

POWERCORE

Enlist

Pioneer® brand
PowerCore®
Enlist™ corn

- Exceptional broad-spectrum protection with 3 modes of action against above-ground pests
- Flexibility of the Enlist™ weed control system
- Maximized corn yield potential

Kulbacki
Seeds Ltd.

PIONEER.
chris.kulbacki@plantpioneer.com
204-966-3245 or 204-476-6449

THE WARM WOODSMAN

204-212-5037

How much
could you save?

Find out how much you could save by eliminating high heating bills with a Central Boiler outdoor wood furnace. Visit centralboiler.com and click on the Energy Savings Calculator icon to find out.

KWS Receptor

Hybrid fall rye with strong winter hardiness
High yields and short straw; great harvestability
Improved falling number vs traditional rye

CourtSeeds
Plumas, MB courtseeds@gmail.com
courtseeds.ca 204-386-2354

NEEPAWA

Locally owned and operated

Banner
& Press

Inside this week

Farmers' Advocate
Pages 7-9

INTERLAKE

EAVESTROUGHING & SIDING

Family owned and operated for over 40 years

Siding, Eavestroughing, Soffit, Fascia,
Custom Capping & Gutter Guard

Free Estimates • 204-781-0533
We Guarantee Our Work!

interlake.inc@gmail.com

Dave Clark
wins
Neepawa
by-election

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Dave Clark is Neepawa's newest municipal councillor, having claimed victory in the recent summer by-election.

The election was called to fill a vacant seat for Neepawa Town Council, and featured Clark and Sheri Grant vying for the position.

For the by-election, which was held on Wednesday, July 16, there were 360 votes cast out of a possible 3,109 voters, equating to a voter turnout of roughly 11.6 per cent.

In regard to the split of the vote, Dave Clark received 272 votes, while Sheri Grant received 88 votes.

Continued
on Page 12

Candidate	# of Votes	Elected
CLARK, Dave	272	
Grant, Sheri	88	

We had 360 voters out of a possible 3,109 voters. This equates to a voter turnout of roughly 11.6%



IMAGE COURTESY OF NACTV

Neepawa's downtown was a hotspot of activity on Saturday, July 19, as people participated in Amazing Race Neepawa. The event saw over 100 participants tour around to a variety of the community's many local businesses, completing challenges along the way.

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa's downtown was alive with action and flood d with the sounds of laughter, healthy competition, and an eagerness to explore the community's business sector as the fi st-ever Amazing Race Neepawa occurred.

Belinda Critchlow, co-owner of Hid'n Hollow,

and one of the event's organizers, said she got the idea to host the Amazing Race Neepawa after talking with some business owners in the community who wanted more activity downtown, especially during the era of online shopping.

"One night I was sitting thinking, 'how could everybody participate in (an event),' and it hit me,

the Amazing Race would work perfectly because everybody could run their own task or challenge the way they want," she said. "It started small as something to promote what we have to off r. I hoped for seven or eight businesses that wanted to participate in it."

Critchlow said they sent out invites to many places across the town and were

thrilled to have 20 businesses sign up to take part in the Amazing Race. Over 113 participants had signed up ahead of the race, with more joining the day of to participate in unique challenges as contestants battled it out for over \$1,000 in prizes.

"The business owners were thrilled with their tasks and what they had come up with. A couple

of businesses didn't know what the Amazing Race was," she chuckled. "We gave them a couple of suggestions, and once they got the idea of what it might be, they did the rest on their own. I think it's brought some of these businesses together, and they're already talking about doing something in the fall."

Continued
on Page 10

Stride
CREDIT UNION

WITH STRIDE CREDIT UNION

KICK-START YOUR SAVINGS

AND WIN AN IPAD!

Open a Stride Credit Union Youth Account before July 31st, and you'll be entered to win a brand new iPad!

stridecu.ca/Youth+Accounts

New Harris Pharmacy owners keep things local

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A brand new chapter is ready to begin for Harris Pharmacy Ltd, as new owners are taking over the business effective Friday, Aug. 1. But for all you regular customers, don't worry, because the Neepawa based business is still in good, and perhaps most importantly, local hands.

A partnership comprised of Kristin Tibbett, Jackie Pollock and Sean Boyle have purchased Harris Pharmacy from Heather Todoruk. Financial details of the agreement have not been made public, though it can be confirmed that the agreement is for a 100 per cent ownership stake.

Heather Todoruk had been the sole owner/operator of the pharmacy since 2014, when she purchased it directly from the Harris family. This well regarded local business was started by the late Art Harris back in 1959. Art's son Kevin, started working with his dad in 1989 and would eventually take over the operation, until the 2014 sale.

Ready for the challenge

The Banner & Press had an opportunity to speak with Kristin Tibbett, on the new ownership stake. She said that while discussions on an ownership bid began in earnest about 18 months ago, the process truly gained momentum in January of this year.

"When the opportunity arose to purchase the pharmacy, it seemed like a natural, although a bit daunting, transition for the three of us to take at this point in our careers. With Jackie [Pollock] and myself managing the pharmacy operations and Sean [Boyle] handling bookkeeping and finance. We felt we were a well-rounded team ready to take on the challenge," noted Tibbett.

This new partnership comes into the purchase with a combined 45 years of expertise. Jackie Pollock has been with Harris Pharmacy for 24 year, after graduating from the University of

Manitoba's College of Pharmacy in 2003. Kristin Tibbett follows with an impressive 12 years in the field. Sean Boyle, meanwhile, earned his Business diploma from Assiniboine Community College in 2010, and has been the pharmacy's bookkeeper ever since.

Tibbett explained that they know the business, and more importantly, the people they serve within the community.

"We all grew up in Neepawa, and after pursuing our education, we chose to return home to build our careers and raise our families. It is very important to us that Harris Pharmacy remains a 100 per cent locally owned business. We're honoured to continue the legacy built by Heather Todoruk and the Harris family, and we're proud to serve the Neepawa

community that has always been home."

Local matters

After 34 years as a pharmacist, with 11 of those as owner of Harris Pharmacy, Heather Todoruk decided this was a good time to sell the business. Todoruk said she felt this way because she was confident the local group looking to take over

would be able to keep the business a cornerstone of the community.

"Art [Harris] started the pharmacy, or bought it years ago. It's been family owned from Art to Kevin and myself. So it was very important to do that, and when I had local people interested, now I thought that it seemed like a good fit. It's going to be in good hands," said Todoruk.



PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Heather Todoruk (on left), has sold Harris Pharmacy in Neepawa to (from left to right) Sean Boyle, Jackie Pollock and Kristin Tibbett. The ownership transfer will officially take effect on Friday, Aug. 1.

"All three of them are born and raised in Neepawa. Their spouses are born and raised in Neepawa. They have roots here and they understand community, what makes the community run and they understand that, you know, businesses do well with supporting community. They understand all of that."

Todoruk also thanked everyone for all their support over the past 11 years, and stressed that she will remain a part of Harris Pharmacy on a part-time basis.

"Art and Kevin [Harris] recruited me from another store, and I told them I would come for one year. That was 1992, and I'm still here in 2025. I think that speaks volumes for what I think of the community and what I think of the custom-

ers and the way that Neepawa has treated me and treated Harris Pharmacy. I have enjoyed being here immensely, and I'm not giving that up."

New owners, same care

For loyal customers of Harris Pharmacy, be assured that the level of service provided will not be altered with the new ownership. Tibbett said they don't anticipate any big changes to the day-to-day operations of the business.

"We will remain much the same and you will still see Heather around working alongside our team and continuing to provide the friendly, knowledgeable service that you've come to know and trust," said Tibbett. "We are truly grateful for this opportunity and excited about the future of Harris Pharmacy. We look forward to many more years of providing compassionate, dedicated care to our community and the surrounding areas."



SMALL TOWN,
BIG SAVINGS.
SMALL TOWN,
BIG IMPACT.



WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER,
OUR ENERGY AND BILL SAVINGS
ARE ANYTHING BUT SMALL.

Did you know that we have energy efficiency advocates in Manitoba? Their role is designed to serve the local community, helping homes and businesses save energy, money, and the environment.

Advocates are familiar with their community and Efficiency Manitoba's offers. And you may have one in your area!

Saving is easier when we work together — and even easier when we bring the savings straight to you.



To see if there's an advocate in your community, visit efficiencyMB.ca/CEEP.

EFFICIENCY
MANITOBA

1975: Neepawa welcomes 7-11 convenience store

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
July 25, 1900**

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

Dear Sir: We have read about the cruelty witnessed in the amphitheatres of ancient Rome, of the barbarities shown in the bull baiting rings of Spain, but for fiendish cruelty and ungentleman-like sport recommend me to the exhibition given in the agricultural grounds of Neepawa on the evening of Monday last. A professional man, a leading tradesman and a prominent farmer surrounded by their satellites, having secured a half starved wolf led it out to the slaughter. After half strangling the wolf, they let loose upon it about a score of mongrel dogs. The wolf, even with all its disadvantages, could have made short work of these. The dogs however were assisted by a lot of other

persons who with clubs and feet were prepared to smash all chance the poor wolf might have. The details are too sickening to enter into.

Is there such a thing as a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals? – North End.

Note: The above entry was a letter to the editor of the Register. There was an additional letter from a Neepawa reader speaking against this particular activity.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
July 24, 1925**

Arden: The following girls are spending a few days at the girls camp on the Union Road: Mary McConnell, Vera Young, Roberta Ruttan, Maggie Eames, Waltrina Irwin, Kate Patterson.

A case of thievery is engaging some attention in town. It is said that one of the vendors of soft drinks has been relieved of about \$50 worth of goods by a co-operative gang of boys ranging from six to 18 years of age.

Seven gaily decorated automobiles conveying about 40 persons came to town from Mountain Road on Tuesday evening. Observers surmised that there was a wedding. But it was not so. They were taking leave of Rev. Father Ru, who was enroute for Alberta via the Great West Express the next morning. The people with whom he had been associated for over a year could not let him depart, as he arrived, after the manner of a stranger. So they came to town with him and enjoyed a

farewell banquet and social in the Farrell hotel, most of the company stopping over until departure of the train at 2:45 a.m., and some staying over until Wednesday afternoon.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
July 27, 1950**

One of Neepawa's senior pioneers, R. D. Young, who marked his 88th birthday two weeks ago, Monday set in motion the machinery that will give Neepawa a new four-room school and auditorium.

The honour of turning the first sod rested with a man who, during his 58 years residence here, spent 41 of them as secretary-treasurer of the Neepawa school board.

