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'Community is not just where we live'

Neepawa cultural diversity celebration brings people together

By Casper Wehrhahn
 NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

There was plenty to experience at the Neepawa Middle School this past Saturday. From 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., Neepawa and Area Immigrant Settlement Services hosted a Belonging and Cultural Diversity celebration, bringing cultures across the globe under one roof.

"While planning the event, my main goal was to ensure that the many cultures already present in Neepawa were represented and celebrated," said Thea Krystabel Duka, executive assistant at Neepawa Settlement. "Seeing everything come together was honestly surreal—it's very different from planning it on paper. It turned into such a meaningful and vibrant day. What stood out most to me was how, in those moments, everyone was simply enjoying themselves and experiencing each other's cultures. It truly felt like a genuine celebration of community."

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There were a plethora of cultures on display at the Belonging and Cultural Diversity celebration this past Saturday. More photos can be seen on Page 20.




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It's all about people helping people

Stride Credit Union supports annual Golden West Radiothon

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

In a very short amount of time, the community of Neepawa has become a key contributor to an incredibly worthy cause based in the Central Plains.

On Friday, Mar. 20, our local Stride Credit Union branches' in Neepawa and Gladstone served as home to the People Helping People Radiothon, a radio fundraiser broadcast live every year on the group of radio stations operated by Golden West Broadcasting. The money brought in from the efforts supports Central Plains Cancer Services (CPCS), a Portage la Prairie non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for cancer patients, survivors and their families. Its' efforts have been felt in over 70 communities throughout central Manitoba, as well as parts of Westman.

While this is just the third year our local branch has been a part of the fundraiser, Karen Faurschou, of Central Plains Cancer Services, noted that we've quickly established our-

selves as a generous supporter of the cause.

"The Radiothon is huge for us. It is our largest fundraiser and we rely on those funds," stated Faurschou. "It's become a tradition in Portage la Prairie and [the Central Plains] over the years, but to see how well Neepawa has stepped up and supported these efforts, in such a short amount of time, is amazing."

Faurschou added that they were grateful to Stride Credit Union, Golden West Broadcasting and everyone who donated to the Radiothon, for helping individuals and families facing cancer right here in our region.

The CPCS is a non-profit organization that first began in Portage back in 1998. Over the last 26 years, it's been dedicated to improving the quality of life for cancer patients, survivors and their families and providing services to support those affected by cancer. Its' efforts have been felt in over 70 communities throughout central Manitoba, as well as parts of Westman.



Last year's Radiothon was able to raise just over \$119,000. This year's fundraising goal was \$100,000, and as of Wednesday, Mar. 25, had reached \$116,710. Additional details on how to support the CPCS programs can be found online at www.centralplainscancerservices.com

Left to right: Louanne Parague, Michelle Gilmore, Geri Wygle, Carla Ward, April Smith, Brandi Falk, Amanda Lodge, Kristine Loomis and Amanda Baskerville. Front: Brittany Smith and Pat Callin.

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1976: Fire Commission makes first-time visit

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
March 26, 1901**

Freeland: Feed is getting very scarce here this spring.

A new invention is out, and the preachers will go crazy for it. It's a church contribution box that is passed around instead of the plate. The coins fall through the slots of different sizes and all the halves, quarters and dimes alight on velvet and make no noise, but coppers and five cent pieces drop on a Chinese gong, which sounds to beat the band.

Are the business men of Neepawa and the farmers of Beautiful Plains satisfied to do without additional railway facilities for an indefinite period? If so, they have only to remain

quiet. If not, now is the time to speak out.

Petitions have been presented to the House of Commons by interested parties, asking that the Manitoba government's railway contracts be ratified. It is now in order for the people to petition.

No. 2 Company Neepawa boys brigade was organized last Monday night in the basement of the Methodist Church. More than 20 were enrolled. An efficient drill instructor has been secured and arrangements have been made to obtain accoutrements and uniforms. The company meets for drill every Monday night at half past seven in the basement of the church.

A bill to authorize the government to loan money to municipalities for the purpose of purchasing

seed grain for needy farmers is now before the Manitoba legislature.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
March 26, 1926**

"The Little French Girl" missed train connections, but will play at the opera house at another date later.

