8
Neepawa 4-1 Virden

First Period
No scoring
Second Period
01:20 NPA J. Kohut (3) PP
ASST: R. Gower (14)
Third Period
01:04 NPA C. Hegarty (25)
ASST: Unassisted
10:52 VDN M. Light (15)
ASST: Unassisted
18:56 NPA R. Gower (4) PP/EN
ASST: Unassisted
19:39 NPA M. Hartley (19) EN
ASST: C. McLeod (15), O. Durigan (2)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
VDN 0 0 1 1 0/3
NPA 0 1 3 4 2/5
Goaltender
VDN: L. Morin (L) - 17/19 saves
NPA: M. Lobreau (W) - 23/24 saves
Attendance: 332 - Yellowhead Centre

Saturday, Mar. 9
Neepawa 5-2 Niverville

First Period
14:13 NPA D. McCann (13) PP
ASST: C. Kasprick (15), M. Hartley (26)
16:16 NPA M. Hartley (20) SH
ASST: C. Alexander (17)
Second Period
07:07 NIV M. Boles (19)
ASST: J. Konecni (11), H. Wheddon (13)
Third Period
09:05 NPA R. Gower (5) PP
ASST: T. Wallis (13), C. Hegarty (21)
09:52 NIV A. Corbitt (11)
ASST: A. Ballard (17), D. Cross (1)
17:09 NPA M. Hartley (21) PP
ASST: Unassisted
18:07 L. Paquette (11)
ASST: M. Hartley (27)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 2 0 3 5 3/3
NIV 0 1 1 2 0/4
Goaltender
NPA: KC Couckuyt (W) 35/37 saves
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Sports

Neepawa Titans close out regular season road schedule

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titans aren't taking their foot off the gas to end the regular season. The team, which has clinched a playoff spot, sits third place in the MGEU West Division with 65 points. The team played at home on Saturday Mar. 8, before heading out for their final two road games on Sunday and Tuesday.

The Titans started their series on Friday as the Virden Oil Capitals came to town. Despite Virden bringing a busload of fans to attempt to turn the tides, the Titans would come away victors. The Oil Caps found themselves in penalty trouble early as they headed to the box for slashing, granting the Titans a powerplay. Although



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

Almost the entire Virden Oil Capitals second line was needed to stop the scoring attempt of Neepawa's Jack Clark (#27), during the Titans' 4-1 win on Saturday, Mar. 8.

the Titans would pepper the shots during the PP, Virden would kill it, keeping the game scoreless. Minutes later, Both teams would trade holding penalties,

and although a flurry of activity happened during four-on-four play, neither team could get ahead. To round out the period, Neepawa would find themselves

down a man to start the second frame after drawing a hooking penalty with 30 seconds to play.

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Hartley shines as MJHL Star of the Week

Submitted
MJHL MEDIA RELEASE

The Neepawa Titan's Mason Hartley (04') has been named an Manitoba Junior Hockey League Star of the Week.

After scoring against the Virden Oil Capitals in an important MGEU West Division win on Saturday, Mar. 8, Hartley followed up with a monster performance against the Niverville Nighthawks, on Saturday, Mar. 9, scoring two goals and two assists in a 5-2 win for Neepawa.

Hartley and the Titans remain with an outside shot at second place in the MJHL's Western Division



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE MJHL

Neepawa Titans forward Mason Hartley.

and home ice in the opening round of the MJHL McMunn & Yates Turnbull Cup Playoffs.

Rivers, Virden lead THHL semi-final series

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It appears as though a showdown between the Rivers Jets and the Virden Oil Kings in the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL) final is all but inevitable. As of Tuesday, Mar. 11, both club held onto a 2-games-to-0 series leads in their semi-final matchups, though they had reached this point in very different ways.

For Rivers, their two wins were most definitely earned against the Killarney Shamrocks, as game one went into overtime

and game two went right down to the final buzzer. The result, however, was the same as the Rivers Jets came away with a pair of 3-2 wins. Game three of the best-of-five series, was played just after the Banner & Press publication deadline on Mar. 12.

In the other series, Virden has had a much easier time against the Hartney Blues in their first two games, winning 8-1 and 7-1, respectively. For game three in Hartney on Tuesday, Mar. 11, it was a bit closer, but Virden still won 4-3, and has now advanced to the league final.

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Obituary



Lorne "Bubby" Kennedy

With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Lorne "Bubby" Kennedy on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Third Crossing Manor in Gladstone, MB with family by his side.

Lorne, affectionately known as "Bubby" to all that knew him, was born on November

25, 1946, to Lorne Sr & Florence Kennedy in Gladstone, MB where he resided for the rest of his life.

At a young age, Lorne would help his dad after school and on weekends with the delivery business and garbage pickup for the town. Lorne's first full time job was at the Age Press running the printing press. He worked there for a couple of years before working in Thompson for a year, unloading train cars and then returning to work in Gladstone for the Age Press for a short time. He then started working at MacDonald's Solo Store where he was employed for 11 years as a butcher. The store was sold to the Barber's where he stayed and worked for one year. In January 1978, he was employed by the town of Gladstone where he was the Water Treatment Plant Operator for 7 years and then moved up to the position of Town Forman which he held for 22 years before retiring in 2007. During his retirement he continued to do odd jobs, helping Jeff Mowat on his farm, doing odd jobs for residents in town and tilling gardens. He was also a member of the Gladstone Kinsman Club as well as a member of Gladstone Legion 110.

In June of 1971 Lorne married Ellen and soon after purchased a house along the Whitemud River in Gladstone where they later raised their 2 sons, Michael & Darryl, creating many family memories along the way.

Lorne enjoyed many hobbies through the years. Annual moose hunting trips with his friends, fishing, deer hunting & camping were favorites. You could often find him in the bakery sharing a cup of coffee with friends. Him & Ellen enjoyed their trips to Alberta to visit Michael and his family as well as annual deer hunting & sausage making with Darryl and his family. In earlier years he enjoyed playing hockey for the 'Old Duckers,' and baseball for the 'Hornets'.

Lorne & Ellen were blessed with 7 Grandchildren & 1 Great-Grandchild. He loved the time he spent with them. He would often spoil them by taking them for ice-cream at Lickety Splits or for treats at the bakery. He enjoyed family BBQs, as the cook & sitting around the campfire with a drink and visiting when the whole family could be together.

In early 2024 Lorne was diagnosed with dementia & in November 2024 the family had to make the difficult decision to move him to Third Crossing Manor in Gladstone where he resided until his passing.

Lorne is predeceased by his parents Lorne Sr. & Florence Kennedy, brothers, Harold, Jack, George, Ron, Billie, his sister Lorraine, his Father-in-Law Jack and Sister-in-Law Leora & Brother-in-Law Fred.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife of 53 years Ellen, his son, Michael (Jennifer) & their children Kaitlyn, Ethan, Remington & Abigail, his son, Darryl (Candace) & their children Taylor, Madison & Rylee & his Great Granddaughter Oakley. His brother Jim, sister Roberta (Leonard), Sister-in-Law's, Irene & Doreen, Mother-in-Law Irene, Brother-in-Law Gary (Bev), Sister-in-Law Linda (Charlie) as well as many nieces & nephews. He will also be leaving behind many cherished hunting and fishing buddies, old sports team members and many other friends he had made throughout his life.

The family would like to thank the staff at Third Crossing Manor for the care and compassion they showed during Lorne's final days.

Bubby put up a good fight at the end and his memory will live on to all who knew and loved him. Remembering the fun-loving jokester, who always had a smile on his face & tried to find the fun in every single day.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 2:00 pm at the Gladstone United Church, Gladstone, Manitoba with interment the Gladstone Cemetery.

If friends so desire donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba or a local charity of one's choice.

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Obituary



Vivian Campbell

Born June 19, 1926 to Vere and Sybil Little of Decker Manitoba, Vivian was one of 6 children of this farm family. Vivian did not move far from home coming back to marry the love of her life, Gordon Campbell, on July 12th, 1952. Throughout their life they raised a family of 4 children and worked

together to build and grow a thriving family farm in the Isabella area.

What she valued most of all was her 72 years together with Gordon doing the things they loved, spending time with her kids, grandkids and supporting family and friends. Vivian's philosophy was built on the foundation of strong relationships, caring and respect.

Vivian came from a long line of distinguished and dedicated nurses. Both her mother and her paternal grandmother were nurses. She would often reflect on the many people who would come to their family home seeking medical care or the services of a midwife. From very early on in life Vivian was a part of providing healthcare in the community, passing her passion onto her children and grandchildren, now culminating in 5 generations of health care providers.

Vivian graduated in 1949 from the Health Sciences Centre with her RN of Nursing and then went back and took her Diploma in Public Health. She started her nursing career in Hamiota hospital but quickly shifted into Public Health Nursing out of the Virden Health Unit. A career in the early 40's and 50's was a challenge for women as they were required to resign when having children. Despite these limitations Public Health Nursing became her lifelong career and passion.

In 1962 Vivian was hired to set up a new Health Unit in the Birtle/Shoal Lake area covering from Boggy Creek north of Roblin, south of Birtle, west to the Saskatchewan border and east to Strathclair and Rosburn area. In this position she was responsible to set up, deliver and manage all Public Health programs and services that would now be currently under Home Care Nursing services.

In the late sixties/early seventies Vivian was asked to take on a key role with a Provincial committee working to expand Public Health Programs and to create a formal Home Care Program. This work became the foundation of the current Home Care Program within Manitoba today.

In 2020 Vivian's 35+ years in Public Health/Home Care Nursing was celebrated at the 100-Year Celebration of

Notice

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Obituary

Thomas (Tom) Clark

August 31, 1962 – March 3, 2025



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas (Tom) Clark on March 3, 2025, in Neepawa, Manitoba, at the age of 62.

Tom was born on August 31, 1962, to Lois and Edward Clark, who welcomed him into their hearts and home with love. He married the love of his life, Tannis, on July 27,

1991, and together they built a life filled with love and laughter for 33 wonderful years.

Tom was a great husband, a loving father, and a proud grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Tannis; his mother, Lois; his sister, Faye (Leo); and his children, Jason (Nikki), Tara, Krystin (Jaquan), and Meagan (Brendan). He was a grandfather to Riley, Ciera, and Ja'Keira. Tom was predeceased by his father, Ed, and his daughter, Miranda.

Tom had a wild and adventurous spirit, which he expressed through his love for motorcycles and the ink that told stories of his life. He found freedom on the open road, riding his bike with the wind in his hair and a grin on his face, always ready for the next adventure.

In his final days, Tom was surrounded by many friends and family. The room was filled with laughter, music, and memories of Tom—just as he would have wanted.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Palliative Care at Neepawa Hospital in his memory.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 31st, 2025 in Birnie, Manitoba.

White's Funeral Home

Neepawa ~ Carberry ~ Minnedosa
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Coming Events

Gladstone & District Museum Inc
Annual General Meeting
 Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 1:30 pm
 at the Gladstone Legion
Everyone Welcome

Birthday



Happy
80th
Rick

Best Wishes,
Northern Tour
Home Boys

Help Wanted

Career Opportunity



Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op is hiring a
SPRAYER OPERATOR
 for our upcoming **SPRING SEASON**
 at our **AGRO CENTRE'S** in
NEEPAWA & GLADSTONE, MANITOBA.

Who we are:

Co-op does business differently. As a co-operative, we believe in working together to serve Western Canadians, delivering profits back to our communities and investing in sustainable growth. To learn more about who we are and how you can help bring our brand to life, visit us at

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We are looking for:

**SPRAYER OPERATOR/
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Training available. Applicants must possess a minimum Class 3 w/Air Driver's License. Length of employment approx. 6 months.

Closing Date: when position filled.

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Apply online at www.neepawagladstoneco-op.crs or contact us at k.white@neepawagladstonecoop.com

Applications can be mailed to:

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op
 Box 879, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

Scan the QR Code to be directed to our job posting.



We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected to continue in the recruitment process will be contacted.

Join Our Team!

Help Wanted



Industrial Plant Cleaner (NOC 65312)

Why join our team?
HyLife is a global leader in food processing, with a vision to be the best food company in the world. To achieve this, we are currently expanding our team and have exciting career opportunities at 623 Main St. Neepawa, MB. We are actively seeking to fill 10 positions.

The current starting wage is \$22.20/hour with incremental increases to \$23.55/hour based on tenure as per our Collective Agreement

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- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:

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

Your duties may include:

- Cleaning and sanitizing butcher and slaughter production areas and everything in between to ensure top-quality food safety standards.
- Operating cleaning equipment like high-pressure hoses to clean production equipment.
- Using cleaning chemicals with respect and following Material Safety Data Sheets.
- Ensuring all Quality Assurance checks are performed.
- Maintaining a safe, clean, and organized work area throughout the facility.
- Collaborating as a team to meet tight deadlines, ensuring production floors operate on time.

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
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in sanitation, or industrial cleaning, or heavy-duty cleaning
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

HyLife is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities for all job applicants, including those who identify as a member of the following groups: Indigenous people, Newcomers to Canada, Older workers, Veterans, and Visible minorities.

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

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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Your duties may involve:

- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
- Sorting hogs into appropriate receiving pens.
- Ensuring humane and safe handling of hogs in our facility.
- Completing hog receiving documents to CFIA standards.
- Scraping trailers.
- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

To excel in this role, you should possess:

- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. 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
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks
- Able to effectively communicate in English
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Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

Why join our team?
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The current starting wage is \$16.45/hour with incremental increases to \$24.60/hour based on tenure as per our Collective Agreement

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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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Help Wanted



invites applications for the following
Educational Assistant position:

- Full time term (5.75 hours per day) at
Hazel M Kellington School in Neepawa, MB

See Division website for more details on this position at
www.beautifulplainsd.ca
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**ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION
SUMMER STUDENT POSITION**

**Administrative Assistant
(May 5 to August 29, 2025)**

**Current Starting Rate of Pay
- \$16.60 per hour**

**Position is based at the
Administration Office
in Minnedosa, Manitoba.**

For more details and application information,
please visit our website at www.rrsd.mb.ca
select Employment then
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Thank you to all applicants for their interest in
Rolling River School Division.
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**ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION
Mechanic
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Required Skills and Qualifications

- Advanced Microsoft Excel skills / Microsoft Office program skills
- Two years' experience in accounting / bookkeeping
- Experience in computerized accounting software
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Effective in working in team environment
- Excellent Interpersonal and organizational skills
- Ability to multi-task
- Clerical experience an asset

**Preferred Skills and Qualifications
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- Experience in safety administration
- Experience in construction administration
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Qualifications:

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Rate of pay dependent on qualifications.