Mrs. Katherine Steel-Docking was guest of honour at a party last Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. Shore, where many of her friends gathered to extend congratulations on her 80th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Steele Docking was born Katherine Weir in Edinburgh on July 21, 1870. She came as an infant to Canada with her parents, who settled in Ontario.

In 1898, she married W. Steele, who farmed southwest of Neepawa. Mr. Steele died in 1912.

Eden: Eden Seniors are the new champions of the Neepawa and District League and will be the first club to have their name engraved on the handsome trophy donated by local business firms.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
July 24, 1975**

There will be a Neepawa Natives team in the South



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES

Before Neepawa's current 7-11 opened, a different 7-11 could be found in the community previously. That store is pictured above, as it appeared after freshly opening in late July of 1975. It was located on Mountain Avenue, across from the then-current Co-op store. Although the store was open, a grand opening was yet to be held. The managers were Dave and Emily Denvers.

West Hockey League next year.

An agreement has been reached between the Beautiful Plains School Division Board and division teachers calling for an average basic salary increase of 16.8 per cent.

Manitoba's minimum wage for employees 18 years of age and over will rise to \$2.60 per hour, effective October 1, Labour Minister Russ Pauley has announced.

The new "7-11" convenience store in Neepawa is now open in its location on Mountain Avenue opposite the Co-op store. The store will be open seven days each week, serving customers from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. It will carry grocery products, cold meats, produce, soft drinks, ice cream products, frozen foods, ice, smallwares and a drugline. Managers Dave and Emily Devers welcome everyone and advise you to watch for their grand opening.

Note: The above entry for 7-11 had been accompanied with a photo and was marked

with "ADVT." That mark was likely to signify that it was inserted as a paid advertisement.

Glenella: The 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Mitchler of the Tenby district was marked Sunday, July 6, when approximately 45 relatives and members of the family sat down to a pot-luck dinner and supper at the home of Edwin Mitchler.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
July 25, 2005**

Manitoba may join Newfoundland and several American jurisdictions in banning the use of cellphones while driving, the Transportation minister said last week.

Minnedosa MLA Leanne Rowat is calling for the government to outlaw riding in the back of a pickup truck, except in special circumstances such as farm work or parades.

Manitoba Health has rejected Gladstone as a site for a home dialysis training program.

Disclaimer: The information gathered and used each week in the Looking Back feature is directly taken from the original print copy of the Neepawa Press and Neepawa Banner newspapers. Any errors or omissions from stories (Factually or otherwise) are the result of the original print and not the responsibility of the archivist for the current version of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:15-16 (New International Version)

Hainstock's (NEEPAWA)
MEN'S WEAR
20% DISCOUNT SALE
Thursday, July 24 to July 31
EVERYTHING IN THE STORE
Shirts, Socks, Suits, Blazers, Sport Jackets, Sweaters, Jeans, Coats, Leather Jackets, Hats, Work Clothes, Walking Shorts, Socks, Underwear, Bathing Suits and more!
Your \$1.00 is worth \$1.25 at Hainstock's
CHARGE and MASTERCHARGE Accepted

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES
Hainstock's in Neepawa was offering a fashionable discount for men's wear in July of 1975!

Roxy theatre
291 Hamilton St. Neepawa, MB
www.neepawaroxycinema.ca (204) 476-3716

July 30 & 31 • SHOWTIME: 7:30 pm
Elio
Elio, a space fanatic with an active imagination, finds himself on a cosmic misadventure where he must form new bonds with alien lifeforms, navigate a crisis of intergalactic proportions and somehow discover who he is truly meant to be.

Aug 6 & 7 • SHOWTIME: 7:30 pm
F1

Sign up to get weekly movie listings delivered to your inbox: roxyneepawa.ca/email

NACTV
MTS Channel 30 & 1030 • Bell ExpressVu 592 • Cable 17
online at www.nactv.tv • nactv@wcgwave.ca • 204-476-2639

Highlights of the week
Beautiful Plains Museum Tour
July 29 at 10:30 am | July 31 at 1:25 pm | Aug. 1 at 9pm
Plein Air Painting
July 29 at 12:15 pm | Aug. 2 at 7pm | Aug. 3 at 8:15 pm
Coffee Chat: Volleyball Summer Camp
July 29 at 6:30 pm | Aug. 3 at 2pm

BIGGER BINGO
Wednesday nights at 7 P.M.
Bonanza over \$21,000 • Blackout over \$12,000
Toonie Pot over \$13,000
Visit nactv.tv for exact amounts. For more info call 204-476-2639.
LGCA 6052-MB-45955

Community Announcements on NACTV
is only \$2 per day & it airs 2-3 times per day

PARK WASAGAMING THEATRE
Saturday, Sunday & Monday • July 26 & 28 • (PG)
7:30 p.m.
ELIO

Tuesday & Wednesday • July 29 & 30 • (PG)
7:30 p.m.
THE KING OF KINGS

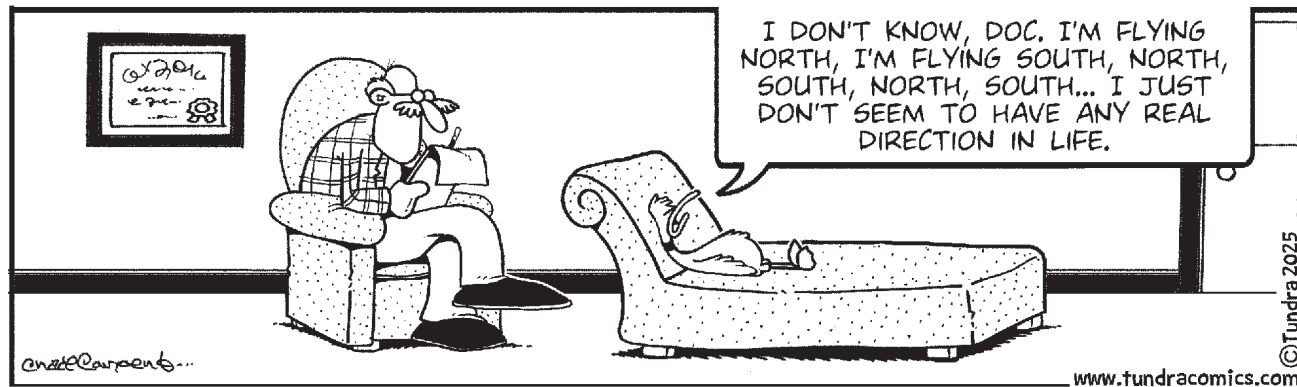
Thursday & Friday • July 31 & Aug. 1 • (PG13)
7:30 p.m.
M3GAN 2.0

Digital Projection and Dolby Sound!
204-848-2423
Visit the largest log cabin theatre on the North American continent

Welcome back for another season of movies!
Use this QR Code to check out our website!

Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



What are the chances?

It has probably happened to many of us—some random event or person crossing our path that suddenly connects us to someone or somewhere. Years ago, sitting in the Winnipeg airport, I struck up a conversation with a stranger, a woman travelling by herself as was I. Both heading to Calgary to catch connecting flights that would take us to completely different destinations. As we shared our names and a bit about ourselves, I discovered that she was close friends with two of my first cousins. They had grown up in the same area, shared a love of music and stayed friends. So there I sat, chatting with Sylvia, feeling safe and in a familiar space because of our common love and respect for Marilyn and Candace. The positive interaction boded well for the remainder of my holiday. Two strangers with common friends. What are the chances...

In May, while on the tiny and remote island of Iona, my travel companion began a conversation with a gentleman who was camping on the island while seeing much of Scotland and Ireland. Oh, the conversations that Marie has initiated with complete strangers could be a book itself! This time she learned that home for him was a remote outpost on the northern end of Newfoundland, St Anthony. It happens that at one point Marie wished to be a part of the Canadian Coast Guard but found she suffered from seasickness...not a good combination! While the craft she was one was docked at that very same remote outpost, Marie went ashore to speak to the lighthouse keeper there. He was less than sympathetic with her plight for he had a nephew that wanted very much to join the same organization but never qualified. What year had that been, the young man queried. Well, way back in 1977, 48 years ago. It so happens the lighthouse keeper was his grandfather! All these years later, more than forty, there Marie was, speaking to the keeper's grandson. What are the chances...

My aunt and uncle were flying back to Jamaica, and began speaking to another couple waiting for the same flight. It happened that the couple employed one of my aunt's nieces, and there, in the airport called up Heather to talk to her Aunt Mil. Random people starting random conversations, with close ties. What are the chances...

The other day one of my friends was leaving work. She was somewhat puzzled at how dim the headlights were, but it had been raining and muddy. Then she received a text from her son 'mom, turn on your headlights!' Somehow between using the windshield washer buttons, for front and back windows, the light switch had been turned off. She was leaving the city much later than her regular departure time, and she was spotted by a family member that recognized her vehicle and the problem. Not scheduled, not planned, but definitely helpful before heading down dark country roads! What are the chances...

When we stop and think about it, the chances are pretty good! It's a small world and more people know more people.

Helping communities is a purpose and passion

We are well into summer and I better not hear about anyone being bored.

Judging by all the fairs, cattle and horse shows, rodeos and homecomings this summer, you can't possibly be bored. You may gain some weight from all the beef/pork on a bun or pancake breakfasts but no room for boredom for sure.

Our three newspapers (*The Neepawa Banner & Press*, *Rivers Banner* and *Virden Empire Advance*) cover about 50 towns and villages from Ste. Rose to Reston and from Gladstone to Elkhorn. Our problem is getting enough time to attend even a portion of the events. Fortunately, we have great staff and community contributors who send us stories and write-ups from many of the events.

Yet to come this summer are the Virden Indoor Rodeo, the Elkhorn Western Weekend, the Kelwood Fair and the Kelwood Harvest Sun Music Festival. And that's only a partial list.

Community activities are an economic driver in communities. The events create publicity for the respective communities. Events draw a community together, generate funds for local organizations, and show off the communities to the local district, region and beyond. I have often wondered how communities would survive without their local events and the local sports teams? Without these kinds of events and teams, the communities might not survive. All the more reason to build on past successes to create future growth.

That said, it takes a lot of work to put on events, be they one day or multi day projects. Most of the heavy

lifting is done by volunteers putting in long hours and their payment comes in satisfaction.

Another thing that I have observed in my 70 plus years memory of attending events, is the constant battle to keep facilities in good shape. I have seen excellent facilities and some that have failed. I know of at least three rinks that collapsed or were damaged beyond repair. Usually the first failure in a building is the roof but the walls and basement aren't far behind. I visit a lot of communities and you can see the well-kept places and you can see the ones that need upgrading or replacement. It takes a lot of money and labour to keep it all happening.

From our three papers, I send out a message. Please let us help. Communities need to tell their story over a wider area about what they are doing and what they are planning. Newspaper ads and stories are still a big part of that messaging process. We usually offer discounts on advertising to local groups but we need to know weeks ahead, not days, so can plan our work. We need pictures of past events, we need to know your plans for the future. We need the names of the people in charge, especially the

ones who will answer their phones or emails.

I am obviously on a band wagon here, but name me an organization that wouldn't like to have more entries, more attendees, more fans. I bet every event would like to see another 100 or 200 people attend. Newspapers aren't the whole answer but we certainly are part of the answer so please talk to your local newspaper.

Our three newspapers have been around for a long time, we have stood the test of time. Virden-Empire Advance dates back to 1885, the Neepawa Banner & Press to 1896 and Rivers Banner to 1908.

Contact us early about your plans and dreams and we will do our best to help you fulfill them.

Editors note: Examples of organizations that work closely with our papers include the Virden Indoor Rodeo, The Neepawa Titans & the Virden Oil Capitals (MjHL), Rivers Jets (THHL) and the Carberry Ag Society to name a few.

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.

RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL



NEEPAWA **Banner & Press**

STAFF

Owners/Publishers
Ken and Chris Waddell
Editor
Ken Waddell

Sales
Joel Asselstine

Accounts & Admin
Kay De'Ath
Gloria Kerluke
Rea Apita

Production Staff
Diane Warner
Sandra Unger

News Staff
Eoin Devereux
Casper Wehrhahn
Joshua Jackson

Distribution Staff
Bernie Myker
Shannon Robertson
Matthew Gagnon
Betty Pearson

News releases and leads: news@neepawabanner.com
sports@neepawabanner.com
Printing and office supplies: print@neepawabanner.com
Advertising: ads@neepawabanner.com

423 Mountain Avenue, Box 699, Neepawa, Manitoba R0J 1H0
Telephone: (204) 476-3401 www.neepawabanner.com

Subscription Rates in Canada 1 Year: \$86.00 (including taxes) Online subscription \$36.00

Customer Account 558680-99~Postage paid at Neepawa, Manitoba

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

AD DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON PRIOR TO ISSUE DATE

The Neepawa Banner & Press does not guarantee publication of any submitted articles or pictures. Such submissions, if printed, will appear at the discretion of the editor or publisher and only when time and space permit. We are not responsible for electronic transmissions which are not confirmed either in person or by phone. All letters to the editor must be fewer than 400 words and include name, address and telephone number, for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit or condense letters.

Circulation as of May 2024: 7,275

News Media Canada
Médias d'Info Canada

mcna
Manitoba Community Newspapers Association

Funded by the Government of Canada
Financé par le gouvernement du Canada

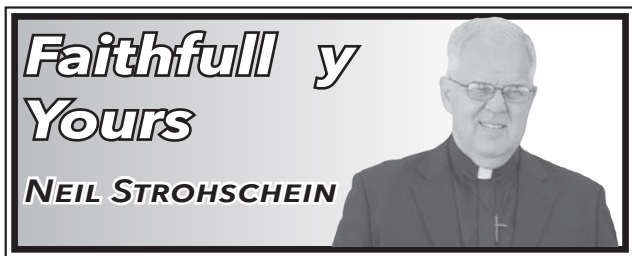
Canada

Finding hope when hope seems lost

The words you are reading are the first words I wrote since my birthday. I began my new “birth year,” with a blank page on my computer screen, a “To-Do” list with three items on it, and a growing concern for the emotional and spiritual health of my fellow Canadians and the people of the United States. The past year has not been easy for many of us.

I spent portions of the last two months following reports from “reliable” news sources and talking with people who are dealing with grief, stress and fighting emotional battles that many of us will never have to face. Some stories broke my heart. Some made me angry. Others made me shake my head, wondering what (or if) government leaders were thinking when they made some of the radical decisions of the past few months.

While each story is unique, they all share a common trait. Two words from St. Paul’s letter to the



Ephesians (see Eph.2:12) summarize how these people might describe their current emotional state. Those words are: “without hope.”

Having gone through difficult times myself, I know how easily people’s emotional health can decline to the point where they have lost all hope that conditions in their lives will ever improve. I also know how hard it can be to get that hope back. But it can be done.

One of ancient Israel’s worship leaders must have struggled with similar feelings. But he was not about to let them control how he thought, spoke and lived. Here’s his response to his emotional state: “Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you disquieted

in me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.” (Psalm 42:5-6)

Whenever we start to lose hope, it is a sign that we are putting our trust in people who, sooner or later, will prove to be unworthy of the trust that we have placed in them. They will disappoint us, they will violate our trust and in some cases, their policies will make things worse instead of better. In their zeal to help one group of people, they alienate others. Instead of bringing peace and prosperity, their actions bring poverty and pain, leaving many in their world without hope. Such is the world in which we live.

But here is the good news. As I wrote last week, God has not abandoned us to our own ways and means.

God is here. God’s Spirit is among us. God is ready to help all who call on him and who seek his help. He is able to help us find hope when hope seems lost. He asks us to put our trust in him. He will never abandon those who believe in him.

My goal, for the rest of my life, is to share a simple message with the people I meet. There is a God in heaven who works miracles; and because he lives, there is hope for us, for our families, our communities, our country and world. That will be a recurring theme in the sermons I preach and in the columns I submit for you to read. I hope you will join me in sharing this message.

Our efforts may not ignite waves of hope across our country. But if we can help ease the despair and give some hope to those around us, we will help create an oasis of hope in our community that will draw people to God, who is the source of all hope.

Letters

Another bureaucratic mess that we pay for

Dear editor, I just reread the news release from Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) stating that Manitoba motorists should pay \$15. to replace their defective license plates.

I do not recall seeing any vehicles from any province or state in Canada or the United States that have peeling license plates.

Therefore, MPI should be going after the plate manufacturer if their manufacturing is substandard to what MPI has requested, and if MPI has requested substandard plates, then MPI should replace them for free and then change their specifications.

Just another bureaucratic mess we all have to put up with.

Don Kinley
Gladstone, MB

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs down to the Town of Neepawa. Try walking Mill Street from Brown Ave. to Red Apple without twisting an ankle in a hole or slipping on a pile of rocks. Now try doing this as someone who lives in Kinsmen Kourts. People can’t enjoy the flats and some can’t safely get to their car. It has been like this for years with no attention paid to it.

Ashley Wilson, (Sister of a KK resident)
Brandon, MB

Thumbs up to the organizers and volunteers for the craft sale this past Saturday at Riverbend.

Jim Harris

A thumbs up to KK2 and [Dana Menzies] for the use of the facility and for looking after us and facilitating the Celebration of Life event. Also, a thank you to the tenants for the use of their space.

Tony and Beverly Magalas
Spruce Grove, Alberta

Thank you to Dana Menzies and the residents of Kinsmen Kourts, for helping us make our Mom and Dads Celebration of life a huge success that it was!

Loraine Stuart
Winnipeg, MB

Beautiful Plains Archives: six/seven year olds hockey in 1980



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BEAUTIFUL PLAINS ARCHIVES

Pictured here are the Neepawa six and seven year olds hockey team members from 1980. The photo is dated to January of that year.

The individuals pictured, starting in the back row, from left to right, are: Darren Gibson, Mark Kolesar, Kelly Glen, Stephen Carver, Royce Hollier, Kenny Pearson, and Danny McCutchin.

Front row: Darren Harding, Scott Byram, Darren Fisher, Curtis Caruk, Regan Delaloye, and Kevin McGillivray. Coaches are Dan Caruk on the left and Bob Delaloye on the right.

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN’S KITCHEN

Food Safety Part III

Whether you are storing your meat in the refrigerator or a cooler, always remember to keep food out of the temperature danger zone of 40°F to 140°F (4°C to 60°C). Bacteria, such as Salmonella and E. coli, can grow rapidly in this temperature range. Foods left in this range for as little as two hours can become dangerous and unsafe to eat. We’ve all been inclined to leaving leftover food on the table a little too long after finishing a meal. After eating put food away in the refrigerator then continue your visiting.

When cooling foods do not leave them out on the counter for a long time. Spoilage occurs when food takes too long to cool. While you may have been told to let your food cool down before placing it in the fridge, that’s a myth that actually aids in foods being directly in the danger zone! Transfer the food to small containers and place the containers half-open in the refrigerator. Once the food is chilled, close the containers. For larger amounts of food place large containers of food into an ice water sink bath for quick and safe cooling. Stir the contents frequently to disperse the heat, then put in containers in the refrigerator. I do this for many things including large pots of soup to be used during the week or frozen. You can also spread hot food on cookie sheets for a quicker cool. It is important to keep cold food cold and hot food hot, so that your food never reaches the temperature danger zone. Discard any food left out for more than two hours in hot weather. When in doubt, throw it out!

People are always afraid of the mayo in a potato salad, but surprisingly, the cooked potatoes are usually the culprit as they have more potential to become hazardous than the mayo does! The mayonnaise contains acid which limits bacterial growth. When potatoes are cooked, they are moist and starchy, which provide a perfect environment for bacteria to grow if left in the danger zone. When making potato salad quick cool your potatoes and refrigerate the finished product immediately. Refrigerate left over baked potatoes right after your meal. DON’T place a baked potato in the refrigerator with the aluminum foil still on it. The foil keeps the potato in the danger zone for a much longer time. The foil also can create a low oxygen environment where the botulinum bacteria may have the potential to grow.

Not only are potatoes considered to be a time/temperature control for safety (TCS) food as well as beans, corn, cooked grains such as rice and some vegetables can also become dangerous if not handled properly. Cooked rice, when left at room temperature for extended periods, can support the growth of Bacillus cereus, a bacterium that produces toxins causing vomiting and diarrhea. It’s always best to err on the side of caution and refrigerate cooked rice as soon as possible. Worshipping the porcelain goddess is not a pleasant situation and the solution is so simple. Just do not leave your foods out at the danger zone. Next week-the rest of the story.

Moroccan lentil and carrot salad

Shredded carrots, tender lentils, and golden raisins are tossed in a Moroccan vinaigrette for the perfect healthy midweek lunches. This is the perfect dish for your vegan friends. While most salads taste best when freshly assembled, lentil salads appreciate time for the flavours to intermingle so try to make it at least a few hours ahead if you can. This is nice served pita and hummus on the side.

- 1 cup dry green lentils

3-4 cups grated carrots

1/2 cup chopped red onion

2 cups celery, finely chopped

1/2 cup golden raisins

1/2 cup toasted pumpkin seeds

1/2 cup chopped cilantro or parsley leaves or more to taste
- 2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

3 Tbsp. lemon juice

2 garlic cloves, finely minced

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp. salt, more to taste

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 tsp. turmeric

1 tsp. ground cumin

1 tsp. cinnamon

A pinch or two chili flakes (optional, but good)
- Dressing:

2 Tbsp. honey or maple syrup

1/4 cup olive oil

Cook lentils according to package directions. Take care not to overcook the lentils; they should be slightly al dente. They can go quickly from al dente to mushy. Combine the cooked lentils, carrots, onion, celery, raisins, pumpkin seeds and cilantro in a bowl. Combine the dressing ingredients in a jar and shake to combine. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to coat. Leftover salad can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for several days.

TOP PRICES PAID

SCRAP METAL, OLD CARS, COPPER, BRASS, ALUMINUM

STAINLESS STEEL

CONTAINER SERVICE AVAILABLE

Call (204)-239-6371

Book your "on the farm" pickup now

GERRARD METAL PROCESSORS LTD.

Donation nets new equipment

for Neepawa Hospital

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Health Centre was the recipient of a much welcome surprise recently. Last week, the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation (BPCF) got together with representatives of the Neepawa Hospital’s operating room team to present them with a donation of \$68,878. This donation is a part of the Hospital Flow Through Fund, which BPCF executive director Melissa Grindheim noted “was made possible by an anonymous donor”.

The funds donated are for the purpose of purchasing a new piece of operating room equipment known as an ERBE electrosurgical unit. “The Neepawa Hospital OR team is deeply grateful to the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation for their generous support in acquiring [this new unit],” said Dr. Nichelle Desilets. “This



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BEAUTIFUL PLAINS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Christina Woodcock (Manager of Health Services, Neepawa Health Centre), Dr. Nichelle Desilets, and Sarah Fast (BPCF board president), as pictured during the recent surprise check presentation.

advanced equipment features updated technology that enhances precision during laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. By adjusting energy delivery in real-time, the device minimizes the risk of deep tissue burns, significantly improving patient safety.” The acquisition of this equipment also complements the Neepawa Hospital’s existing dedication to build up its endoscopy program and better serve those in need. “Over the past decade, we’ve worked diligently to grow our endoscopy program, building a strong reputation for excellence and high-quality care,” said Desilets. “We’re proud to now pair our team’s expertise with leading-edge technology to better serve our patients and community.”

Provincial government to fund

upgrades at Spruce Woods

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Manitoba Government announced last week that it is investing more than \$2 million in Spruce Woods Provincial Park. The press release noted funds will target upgrades to amenities, including a new floating boardwalk and viewing platform on Isputinaw Trail, replacing a bridge on Spring Ridge Trail that was flooded, and adding 70 new electrical pedestals to the Kiche

Manitou campground. “This investment represents our government’s commitment to improving Spruce Woods Provincial Park in the Westman region for families to explore and enjoy,” said Manitoba’s Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyer in a press release. “With free park entry for 2025, this summer is the perfect time for Manitobans to enjoy our beautiful parks and take in all they have to offer.” Additional improvements include relocating a maintenance yard away from a flood-prone area and purchasing new equipment to support park operations. Park interpreters offer engaging experiences throughout Spruce Woods Provincial Park and across the province, including guided trail hikes, site tours and campfire talks.

ATTORNEY

TAMMY D. BARYLUK

Hunt Miller & Co. LLP

Attorneys-at-law

Thursdays 12:00 pm - 3:30pm

14 Main St. (HMS Office)

Carberry, MB

Phone 204-834-2044

VALLEY

OPTICAL

Dr. Derek Papegnies

Optometrist

499 Mountain Ave.

Beautiful Plains Community Medical Clinic

For appointment please call:

204-476-2002

Farmers' Advocate

From sunrise to sunset



PHOTO BY ROB WADDELL

From sunrise to sunset and beyond, farmers across the region laboured long and hard to get their crops seeded. The push was on to get the seed into soil moisture before fields dried out. Many crops sprouted and hung on for the long-awaited summer rains but some did not. A tour of crop conditions shows a lot of variation. Some fields look pretty good but some will not yield well. Hay crops are reported to be lower than normal and many pastures are starting to show drought stress. This particular field photo was taken east of Kelwood.

FUEL UP FOR HARVEST

WITH

CO-OP PREMIUM DIESEL

GET DELIVERY NOW. PAY LATER.



Neepawa-Gladstone

Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op
Bulk Petroleum, Propane,
Lubricants & Cardlocks
Call Tracy: 204-476-6908

Farm Hard. Sleep Easy.

Enjoy peace of mind knowing
your farm is **properly** insured.

**Farm Insurance.
It's What We Do.**

- ✓ Family Owned & Operated in Virden, MB
- ✓ Over 40 Years Farm Insurance Experience
- ✓ We come to you. Farm visits to review every year.
- ✓ Know what you have before a claim. Not after.

insureline CORNERSTONE ☎ 204-512-6001

Proudly serving Manitoba & Saskatchewan





More rain needed for healthy harvest season

By Joshua Jackson
FARMERS' ADVOCATE


With the growing season well underway within the province, many areas are struggling with a lack of rainfall, but Neepawa appears to be an outlier. According to the latest provincial crop report, Neepawa has received 181 mm of accumulated precipitation between May 1 and July 13, which is 94 per cent of the normal 30-year average, making Neepawa the wettest location in the Southwest region for the season

so far, compared to places such as Eden, which has only received 67 mm, 38 per cent of the normal amount of precipitation. Rivers has received 94 mm, which is equal to 48 per cent of normal rainfall, while Virden has received 133 mm, or 66 per cent of the normal rainfall. Much of the central and southwest regions in Manitoba have accumulated less than 70 per cent of the 30-year precipitation average. Only a few locations have accumulated more than 80 per cent of the 30-year average since May 1.

Even with the amount of precipitation received, getting more remains crucial to a healthy crop. According to the crop report, most cereal crops around the province have been sprayed with fungicide, and producers continue to apply fungicide to canola. Winter wheat and fall rye are in the head fill stage, and early crops are starting to turn, likely due to the dry conditions. As for canola, the majority of crops are flowering across the province, while early-seeded crops are in full bloom. The

report noted there are no major insect concerns yet, but producers are monitoring closely. For corn, crops are dark green and have been weathering the drought well, but areas with light sandy soils that haven't gotten rainfall are showing severe signs of stress. As for forage and livestock, producers had a favourable week for harvesting good-quality feed. Yields ranged from average to below average, with older stands and those dominated by grass producing significantly less.

Above-average hay yields were reported in parts of the northwest region where significant moisture occurred during the growing season. The crop report stated some farmers reported that alfalfa weevil feeding has affected hay fields. Producers are also harvesting native hay, while the dry conditions have made it possible to access low-lying areas that are typically too wet for equipment. Those yields remain well below normal.



PEDIGREE SEED VARIETIES

WHEAT SY Torach AAC Starbuck VB AAC Brandon CS Accelerate	BARLEY AAC Connect ESMA AAC Lariat
OATS CS Camden Kalio	PEAS AAC Carver
FLAX CDC Rowland	CANOLA CS4100 LL
	FORAGE SEED

Doug Heaman 204.748.7666 Brittany Vinck 204-851-2049 Virden, Manitoba www.clearviewacresltd.com



220 Hwy#5 North, Neepawa, Manitoba
204-476-3809
www.ticparts.com

SERVING Agriculture, Construction, Trucks & More

- Truck Safeties
- MPI Accredited
- Air Conditioning Repair
- Hydraulic hose repair

Shop 204-368-2361 • Cell 204-212-2020
D.M.W. Repair
Licensed Journeyman • Reasonable Rates

- Equipped with Hydraulic Flow-meter & Pressure Gauges for Hydraulic Testing.
- Electrical Troubleshooting
- Scan Tools for Autos
- We now have a scan tool for semi trucks, agricultural equipment and construction equipment.

Corner of 91N & 82W • RM Of Glenella-Lansdowne
4 Miles North of Arden on Hwy 352 & 2 Miles West



EQUIP GROW

FOR YOUR AG INPUT & EQUIPMENT NEEDS

 Heritage Minnedosa Agro 204-867-2749 Ag Hardware 204-867-5704	 Neepawa-Gladstone Heritage Ag Equipment 204-761-7412 Neepawa Agro 204-476-3431 Gladstone Agro 204-385-2906
Strathclair Agro 204-365-2491	Brandon Agro 204-763-8998 Neepawa-Gladstone Ag Equipment 204-841-0855

CO-OP AGRO

DURABILITY REDEFINED.



The Vermeer N-series balers bring heavy-duty components for strength and durability in the field when you need it most. Smart features like the available automatic pickup clutch and Auto Lube system help extend machine life. Plus, they're backed by the best distribution network in the industry.

0% FINANCING FOR 36 MONTHS OR \$4,500 CASH BACK*

VIRDEN AG & PARTS
560 Commonwealth Drive, Virden
T : (204) 748-4469
virdenag.ca

*conditions apply, see dealer for details

Farmers' Advocate

Farm Credit Canada and EMILI expand Innovation Farm Network in Manitoba

Submitted
FARM CREDIT CANADA

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is expanding its Innovation Farm Network, a key part of its long-term strategy to make Canada a global leader in agricultural innovation and productivity.

The network is adding a 6,000-acre farm, with 2,600-acres dedicated to potatoes, in MacGregor, Manitoba to its series of Innovation Farms, which give farmers access to trusted, practical tools to grow efficiently, build resilience and with less risk. This marks the first time a potato operation has joined the network and reflects FCC's continued commitment to support agtech innovation that meets the needs of a wide range of producers.

The expansion is part of a multi-year partnership between FCC and EMILI, a Winnipeg-based organization focused on accelerating digital agriculture. EMILI will lead testing and validation efforts at the MacGregor site, building on the success of its Innovation Farms, its demonstration site launched in 2022.

"World leading innovation is essential to helping Canadian farmers keep pace in a highly competitive global industry. New methods and technologies in the ag and food industry keeps Canada's economy resilient and strong" said Justine Hendricks, president and CEO of FCC. "FCC's Innovation Farm Network and its partners are critical to delivering this vital innovation to Canadian producers when they need it the most."

In May, FCC announced a \$2-billion commitment through FCC Capital to help Canadian agtech companies bring viable, practical solutions to the market. The Innovation Farm Network is a key part of that investment strategy, offering real-world testbeds for startups while

reducing the risk for farmers who want to adopt new tools.

The EMILI Innovation Farms potato site, located at the JP Wiebe Ltd. operation in MacGregor, produces a variety of Russet potatoes used in food processing. It will test five new technologies for growing potatoes, related crop rotations and irrigated crops. One of those is a sensor-based storage monitoring technology developed by Cellar Insights, an FCC Capital portfolio company. Other tools being trialed include field-scale monitoring systems such as Agi3's CropSentry and Ukko Agro's ForeSite software, which help collect data on growing conditions.

"With the addition of this site, we can evaluate more technologies in more settings and see how they perform in prairie conditions and on different crops," said Jacqueline Keena, managing director of EMILI. "We're grateful to FCC for their ongoing investment. Their multi-year commitment helps us reach more farmers and support more innovators to accelerate the adoption of on-farm technologies, ultimately making them more

efficient."

Potatoes are Canada's most valuable vegetable crop and the fifth-largest primary agriculture crop overall. Canada ranks among the top 10 global exporters of table and seed potatoes. The potato sector is ripe for transformation through technology, particularly in areas like irrigation, water management, nutrient placement and yield optimization.

Expanding to more than 17,000 acres, the FCC Innovation Farm Network supports real-world testing of agtech innovations across Canada. Through a mix of farm types and regions, the network mirrors the diversity of Canadian agriculture, helping build confidence in innovations to lower the risk to producers of adopting new operations and processes.

FCC and EMILI will continue working together to align resources, connect innovators to testing environments and expand the network's reach and impact. Through FCC's investment in Innovation Farms, we're ensuring that Canadian farmers have access to the tools and insights they need to thrive.

All eyes on moo!



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

A group of young calves and their mothers rest in the tall grass alongside the herd in a field east of Kelwood.

Ready,
Set, **BUY!**

WHEELS DEAL 3.99%*
1 year introductory fixed rate starting at

*After 12 months, interest rate reverts to standard fixed rate.
Rate subject to change, certain conditions apply,
visit sunrise.mb.ca for more details.

SUNRISE
CREDIT UNION

f X @ YouTube

**JOHN'S
ELECTRIC LTD**

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Serving the Westman and Parkland Regions for over 45 years.

Neepawa, MB
204-476-3391

Dauphin, MB
204-572-5028

Authorized GENERAC Sales & Service
Providing power back up systems for your farm and home

TAYLOR LAW PATERSONS LLP
Barristers • Solicitors • Notaries

269 Hamilton Street, Neepawa MB R0J 1H0
P: 204-476-2336 | E: info@taylorlawpatersons.ca
www.patersons.ca



More than your community newspaper!
See us for all your office supply needs!

Banner & Press **RIVERS BANNER**

CUSTOM POSTERS & POST CARDS

140 years of fun at the Minnedosa Ag Fair



PHOTOS BY DONNA BETTERIDGE

The Minnedosa Agricultural Society held its 140th Fair and Exhibition on Saturday, July 19. The day featured a variety of displays of vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, baking, and more. Also available for viewing were an assortment of horse shows. These included minatures, heavy horses, the Manitoba Champion Four Horse Classic, and more. Pictured here are some scenes from the horse related showcases.

Neepawa ‘filled with gems’

*Continued from
Page 1*

From being recorded for NACTV, to mini fashion shows at the Salvation Army, and even karaoke at Tsibog’s Eatery & Catering, there was something to do at each of the participating business locations.

Critchlow said it was gratifying to see Neepawa’s downtown bustling with participants and seeing so many businesses opening their doors.

“(We’re) working at getting people into our stores and having a lot of fun,” she mentioned. “It gets them to look around for businesses, and maybe some (people) haven’t been in some of Neepawa’s stores before or in some of the new restaurants we have downtown. I think this worked very well.”

On the day of the Amazing Race, each team received a passport which contained a map of all participating businesses. Teams then had to race to each location and complete fun tasks to collect all of the stamps. Along the way, teams were also encouraged to make pit stops at different locations to enjoy snacks and drinks.

The Hid’n Hollow co-owner said the feedback they received was phenomenal and stressed the importance of the town’s businesses working together as one sector.

“Neepawa as a whole needs to continue to help each other and support each other to bring people to town. We are a growing



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

One of the many stops along the race trail was this stand for Farmery Brewery, which was stationed at ArtsForward for the day.

town. We have lots of new businesses starting to pop up. The more we can make (ourselves) well-known and tell people what our businesses have to offer, the more people will stop here rather than passing through on the way to Brandon or Winnipeg. Maybe they’ll give people a bit more of a reason to stop and a bit more time to look through what we have to offer.”

Critchlow said Neepawa is filled with gems, from the local artist wall at Brews Brothers Cafe and Bistro, woodwork products created and sold by Touchwood, and the Filipino decor of Tsibog’s, which makes you feel like you’re in the Philippines. She hopes people took a minute to look around and discover Neepawa’s businesses.

“If they didn’t have time, I hope stopping into those stores for the first time during the Amazing Race made them feel like they would be welcome to walk in again and have a look or make a few little purchases. It’s getting people uncomfortable in the environment, and into places they haven’t been before.”

Alongside the Amazing Race, a barbecue was hosted at ArtsForward, and 99.9 Bounce FM was live on location to keep the energy high. As for the return of the Amazing Race in 2026, Critchlow said she’s not ruling anything out.

“Nothing is finalized, but I think it would be great to have another, because lots of people are just hearing about it, or they didn’t sign up because they didn’t

understand it. Having heard from a few people and just seeing individuals on the street who participated as racers, they said they had a good time,” she said. “People thought some of the challenges were challenging for adults, while many businesses were family-oriented for kids. I think everybody was happy with the different levels of difficulty that everybody could participate.”



Kelwood Fair will be held Aug. 9

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Kelwood Ag Society spokesperson, Allison Gilmore has informed the Neepawa Banner & Press that Kelwood Fair will be held Saturday, August 9.

The Kelwood Fire Department will be hosting the concession at the new rink with a breakfast starting at 7:00 a.m.

The horse show begins at 9:00 am and the display buildings will be open at 10 am. The annual fair parade will start at 11:00 am at the rink. There will be a pie baking contest with a pie auction to follow the parade, but pies need to be dropped off by 5:00 p.m. the day before at the drop-in centre.

The annual Andy Aucoin Car Show and silent auction will be at the new rink as well.

There will be a Cafe 37 Fair Supper and dance at the Community Hall starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Legion will host



FILE PHOTO

Giddy on up! It’s almost time for the Kelwood Ag Fair. This young rider, Mya Clark, was one of the many attendees at the 2024 Kelwood Fair.

generation gap, a beer garden and evening entertainment at 9:00 p.m.



Jodie Byram

MLA for Agassiz

Agassiz Constituency Office
Box 550, Neepawa | MB R0J 1H0
204.390.5428
officeofagassizmla@gmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified d Deadline: **Tuesday Noon**

• Cancellations and corrections only within business hours and corresponding deadlines
• Please check your ad when first published the Neepawa Banner & Press will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion.
• All copy is subject to approval by the Neepawa Banner & Press.
• We reserve the right to edit copy or to refuse to publish any advertisement we deem illegal, libelous, misleading or offensive

TO PLACE AN AD:

Telephone: 204-476-3401/ 888-436-4242
Fax: 204-476-5073
Email: ads@neepawabanner.com

All word classifieds must be prepaid before printing

Recreation

ATV'S, ATV'S, ATV'S. www.rodsatvs.com Best prices in Manitoba on New kids/adult ATV'S, DIRT-BIKES, DUNE BUGGIES, UTV'S, GOLF CARTS, SCOOTERS, MOBILITY SCOOTERS AND KIDS ELECTRIC RIDE ON TOYS \$299. Kids ATV \$999, Kids Dirt Bike \$1199. Kids Dune Buggy \$1999. New 4 Seater Golf Cart \$9475. Text or phone 204-724-2438. Email rodsatvs@hotmail.com

Personal

Crisis Pregnancy Centre Winnipeg: Need to talk? Call our free helpline, 1-800-665-0570 or contact our Westman office: 204-727-616

Notice

Alanon meetings currently being held at 342 Mountain Ave, Neepawa - Old Co-op Store. Tuesdays at 7 pm. Call 204-841-2192

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings currently being held at 342 Mountain Ave, Neepawa, Thursdays at 7 pm. Call Don 204-856-9072 or Debbi 204-352-4065

Arden Hall, cap. 255. Park, camping and sports facilities, rink, curling ice, kitchen and lounge. Call 204-368-2202

Notice

Drug problem? Yellowhead Narcotics Anonymous meets Sundays at 7 pm, at the Minnedosa Town Hall basement. Notice

Minnedosa Handivan 204-868-8164 Mon-Fri 9:00-3:30 Notice

Neepawa Banner & Press offers full research and re-print services from our archives that go back to 1896. Additional copies of papers, \$2 each depending on availability. Re-print of a page from past copies, \$2 per page. Archival research, \$25 per hour with a \$10 minimum. Individual photos on photo paper \$5 depending if we have a suitable original in our digital, print or photo archives. Ken Waddell, publisher

Help Wanted

Housecleaning. Equipment & Supplies provided. Please call 204-476-5677 with name, phone number and days & times available. Can leave a message for call back.

For Sale or Rent

Storage vans (semi trailers) for rent or sale. Anderson's 204-385-2685, 204-385-2997 Gladstone

For Sale

Columbarium niche in Neepawa Cemetery \$2000 not including name plaque or opening. For further information call Shannon Montgomery 204-476-3094

For Rent

Apartment for rent. Bri-Mont apartments, 331 Mountain Avenue. Phone 204-841-4419 For Rent

Quiet 55+ 1200 sq ft apartment located at 236 Mountain Ave Neepawa. Includes fridge, stove, parking and snow removal. No smoking. No pets. One apartment available Aug 1, one available Sept 1. 204-967-2157 or cell 204-476-4682

Auctions

Meyers Auctions & Appraisals. Call Brad at 368-2333. www.meyersauctions.com

Find it in the Classifieds

Auction Sales

Online McSherry Auctions

Estate & Moving
July 30th @ 7:00PM

Estate & Consignment
August 6th @ 7:00PM
Featuring Building Supply, Vehicles, Trailers, Balers, Tractors & More

McSherryAuction.com
204-467-1858
or 204-886-7027
mcsherrytld@gmail.com

Obituary

Help Wanted

Rolling River School Division

invites applications for
Substitute Teachers
for the 2025-2026 school year

Current Substitutes

Substitute teachers employed under a Substitute Teacher contract with Rolling River School Division in the 2024-2025 school year must call 204-867-2754, Ext 225 or email shyde@rrsd.mb.ca to reactivate employment status as a substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

New Applicants

New applicants must complete an application package. Applicants must possess a valid Manitoba Teachers Certificate. Application packages are available on our Website: www.rrsd.mb.ca (under link Employment then Substitute Teaching) or at our administration office
Rolling River School Division
36 Armitage Ave
Box 1170
Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0
Telephone: (204) 867-2754 Ext. 225

T.I.C. PARTS & SERVICE

Truck Driver Wanted

Location: T.I.C. Parts & Service – Neepawa, MB
Position: Full-Time Truck Driver
Start Date: July 2025

Join the team at T.I.C. Parts & Service, where your experience is valued, your safety comes first, and your hard work drives real results.

We Offer:

Competitive pay
Well-maintained equipment
Benefits package
Supportive team environment

Requirements:

Valid Class 1/Class A driver's license
Clean driving record
Reliable and professional attitude
Minimum 5 years of driving experience preferred
Ability to complete logbooks and safety checks

How to Apply:

Send your resume to Darrell.L@ticparts.com
Call us at 204-476-0716
Or stop by in person at
T.I.C. Parts & Service 220 MB-5 North, Neepawa, MB

Auction Sales

ONLINE FARM SALE

Farm Auction for the Estate of the Late Jacob Dern, Arborg, MB

Sale Starts online:
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
soft close starting at
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 20th, 2025

Some items included in the sale: N.H. TR96 Combine, AWD w/Melroe 388 pick-up header, straw chopper, grain loss monitors; Case IH 6000 Self propelled Swather; N.H. 1475 14ft Haybine, 2300 series header; Int 1066 Farmall Tractor, 18.4-38 duals, torque amplifie, dual hydraulics, 540-1000 pto, one newer tire; (2) Case I.H. Balers, auto tie, bale kicker, (one working last fall); (2) Mordge Grain dryers, approx. 400 bu., Model #400; 2003 Sterling, tandem axle grain truck w/box & hoist, roll tarp, new batteries; Conveyair 3000 Grain vac; (2) Farm King gravity wagon; Int 1086 Tractor, w/2350 Inv. Loader, 6ft bucket; Int. 5 & 6 bottom plows; MF 880 8 bottom plow;

Viewing by appointment only Weekends - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Weekdays - after 5:00 p.m.

Contact Doreen for viewing arrangements at (204) 641-1148

From Arborg - 1.5 miles West of Hwy #7 & PR #68 (on PR#68) North side of Highway, Marker #8103

Sale conducted by:
Bergner Auction Service, Ashern, MB
Email: bergauct@mymts.net www.apro.bid
www.globalauctionguide.com (for sale viewing only)

To register go to: www.apro.bid

Manitoba Community Newspaper Association Province-wide Classifieds

NOTICES

Advertisements and statements contained herein are the sole responsibility of the persons or entities that post the advertisement, and the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association and membership do not make any warranty as to the accuracy, completeness, truthfulness or reliability of such advertisements. For greater information on advertising conditions, please consult the Association's Blanket Advertising Conditions on our website at www.mcna.com.

URGENT PRESS RELEASES - Have a newsworthy item to announce? An exciting change in operations? Though we cannot guarantee publication, MCNA will get the information into the right hands for ONLY \$35.00 + GST/HST. Call MCNA (204) 947-1691 for

more information. See www.mcna.com under the "Types of Advertising" tab for more details.

ARE YOU HIRING? Digital ads not getting results? **SELLING LAND?** **HAVING AN EVENT?** Let us help you book a blanket classified ad! You will be seen in the 31 Member Newspapers, in over 368,000+ homes in Manitoba. Please Call THIS NEWSPAPER NOW to book, or call MCNA at (204) 947-1691 for more details or to book ads. Take advantage of our great pricing! MCNA - Manitoba Community Newspapers Association. www.mcna.com

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Wanted

CASH FOR COINS, JEWELRY, GOLD, SILVER & PLATINUM!



BUYING ALL COIN COLLECTIONS Big & Small.

Also Numismatics, Rare Coins, Sets, Gold & Silver coins, Nuggets, Sterling sets, Old money, ROYAL CANADIAN MINT, FRANKLIN MINT, US MINT, Silver Dollars, World sets etc.

CALL TODD NOW!
Ph: 204 - 904 - 9705
I COME TO YOU!

Private mortgage lender. All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. Toll free 1-866-405-1228 www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca

Announcement



Response Builder Advertising WORKS!

- GET SEEN by over 360,000 Manitoba Homes!
- Create instant top of mind awareness
- Showcase your info, business, product, job, announcements or event
- We format it, to make it look great!
- Starting at \$239.00 (includes 35 lines of space)
- The ads blanket the province and run in MCNA's 31 Manitoba community newspapers
- Very cost effective means of getting your message out to the widest possible audience

Contact this newspaper NOW or MCNA at **204.947.1691** or email **classified@mcna.com**

www.mcna.com

Auction Sales

ONLINE ONLY

MID-SUMMER FARM MACHINERY AND LARGE ITEM CONSIGNMENT SALE
SELLER'S LOCATIONS, MB
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025
SOFT CLOSE AT 7:00 PM

VISIT www.gartonsauction.com for equipment details, pictures, and bidding.

TRACTORS, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES: quantity and variety of tractors, Dresser 520B Pay Loader, Mustang 1200 skid steer; cars, trucks, farm trucks, etc. **TRAILERS, CONTAINERS, SHEDS:** 2003 Cougar 5th wheel camper, 28.5'; tractor-pull trailer, belly-dump gravel trailer, other trailers; shipping containers; metal clad storage sheds, garden shed, concrete stairs; **FARM/RANCH MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT:** combines, other field equipment, grain bins, and more; round hay balers, 160-bale picker; livestock digital scale, fence panels, feed bunks, etc; carbon steel and aluminum pieces; gantry crane on casters; floor-mount JIB crane, 500lb capacity; **RECREATION, YARD, SHOP:** 2006 Can-Am Outlander Rotax 400 quad; JD 500 4x4 quad, winch; 1994 Polaris 400 4x4 quad; older aluminum boats, trailers; JD garden tractor, 30" tiller; snowblower; HD Metora steel cutting hacksaw and much more!

BID NOW AT WWW.GARTONSAUCTION.COM

Terms: Same day payment on all purchases; we accept cash or credit card; All items sold as is, where is; Auctioneer and owners not responsible for errors or omissions; Sale is subject to additions and/or deletions

GARTON'S AUCTION SERVICE
SERVING THE PARKLAND & SURROUNDING AREAS SINCE 1992

PO Box 543 Dauphin, MB R7N 2V3
Phone 204-629-2583 garton@inetlink.ca
Cell 204-648-4541 www.gartonsauction.com

Celebration of Life



Vivian & Gordon Campbell

Graveside Service August 2, 2025 at 2:00 pm
Arrow River Cemetery
(please bring a lawn chair)

Help Wanted



HyLIFE
FOODS

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

Quick Facts:

- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
- Fully integrated facility –Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:

- Competitive Wage
- Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation as per our collective bargaining agreement
- Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift
- 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:
Online at <http://hylife.com/careers/> or mail to PO Box 10,000, 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.
Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main ST. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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

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

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



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltd @HyLife



HyLIFE
FOODS

Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

Why join our team?
HyLife is a global leader in food processing, with a vision to be the best food company in the world. To achieve this, we are currently expanding our team and have exciting career opportunities at 623 Main St. Neepawa, MB. We are actively seeking to fill 100 positions.

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

Quick Facts:

- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
- Fully integrated facility –Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:

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

Your duties may include:

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

We are looking for people who are:

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

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

Ways to apply:
Online at <http://hylife.com/careers/> or mail to PO Box 10,000, 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.
Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main ST. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393


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

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

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



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltd @HyLife



HyLIFE
FOODS

Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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 5 positions.

The current starting wage is \$19.25/hour with incremental increases to \$20.55/hour based on tenure

Quick Facts:

- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
- Fully integrated facility –Feed Mills, Barns, Transportation, and Production Plant
- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:

- Competitive Wage
- Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation
- 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 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
- 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:
Online at <http://hylife.com/careers/> or mail to PO Box 10,000, 623 Main St E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.
Fax to: 204.476.3791 | Email to: jobs@hylife.com | In Person at 623 Main ST. E, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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

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

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



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltd @HyLife

Clark ready to get to work on Town Council



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Town of Neepawa CAO Colleen Synchyshyn congratulates Dave Clark, shortly after he is officially sworn in as a member of Council.

Continued from Page 1

Upon learning of his victory, Clark noted that he was humbled by the voter response. “Being a first timer, I thought there might have been more people getting out and voting, but I’m very thankful and appreciate all that did make the effort in the advanced polls and on the 16th. I really didn’t know what to expect that day to be honest, it was a little nerve wracking because Sheri would have made an excellent councillor as well, so it could have went either way. I appreciate her letting her name stand and forcing the voters to vote and not just getting the seat by acclamation,” said Clark. “I think the vote went my way this time because voters believe that I can work together with the current council, and I have been around long enough to address some of the issues that they feel is important to them. I’m going in with an open mind and no personal agenda, I just want what is best for the residents, try to make a difference.”

Clark added that he was excited to jump in and contribute for the next 16 months of this remaining term. The next scheduled municipal election will be in October 2026.

Auction

Erickson & District Historical Society LIVE AUCTION (Museum Articles)

Wednesday, July 30, 2025
Erickson Skating Rink
27 Queen Elizabeth Road, Erickson, MB
Laurence Bertram 204-795-2082 lbertram@shaw.ca

- 12:00pm: - Antique items & Farmers’ Market
- 4:00pm: - 0% alcohol Refreshments Garden
- Dine at Bergs Bistro & Rink Canteen
- Preview Live Auction Museum Articles
- 5:00pm–7:00pm: - Live Entertainment
- 6:00pm: - Live Auction Bidder Registration
- 7:00pm: - Live Auction Museum Articles

Terry Woychyshyn Auctioneer
Payment for Auction items by Cash or Cheque
Please bring your own Lawn chair



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltd @HyLife



**RIVERS
BANNER**

More than your community newspaper!
See us for all your office supply needs!

Banner & Press



CUSTOM POSTERS & POST CARDS

Moments in Riding Mountain: It's a Saskatoon Moon

By Ken Kingdon

SUBMITTED

"That Saskatoon moon is calling to me..." Connie Kaldor's tune seems like an apt theme song for this year. And why is that? I can say with confidence that this is the best crop of wild Saskatoon berries that I can recall.

And after more than 55 years of perusing berry bushes, this is saying a lot. Nearly every bush I have looked at is bearing fruit; even small shrubs that stand no higher than my knee are loaded.

According to reports from others, this berry bonanza appears to be widespread throughout southern Manitoba. And with

relatively few mosquitoes buzzing about, the wood tick season nearly wrapped up, and moderate temperatures, the life of the picker is pretty darn good.

The clusters are amazing, with some of the fruit hanging like bunches of grapes, making for a quick job of filling your pail. And while in a normal year many of the berries are small, this year's wild fruit are among the plumpest I have seen, on par with the best of the commercial U-pick berry producers.

Having the proper tools for picking is important. I favour a three litre pail with a stout handle and a quality leather belt to hang it from. This leaves my two hands free to pick, occasionally picking with both hands

concurrently. More often than not, though, I use one hand to hold the branch while the other strips the fruit.

And while Rae and I have been indulging in many picking expeditions, I haven't seen many people picking wild berries this season. And when I write not many people, I actually mean no one. Perhaps this is due to folks being out of practice ... according to my notes, the last good Saskatoon year was 2013, 12 years ago. As a result, the knowledge of where the local patches are located, or when to start looking for the ripening berries could have been lost.

Or could it actually be that Saskatoons are an acquired taste, one that younger generations have rarely been exposed to? And although my father will likely be spinning in his grave as I write this, Saskatoons can sometimes be ... Well, they can be mealy, seedy, and tasteless.

Don't get me wrong. A Saskatoon berry, well-watered and sun-ripened to perfection, can be sublime. But often times, they can also leave something to be desired. Being born and raised on the prairies, I don't think there are too many alternatives to fill my berry-picking urges. Blueberries are non-existent, chokecherries are sour, and raspberries prickly and inconsistent. The only other alternative wild fruit are strawberries, and they are so small and hard to find, picking enough to eat is like finding a Unicorn.

The other mystery about this year's berry abundance is trying to figure out what makes a successful berry year. Having no late frosts helps, obviously, and perhaps, just the right amount of moisture in the soil. Ian Thorleifson of Onanole predicted a good Saskatoon year back in May when the flowering period coincided with calm winds and no heavy precipitation. Saskatoon flowers are quite delicate and easily damaged by wind and rain. Surely there have been springs in the previous dozen years with ideal berry growing conditions? What's up with this year?

And while the Saskatoons are producing wildly, and the chokecherry bushes appear to be amply supplied with fruit too, the same

cannot be said for all wild fruit. Whatever the favorable conditions were for the two previous fruits didn't include pin cherries, and as far as I can tell, there will be little fruit on them this year.

If you haven't had a chance to start picking, the berries still look to be in good form. However, you might not want to wait too much longer. While the human competition for Saskatoons has been limited, there are several wildlife species that enjoy a good feed on berries.

Cedar waxwings and gold finch both love to dine on Saskatoons. They often will extract the seeds directly out of the berry while it hangs on the tree, leaving a mushy purple mess behind. Robins, on the other hand, are like humans and will simply gobble up the entire berry.

I also watched a bear harvesting Saskatoons the other night. Instead of intently stopping and picking all the berries from one bush, the bear was speed-grazing, walking quickly and feeding at the same time.

It was obviously high grading the berries, only slurping up the berries that were easy to reach all the while keeping up a good walking pace. Judging from the size and colour of the scat it left behind though, it appears this strategy is working pretty well.

This bear's actions were very unlike the behavior I have previously observed of bears feeding on chokecherries, in which they invested a lot of time in eating all the berries they could reach. This may be because chokecherry clusters are much larger and provide a bigger caloric bang for the energy-expenditure buck. Or perhaps chokecherries have a higher nutrient value compared to Saskatoons. Let me know what you think.

As it is, I'm on the second batch of jam, plus we have lots of berries in the freezer, all under the assumption that a similar berry harvest is not going to be in the offing any time soon. Happy picking and let's hope that next year provides an equally bountiful harvest!

Ken Kingdon lives in the heart of the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve. Send him a text at 204.848.5020 if you have stories to share.

SERVICES GUIDE

Birnie Builders

Redi-Built and on site homes, cottages, Huron PVC Windows

Phone/Fax
204-966-3207

Cell
204-476-6843

Harold Klassen
Birnie, MB

"Let Us Custom Design A Home For You"

harold.birniebuilders@gmail.com

TAC
Ventures Inc.
Garbage Bin Rentals
Roll Off Bins
We buy Scrap!
Phone 476-0002
for more information

WURTZ BROS. LTD
REDI-MIX CONCRETE
• Concrete Pumps
• Excavation & Earthworks Contractor
• Complete Demolition Service
204-466-2824
fax: 204-466-2999
admin@wurtzbros.com

P BAKER
Trenching • Ditching
Water & Sewer
Dugouts • Demolition
Brushing • Trucking
Sand & Gravel
Snow Removal
Winter Parking Lot Sanding
Contact Pat Baker at
204-476-0712
p.baker@wcgwave.ca

Comfort Electric
Experience, Quality, Integrity
CALL NOW FOR ALL YOUR RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL NEEDS
Shawn Nugent
Journeyman Electrician
1-204-476-6730
comfortelectric@hotmail.com
Box 2518 Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
SERVING THE NEEPAWA AREA

FIREWOOD - LUMBER
Tri-J Industries
204-966-3372
ROUGH LUMBER
Full dimension
Corral Planks
Windbreak
FIREWOOD
Cut and split firewood - Poplar, Ash, Spruce/Pine
8ft firewood - 16 cord load delivered to your yard
Oak - Maple - Poplar - Jackpine - Spruce
TIMBER HARVESTING
We buy standing Spruce and Poplar timber

Rolling Acres
Ready Mix
Certified Batch Plant and Cement Trucks
Concrete • Gravel Sales • Rebar Sales
Custom Hauling
Irvin 204-476-6236

REMPEL
BACKHOE & GRAVEL
• Excavations • Trenching • Landscaping
• Gravel • Topsoil • Shale • Laser Ditching
• Certified Installer for Holding Tanks, Septic Tanks and Drain Fields
• Construction Site Prep
• Dozer work • Brush Clearing
Matt Rempel
Birnie, MB
Cell: (204) 841-0988
matt@rempelbackhoe.ca

Spruce Corner Farms
Custom Hay Cutting, Raking & Baling
Looking to serve you like you expect.
Willing to travel and serve a big area.
Abram Wiebe
204-841-2040
scfaw92@gmail.com

E&K KOSTENCHUK LTD
Trenching • Excavating • Landscaping
Trucking • Water & Sewer • Demolition
Dozer work • Ditching
Belly Dump & End Dump Services
Aggregate Sales
Eric 204-573-7661 • Kyle 204-841-4409
e.k.kostenchuk.ltd@gmail.com

SHOP LOCAL. SAVE LOCAL.

Support the local businesses that keep your community and its newspapers thriving.

ADVERTISE **LOCAL** Canada

Carberry and Neepawa compete at provincial championships

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Carberry was bustling over the weekend as six teams took to the baseball diamonds to duke it out for the Provincial Senior A Championships. The host Carberry Royals, Neepawa Cubs, Reston Rockets, Baldur Regals, Springfield Braves, and the St. Boniface Brewers all vied for the top honour. The Neepawa Cubs would play a thrilling tournament opener against the Reston Rockets. The Cubs would hold a lead for most of the game, and Garrett Rempel would pitch a complete seven innings, before



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON
The Neepawa Cubs put up a valiant effort, but would drop their first game to the Reston Rockets 5-4 and then losing 8-5 against Springfield.

the Regals would turn on their bats and win 5-4. Before the Carberry Royals opened their tournament against the Baldur Regals, the opening ceremony honoured past members of the Carberry Royals. During the game, Carberry would come away with a 10-2 victory over the Regals. The action would heat up on day two, with Reston defeating Springfield 11-7, Baldur topping St. Boniface 8-3, the Cubs dropping their second game of the tournament against Springfield 8-5, and St. Boniface losing to host Carberry, 12-5. The semi finals took



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON
A Carberry Royals player calls his shot and remains safe on second base in the opening game against the eventual champions, the Baldur Regals.

place on Sunday, and the games were shortened to six innings due to rain delays. Springfield would kick things off and punch their ticket to the finals by downing Carberry 5-1, while Baldur would cruise to the finals with a 5-2 win over Reston. In the finals for the Provincial Senior A Championships, Baldur and Springfield would fight it out before the Regals would capture this year's champions with a 5-3 winning score. Although it may not be the results both the Cubs and Royals wanted, both

teams still have hope to be crowned the Santa Clara Baseball League (SCBL) Champions. The Royals play game three of the SCBL on July 23 against the Minnedosa Mavericks for the chance to play the Portage Padres in the semi-finals. Meanwhile, the Cubs have swept the Austin A's in SCBL quarter-finals to take on Plumas Pirates. Neepawa opens the semi-finals on the road in Plumas July 25. Game two shifts to Neepawa on July 28, with a third game, if necessary, to be played in Plumas on July 30.

Titans sign one, complete trades

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titans continue to advance their offseason and prepare to take the ice for the 2025-2026 Manitoba Junior Hockey League season. The Titans made a series of moves over the last few weeks, first trading away Forward Taelin Lewis to the Weyburn Red Wings of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League in exchange for a Player Development Fee. Lewis played 40 games for the Titans in the regular season last year, notching 10 goals and 14 assists. In the playoffs, Lewis would play three games, adding one goal. In a separate move, the

Titans acquired Hamiota Manitoba product Ty Kirk from the Sioux Lookout Bombers of the Superior International Junior Hockey League. Kirk has played two seasons with the Bombers, and last year, the 05' born player totalled 28 points in 49 games with his former club. In a third transaction, the Neepawa Titans signed 19-year-old defencemen Conall Hill. The new Titan Hill played in the Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League last season, where he was named a South Division All-Star with the Saanich Predators. During his stint with the Predators, Hill amassed five goals and 21 assists, along with 14 penalty min-

utes in 46 regular season games. "I am super excited to join Neepawa for the 2025-26 season. I am looking forward to joining the team and furthering my career. I consider myself a puck-moving defenceman who brings a solid two-way game and leadership on and

off the ice. I look forward to engaging with the community," said Hill in a press release. The Neepawa Titans kick off their regular season campaign on Sept. 20 against the Portage Terriers at the Yellowhead Centre.

DR. GERARD MURRAY
Optometrist
418 Mountain Ave. ~ Neepawa
•Evening Appointments Available•
PHONE: 476-5919

Neepawa Blue Dolphins swim into action at Austin

Submitted
NEEPAWA BLUE DOLPHINS

The Neepawa Blue Dolphins Swim Club opened up action on July 6 at Austin. It was a nice day for the event and strong competition, with Winkler Barricudas fielding the largest team among the participating communities. Final results of the day as follows:

9/10 year old girls
Charlize Macsymic: 1st- 50m back/50m breast. 2nd 25m back. 3rd 100m back/25m breast;

Eve Vinnell: 1st 50m free. 2nd 50m breast. 4th 25m breast. 6th 25m free;

Aleksandra Artiukh: 2nd 50m breast. 4th 50m back. 7th 50m free;

Juli Smith: 3rd 50m back;

Julia Pollock: Julia swims in Brandon with the winter swim team. So she cannot place in races. She competed in the 50m free improving on last year's time by six seconds. 100m free improved by three seconds. 100m IM. 25m Free. 50m breast.

11/12 girls
Rylee Wilson: 1st in 50m bk, 100mbk, 100m IM, and 50m fly. 2nd 50m breast;

Norah-Grace Reid: 2nd 25m free. 3rd 50m free, and 100m IM. 5th 100m free.

13/14 girls
Ella Froese: 1st 25m free. 2nd 50mm bk. 3rd 50m free. 5th 50m breast.

15-17 girls

Aliyah Jacobsen: 2nd 25m fly, 25m bk, and 25m free; **Clar Ann Howe:** 2nd 25m breast. 3rd 25m fly, 25m free, 25m bk.

11/12 boys
Matthew Froese: 1st 50m free, 100m free, 50m bk. 2nd 50m breast;

Joey Smith: 1st 25m fly, 25m free. 2nd 50m bk, 50m free. 4th 50m breast;

SumKing Chan: 1st 25m breast. 2nd 25m free, 25m bk. 3rd 50m breast;

Austin Nadeau: Austin swims with Brandon in the winter swim team. So he cannot place in races. 50m bk five seconds improvement from last years time. 100m IM 6 seconds improvement.

15-17 boys.
Jacey Smith: 1st 25m fly, 50m fly. 2nd 50m free and 50m breast.

Next action was on Sunday, July 20 when the Blue Dolphins journalled to Swan River. If your children would like to come out and try the practices then please do. Practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WillowBrook
EYE CARE
OPTOMETRISTS
DR. K. VANDERHEYDEN
DR. J. MILLS
Monday-Friday
8:00am - 5:00 pm
115 2nd Ave NW
Dauphin, MB
NEW PATIENTS WELCOME
CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS
204-638-3223

Hairdresser
Angela Wilson
Accepting New Clients
204-476-2597
Monday - Friday
132 Rosedale Ave.
Neepawa, Manitoba
Evenings Available

Neepawa Children's Business Fair seeks young entrepreneurs

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Calling all kids, the Neepawa Children's Business Fair is returning on Aug. 14, and they're looking for young entrepreneurs interested in hosting a booth of their own.

The business fair returns for its third year, and Neepawa's Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe said the sky is the limit on what kind of businesses kids can show up with.

"The age restriction is six to 15, but the businesses can be whatever they can dream up, within restrictions of the health inspector, of course," said Crewe. "There are restrictions on the kinds of baked goods; for example, kids can't bring cheesecake. If a young entrepreneur contacts me and says they want to provide food, I provide them with the guidelines and the support of the health inspector based on what they're doing."

Crewe noted that an opportunity like this is a great low-stakes way for your child to grow their entrepreneurial spirit.

"It helps them to learn organization, and it helps them grow their math skills. There are all sorts of additional skills that come along with running a busi-



FILE PHOTO

The Neepawa Children's Business Fair will be making its return for 2025 on Aug. 14. Pictured here is a scene from one of the many booths that was present during the 2024 edition. There were plenty of baked goods at the table for all interested.

ness," said the Economic Development Officer. "They need to understand interpersonal skills and sales, how to talk about their product with adults, because it's not necessarily kids who are shopping, it's adults there."

She noted that in the two years the fair has run, they've seen all sorts of different businesses from garden-grown vegetables to fresh bread, beaded jewelry, and even candy floss. Crewe stressed the child-led aspect of the business fair.

"The kid has to do it. Whether it's making the product or doing the artwork, or whatever it is, it's theirs to launch, it's theirs to manage, and it's theirs

to market," she said.

The business fair borrows a model from the Acton Children's Business Fair in Texas. They created a template for communities worldwide to easily host a children's business fair in their own town.

The children's business fair will take place on August 14, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Yellowhead Centre in conjunction with the Arts Forward Farmers Market. The business fair is open to everyone.

To sign your child up for the Neepawa Children's Business Fair, visit <https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/neepawa>

Tenby 4-H Club report



PHOTO COURTESY OF TENBY 4-H

The Tenby 4-H Club has had a good season. Part of their year's activities was the club's Achievement Day, as well as taking part in the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

By Avery Smith and Janelle Gilmore
TENBY 4-H CLUB

Tenby 4-H club has had an amazing year. Our club has grown this year; we have 17 members. Danica Peottcker, Piper Paramor, Charleigh Carefoot, Kendra Ott, Leanne Ott, Avery Smith, Jesse Clark, Janelle Gilmore, Ryder Muir, Julia Ott, Mya Clark, Quinn Dunning, Timothy Clark, Paul Birch, Kimbree Gork, Harper Dunning, Clary Muir.

Our club started the year off in October where we got a couple of good riding days in. When the snow came, our club participated in several events. Our club decided that we would enter a table into the Glenella Craft sale. Each member was to make baked goods or a craft to sell at our table, to fundraise for our achievement day and other activities that we planned.

Our next big event for our club was club communications on Feb 7. Charleigh, Danicia, Piper, Avery, Kimbree, Ryder, Janelle and Harper all went on to attend Zones in Rapid City.

Area communications were next and that took place in Hamiota. Danica and Janelle represented our club by winning first. Danica in the adult division and Janelle in the Junior division. Both ladies got the opportunity to attend provincials in Winnipeg on Apr. 26. Janelle placed first with her visual communication called Between the Pipes. Danica placed second with her visual called, Seeking Success.

The next big event for the club was attending the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, where we took part in 4-H parade. This is a fun event for our club. On Apr. 10, members from our club attended 4-H Rally in Brandon where you learn the 4-H ways and gave members an opportunity to do hands-

on activities.

During the year we had Tyler Todoruk came to give us a demonstration on how to shoe a horse. Other things we learned this year were how to measure our horses and how to take their temperatures, and general well being of a horse.

The last event for our club was Achievement Day held on June 7. To achieve, to the next level riders from level one to level five must do a pattern or multiple patterns on their horse. Each member practiced this during our riding days and on our own. Once you are above level five, you have the opportunity to do a project. Kendra presented her project on Rider Fitness, and Ryder presented how to start a Barrel horse. It was an amazing day with everyone achieving on to the next level. We ended the day with horse games and BBQ potluck.



Thank you

**July 22 the first anniversary
of my last chemo appointment**

With gratitude to all who supported me on this journey: family, friends and the excellent care of Dr P and the wonderful nurses in Neepawa Chemo Unit and those in the Lab

Blessings on your work
Chris Waddell

Carberry man honoured with Coronation Medal

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Carberry citizen Earl Baron was recognized with a King Charles the Third Coronation Medal by Riding Mountain M.P. Dan Mazier at the Carberry Fair.

The citizen has been a long-time supporter of the community, spending 25 years on the Board of Managers for the former Knox Zion Presbyterian church, 12 years on the Recreation Centre Board, among other organiza-

tions.

For the past 10 years, Earl has planted 40 acres of canola and fall rye with the proceeds donated to the Carberry Golf course.

From assisting in raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for new equipment for the Carberry Hospital and Care Home, to the Carberry Health Action Committee to retain health professionals in Carberry, Earl has worked hard to better the Town of Carberry and is a champion fundraiser for his community.



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

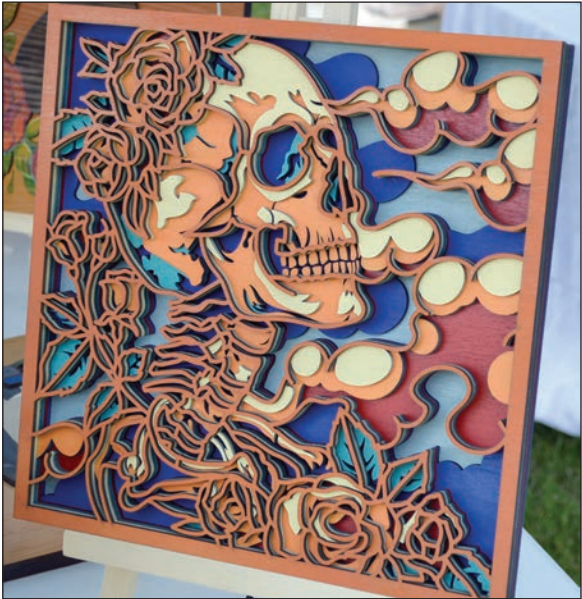
Carberry's Earl Baron (right) with Riding Mountain M.P. Dan Mazier.

A weekend of crafts and fun in Neepawa



PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

There was plenty of activity going on in Neepawa last weekend. The community was home to the Art Fest (formerly R.A.F.T.), held at ArtsForward; the 2025 edition of the Riverbend Maker's Market, held at Riverbend; and The Amazing Race Neepawa, which was conducted throughout the town. (For details and photos regarding The Amazing Race, see Page 1 and Page 10)



A few of the activities enjoyed by visitors to ArtsForward included live painting projects (top left) and a barbecue tended to by the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op (far right). Down at the Maker's Market, face painting (top right) was available and a plethora of different vendors were displaying their wares. These wares included sculptures, toys, scroll saw art, cookies, and much more.



Conservation officers seek info on slain bull elk

Banner Staff
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Manitoba Conservation Officer Service is seeking information on the killing of a bull elk in the Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne.

A poster that started circulating on Friday, July 18, by the Manitoba Conservation Officers Association said that an incident occurred between July 14 and 15, approximately 13

kilometres east of Riding Mountain on road 102 North.

Officers believe the elk carcass was loaded into a portable sleigh and transported to a vehicle parked in the ditch on the north side of road 102 N. Conservation officers also noted the remains of the elk were left on scene.

Conservation officers noted this act is a concern because the remains were situated approximately 20 metres from Road 102 N and an initial investigation determined the elk died in the same location. Big game hunting is not allowed from a roadway or adjacent road allowance.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Conservation Officer Service District Office in Neepawa at 204-476-2076 or the Turn In Poachers line 1-800-782-0076.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Field Day 2025

August 6, 2025

9:30 AM Registration and Coffee at MCDC Onsite
Sponsored by Simplot Canada (II) Limited.

10:00 AM Crop Diversification & Potato Rotational Options

Noon Free Lunch
Sponsored by McCain Foods Canada

1:15 PM BMPs in Potato Applied Research

Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre (MCDC)

Manitoba Horticulture Productivity Enhancement Centre (MHPEC)

KEYSTONE POTATO PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

North-East Corner of Highway No. 1 & 5, Carberry, MB