The community association of Franklin are holding an old time dance in the memorial hall on the evening of Mar. 30. The Eden orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and Geo. McComb, of Minnedosa, will act as floor manager. Lunch will be provided and the price of admission is 50¢.

Messrs. Hollowell senior and junior, from England, have bought the Beal farm east of town on the correction line and are now in possession there.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
March 29, 1951**

Kelwood: Ruby McCutcheon, a resident of Kelwood, narrowly escaped serious injury last Saturday when she was knocked down by a runaway team.

Ruby was playing with other children on the highway when the team suddenly came upon them. The horses and van passed over the small girl but she was able to roll under the van and escaped serious injury. She sustained a cut on her forehead necessitating six stitches.

Ruby is the daughter of D. McCutcheon.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
March 25, 1976**

The Glenella Sabres have finally got what they have been fighting for for some three years. Tuesday night at the Yellowhead they humbled the Minto

Mustang's 9-2.

"This is radio station 1400 bringing you news, weather and sports from Neepawa."

Sound farfetched? If Harvey Davidson, major share-holder in Riding Mountain Broadcasting is successful in his bid to establish a new AM radio station in the Westman area, these words could be heard on the air as soon as next fall.

The local industrial arts students were treated to a lecture, film and demonstration in the use of fire extinguishers by Jack E. Carey, assistant fire chief of Manitoba. This is the first time that the fire commission has gone into the schools and shown the hazards of fire and the remedies in the home and industry.

Glenella: Dianna Heintz was crowned carnival queen Sunday at Glenella's annual carnival.

Twenty NACI students accompanied by two chaperones leave Thursday, Mar. 25, for a two-week educational tour to France.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
March 27, 2006**

Two mayors, two MLAs and a host of reeves and councillors stood firm outside the office of Government Services minister Ron Lemieux.

So did Lemieux. "As of Apr. 1, we're consolidating all the land management into a special operating agency," Lemieux said last Thursday, dismissing the notion that the hallway protest would save 19 government jobs that are being moved from Neepawa and Minnedosa.

That wasn't what the delegation at the Manitoba Legislature wanted to



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Jack Carey, assistant fire commissioner, is seen here demonstrating the use of a fire extinguisher in 1976. This visit in late March of that year was one of the first the fire commission would ever make to the schools to demonstrate such equipment.

hear. "We've requested a meeting with the minister, so we can discuss what's really happening," said Neepawa mayor Bob Durston.

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 Mar. 30 at 8:45 pm | Mar. 31 at 10:30 am | Apr. 3 at 1:45 pm

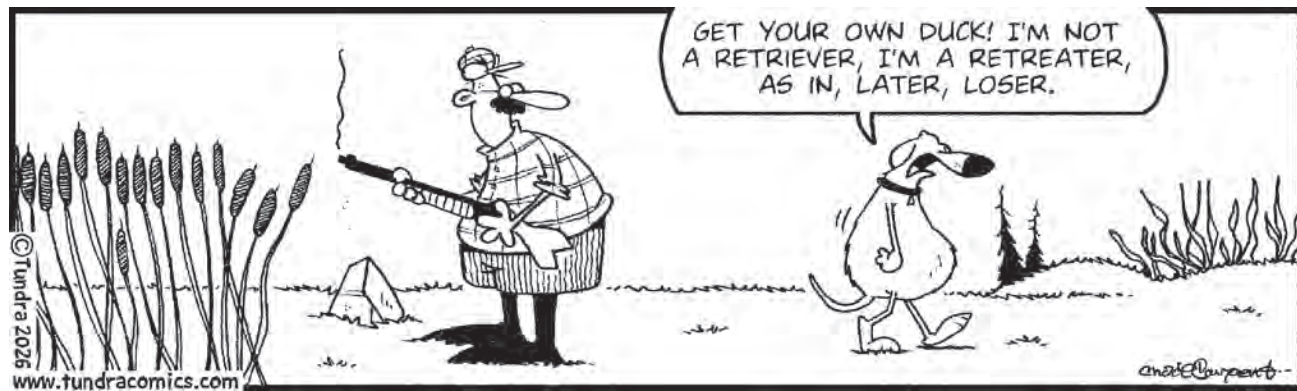
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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



HOMEBOODIES

RITA FRIESEN

Flitting scenes

There was a scene, tucked way back in the memory bank, that resurfaced this week. We were speaking of a deer that had been struck by a vehicle, escaped only to suffer terribly, and was finally released in a respectful manner. Even hearing the story caused my heart to hurt, and I had not witnessed any part of it.

Years ago, driving to work from the farm, I came across a dog that had been struck and killed. Sitting, sadly, patiently, beside it was another dog. I assumed that they were friends that had stepped out for an adventure. I wondered how long before they were missed, how long the loving companion sat there mourning. Neither were there when I returned. Thankfully.

Other scenes then resurfaced. Not all sad. I recall having grandchildren in the car, and the five year old lad spotted a combine in a field. I had not seen it, was not certain there had been one. His siblings assured me that if Bryon said there was a combine, there was!

During my stint as a single parent when the children were, let's say four and five, I was accustomed to entertaining them while driving. Playing eye spy, and pointing out interesting things— scenes and animals— as we drove. On a rare occasion I was without the children, with another adult, and I caught myself still being the tour guide— did you see the horses in that field? Rather like thrusting one's arm out to protect a passenger, before seat belts, and still reflex action throwing your arm in front of another adult! Habits die hard.

Amusing the grands in church... so many silent games we played! I would draw half of an object and they would have to try to complete the picture. We made a baby in a cradle out of a kleenex, paper aeroplanes that were refused take off privileges, and little paper boats. There was the Sunday one of them quietly asked about all the brown spots on my hands and I assured them they were playing connect the dots... they could have been...

So many of my memories include children, grandchildren and now the great grandchildren. I am careful which one of my childhood stories I wish to share. I don't think they need to know that grandma skipped school by climbing out the hallway window. I don't think they need to know that grandma led a modest insurrection in the twelfth grade. I do tell them how I walked home from school— three and a half miles— when I was in grade two because the teacher said clearly that the next person who forgot their books at home would walk home and get them. I had forgotten mine, and I went before being told. Only I had not notified anyone, just raised my hand to be excused and kept walking!

No one was happy that day, not my parents, my teachers, or me! There are so many life lessons in that story!

I am thankful for the wealth of great memories, scenes that flit a land and go. I am thankful for the ability to process unhappy memories, and oh, so thankful to be still creating memories!

Random thoughts

Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote, "In the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

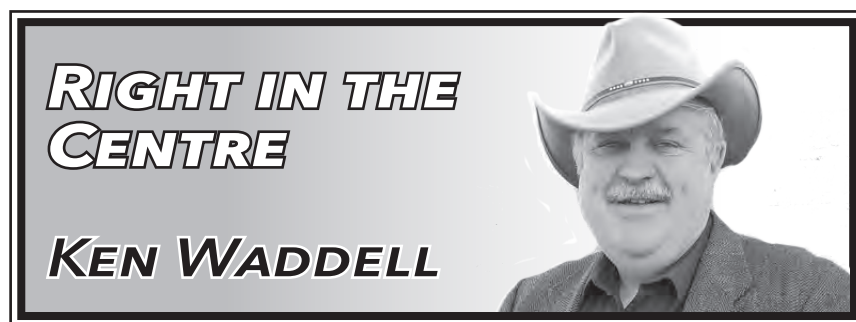
That sounds good to me, but I am not a young man, am happily married and, yes, I am still in love with my wife of 57 years.

I will admit that in the spring though, my thoughts do turn, or maybe more accurately, churn. Warmer weather, spring rains, a whole summer ahead of us and that means it's time to take on some projects. It also means thinking about a lot of things that should be changed.

This column will be a lot of mixed ideas for change and improvements.

- Every community we serve with our three newspapers has their strengths and weaknesses. I hope that voters in all communities will take a serious look at how to preserve and improve their communities. The power is in your hands. This is a municipal election year. Roads can be graded, ditches can be mowed, garbage cleaned up, houses improved. Maybe if we all got off our butts and our phones, we would get more stuff done. Don't always wait for the government to come to your assistance, sometimes they have too many fires to put out to pay any more attention to us

- Neepawa's Yellowhead Centre, when it was built in 1971 was a crown jewel of western Manitoba recreation centres. Since then, replacements or upgrades have been made in Rivers, Virden, Killarney, Brandon and many other western Manitoba communities. I am looking forward to the report from the multi municipal and facility committee. Hopefully it will include a 10 year plan to upgrade and maintain existing Neepawa facilities while looking forward to some new facilities. As to the actual Yellowhead, there was an upgrade plan in the 90s, a full study in 2012-13, an



RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL

economic operational study about five years ago and a physical upgrade study around 2014. All these reports were only partly completed. I believe that is because the Town of Neepawa has refused for years to take leadership on recreation. And full disclosure, even though I was mayor of Neepawa twice, I didn't get the transition done either.

Neepawa's three major recreation facilities, the arena and hall, the curling rink and golf course, unlike most towns, are not town owned. I believe that it is too much to ask volunteer groups to do what they can do without management and oversight from the Town.

- A year or two ago, the City of Winnipeg started having security staff on city buses. I actively encouraged that idea with the Winnipeg mayor's office, in fact suggesting that Winnipeg City Police be on the buses. The city stopped short of that, instead they have security people. It has helped reduce danger on the buses but I understand that the City is looking at putting police officers on the buses. Makes sense to me. If someone is intent on causing trouble on a bus with anything from non-payment of a bus ticket to being annoying to violence, it should be dealt with quickly. There is no reason anyone should be subject to danger or abuse on a city bus.

- Manitoba has so much to offer but we fall so short of where we should be and could be. We are a "have-not" province which means we are a welfare case among the other contributing

provinces. In fact, if BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan were to separate from Canada, it would be hard to convince them to take us along. How on earth does it make any sense that the Keystone province, the centre of Canada, one of our first founding provinces can't carry our own weight.

- I look forward to a quick end to the war in Iran but it's not looking good. Countries in that part of the world have been fighting off and on for thousands of years. That said, Iran was very prosperous and relatively free country 50 years ago. Take a look on the internet as to how life looked in Iran in the 60s and 70s. It has since sunk into the depths of fear, repression, very bad regimes and a lot of death and destruction under a religious zealot system that forces their views on others. Few people are happy with Donald Trump but the US and its Allies have been treated very badly by Iran. Iran holds the world hostage for oil, kills their own dissenters and, horror of horrors, have now hung one of their top athletes because he protested. This is reason enough to overthrow the government. The problem is they have a lot of oil, can hold the world hostage and they place no value on human life. They are a nihilistic society where death is valued more than life.

- Let me know your thoughts.

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Letters to the editor

Reply to Dan Mazier voting against Bill C-9

In the March 20th Neepawa Banner & Press, a message from MP Dan Mazier was published stating he would be voting against Bill C-9. While I agree there can be a cause for concern with Bill C-9, I believe Dan Mazier is spreading misinformation about what is in the actual Bill.

Bill C-9, the Combating Hate Act, is meant to amend the Criminal Code in regards to hate propaganda, hate crimes, and access to religious or cultural places.

Bill C-9 refers to Section 319 of the Criminal Code, which is the Section that defines hate crimes in public spaces against any identifiable group. In the Criminal Code, an identifiable group

is, for example, people distinguished by their race, religion, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. Bill C-9 then defines hatred as “an emotion of an intense and extreme nature that is clearly associated with vilification and detestation.” Bill C-9 clarifies that, for Section 319, inciting or promoting hatred cannot solely be because you are being humiliating or offensive.

Dan Mazier said, “Religious freedoms are under attack in Canada” and that the Bill will “strip a 50 year old protection from our Criminal Code that protects people of faith who are simply quoting their sacred texts and expressing what they believe.”

Where in the Bill does it prohibit “simply” quoting sacred texts and expressing beliefs? How can the Bill take away religious freedoms when the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the “freedom of conscience and religion”? The Charter is the first part of the Constitution and is considered supreme law.

The Charter guarantees the freedom of religion, and “simply” quoting texts and expressing beliefs isn’t Bill C-9’s threshold for hatred against an identifiable group. Statements like this from Dan Mazier obscure the actual discussion, which is about hate crimes.

**Arden Raaen
Neepawa, MB**

‘Things are getting worse’

Hi, my name is Levi Cottingham and I am a Conservative (for those who didn’t already know). Now that we got that out of the way...

Manitobans were promised meaningful change when the Manitoba New Democratic Party formed government. Unfortunately, things are getting worse. Ask a healthcare worker. Ask a parent. Ask a tradesperson.

The reality on the ground has not improved. In fact, many would argue it has gotten worse. Access to health care remains one of the biggest concerns. Emergency rooms face reduced hours or closures, doctor shortages persist, and too

many families are forced to travel long distances just to receive basic care. These are not abstract policy issues—they are everyday realities that affect people’s safety and quality of life.

The numbers back this up. As noted by the Fraser Institute: “On the campaign trail back in 2023, Premier Wab Kinew promised to fix Manitoba’s health-care system. Fast-forward to today and the province’s health-care spending has increased 9 per cent (per person, after adjusting for inflation) while wait times have increased 34 per cent. Manitobans also continue to struggle with a doctor shortage, and patients are dying after long

waits in the emergency room.” For rural communities, where access is already limited, these trends are even more alarming.

Manitoba’s economic outlook is stark to say the least as well. When the NDP took office in October 2023, the unemployment rate was about 5.2 per cent. The latest numbers from January 2026 show that the unemployment rate is 6.3 per cent. This is not good news for Manitobans - particularly youth who are consistently being squeezed out of the job market by unfriendly labour and immigration policies.

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HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN’S KITCHEN

Glenella

Glenella is a town and municipality with a strong farming community built on hard work and a love of the land. In 1990 a history book of the area was published, called “Tracks of Time.” It covers the history of the village of Glenella and the R.M. of Glenella. The early days of settlement saw as many as 27 schools existing at one time. Some closed for lack of enrollment and the remaining ones were eventually consolidated into Glenella Municipal School in the village of Glenella. In 1990 the Glenella School put out a cookbook called “Rural Cooking from our Kitchens.” Teacher Harvey Walker, in the expression of appreciation says, “A special thanks to the grade 10 class for their efforts in raising funds to interestingly enhance their education in geography.” I wonder what they purchased with their money from the cookbook sales? Here is a sample of recipes from this cookbook. Enjoy.

Coleslaw that keeps –Janice Abstreiter, Glenella

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| 1 large (3 lb.) cabbage | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 large onion | 1 tsp. dry mustard |
| 1/2 red pepper, optional | 1 tsp. celery seed |
| 1/2 green pepper | 1/2 cup cider vinegar |
| 2 or 3 grated carrots | 1/2 cup white vinegar |
| 1 cup of sugar | 2/3 cup vegetable oil |

Chop the cabbage, onion, and peppers. Add grated carrots. Mix remaining ingredients and bring to a boil until the sugar is dissolved. Pour the mixture over the vegetables. Cool to room temperature. Keep in the fridge.

This is great for cold sandwiches with mustard.

Homemade sausage –Marilyn Dilk, Glenella

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| 4 lbs. lean ground beef | 1 Tbsp. onion powder |
| 1 1/2 cups of water | 1 Tbsp. mustard seed |
| 4 Tbsp. curing salt | 1 Tbsp. pepper |
| 1 Tbsp. garlic powder | |

Mix well. Store covered in refrigerator for 24 hours. Roll into one pound each. Wrap each in tin foil. Place holes in top and bottom of tin foil. Place it on a broiler pan. Bake at 350°F for one hour.

Homemade noodles –Barbara Kushner, Glenella

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| 1 beaten egg | 2 Tbsp. milk |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 1 cup sifted flour |

Combine first three ingredients. Add four to make a stiff dough. Roll very thin on floured surface. Let stand 20 minutes. