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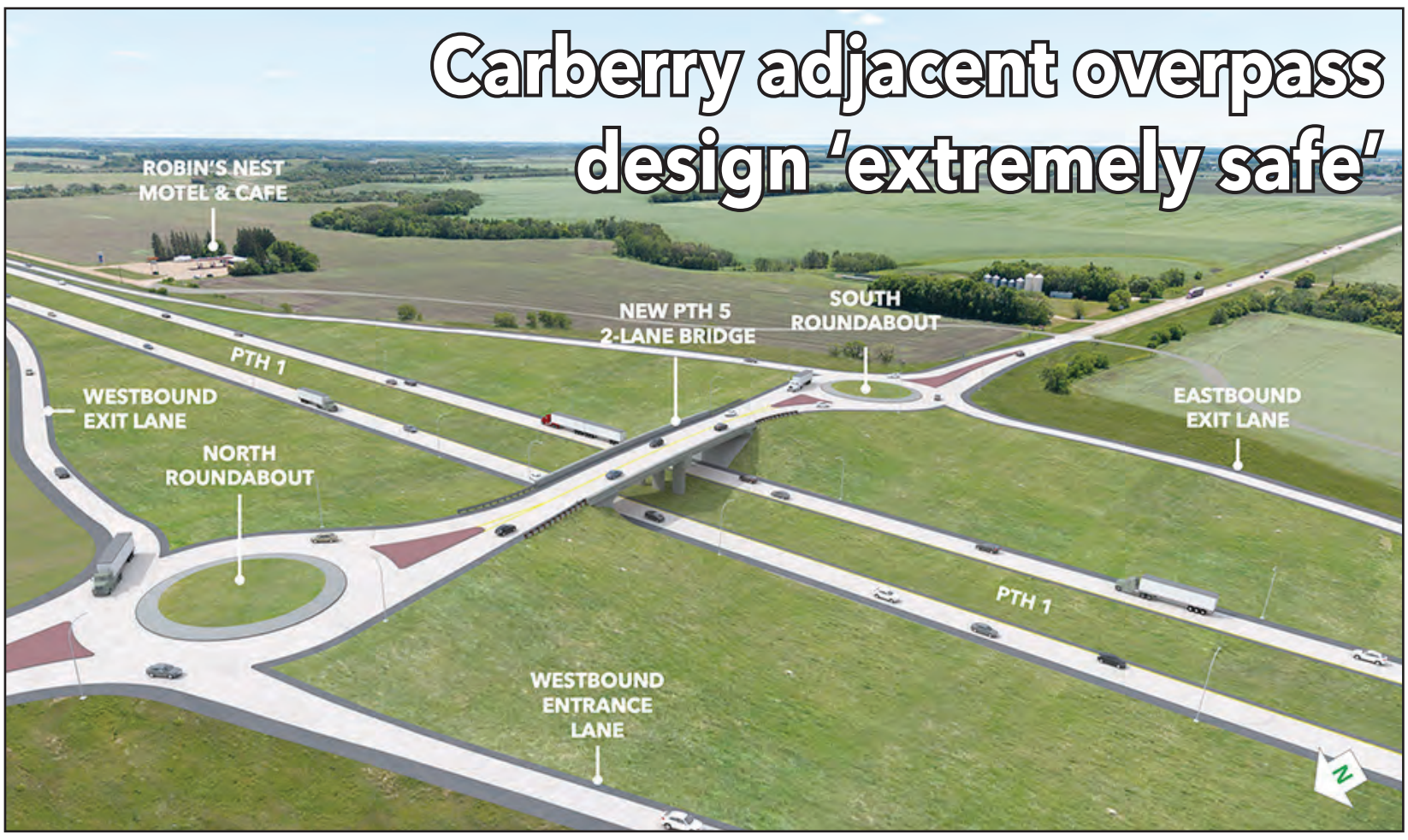
Election results notice

Due to the print schedule for the Neepawa Banner & Press, the official municipal election results were announced just after the publication deadline for this week's edition.

However, to ensure readers are aware of the results in a timely manner, the information for the entire region is currently available online at www.neepawabanner.com.

All those details will appear in print in the Nov. 7 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

Carberry adjacent overpass design 'extremely safe'



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The artist's rendering of what the Trans-Canada Bypass, near the Town of Carberry, could look like once the renovation is complete. Additional rendering can be seen on Page 19.

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

After years of deliberation, design, and re-design, changes to the intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 5 appear to be driving forward. Recently, the Government of Manitoba made an official reveal of the interchange (overpass) design that Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure will be moving forward with.

Adjustments to this intersection have been of great interest in the area. An R-Cut had initially been proposed in 2025, but was scrapped after feedback from the public.

The shift to an overpass was made official by premier Wab Kinew and Transportation and Infrastructure minister Lisa Naylor that same fall.

"The overpass design is very well thought out– it's extremely safe," said incoming North Cypress-Langford reeve Robert Van Kommer.

The overpass design includes two new roundabouts, designed with semis and farm equipment in mind, and a new bridge. One roundabout will be at the north of the bridge, and the other at the south.

The northern roundabout will have a southbound connection to the bridge on Highway 5, and connections to and from the westbound lane of Highway 1.

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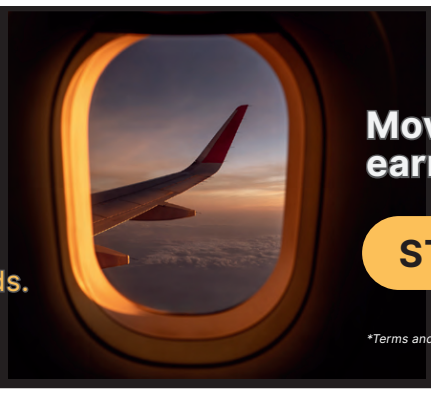
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A little sunflower can make a big difference

Neepawa duo raise awareness of Hidden Disabilities Sunfl wer Program

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Airport travel, even at the best of times, can be a stressful and exhausting experience. Long lineups, unfamiliar terminals and the challenge of making connecting flights can be overwhelming for anyone. For seniors and people living with disabilities that are not immediately apparent, those challenges can perhaps be even greater.

But Marg VanBuskirk and Michelle Kasprick are hoping to take some of that stress and uncertainty out of travelling by spotlighting a global initiative that can make a meaningful difference.

The duo are working around Neepawa to raise awareness for the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program. Sunflower is an initiative started in 2016, that provides people a discreet way to indicate they may need additional assistance, patience or understanding. Participants wear a green lanyard decorated with bright yellow sunflowers, signalling to trained staff that extra support may be helpful.

It's focused towards seniors and individuals with hidden disabilities, such as brain injuries, chronic pain, vision or hearing impairments, autism, or mental health conditions.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Michelle Kasprick and Marg VanBuskirk.

For VanBuskirk, the program made a significant difference during her recent trip from Winnipeg to Portland, Oregon. In an interview with Lyle Watson on NACTV's Coffee Chat, Marg explained how the sunflower lanyard provided an additional way to communicate her needs throughout the journey.

At Winnipeg International Airport, staff helped her navigate checkin and reach her departure lounge. When her flight was delayed, employees continued checking on her well-being and arranged a new boarding pass.

In Vancouver, airport personnel helped her through customs, transported her between terminals and ensured she reached the correct departure lounge. When she arrived in Portland, staff helped her collect her luggage and escorted her to her daughter's vehicle.

The experience demonstrated how the Sunflower Program can make travelling less intimidating for people who might otherwise struggle with unfamiliar airports and complicated connections.

VanBuskirk has since shared lanyards with others, reporting positive experiences from those who have used them. She and Kasprick are now working together to encourage people who have been hesitant to travel because of mobility challenges or hidden disabilities to reconsider their options.

"I started talking to people about it, and then I got some more lanyards to be able to give to people that I know are going to be travelling," said VanBuskirk. "When I talked to Michelle about it and I asked her if she would keep them, and we just want to inform people, so that everybody who has been nervous to travel or knows that they need assistance and wouldn't go because of that, understand that there is something out there that will help."

Approximately 20 lanyards are currently available through Kasprick, offering an opportunity for Neepawa residents to learn more about the program.

The lanyards are free and can also be obtained at participating transportation hubs, including Winnipeg Airport. More information is also available through the Hidden Disabilities Sunfl wer website.

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Neepawa targets trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Town of Neepawa is acting against the spread of Dutch Elm Disease before the arrival of winter. This fall, the tree-killing fungus was identified in 38 trees within the community.

In order to eliminate the disease, Council voted on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to hire Middleton Enterprises to cut down the infected trees. The cost of the removal has been set at $34,500, plus GST. Removal is expected to begin as soon as possible.

Each year, in accordance with the Forest Grant Agreement, the province comes into a community and marks any diseased trees that it finds. The community is then tasked with removal of those trees and is later reimbursed a portion of the cost of that work from the province.

Dutch Elm can be spread through root contact, so these currently 'healthy' trees would likely be an issue next year. As well, their removal will break the line of infection, saving large groups of other nearby trees.

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1976: Npa. fire department gets new yellow engine

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
October 29, 1901**

Riding Mountain: Disastrous fires have been raging in the meadows to the east. A number of people have lost stacks of hay. Perhaps A. Hargrave is the heaviest loser. He is reported to have lost several stacks and a stable. Messrs. Scouten and Foulston lost considerable hay; also Mr. Stevenson, of Neepawa, who put up hay here. It is also reported that Jno. Crawford and Jas. Bare are among the list of victims.

A land titles office was one of the various things promised to Neepawa if the electors would sanction the deal whereby the seat for Beautiful Plains was vacated and transferred in the winter of 1900. The office was to be opened in July of that year; but all did not go right and a postponement was made from time to time until the hope of getting it had almost died out. One of the faithful, at any rate, who was promised a situation in the office, got tired of waiting and demanded something real and tangible; and he got it. Now we hear of the matter again in a more definite form. It is all settled, so they say. The court house is to be utilized. The county court office is to be moved into where the municipal offices are now located and the two front rooms will be used for the land titles offices. Where the town offices are to be is not indicated. The government is not concerned about that anyway. Persons slated for positions are J. P. Curran, of Minnedosa for registrar; Geo. A. Mathers, of Neepawa, for clerk; and H. Hancock, of Neepawa, for assistant. How soon the office will be opened is not stated but the knowing ones say it is a certainty at no distant date.

The derailing of a freight train near Westbourne caused a delay of passenger trains on the Northwestern branch of the C.P.R. on Friday last. The westbound train did not reach Neepawa until past midnight and as the mail carrier was not at the depot the letter bags were not discharged. All business correspondence that should have been done on Friday was delayed until Monday as the letter bags were taken to Yorkton and back, being delivered by the eastbound train on Saturday evening. This is the most serious interruption to correspondence that has occurred in Neepawa during the life of this paper.

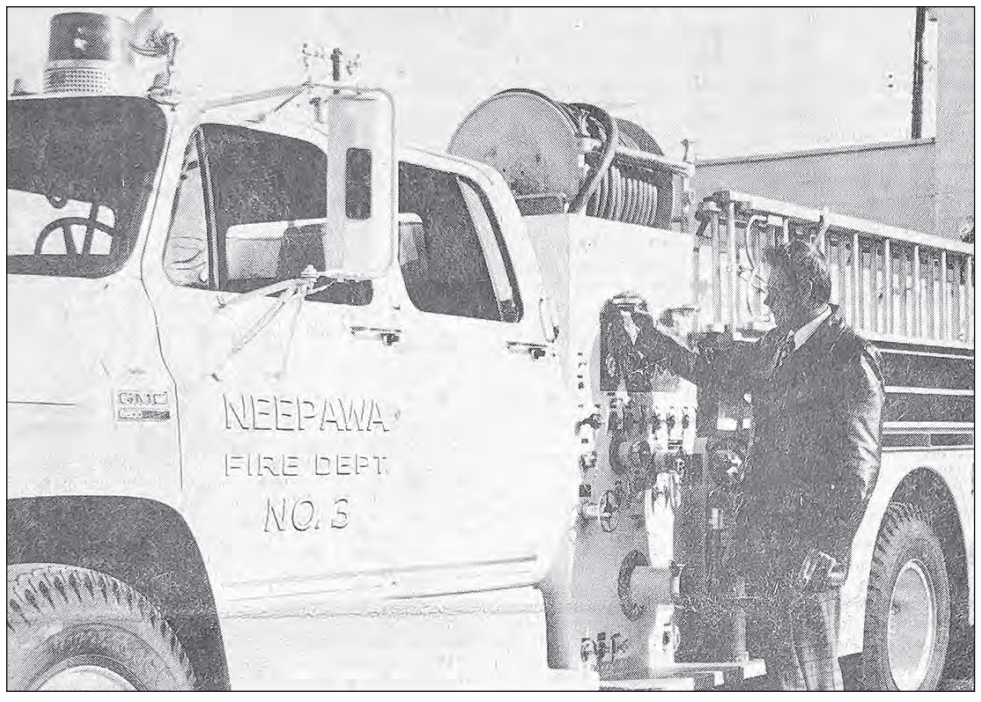
**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
October 26, 1926**

Mayor Stonehouse opened the W.H.A.S. bazaar formally at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in the Community Gardens, and the crowd was continuous from that time until closing at 5:30. Convenors of the various departments were Mrs. Lila McKee, home cooking; Mrs. Jas. Hill, aprons; Mrs. W. T. Barr, fancy work; Mrs. Lila McDonald, novelties; Mrs. Clarence Kerr, candy; and Mrs. S. G. Simpson, tea tables. Proceeds amounted to $227.45 and the officers of the W.H.A.S. wish to thank all who contributed in any way to the success of the bazaar.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
November 1, 1951**

Mrs. Louisa M. H. Still, 87, widow of the late C. Still, and pioneer resident of Neepawa and district, passed away here on Sunday, Oct. 28…

Mrs. Still, the former Louisa M. H. Rowe, was born at Strathroy, Ont., on Mar. 31, 1864 and received her education there.



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Deputy fire chief Ron Gray is pictured here giving an extra polish to the chrome of the Neepawa Fire Department's new truck in late October of 1976. The new engine was yellow and had a capacity of 625 gallons a minute. It could carry 500 gallons of water and also had an expansion foam attachment.

She was married to C. Still in 1883 and the following year came to the Springhill district where they farmed for a number of years.

Mr. Still died in an accident on the farm in Aug. 1921.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Still moved to Neepawa and made her home with the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Ewer, and in later years in the same residence with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McDougall.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
October 28, 1976**

After months of controversy between the Town of Neepawa and the rural municipalities regarding sharing the cost of fire protection services, the RM of Rosedale has decided to go it alone.

They are in the process now of purchasing their own fire engine, estimated at $40,000, and setting up their own volunteer fire department to service the RM of Rosedale.

Neepawa curlers met last Thursday, Oct. 21, at a meeting punctuated by frustration and bitterness. The reason for the meeting? To discuss what alternatives were open to the curling club.

Curling club representatives had met with Neepawa Town Council on Monday, Oct. 18, to once again request permission to build a new rink on the Agricultural Fair Grounds. However, as Curling Club president Bill Fraser put it, "plans for starting a new curling facility in Neepawa were effectively scuttled until at least the 1977 curling season."

The Swift Canadian Company, one of the backbone industries of Neepawa, has closed its doors for good in Neepawa.

The closure comes after the gradual relocating of all facets of its operation to other areas in Manitoba…

The final segment of their plant, the turkey hatchery, closed officially in July and with it ended over 40 years of the Swift brand name in Neepawa.

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Major Production was gearing up to perform "The Highwayman" in 2006. This ad was featured in the Oct. 30 edition of The Neepawa Press for that year.

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By Chad Carpenter

B.C. election shows promise

Last weekend, a political earthquake took place in British Columbia. The now former premier of B.C., David Eby, threw an ill-fated set of dice and called a snap election. It was a bit weird as Eby, a well-rooted NDP premier, had a majority and two years left in his mandate. He thought the Progressive Conservative Party was in disarray and they were. He also thought that somehow people would rally to his cause which he somewhat based on the effects of President Trump and his tariff wars against Canada. What the people of B.C. knew and I don't think Mr. Eby did know, is that while the Trump tariffs are damaging and annoying, there are a lot of other factors in our economy. Unnecessary government regulations are a big drag down, bad attitude is another and lack of capital is a constant obstacle.

For example, we produce a lot of very good beef in Canada and our meat inspection system is so cluttered that beef and beef products move with great difficulty from province to province. I am told there are also huge problems in the trades, trucking and many other areas of the economy.

The people of B.C. have pitched their tent with a plain speaking little known PC premier, Lorne Doerkson, rather than an NDP premier who always looked like he has a headache. That and Eby had a staunch refusal to tell the left wing socialist agenda people to grow up, face reality and understand that some of their policies actually hinder, rather than help people.

Everybody in British Columbia also knows that the various drug injection sites are not really working. Just in Eby's nine years there was 1,000s of drug overdose deaths in B.C.

> **"Smart politics would suggest that if a government has a strong mandate, they should implement as many promised changes as they can and do it early."**

Not directly Eby's fault, but he was the leader and didn't bring about the needed changes. Where else except in the drug trade would you keep believing that soft-on-crime works.

Premier-elect Lorne Doerkson has laid out some of his government's early priorities, such as an independent review of provincial finances and an expert commission to keep hospital emergency rooms open and cut down wait times. Doerksen has promised extensive changes in resource production, not the least of which is tripling of natural gas production by 2035.

He has one of the strongest mandates in B.C. history, if not Canadian history. He is making wise use of that mandate so far. Smart politics would suggest that if a government has a strong mandate, they should implement as many promised changes as they can and and do it early. Bureaucracies love to drag out progress but with a strong mandate, that is not wise nor necessary.

One of Doerksen's biggest challenges will be dealing with the legitimate First Nations concerns and getting past the frivolous ones. There seems to be a mixture of both kinds. And First Nations need to decide if they want the advantages of modern day life or if they want to live in a natural history museum. It's tough to have both.

British Columbia and Canada can make great progress but a lot of negative and silly policies have to be set aside. It's hard not to be optimistic when listening to Doerksen but I am sure his detractors will do their best to drag him down.

Disclaimer: The views expressed in this column are the writer's personal views and are not to be taken as being the view of the newspaper staff.

It could happen to anyone, right?

I was running errands, trying to find the correct smoke/carbon dioxide alarm, feeling a tad frustrated, had Arie along because she loves car rides…So a fair bit going on in my thoughts. As I approached a dark coloured SUV, ready to place my hand on the handle, a quiet voice stated 'this one's mine'. And it was! My vehicle was parked right next to hers. A dark coloured SUV. Not the same brand, with two big dogs not one little black dog, there were tell tale signs. The young woman was gracious enough to say she had made the same mistake once. And it has happened to me before as well. You would think one could/would learn!

The most dramatic wrong car story happened many years ago. I was at work, like at a workplace, and a woman who had been shopping returned to the store, very indigent. She assumed that while she had been shopping someone had used her vehicle, parked right there in broad daylight on a public street, as a garbage can! She asked if we would dispose of an empty coffee cup, some fast food wrappers and odd papers. Of course we could, so sorry this happened while you were supporting our local business. And then, just moments later, she slunk back in. Could she have all the garbage back? There had to be a story there! Our customer had diligently cleaned someone else's car. Same colour as hers, parked right next to hers. Both with unlocked doors. We commiserated with her dilemma, carefully returned all the garbage and we never saw her again.

I do know that this most recent incident with me blithely thinking your car is mine is not the first or only time. I would wager any money that it won't be the last time either. So far I never, well there is a faint memory of maybe once— entered and sat in a vehicle that was not mine. That driver was gracious enough to ask where I wanted to go!

The reality is that autos do get stolen. Off the street or right off your yard. The reality is that cars have been stolen with passengers already inside, sometimes children. I want to believe that a confused old lady would not be seen as a thief, but times are changing!

There was a time when I left my vehicle unlocked when I was out and about. These key fob things are so much easier to use than actually keying in. With the fob in my hand, or pocket, I simply point and lock or depress the dot and all four doors lock. Marvelous!

There are possible solutions to the car mix up situation. Have one in such a distinct colour that you will never see another like it, or remember your license plate and check before boldly placing your hand on someone else's handle! Thinking about a distinct colour for an easy find — I should do that with my phone case! I can't count the times I lose that rascal. Basic black for the phone case and the car…hmmm

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Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thank you to the Banner & Press for publishing the results of the survey conducted regarding which municipal issues were most important to the voters. But the results of the Town of Neepawa accessibility survey in September have not been shared with the public who responded to this important question. Maybe it's on the Town's priority agenda

Don Chubey
Neepawa, MB

Thumbs up to Rob Smith and Son who did the reconstruction of the water and sewer lines on Adelaide Crescent. Yes, there were lots of inconveniences but when you think of water and sewer lines being 10 feet underground how could there not be? I felt they were very informative, sending notifications to our doors when there were interruptions to services. Great communication! It is not an easy job people! Nothing but praise for this crew!

Lesley Skibinsky
Neepawa, MB

During this difficult time for country why are there no Canadian flags flying on Mountain Ave and Main St.? Now, more than ever it is more important to show pride and patriotism for our beautiful country.

The Town and and merchants should have the Maple Leaf on every corner and business. Our flag is not just for July 1 and Nov. 11. It is for all year round.

Beryl Tinkler
Neepawa, MB

Thumbs up to Neepawa Girl Guides and leaders for making the beautiful Poppies for the four Veteran sections of the Neepawa cemetery. A kind, caring gesture by the group in memory of our Veterans. We will remember them!

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

By Blaine Huston
Gladstone Auction

We sold 1,654 head on Tuesday, Oct. 27 here in Happy Rock, and we had a strong sale!

There were no cows on offer at this sale. They'll be selling next Friday, Nov. 6 at our butcher sale.

Here's how the cows and bulls sold last Friday:

•D1 and D2 cows brought $1.95 to $2.20 a pound, while the D3 and older-type cows ranged from $1.00 to $1.90 a pound.

•Feeding cows brought $2.20 to $2.38 a pound.

•Good, high-yielding bulls brought $2.35 to $2.57 a pound.

As we continue through the fall run, plainer-type cattle, cattle with horns, and bulls are still seeing discounts compared to the better-quality cattle.

Now, let's take a look at a few highlights from Tuesday's show list sale.

•We had 12 black and red X steers weighing 727 pounds that cashed their tickets at $5.32 a pound, bringing $3868 per head.

•Another nice group was eight BWF Hereford-influenced steers weighing 599 pounds. They brought $6.08 a pound, or $3,642 per head.

•We also had 12 red and black cross steers weighing 489 pounds that brought $7.10 a pound, working out to $3,472 per head.

•On the heifer side, we had 10 black heifers weighing 630 pounds that sold for $5.07 a pound, bringing $3,194 per head.

•And we had three black and red cross heifer calves weighing 522 pounds that brought $5.9250 a pound, or $3,093 per head.

Looking ahead, we have a feeder sale next Tuesday Nov. 3, and we have our butcher and sale next Friday, Nov. 6.

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

Gladstone Auction Mart
Cattle Market Report
Oct. 27, 2026

Steers	
3-400 lbs.	$8.50 to 9.35
4-500 lbs.	$6.50 to 8.13
5-600 lbs.	$6.15 to 7.44
6-700 lbs.	$5.20 to 6.24
7-800 lbs.	$4.35 to 5.38
8-900 lbs.	$4.25 to 5.10
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	$7.00 to 8.35
4-500 lbs.	$6.16 to 7.05
5-600 lbs.	$5.20 to 6.13
6-700 lbs.	$4.90 to 5.40
7-800 lbs.	$4.00 to 4.77
8-900 lbs.	$3.50 to 4.45

1,654 head sold

Helen Drysdale

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Cabbage

Cabbage has a history that dates back more than 4,000 years. From ancient Rome to modern kitchens, cabbage has been a part of healthy diets worldwide. Originating in the Mediterranean region, over time cabbage spread throughout Europe and Asia, becoming a staple in various cultures: in Ethiopia cabbage is in a dish called "Atakilt Wat," which is a mixture of vegetables simmered together, Colcannon is an Irish dish that combines potatoes and cabbage, Ukraine has their Holubtsi (cabbage rolls), the Germans are known for their sauerkraut, the Korean's answer to cabbage is kimchi, and the North Americans have their Corned Beef and Cabbage.

No matter how you prepare it, cabbage is a nutritional powerhouse, offering a wealth of vitamins and minerals. In earlier centuries, when ships made long voyages to explore new lands, most sailors suffered from Scurvy, a Vitamin C deficiency disease. It was difficult to combat because any fresh source of this vitamin they'd carry aboard wouldn't last as long as their journeys. They discovered that cabbage survived the long trips and sailors used it to prevent scurvy during long sea voyages. In many countries such as France, the folk lore was babies were found under cabbage leaves. When we were little, my mother would say to we children, "mon petit chou," a term of endearment that translates to "my little cabbage." Perhaps that was where we were found, under the cabbage leaves. Enjoy the cabbage recipes today.

This side dish is perfect with ham or roast pork. The recipe does not specify what kind of cheese, however the shredded pizza cheese with its mixed varieties works really well.

Cabbage Casserole

8 cups coarsely chopped cabbage
Sauce:
2 Tbsp. butter
3 Tbsp. flour
2 cups milk
2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. Dash or dried dill
1 cup shredded cheese

Topping:
1 cup dry breadcrumbs
2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan
1 Tbsp. melted butter

In a large pot of lightly salted boiling water cook cabbage for 3-4 minutes. It should be still lightly crisp. Drain well immediately. Sauce: In a frying pan melt butter. Add the flour and cook for a few minutes until bubbly. Stir in the milk, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and Dash. Cook over medium heat, stirring until sauce comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in cheese and pour over cabbage and stir. Spoon into a lightly greased 2 L casserole dish. Topping: Mix the ingredients together and sprinkle over cabbage. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned and bubbly.

A cabbage and tomato skillet is one of the simplest ways to turn these two vegetables into a flavorful side dish. This dish goes well with sausages.

Italian Cabbage Side Dish

2 Tbsp. butter
1 cup thinly sliced onions
1 clove of garlic, minced
6 cups coarsely shredded cabbage
1 small can diced tomato pieces with liquid
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. dried oregano
2 Tbsp. red-wine vinegar
1 Tbsp. brown sugar

In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-high. Add the onion and garlic and cook for a few minutes. Stir in cabbage, tomatoes, salt, pepper, oregano and cook, stirring occasionally for 15-20 minutes until cabbage is tender. You may need to add a little bit of water if needed. Stir in vinegar and sugar. Makes 6 servings.

Serve hot with rice or flatbread.

Ethiopian Cabbage (Atakilt Wat)

1/4 cup oil
1 medium onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup water or broth of choice
3 medium carrots, sliced
2 medium potatoes, cut into chunks
8 cups chopped cabbage
1 tsp. turmeric
1 tsp. cumin
1 tsp. fresh grated ginger or more to taste
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Heat the oil in a Dutch oven. Add the chopped onion and sauté for 2-3 minutes, then add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes more. Then add the water, carrots, potatoes, and the spices and bring to a simmer. Cover and let the mixture cook for about 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are almost tender. Stir occasionally to prevent the mixture from sticking. Stir in the chopped cabbage. Continue cooking for another 10 minutes or until the cabbage and the vegetables are tender. Add a wee bit more moisture if needed. Taste the dish and adjust the seasonings as needed. More can be added as you desire.

Matt Zaddy to perform at Neepawa's ArtsForward

Submitted
Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope Concerts present Matt Zaddy with special guest Christine Heather on Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 pm at Arts Forward. Their rich harmonies and engaging stage presence bring a contemporary take to some of your favourite tunes, special Canadian songs, and original folk rock.

Matt Zaddy is an award-winning singer-songwriter whose music seamlessly blends folk-rock, modern soul and pop into a sound that is both fresh and timeless. He has become a standout figure in the Canadian independent music scene, sharing stages with celebrated artists such as Tom Cochrane, Jim Cuddy, and the Cowboy Junkies. His performances are marked by warmth, humour, and a genuine desire to connect—qualities that have earned him praise from critics and audiences alike.

Join Matt Zaddy and Christine Heather for an evening of heartfelt songs, soulful vocals, and stories that remind us of our shared humanity.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Matt Zaddy will perform in Neepawa on Nov. 6.

Tickets for adults are available at Arts Forward and Harris Pharmacy, online at Eventbrite, or at the door. Tickets for students under 18 are available at the door. Beverages will be available for purchase. This event is made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op, and the Manitoba Arts Council.

Tough to beet!

PHOTO COURTESY OF TERI SYSLAK

Pictured here are a pair of gargantuan beets from Teri Syslak, of Clanwilliam, from earlier this month. Weighing in at one and three quarter pounds, and two pounds, these veggies must surely be top contenders amongst the large produce seen around the region this year.

From food banks to small-town arenas

HyLife Fun Days delivers more than $90,000 in community impact

Submitted
HyLife

Behind every community space is a story.

A van that keeps food moving. A safer doorway for someone asking for help. A small-town arena kept alive by volunteers. This year, those stories are at the heart of HyLife Fun Days 2026. HyLife, together with its generous sponsors, is donating more than $90,000 through this year's Fun Days initiative, with $31,000 going to each selected recipient: The Salvation Army Neepawa, The Killarney Food Bank, and Vita Rec Centre.

"Fun Days is a reminder of what can happen when our employees, sponsors, and communities come together with a shared purpose. These organizations are doing important work every day, and we are grateful to support projects that will make a real difference for families, volunteers, and the next generation. The events may only last a day, but the impact can be felt long after it's over," shared Karan Sangfai, President and CEO, HyLife.

Helping keep food moving in Neepawa

In Neepawa, Manitoba, The Salvation Army Neepawa will use its Fun Days contribution toward replacing an aging van used for food rescue, donation pickups, deliveries, and keeping food bank shelves stocked.

Reliable transportation is essential to moving fresh produce, meat, dairy, bread, and other necessities from donors and local partners to families in need. For many people, this gift means more than food. It can provide relief during a difficult time and reassurance that better days are ahead.

"It's not easy for people to ask for assistance. Having access to food can relieve some of that stress and allow families to feel like they're still providing for the people they love. This contribution from HyLife and its sponsors will allow us to keep food moving to the people who need it most." shared Amanda Naughton-Gale, Community Ministries Director, The Salvation Army Neepawa.

Creating a safer, more accessible space in Killarney

In Killarney, Manitoba, The Killarney Food Bank will put its Fun Days funding toward accessibility and facility improvements.

Plans include safer entrances, improved railings, ramps, and better heating and cooling. These upgrades will make it easier for volunteers to move donations safely while creating a more comfortable and welcoming environment for families, seniors, and individuals using the food bank. Asking for assistance is not always easy. A safe, accessible space can make taking that first step feel a little lighter.

"We want to take the stigma out of using a food bank and make sure people feel comfortable coming here when they need it. We're incredibly grateful for this gift from HyLife, and we hope to keep this place growing and thriving for the people who rely on it." shared James Matchett, Operations Manager, The Killarney Food Bank.

Supporting a volunteer-run community hub

Through the Steinbach Fun Days event, Vita Rec Centre will use its gift for important facility and infrastructure improvements.

The Vita Rec Centre is more than a rink. It is where kids learn to skate, families spend evenings together, teams play, and memories are made. Like many rural recreation facilities, it is powered almost entirely by dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to keep the doors open. The funding will contribute to a much-needed new scoreboard and other infrastructure upgrades designed to keep the arena active, welcoming, and enjoyable for families today and for the next generation.

"We want this to continue to be a place where everybody feels welcome, where kids can be active,

families can gather, and the next generation can make their own memories. You have no idea how much this investment will mean to a small community like ours," shared Michelle Thibodeau, Vice President, Vita Rec Centre.

A Tradition of Giving

HyLife Fun Days began as a weekend event for employees to come together, unwind, and celebrate. Over time, local organizations and business partners became part of the tradition, transforming it into a charitable initiative that has now raised more than $1.7 million for local charities and projects.

The casual employee gathering has become one of the company's most meaningful traditions. Each year, more than 1,000 team members, business partners, families, and local residents come together for food, friendly sports competitions, family activities, and most importantly, an opportunity to give back.

This year's contributions reflect the generosity of HyLife's business partners and sponsors, the dedication of Fun Days committees and volunteers, and an ongoing commitment to strengthening the places where employees live and work. To every sponsor, employee, volunteer, committee member, charity representative, and partner who made Fun Days 2026 possible, thank you.

Winter is coming....

But even if you're vacationing somewhere warmer, you don't have to worry about missing out on your weekly dose of local news!
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Westlake-Gladstone groups explore ways to work together

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

When it comes to small town fundraising, there are only so many dollars to go around. With local service groups and non-profits often competing for the same pool of support, finding ways to work together could help everyone to reach their goals.That was the focus of a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 110, in Gladstone.

Organized by the Kin Club of Gladstone, the meeting brought forward several ideas aimed at making fundraising and reaching residents more effective. Representatives from 10 local service groups and non-profits gathered to discuss how they could improve communication and explore opportunities to collaborate.

One of the main topics discussed was the need for better communication when scheduling fundraising events. By coordinating dates, organizations could reduce conflicts and avoid asking residents to support multiple fundraisers at the same time.

Participants also talked about the challenges of promoting their events and initiatives. While many of the groups still rely on social media to reach the public, they have found that approach has become less effective over time. Finding better ways to share information between groups to reach more residents was identified as a significant step forward.

Another suggestion was to partner on community events and fundraisers, sharing both the work involved and the proceeds. Such arrangements could help organizations make better use of volunteers and resources while benefiting multiple causes.

One final item brought forward at the meeting was an idea from the Kin Club that could provide additional fundraising opportunities for all the local organizations. The club is currently seeking a licence from the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for a progressive 50/50 draw. If approved, the proposed initiative could see proceeds allocated to a different community groups to provide an additional avenue for fundraising.

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Marijka Kostenchuk proud to have played a part in Neepawa's growth

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

"Neepawa is a great place to call home. I'm proud to have been a part of this." With those words, Marijka Kostenchuk marked the end of her eight years on Town Council

In her final address, during the last meeting for the current representatives on Tuesday, Oct. 20, Kostenchuk thanked Neepawa residents for the opportunity to represent them.

"It's been a privilege to be part of the town's growth, and to work alongside so many people who care about this community," she said.

She also thanked those who had supported her, shared their views and contacted her throughout her tenure, emphasizing how much she valued their input and engagement.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Marijka Kostenchuk served eight years on Council for the Town of Neepawa.

Kostenchuk praised municipal administration staff for their hard work and dedication, singling out Colleen Synchyshyn as an inspiration. She also expressed appreciation for past and current council members, noting how much she had learned from working alongside them.

Looking ahead, Kostenchuk said she was looking forward to having more time for other commitments and offered her best wishes to candidates seeking municipal office.

Neepawa Novas kickstart fundraisers for 2027 Las Vegas competition trip

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

For the first time ever, the Neepawa Novas are preparing to vault over to the Lucky Starz Invitational Competition next year. Scheduled for Mar. 5 to 7, this competition is hosted by the All Starz Academy from Kingman, Arizona, and will take place at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

"It is very exciting for 12 members of our Neepawa Novas competitive gymnastics team to be competing at an international level alongside teams from Costa Rica, Alaska, and across the United States," said Ashley Vandepoele, Neepawa Novas Gymnastics Club representative. "We know of one other Canadian Team attending and are excited to meet them there."

However, as a non-profit organization, the gymnastics club is gathering some extra support to springboard off of. As such, they are currently in the midst of a set of fundraising efforts.

"Our fundraising efforts are going to help cover the cost of having our coach accompany us to Las Vegas, as well as the higher international travel and competition fees," Vandepoele explained.

To kick things off, the gymnastics club will be hosting an online auction, which will be held through their 'Neepawa Novas Vegas Bound Benefit' page on Facebook. It will take place from Nov. 9 at 8:00 a.m. to Nov. 13 at 8:00 p.m.

"We encourage everyone to take a look at the items in the auction and consider bidding, there's some great items and it could be a wonderful way to start your Christmas shopping," said Vandepoele. "We are still adding auction prizes, and it's not too late to donate to the auction! Donations will be taken right up until Nov. 8"

The gymnastics club is also welcoming monetary donations at any time, and will also be selling tickets for raffles to be hosted in December and January. Anyone wishing to donate auction items, funds, or purchase tickets are asked to reach out via email at competition-neepawa@neepawanovas.ca, or by phone at 204-447-7778.

As the club gears up for the auction, Vandepoele was happy to report that the fundraising efforts have been met with a positive early response.

"We are very grateful to the community partners who have been able to support the Neepawa Novas attending this meet. We have had some local businesses offer cash donations as well as prize donations for our online raffle we are hosting," said Vandepoele. "We also had a very generous donation from TOP Rank Diamond Drilling who are sponsoring team clothing, allowing us to purchase new competitive jackets for this meet with a bit of Las Vegas flair."

Vandepoele added, "We can not express our excitement and gratitude enough. Every bit of support adds up and makes a big impact for our gymnasts who are embarking on this adventure!"

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William Morton Collegiate Institute Athletics report

Submitted
William Morton Collegiate Institute

The Junior Varsity (JV) girls had a break for Zone 7 league games this week,but played in the Hamiota tournament on Oct. 23 and 24 which saw A, AA and AAA teams all competing against each other.

The girls would play Boissevain first and split with them 19-25 and 25-14 and then play the host Hamiota and lose 21-25 and 15-25.

In the quarterfinals, the Warriors would have to play Neepawa and take them to three sets, but unfortunately lose by scores of 26-24, 22-25 and 7-15. This would put them in the semifinals of the consolation side of the tournament and they would have to face Carberry. They would defeat them in two straight sets 25-23 and 25-17.

The finals of the Consolation would have the Warriors face the Strathclair Hawks and they would go to three sets. WMCI would prevail by scores of 25-21, 21-25 and 15-13. Congratulations Warriors!

"We played well winning consolation finals versus Strathclair, we had a tough time against Neepawa but we did well overall."*(Player Linley Armstrong).*

The Junior Varsity (JV) Boys played more Zone 7 regular season games at Carberry on Oct. 21. The boys played two matches against Neepawa and Carbery . The boys played Neepawa first and lost the match by scores of 19-25 and 13-25 and then played Carberry and again, lost the match by identical scores of 21-25 and 21-25.

"Our league game in Carberry on Wednesday was not our best." *(Player Everett Hamm).*

The Varsity girls finally played Zone 7 league games again this week, playing games in Rivers against Minnedosa and Rivers.

The girls would play Minnedosa first and lose both sets by scores of 13-25 and 6-25. The next game against Rivers would have the girls losing in three sets by scores of 25-23, 13-25 and 7-15.

"We performed well and had good rally's. The other team were good and we didn't play to the best of our abilities, but we aren't gonna let this affect how we play in the future." *(Player Zoe Carolino).*

Varsity Boys played no Zone 7 league games either this week but played in a very competitive Elton tournament where the top three AA teams were competing as well.

In round robin games, the boys would play both top ranked teams Goose lake (Roblin) and lose 18-25 and 14-25 and Major Pratt (Russell) and also lose 12-25 and 10-25. The last round robin game would see the boys defeat the #6 ranked Morris/St. Jean by scores of 25-13 and 25-17. These results would put them third in their pool and have to face zone rival Carberry in the first playoff game. They would go on to defeat them in a close match 26-24, 19-25 and 15-10. They would next face Major Pratt in the semi finals and be defeated 14-25 and 13-25. "It was an amazing and fun tournament to get to play against the top teams in the province." *(Player Alex Bullert).*

Upcoming WMCI Warrior Games and Tournaments
(Oct. 30 - Nov. 6)

• ***J.V. Girls Volleyball***. . Oct. 30-31 at Somerset (Prairie Mountain HS) two day tournament. 6:30 p.m. MacGregor vs WMCI and 7:30 p.m. Minnedosa vs WMCI at Minnedosa on Nov. 2.

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

• ***Varsity Girls Volleyball***. 5:30 PM WMCI vs Carberry at home on Nov. 3.

• ***Varsity Boys Volleyball.*** 5:30 p.m. WMCI vs Erickson at home on Nov. 5. Nov. 6 and 7 at Brandon (DIG) two day tournament

WMCI Student Athlete Profile

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Name: Ruby Adams
Grade: 12
Years Played: 6 years
Position: Right side
Jersey Number: #5
Superstition: Bounce the ball three times before serving
Pre-Game Meal: Fruit

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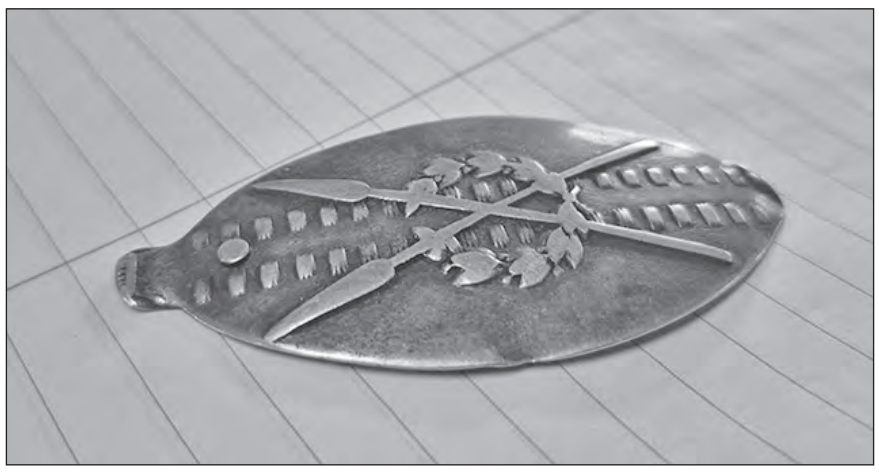
Name: Mandy Anderson
Grade: 12
Years Played: 6 years
Position: Middle
Jersey Number: #9
Superstition: Bounce the ball three times before serving
Pre-Game Meal: Fruit

Need an assistance on a mystery piece of metal



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A mystery walked into the Banner & Press office last week, and we need your help to solve it. A reader of our publication brought in this decorative brass object, which had orginally been found in a field in North Cypress-Langford back in 1954! While, the cross spears and laurel like decoration in the centre are distinctive, we have not been able to uncover its' origins. If you have any information on just what this item may be from, please contact the Banner & Press at news@neepawabanner.com or at (204) 476-3041.

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More than just a harvest

Submitted
Stride Credit Union

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Jaret and BJ at Bailey Farms, located near Carberry.

After weeks of wet weather, a stretch of sunshine during potato harvest meant there wasn't a minute to waste at Bailey Farms near Carberry. So when representatives from Stride Credit Union stopped by with more than 30 meals for the crew during one of their Meals in the Field visits, supper had to fit around the work — not the other way around.

Stride Account Manager BJ and Jaret, Vice-President of Ag and Commercial, also had an opportunity to see the operation firsthand. Lori took them into the fields to watch the potato harvesters in action, while Terry provided a look at the farm's unloading, processing and storage system back at the yard. Despite the challenging conditions leading up to harvest, the operation moved like a well-oiled machine.

But beyond the equipment, bins of potatoes, and pace of harvest, the visit was also a reminder of what a farm represents. Years of work. Decisions made season after season. It's where conversations about money become conversations about much more.

For anyone who has spent years building a farm or a business, there eventually comes a point when the questions begin to change. How much longer do you want to work? What would stepping back actually look like? Is there someone who wants to take over? And if there is, how do you make that transition work for everyone involved?

Maybe retirement is still decades away. Maybe it's starting to feel a lot closer. Maybe the goal is to grow before you ever think about slowing down. Or maybe you simply want to know that when the time comes, you'll have options.

Those are financial questions, but the answers aren't found in the numbers alone. Understanding what someone wants to accomplish also means understanding what they've built, how their operation works, the challenges they face, and what matters to them and their family. That's particularly true in agriculture and business, where two operations that look similar on paper can have very different stories behind them.

It's why relationships have always been an important part of how Stride Credit Union works with its members. A financial statement can tell part of the story. A conversation around the kitchen table, a visit to a business, or an afternoon spent seeing a farm in operation can tell much more.

Because behind most financial decisions is a more personal question: What do you actually want?

A farm your kids might want someday. A business that can carry on without you. The freedom to retire when you're ready. A home you finally own outright. Something to leave your family. Or simply enough breathing room to feel comfortable about what comes next.

Meals in the Field is one of the ways Stride goes beyond everyday banking to build meaningful relationships with its members. It's an opportunity to step outside the office, spend time with members, and better understand the farms, businesses, and lives they're working to build.

The numbers will always matter. But good financial advice takes more than knowing the numbers.

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Manitoba Crop Report highlights

Manitoba Agriculture released its latest crop report on Friday, Oct. 20. Here are a few highlights:

• McCreary was listed as the wettest location in the Northwest region for the period of Oct. 12 to 18, having received 14.6 mm of precipitation.

• Much progress has been made at this point in the harvest of crops in the area. These results are up-to-date as of Oct. 20.

In the Northwest: Winter wheat, fall rye, and field pea crops were reported as 100 per cent completed. Meanwhile, spring wheat, barley, and oats were all listed at 95 per cent completion; and canola at 90 per cent, and soybeans at 60 per cent. Overall, a regional average of 77 per cent completion.

In the southwest, the regional average is slightly higher, at 78 per cent.

There, winter wheat, fall rye, barley, and oats are all at 100 per cent completion. The percentages for the remaining crops in the southwest are: spring wheat, 98 per cent; field peas, 99 per cent; canola, 85 per cent; soybeans, 60 per cent; dry beans, 60 per cent; and silage corn, 75 per cent.

• In the southwest, remaining spring wheat crops are reported to likely be feed grade, as yield is holding up but quality is declining. Most of the barley crop harvested in this region is also being graded as feed due to a variety of factors. Sunflowers are ready for desication.

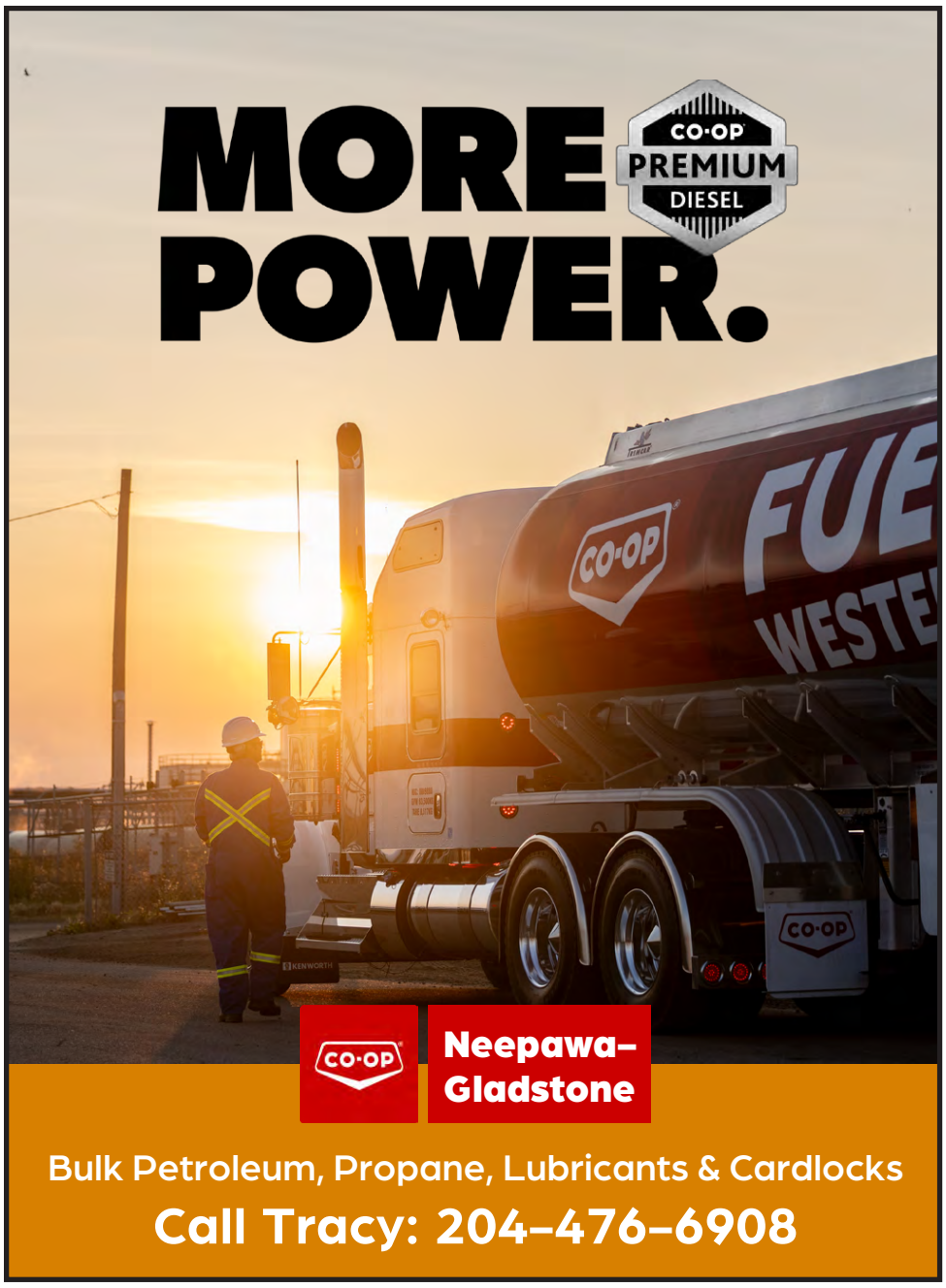
• In the northwest, post-harvest operations are continuing across the region. This includes fall fertilizer and anhydrous applications. Some areas in fields will also require attention due to weed growth caused by wet conditions throughout the season.

• Crop quality and yield in both regions were very mixed.

The full Crop Report for Oct. 20, 2026 can be found on the Government of Manitoba Website's agriculture category by clicking 'crops', 'seasonal report', and then 'crop report'.

PHOTO BY ANNE DAVIDSON

On the way to Oak River Fall Supper Sunday evening, Oct. 25. we see a canola crop being harvested. Crops enjoyed moisture during growth and then it became too much as downpours and then wind storms continued into fall. Since September, in Hamiota, harvesters could be heard running through the night as producers took advantage of every hour. The Harvest Moon was a month ago. Sunday night, the Hunter's Moon was rising, temperatures were plummeting to bring single digit days, ice-cold nights and possibly snow this week.



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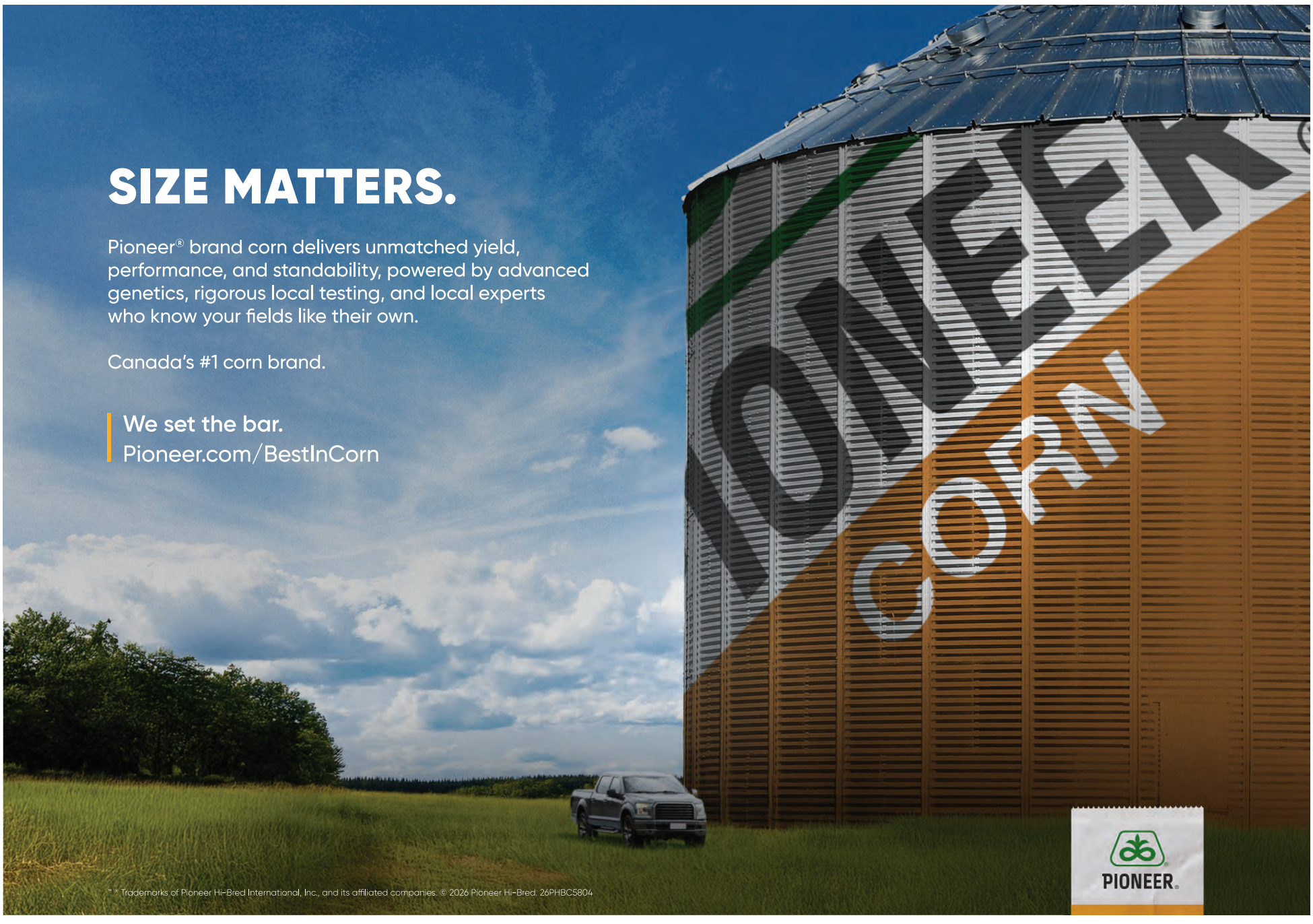

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MJHL Standings

East Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Wayway	14	11	2	0	1	22
2. Virden	14	11	3	0	0	21
3. Swan Valley	13	6	5	2	0	14
4. Nor Man	15	7	8	0	0	14
5. Dauphin	15	6	7	2	0	14
6. **Neepawa**	14	5	7	1	1	12

West Division	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Steinbach	13	10	3	0	0	20
2. Selkirk	15	7	4	4	0	18
3. Niverville	11	7	2	2	0	16
4. Winkler	13	7	5	1	0	15
5. Portage	14	4	7	2	1	11
6. Wpg Monarchs	12	4	7	1	0	9
7. Wpg Blues	11	2	9	0	0	4

MJHL player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Marek Miller (STN)	11	15	26
2. Tyson Draper (VDN)	12	11	23
3. Trace Langan (SVS)	9	12	21
4. Liam Carlone (NMB)	5	16	21
5. Matthew O'Sullivan (NMB)	10	10	20

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Addison McIntosh	7	4	11
2. Grayson Slaney	6	4	10
3. Talen Wallis	2	7	9
4. Eric Marks	4	2	6
5. Ryder Heaphy	0	5	5

Game results

Neepawa 3-2 OT Swan Vallley

Saturday, October 24

First Period
18:22 SVS C. Thompson (2) PP
ASST: O. Lutgen (7), K. Connelly (2)
Second Period
05:49 SVS O. Lutgen (2)
ASST: R. Woods (3)
Third Period
01:41 NPA K. Beard (3)
ASST: J. Polasek (5)
16:34 NPA C. Mohr (3)
ASST: E. Marks (2), C. Solem (2)
Overtime
02:46 NPA G. Slaney (6)
ASST: Unassisted
Penalties SVS 2/6 NPA 1/3
Goaltenders
SVS J. Naccarato 20/23 saves
NPA C. Nicolson 45/47 saves
Attendance Yellowhead Centre - 264

Neepawa 2-1 Swan Valley

Tuesday, October 27

First Period
04:04 NPA A. McIntosh (6) PP
ASST: G. Slaney (4), C. Nicolson (1)
Second Period
No scoring
Third Period
01:23 SVS N. Stott (1) PP
ASST: J. Giacobbo (6), O. Lutgen (8)
06:22 NPA A. McIntosh (7)
ASST: T. Klassen (1)
Penalties SVS 1/4 NPA 1/2
Goaltenders
SVS E. Falls 25/27 saves
NPA C. Nicolson 35/36 saves
Attendance Yellowhead Centre -261

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Neepawa Titans complete comeback with overtime win over Swan Valley Stampeders

PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Titans showed plenty of resilience on Saturday night, overcoming a two-goal deficit in the third period to secure a thrilling 3-2 overtime victory over the Swan Valley Stampeders.

Swan Valley appeared to be in control for the majority of the game, as Chantyn Thompson and Owen Lutgen both scored power-play goals to give the Stamps a two-goal advantage.

Neepawa refused to quit however, as Kole Beard got the Titans on the scoreboard early in the third period to spark the resurgence. Crue Mohr followed up late in the game on a power-play chance. He'd find the back of the net to pull Neepawa even at 2-2, erasing Swan Valley's lead and sending the contest to overtime.

The extra frame did not last long, as just 2:46 into overtime, Grayson Slaney beat the Swan Valley goaltender with a shot low to the blocker side, completing the comeback and sending the home crowd away happy with a hard-fought victory. Conner Nicolson earned the win in goal for the Titans, stopping 39 of the 42 shots he faced.

A Tuesday night rematch

The Neepawa Titans earning their second consecutive victory over the Stamps on Tuesday, Oct. 27, as they picked up a hard-fought 2–1 win.

Addison McIntosh scored both goals for Neepawa, while Conner Nicolson delivered a strong 35 save performance to help the Titans secure the victory.

The Titans opened the scoring at 4:04 of the first period when McIntosh capitalized on a power-play opportunity.

Neither team found the back of the net in the second, leaving Neepawa with a narrow advantage heading into the final 20 minutes.

Swan Valley would respond quickly in the third, as Noah Stott scored on the power play to even the contest at 1–1.

However, Neepawa had an answer, as at 6:22 of the period, McIntosh struck again, slipping the puck past Stampeders goaltender Easton Falls to restore the Titans' lead. His second goal of the night proved to be the decisive marker, as Neepawa held on for the victory.

The Neepawa Titans have earned four important points in the standings, as they have defeated division rivals, the Swan Valley Stampeders, in a pair of recent games at the Yellowehad Centre in Neepawa.

Neepawa Titans serving up more than hockey

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEEPAWA TITANS

On Friday, Oct. 23, Neepawa Titans Nolan Kozak, Conner Nicolson, Jacob Reimer and Jaxson Kobe rolled up their sleeves and helped serve pancakes, sausages, and fresh fruit to more than 600 students and staff at Neepawa Middle School It was a fantastic opportunity for the players to connect with local students, give back to the community, and start the day with a whole lot of smiles!

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Farmers bring the fi epower to start Tiger Hills season

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

If you call yourself a hockey fan, but aren't watching the Tiger Hills Hockey League, you're missing out on some of the most exciting hockey around. Year in and year out, the Tiger Hills is a showcase for the heart and soul of the game, and the Neepawa Farmers are a great example of that. This year's team features a roster of familiar faces from the Titans, Tigers and Natives, all still playing with the same passion that brought them to the game in the first place.

The Farmers opened their home schedule on Friday, Oct. 23, when they hosted the Pilot Mound Pilots. Pilot Mound opened the scoring just 5:27 into the first period when Owen Anderson found the back of the net on an awkward bounce.

Neepawa responded later in the period, as Garrett Rempel tied the game at 14:26 on the power play. The Farmers then took the lead at 18:28 when Jory Kulbacki scored.

Neepawa nearly made it a 3-1 lead with a scoring chance just seven seconds before the intermission. However, Pilot Mound goaltender Myles Ganske came up with an impressive acrobatic save to keep it at 2-1.

The Farmers found that third goal early in the second period though, as Cohen Kulbacki scored at 1:48. Shane Byram added another just over five minutes later, followed by Kyle McDonald two minutes after that. Ian Foster rounded out the second-period at 19:06, giving Neepawa a commanding 6-1 lead heading into the third.

The Farmers continued their offensive push over the final 20 minutes, as Cohen Kulbacki and Kyle McDonald each added another goal to make the final score 8-1.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Farmers opened up their season in the Tiger Hills Hockey League, with an impressive 8-1 win over Pilot Mound.

A road win in Carberry

A four-goal frenzy in the third period secured a 7-4 road victory for Neepawa over the Carberry Plainsmen on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Farmers got off to a strong start in the opening 20 minutes, with Ethan Winters scoring at 4:36. Just 48 seconds later, Kyle McDonald doubled the lead to 2-0. Carberry responded late in the period when Cameron Trimble scored at 19:27.

For a time, the Plainsmen took control in the second period, as Daylon Creasey tied the game on the power play at 4:07. Jaden Johnson then gave Carberry the lead at 15:11. Neepawa finally found an answer late in the second, as Connor Braun scored at 18:07 to send the teams into the third tied 3-3.

Carberry briefly regained the lead in the final frame when Tate Bercier scored at 3:55. Neepawa responded just over a minute later, as Lincoln Murray tied the game.

With the teams still deadlocked late, Tarek Lapointe scored the eventual game-winner at 16:00. Neepawa added a pair of empty-net goals in the closing minutes to seal the victory, with Brett Levandoski and Jory Kulbacki finding the back of the net.

Levandoski finished with two goals, while Tom Coutts contributed three assists in a strong overall offensive performance for Neepawa. Trimble led Carberry's offensive effort with a goal and three assists.

These early results have Neepawa atop the league standings, tied with the Boissevain Border Kings at 2-0-0. The Farmers' goals for and against diff rential give them the edge in the tiebreaker, although there is still plenty of hockey yet to be played.

Next for Neepawa will be a road game in Killarney, against the Shamrocks on Friday, Oct. 30.

The next home game will be a week later, on Saturday, Nov. 7, when the Farmers host the Souris Elks. Start time at the Yellowhead Centre is scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Minnedosa Bombers blank Rivers Jets

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Minnedosa Bombers have started their season in dominant fashion, shutting out the Rivers Jets 7-0. A big part of their win can be credited to the Bombers' power-play, as they went 3-for-6 with the man advantage. Owen Riffel, Tanner Jago and Bryson Werbicki-Mallet each tallied on the power-play. Werbicki-Mallet added another in the third on even strength. The penalty kill also proved solid for Minnedosa, as they surrendered no goals on five PK chances.

The game winner was actually scored by Kyle McLeod late in the first, while Matt Saler and Logan Robinson also contributed goals for Minnedosa. Devon Fordyce picked up the win in goal, stopping all 17 shots he faced.

Next for Minnedosa is a pair of road games. The fi st is in Carberry on Friday, Nov. 6, followed by a trip to Wawanesa on Sunday, Nov. 8. The next home game is not until Saturday, Nov. 14, when the Bombers will host the Virden Oil Kings. Start time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Tigers Hockey fall in home opener

By Austin Lewis
Freelance Writer

After 223 days of the Westman High School Hockey League (WHSHL) offseason, Neepawa Tigers Hockey is back! The Tigers began the season premiere of their 2026-27 WHSHL season, with their home opener against the Roblin Raiders.

The season premiere of the 2026-27 season got officially underway as the puck dropped to start the game, and the Tigers did not have a pretty start to the game as they gave up the first two goals of the game to trail 2-0 just ten minutes into the first period. Roblin's first goal was on their fifth shot on goal only seven minutes into the first period. Their second goal was a top shelf wrist shot after the Tigers issued a minor penalty.

The Tigers struggled throughout the first period, until in final two minutes. Kyson Lapointe (14) on a breakaway put the puck into the back of the net for the first goal of the season for the Neepawa Tigers and cut the lead to 2-1.

With a scoreless second period come and gone, the Tigers still trailed the Roblin Raiders 2-1, and looked to score the game-tying goal and potentially the game-winning goal.

Unfortunately, The Roblin Raiders were able put in three straight goals in the back of the net to take down the Neepawa Tigers by a score of 5-1 in their home opener. Kyson Lapointe was the only goal-scorer in the Tigers defeat. This is only the Tigers second opening loss in the last five years. The Tigers' next home game will be on Sunday Nov. 22 against the Dauphin Clippers at 6:30pm.

Early road woes for NACI hockey

Banner Staff
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The Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute (NACI) Tigers are still searching for their first win of the season after dropping a pair of road games over the weekend.

The Tigers fell 3-1 to the Vincent Massey Vikings on Friday, Oct. 23. Vincent Massey opened the scoring late in the first period with a power-play goal before adding two more in the second, including another goal with the man advantage, to build a 3-0 lead.

Neepawa broke the shutout in the third period when Carter Cruickshanks picked up his first goal of the season, assisted by Easton McKee. However, the Tigers struggled to generate additional offence, managing just 12 shots on goal compared to 44 for the Vikings.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, Neepawa travelled to Virden and suffered a 4-2 loss to the Golden Bears.

After a scoreless opening period, Virden struck less than two minutes into the second. Cruickshanks responded with his second goal of the weekend and the season, tying the game at 1-1. The Bears, however, scored twice more before the period ended to take a 3-1 advantage.

Kyson Lapointe brought the Tigers within one early in the third period, converting on a power play to make it 3-2. Neepawa could not find the equalizer, and Virden added a late goal to seal the victory.

Combined with a home-opening loss on Oct. 21, the results leave the Tigers with an 0-3-0 record to begin the season. Neepawa will look to turn things around on home ice as it hosts the annual Slasher Showdown Hockey Tournament at the Yellowhead Centre from Oct. 30 to 31.

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Obituary

In Loving Memory of
Shannon Benz (nee Goleski)

Shannon was born July 2, 1971. She passed away suddenly on October 10, 2026 at the age of 55 at her residence in Beijing, China.

Shannon was the beloved wife of Christian Benz. She was a loving mother to her daughter Isabella and her son Max. Shannon was the cherished daughter of Victor and Lorna Goleski. She was a dear sister to David Goleski and to Pamela Birch.

Shannon will forever be remembered with much love and wonderful memories by her family, friends and all those whose lives she touched.

A celebration of life will be held in her memory at a later date.

KENNETH M. ROGERS
(April 1, 1932 – October 24, 2026)

The Rogers and Jackson families are deeply saddened to share the news of Ken Rogers' passing on October 24, at his home in Neepawa.

Ken was blessed by two exceptionally happy marriages. He was predeceased by his first wife, Jean (née Kerr) in 1995, and his second wife, Jo (formerly Jackson) in 2024.

The youngest of his family, Ken was also predeceased by his parents, Sherman and Florence Rogers; by twin sisters, Pearl and Ruby, who died in infancy; and by his much-loved brothers and sisters, and their spouses: Douglas (Grace), Alvin (Mary), Merle (Earl), and Hazel (Leo).

Ken is survived by the large and loving blended family which gave him such joy: children Dennis, Sharon (Mark), Debra (Allan), David (Brenda), Linda (Michael), Nancy (Michael), Brenda (Grant), and Michael (Margaret); and grandchildren Hannah, Connor, Logan, Jennifer, Christopher, Scott, Andrea, Kate, Jason, Kristen, Sara, Matthew, Maddie, Veronica, and their families.

Ken was born in Carnduff, Saskatchewan. His family moved to Riding Mountain in 1934, and then to Arden in 1938, where he and his brother Douglas grew up and farmed for over 50 years. Ken cared deeply for his community, serving as Reeve of the R.M. of Lansdowne from 1990 to 1998, on the board of St. Andrew's United Church in Arden, and on the board of the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op for decades. He was especially honoured to receive the Manitoba Co-operative Association's Co-operative Merit Award in 2003.

All his life, Ken personified the sunniest optimism, looked for the best in everyone, and found hope in every challenge. His children have fond memories of the time we spent together on the farm, and, in recent years, family gatherings at his and Jo's warm and welcoming home in Neepawa. In retirement, Ken made the most of a truly wonderful life with Jo, travelling, visiting Magic Valley in Texas, spending time on the golf course, and making music in a variety of pickup bands and with his dear friends, 'The Hims' vocal group.

Ken was fortunate to enjoy good health and independence almost all his life. We are so grateful that he was able to remain close to the community and friends he loved thanks to the extraordinary and selfless support offered by Mike and Linda Boyle, Brian and Tanya Hedley, Dr. Kelly Krzyzaniak, and the staff of Kinsmen Kourts. We offer our heartfelt thanks, as well, to the staff of the Neepawa Health Centre, and the skilled and compassionate paramedics of Prairie Mountain Health, for their kind and attentive care.

One of Ken's favourite songs was Paul Williams' "The Rainbow Connection", a simple, gentle ode to the joy and wonder that await lovers, dreamers, and everyone who dares to keep on gazing at the stars. We, his family, will always cherish that spirit: and we hope you will, too.

A service of prayer and thanksgiving for Ken's life will be held at the Neepawa United-Anglican Church, on November 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.; arrangements are in the care of White's Funeral Home of Neepawa. Donations in Ken's memory may be made to the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation, or to a charity of your choice.

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Obituary

Lynn Ariel Sheridan

Lynn Ariel Sheridan, 78, of Winnipeg, MB, entered into rest on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at the Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg.

Lynn was predeceased by her husband Bryan, baby Michael, son Sean, brother Jim Stewart, and parents Carl and Enid Stewart of Franklin, MB.

Lynn is survived and dearly missed by her son Marc and daughter-in-law Trisha.

A graveside service will be held at the Riverside Cemetery, Neepawa, MB on Friday, November 6, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. with a lunch to follow at the Franklin Memorial Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation.

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Tigers comeback falls short heading into RMFL playoffs

Neepawa vs Interlake recap

By Austin Lewis
Freelance Writer

It was the last regular season game of the year for the Neepawa Tigers football club, as they took on a strong Interlake Thunder team in hopes of a 3-3 record heading into the playoff .

The Thunder are the defending Doug Steeves Champions,

The game got underway as the Tigers defense started off the game once again. On the very fi st play of the game they gave up a 48 yard rushing touchdown and Interlake had the early 6-0 lead. Throughout the fi st half, it was a disaster for the Tigers as Interlake scored three additional touchdowns to make it a 25-0 lead, a majority of them scored by Interlake's running back #21 Christian Mozdzen. At the final two minutes of the half, the Tigers got on the board on an E.J Clark rushing touchdown from 53 yards away. The score at halftime was 32-6 in favour of the Interlake Thunder.

The second half started with the Tigers looking to come all the way back and win to better their playo standings. Throughout the majority of the second half, the tigers scored three unanswered touchdowns. One in the third, and two in the fourth quarter. Jesse Whitlaw lead the charge with his sixth touchdown of the season as this one was from 49 yards away taking the score to 32-13. Kyson Lapointe followed up with a 15 yard receiving touchdown to cut the defici to 32-20 and QB E.J Clark with his second rushing touchdown of the game from 19 yards away had cut the defici to 32-27 in the final three minutes of the game.

Unfortunately the Interlake Thunder put the game away with a one yard TD to take down the Neepawa Tigers 39-27 in Game six of the regular season. This is the Tiigers' fourth straight loss against the Thunder on the road in the last six years. Also this is the fourth game this season for the Tigers, which ended in a nail biter. Congratulations to E.J. Clark, Seth Minkus, and Daniel Milligan on being the DQ Players of the game. The Tigers head to Dauphin for their playoff game at a date to be determined.

'Places We Go' in Neepawa

PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Pictured here are a couple scenes from the recent showing of Places We Go by UNI Together Productions at Neepawa's Roxy Theatre. The live short story production was a mixture of graphic novel and shadow play styles.

Above: This photo demonstrates the mixture of the hand-drawn graphic novel style, mixed with the live acting of the shadow-play style. For many scenes, actors 'interacted' with hand-drawn scenery.

Below: Other scenes had a single drawing, or a mixture of multiple drawings, depending on what was required during the story's narration.

Note: UNI Together Productions provided special photography permissions to the Neepawa Banner & Press during this performance.

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Overpass installation to be completed in 2030

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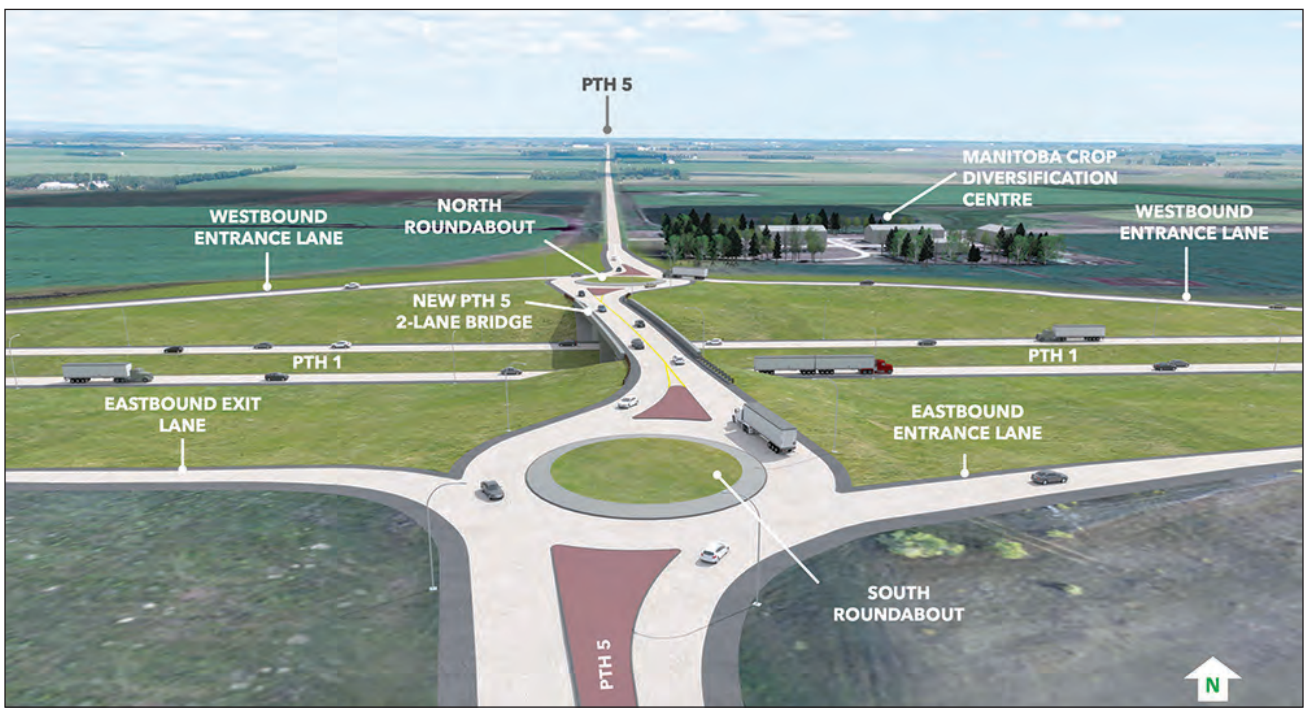
Similarly, the southern roundabout will be connected to the Highway 5 bridge, and will have connections to and from Highway 1's westbound traffic lane.

"The reason they do the roundabouts now is that it helps them save land, they don't have to buy as much land and affect as many farmers," Van Kommer explained. "So that was really good too."

Ray Muirhead, mayor of Carberry, also shared a positive view of the reveal.

"We met with minister [Lisa] Naylor about trying to line up a design. And she came out with her deputy minister, some engineers and consultants," said Muirhead. "They came up with two options, and this is the one that we chose on their recommendation, because it costs much less money and it was the safer option. I think it'll check all the boxes, so-to-speak."



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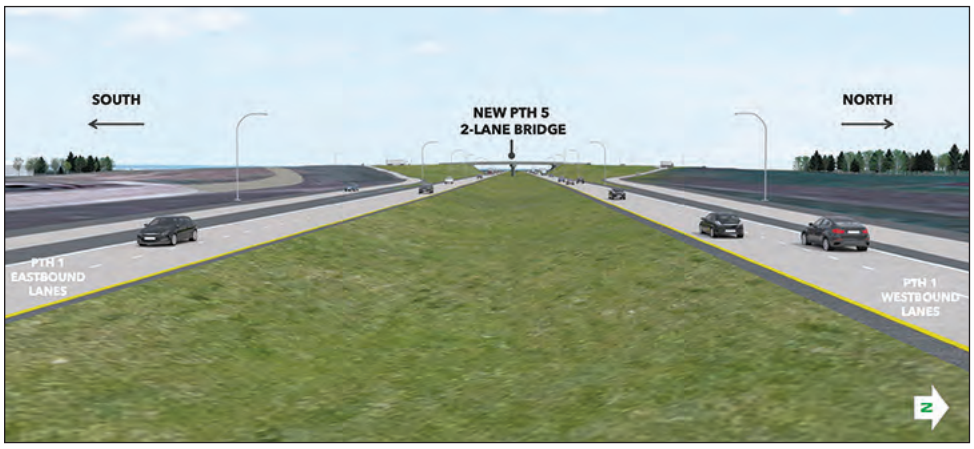
A rendering showing a view of the bypass from Highway 5, looking north.

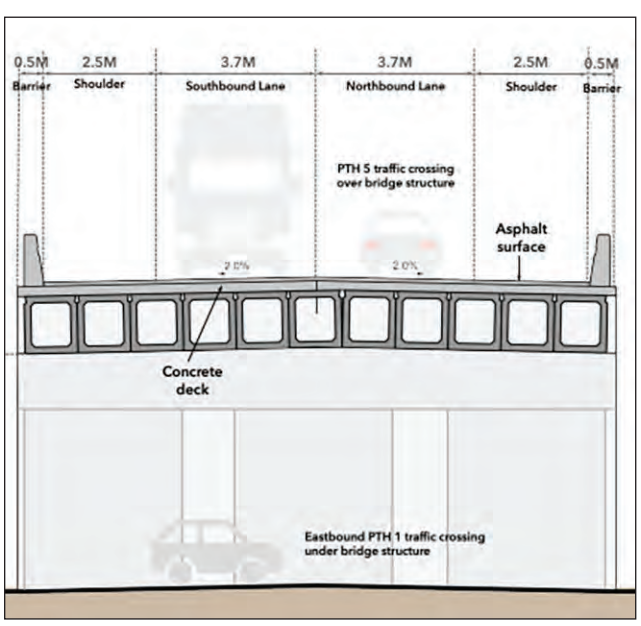
Muirhead added, "This is something we've been looking for all along– the Town of Carberry always went with an overpass, and we got what we want. As far as I know, everybody I've talked to is happy with it. They're happy to see it. There are people out there who are going to be, y'know, I've heard before and I'll hear it again, that lights would have worked, but I disagree with that."

According to the details provided, construction is estimated to begin in Fall of 2027, and has an estimated timeline of three years, with completion penciled in for Summer of 2030. During the construction phase, the interchange is planned to be opened to traffic in the fall of year two. Local traffic will be accommodated via a temporary detour located near the overpass.



Above: A view of the east and west traffic lanes of Highway 1. Traffic continuing along these paths as opposed to turning off toward the roundabouts will proceed unimpeded by passing under the new bridge, which is seen illustrated in the distance.

Below: A diagram showing traffic flow on and under the new bridge. The bridge is stated to have a clearance of 5.4m.



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Bison or Buffalo?

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