Applications, including Resume, accepted until 12:00 Noon, Friday, March 21, 2025, to the attention of:

Marlene Bouchard, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer

Municipality of Ste. Rose
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PARTS & SERVICE

Agricultural Sales Representative

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Responsibilities:

- Promote sales of agricultural machinery to existing customers and actively solicit new business.
- Consult with customers to identify their needs and recommend the best products.
- Build and maintain strong customer relationships through regular calls and visits.
- Achieve sales and profitability targets consistently.
- Provide exceptional after-sales support to customers.
- Stay familiar with competitive brands and their differences to provide informed recommendations.
- Complete all sales documentation and adhere to sales processes.
- Manage current incentive and financing programs for customers.
- Coordinate and conduct field demonstrations of new equipment.
- Estimate costs for equipment maintenance and evaluate trade-ins.

Requirements:

- Previous sales experience in the agricultural field.
- Familiarity with agricultural equipment and farming operations.
- Highly organized and self-motivated.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Proficient computer skills.
- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to work flexible hours to meet customer needs.

We Offer:

- Competitive salary based on experience.
- Comprehensive dental and medical benefits package.
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- Product-related training and development opportunities.
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If you are ready to take on an exciting opportunity with a growing company, we encourage you to apply today!

For More Information

Contact Darrell at 204-476-0716

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T.I.C. Parts & Service
Box 746, Neepawa, Manitoba, R0J1H0

Email Resume To

Val.L@ticparts.com



PARTS & SERVICE

Heavy Duty Truck Technician

T.I.C. Parts & Service is expanding our operations and is now accepting applications for the position of Heavy Duty Truck Technician. We are looking for a dedicated and skilled individual to join our growing team. If you are passionate about the repair and maintenance of heavy-duty trucks and want to work in a dynamic forward-thinking environment, this is the job for you!

Responsibilities

- Repair and maintain heavy duty truck and trailer components.
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- Conduct preventative maintenance inspections of truck-tractor components.
- Adhere to workplace safety policies, regulations and compliance standards.

Requirements

- Level 4 Apprentice in Truck Transportation and Bus or Red Seal Journeyman status.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Strong knowledge and comprehensive understanding of technology and repair techniques.
- Excellent time management skills and adaptability within the work environment.
- Ability to identify problems and implement solutions with attention to detail, accuracy and meeting deadlines.
- Ability to participate in job duties
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Valid drivers license.

We Offer

- Competitive hourly wages.
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If you're ready to take the next step in your career with a supportive and growing company, apply today to join the T.I.C. Parts & Service team!

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For accommodations or alternative formats, contact careers@assiniboine.net or 204 725 8729.

If you are interested in this career opportunity, please email your resume and cover letter with reference to Competition #89-24/25 to:

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We thank you for your interest.

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Tender



Beautiful Plains

SCHOOL DIVISION

Painting Tender at Neepawa Area Collegiate

Sealed tenders to be received by Beautiful Plains School Division for Neepawa Area Collegiate, MB.

Specifications and drawings will be available after March 12th, 2025.

The School Division, Construction Association of Rural Manitoba, Winnipeg Construction Association and Condata, will have digital copies of the plans and specs available.

A site visit is mandatory, see specs for details.

Tenders close at NOON, Wednesday April 2nd, 2025.

Tenders received by the undersigned must be clearly marked "NACI Painting Tender."

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Submit to:

Tyler Stewart

Maintenance Supervisor

Beautiful Plains School Division

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PUBLIC NOTICE
of Municipal Pesticide use Permit

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Overdrive	Navius Flex	Hasten
Banvel VM	Garlon XRT	Gateway
2.4D amine 600	RT 540 Glyphosate	
- To control rodents on Municipal owned property and at the McCreary Waste Disposal Site, being NE 3-21-15W and SE 3-21-15W in the Municipality of McCreary at various times during the year using Diphacinone or other chemicals as used by the Contractor as appointed by the Municipality of McCreary.

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Environment and Climate
Environmental Approvals Branch
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PUBLIC NOTICE
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSEDALE
2025 PESTICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Rosedale intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2025:

- To control noxious weeds on road allowances within the Municipality. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2025 to October 31,2025. The herbicides to be used include:

2, 4-D Ester 700, 2.4-D Amine 600, Fiesta, Navius Flex, Tordon 22K, Glyphosate, Banvel vm and Truvist

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Manitoba Environment and Climate Change
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PESTICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM

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- To control pests such as gophers, mosquitoes, pine scale and spider mite: AquaBac 200, BTK Biological Insecticide, Rozul RTU Field Rodent Bait, Safers Insecticidal Soap

Proposed dates of application will be from May 1 to October 15, 2025.

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Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

Hay Lease Lots Available for 2025-2026

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Location 4: NE 15-17-11 Location 5: NE 19-17-10W Location 6 & 7: SE & NE 30-17-10W
Location 8 & 9: SE & NW 31-17-10W

Available lots highlighted in grey on map below:



Please submit your letter of interest to:

Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
Attn: Karen Paz, CAO
Box 150 Gladstone, MB R0H 0T0
cao@westlake-gladstone.ca
204-385-2332

Letters of interest must indicate which location you're interested in. Letters will be accepted until the closing date of April 15, 2025, at 12:00 noon. A draw will be held at the Regular Council meeting on April 16th, 2025 to determine the successful Lessee.



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipality of North Norfolk, including the MacGregor Golf Course, intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2025.

- To control noxious weeds and brush on road allowances within the Municipality of North Norfolk, as well as any required spraying on the MacGregor Golf Course. The projected dates of application will be from April 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025
- To control rodents at the following sites in the Municipality of North Norfolk at various times during the coming year using the rodenticide Brodifacoum.
 - All Disposal Sites
- To control the following insect pests including grasshoppers, mosquitoes, elm bark beetles, cankerworms, Emerald Ash Borer, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from April 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025. The insecticides to be used include:

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Hasten NT	Gateway	Goal 2XL
Overdrive	Reward	

- To control Rodents at the following sites in the Municipality of North Norfolk at various times during the coming year using the rodenticide Brodifacoum.
 - All Disposal Sites
- To control the following insect pests including grasshoppers, mosquitoes, elm bark beetles, cankerworms, Emerald Ash Borer, etc. The proposed dates of application for these programs will be from April 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025. The insecticides to be used include:

Malathion	Sevin	Imidacloprid
Deltamethrin	Eco Bran	Acephate
Chlorpyrifos	Lorsban 4E	Azadirachtin
Cyhalothrin-Lambda	Aquabac	
Pyrate 480 EC	Sevin T+O	

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Environmental & Climate
Environmental Approvals Branch
14 Fultz Blvd, Box 35
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Dated at the Town of MacGregor this 4th day of March 2025.

Theresa Bergen
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of North Norfolk

MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE

UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at 14 Dennis St. Gladstone, MB on Thursday April 17, 2025 at 9:40 am at which time and place Council will receive written or verbal representations from the applicant and any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following application matter:

BY-LAW NO. 2025-02, being an amendment to Zoning By-law 2020-02

GENERAL INTENT: To re-zone the hatched area as shown on the map below, from Residential to Commercial Central – Mixed Use Zone.



Schedule "A"
Attached to By-Law No. 2025-02, of the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
amending Zoning Map 2 of the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone Zoning By-Law as amended

Lot 7, 8, & 17 Plan 419 PLTD
in the Town of Gladstone

Legend:
Hatched Area: Re-zoned Area
Solid Line: Boundary of Re-zoned Area
Dashed Line: Boundary of Re-zoned Area
Shaded Area: Re-zoned Area

From: "R2" Residential Zone
To: "C2" Commercial Central - Mixed Use Zone

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected during regular office hours before the Public Hearing. Copies may be made, and extracts taken there from, upon request. Any questions or concerns please call the Municipal office at 204-385-2332.

Think the Banner & Press only has local news? Think again!

You can pick up the paper to get your weekly news, find a new recipe, look for jobs, go house hunting, even scout out upcoming events or sales in the area!



BP Archive history: Brookdale Sports Day



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This photo is dated to July of 1980, and is in relation to Brookdale School's sports day. The Ray McIntyre Cup, which was presented annually to the winning team at the sports day, went to Chudley's Champions that year. Pictured: Captain Carey Chudley accepts the trophy from teacher Jean McDonald. Team members, back row, from left are: Dani Pankratz, Tory Wilson, Trevor McLeod, Beverley McLeod, Carey, Mrs. McDonald. Middle row: Glen Swanson, Colin Fraser, Jackie Thom, Lisa Slezak, Donald McKee. Front row: Irene Simpson, Tanya Slezak, Charlie Simpson, Wayne Bonnett, Blair Vince. The cup was first presented in 1962 in memory of former student Ray McIntyre who died in a drowning accident.

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Neepawa Titans set to host Ag Expo and Auction

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Spring has almost sprung, and with the upcoming farming season around the corner, the Neepawa Titans are looking to help farmers get an edge with its annual Neepawa Ag Expo and Auction.

The two-day online timed auction runs on March 25-27, 2025. Event organizer Matthew Lowry noted this is the eighth year the Titans have put on this event.

"We started with the idea of trying to connect with the agriculture industry and come together for a fundraiser with local and surrounding businesses and connect farmers with their products," he said. "We came up with the idea to get some donations from these businesses in exchange for some promotion and a platform where they can promote their products."

Although the expo/auction has evolved since 2020, its main goal is to connect farmers with local businesses. The auction is hosted by DSLM Farmgate Timed Auctions, and interested bidders can make their wagers at www.farmgatetimeductions.ca/auction/28353. Lowry said there are plenty of great items for you to bid on.

"We have a six-hour tractor rental. From Ag-

West Farm Equipment, we have battery-powered chainsaws and some gift certificates. We also have some canola seed, wheat seed, and plenty of other stuff," said the organizer.

This fundraiser is critical to the yearly operations of the Neepawa Titans, as running a junior hockey club takes a lot of volunteers, time, and plenty of funds to provide a good place for junior hockey players to play hockey.

"There are expenses anywhere from money for billets, buses, and coaches," he said. "One big thing the money from this auction is going towards is paying for ice rental fees at the Yellowhead Arena in town. It helps keep the money local and circulating in our community, which is great."

In addition to helping out the hockey club, Lowry noted that 10 per cent of the proceeds will be returned to the Yellowhead Centre to help with facility upgrades.

"We wanted to add another organization to this big fundraiser for our community, and we decided to include the Yellowhead facility this year. It houses so many things in our community. It's not only hockey and figure skating, but we also have gymnastics in the hall, and it hosts socials, fundraising events, daycares and day camps throughout the summer. It's a big part of our com-

munity, and we wanted to contribute a little bit to the upgrade of the HVAC system in the hall to help tackle that big bill."

Lowry feels immense pride running the auction, as he played 61 games with the then-called Neepawa Natives from 2004 - 2006. He said it's gratifying to give back to the club that once helped him.

"I know many people who fundraised and contributed to help me play junior hockey back in the day. It was also a big part of me going to play other levels of hockey," said the former player. "If I can contribute a little bit to helping some other kids playing junior hockey and making friends and memories in Neepawa, then it's a victory for me, and I'm happy to do it."

Lowry said the hockey club is grateful to see businesses in the area step up for the Titans.

"It's great to see that there's lots of support from local businesses and people willing to help out in any way and contribute. The donations add up quickly and makes a big difference when awesome businesses come together." To view the products you can bid on, head to the Neepawa Titans Facebook Page or stay tuned for the full listing in an upcoming edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

Old Canada: Minnedosa



PHOTO COURTESY OF OLD CANADA SERIES

Pictured here is a view of Minnedosa. It is estimated by Old Canada Series that this photo was taken sometime in the 1950s. The Lyric Theatre and many other amenities of the time can be seen along Main Street, as well as a variety of vehicles that could be seen in that day and age.

M.P. Mazier: It's time to put Canada first

Donald Trump's renewed threats of unjustified tariffs on Canadian goods are a stark reminder that we cannot take our economic security for granted. This is a wake-up call for all Canadians. We must stand up for ourselves, defend our nation, and put Canada First.

Yet, instead of rising to the occasion, the Liberals have shut down Parliament for three months in the midst of an economic crisis. At a time when elected officials should be working around the clock to protect Canadian jobs and industries, they have prioritized their party's interests over the country's well-being. This is unacceptable. Canadians deserve a government focused on solutions, not one that turns its back when leadership is needed most.

Many Canadians have asked how Conservatives will respond to these threats. Conservatives have a clear and decisive Canada First Plan to protect Canadian jobs, industries, and sovereignty. As your local Member of Parliament, I am committed to implementing this plan if we form government. The time for political games is over. If the Liberal government refuses to recall Parliament to address this crisis, then they must call an election and let Canadians choose who will fight for them.

Our Canada First Plan will respond to U.S. tariffs with dollar-for-dollar retaliation, ensuring every cent collected supports affected businesses, workers, and tax cuts for Canadians. We will take decisive action to strengthen our economy, including repealing the unconstitutional no-more-pipelines law, Bill C-69,

to ensure major natural resource projects can be approved quickly to get our goods to market.

We will take back control of our Arctic with the first permanent Arctic base since the Cold War, add two heavy icebreakers, and expand the Canadian Rangers to defend our sovereignty. Expanding the Cadet Corps and Junior Rangers will bring young Canadians together under the mentorship of our armed forces to instill discipline, unity, and patriotism.

We will remove trade barriers between provinces to unlock billions in economic potential and establish a standardized trucking agreement to get goods moving efficiently across Canada. We will make homeownership more affordable by eliminating GST on new homes under \$1 million, helping Canadians save thousands in mortgage costs and creating jobs for our skilled trades workers.

A 'Bring it Home' tax cut will lower taxes on energy, work, investment, and homebuilding while cutting government red tape. We will empower Indigenous communities to help create their own source of money for clean drinking water, schools, and job training by allowing energy companies to direct a portion of their federal taxes to local First Nations.

We will take back control of our border by sending military troops and helicopters, adding 2,000 new border agents, building



surveillance towers, and deploying truckmounted drone systems to detect illegal crossings. Scanners at all major land crossings and ports will stop drugs, guns, and stolen vehicles from entering our communities. We will restore respect for Canadian history by building a monument to those who served in Afghanistan, strengthening penalties for defacing national symbols, and reinstating Canadian icons like Terry Fox in our passports.

Reversing Bill C-5 and Bill C-75 to end the catch-and-release policies that have allowed violent repeat offenders to be out on bail and imposing life sentences on fentanyl traffickers will get tough on crime and crack down on the devastating drug crisis. We will restore in-person citizenship ceremonies and renew the oath to include a pledge of gratitude to those who built and defended this country. A national 'Blue Seal' professional licensing standard will ensure that doctors and nurses can work anywhere in Canada and that those trained abroad can quickly contribute to our workforce.

Canada cannot afford to be complacent. Our Canada First Plan is the bold, decisive policy we need to defend our interests, protect our sovereignty, and

fight for a stronger future. As your local MP, I am ready to implement this plan with a Conservative government that is committed to putting Canada First.

Canada is the greatest country in the world. We are a nation built by hard work, sacrifice, and determination. From the farmers who feed our families, to the workers who power our economy, to the soldiers who defend our freedoms—our strength comes from our people. We stand on the shoulders of generations who fought to build this country, and it is our duty to ensure Canada remains the true north strong and free.

Now is the time to stand together, to be proud of who we are, and to always put Canada First.

NFSC returns from provincials



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEEPAWA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The Neepawa Figure Skating Club (NFSC) had a busy time at a provincial championship recently. It is reported that everyone did well. The conclusion of the event included a silver medal win for Ashley, as well as golds for Jayden, Bailee and Anneke. The latter three thus became Provincial Star 8 Synchro Champions.

Pictured here are just a few of those who participated. Kudos to all NFSC members who attended!

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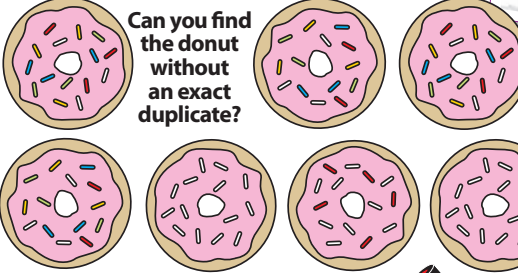
Hockey Player and Coffee Shop King

Who was Tim Horton?

Children all over Canada see signs, written in red cursive, with the name **Tim Hortons**.

Tim Hortons Tim Hortons is a restaurant chain that was founded by a Hall-of-Fame hockey player named (what else?) Tim Horton. Today, there are more than 3,800 Tim Hortons locations in Canada and over 800 in the United States.

Can you find the donut without an exact duplicate?



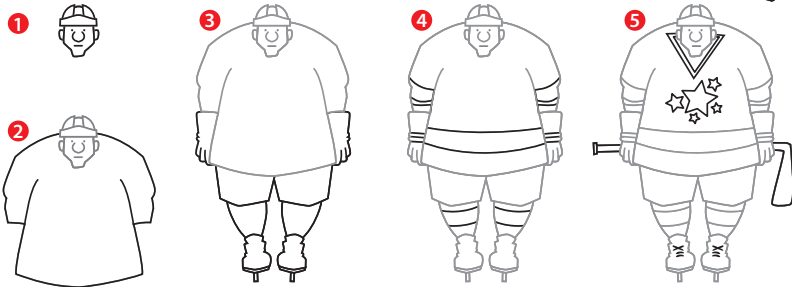
While Tim was a famous and strong hockey player, he also had many strong character traits that contributed to his success: strength, persistence, responsibility, sportsmanship and perseverance.

PERSEVERANCE

Practice, Practice, Practice!

Tim loved hockey and he wanted to be the best he could be. He practiced whenever he could. At 15 years of age, Tim led his local team to an eight-goal victory. And Tim scored all eight goals!

Follow the steps to draw a hockey player. Then, keep practicing until you can draw it from memory.



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Replace the missing words.

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SPORTSMANSHIP

Puck Pals

Over time, Tim's teammates worked with him on plays and signals that helped him know the location of the puck and the other players.

How many hockey pucks can you find on this page?



Character Study

For each of the following character traits, find a person in the newspaper who shows that trait.

- Strength
- Responsibility
- Perseverance

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

RESPONSIBILITY

Tim Helps Out

Even when he played professional hockey, Tim still worked summers to support his family. He took many kinds of jobs. He ran a car dealership and a hamburger shop. He drove trucks.

A small donut shop company asked Tim if they could call their company Tim Horton's Donuts, hoping to attract customers by using Tim's popularity. And the rest is history!

Circle the rows of numbers that add up to 12. Look up, down, sideways and diagonally.



Standards Link: Mathematics: Add sums to 12.

Double Double Word Search

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EYESIGHT
ONTARIO
CHARITY
HORTON
HOCKEY
CANADA
PONDS
CHAIN
JOBS
SHOP
PUCK
HARD
TIM

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



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

Kid Scoop Together: Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the 10 spelling errors you find. The first one is done for you.

Horton's Whos!

Tim Horton wanted to do more than start a restaurant. He also wanted to help children living in poverty to have experiences that would help them live better lives.

The Tim Hortons Children's Foundation baleeves that when children thrive, communities thrive. The Foundation runz camps in Canada and the United States that host teens from low-income families at no kost to the families. The camp programs help teens develop positive skills and additutes to prepare them for adulthood.

Their first camp, Tim Horton Memorial Camp, was founded in 1975 on Lorimer Lake, north of Parry Sound, Ontario. It has hiking trayls, a sandy beech and a large sports feeld.

The largest single fundraiser for the camps is Camp Day, a 24-hour period when restaurant owners donate the proceeds of all coffey sales and public donations to the Foundation. In 2018, they raised \$13 millyun for the camps on that one day.

Standards Link: Writing: Edit text to check for correct spelling and grammar.

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Two Neepawa Titans home games remain until playoffs

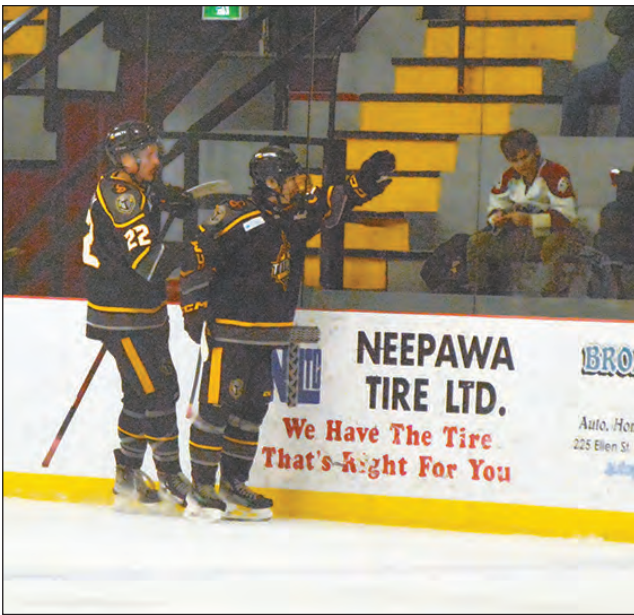
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The Titans would stave off the penalty kill to start the second, then would find themselves back on the power play 39 seconds into the period after Virden headed to the box for slashing. The Titans would make quick work of the power play as Ryan Gower would set up Jackson Kohut for his third of the season, giving the Titans a 1-0 edge.

Caden Hegarty would blast one home just over a minute into the third period, putting the Titans up 2-0, before Virden would strike midway through the third to make it a two-one game. In the dying minutes of the third, Gower would score an empty netter on the power play, and Mason Hartley would add the extra insurance goal on the empty net as the Titans triumphed 4-2. Goalie Mason Lobreau stood tall in the crease, stopping 23/24 shots.

Titans centre, Hegarty was the game's first star and reflected on his team's effort.

"I think we started a little



The Neepawa Titans, who have clinched a playoff spot, sits third place in the MGEU West Division with 65 points. The team played their final two road games on Sunday and Tuesday.

rocky. It was 0-0 in the first, and I thought that was fine, then we got a slow start in the second," said the athlete. "We got lucky being up 1-0 after the second, and I think we had a good response in the third after they scored to hold them off and end up with the win."

After that game, the Titans faced a quick turn-around, travelling to Niverville for an evening bout

against the Nighthawks on March 9, then on the road to Selkirk Tuesday, March 11, for the last Titans away game of the season. Hegarty outlined what the Titans have to do to earn success in their remaining road games.

"I think we just have to rest up with the tight turn-around, go out, make simple plays and get our bus legs out of us. We have to win these games on the road, they're



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

two good teams, and it will be two big wins for us. We have to go out and play our best hockey going into the playoffs."

The Titans would prove to do just that and come out swinging against the Nighthawks, pummeling them 5-2. KC Couckuyt was sharp in net, stopping 35/37 shots, while he Titan's special teams would click

again as they went 3/3 on the power play with goals from Dawson McCann, Ryan Gower, and Mason Hartley. Neepawa's penalty kill went 3/3, with Hartley tallying a shorthanded goal. Hegarty noted the team has been working on special teams, which is proving effective.

"That's always a huge thing. Five-on-five is pretty

even for most games, so being able to win the special team's battles (is huge.) So that's big for us to be (clicking), and has been the difference in our games," he said.

On Tuesday, the Titans faced their last game on the road against the Selkirk Steelers.

The Titans would come up short to close out their last road game, losing a 5-3 decision to the Steelers in a chippy affair. Neepawa would fall short on the powerplay, going two for five, while the penalty kill fought off four out of five powerplays.

The Neepawa Titans wrap up their last two games of the season at the Yellowhead Centre on Mar. 14 against the Dauphin Kings and Mar.15 against the Virden Oil Capitals - a 7:30 p.m. start for both games.

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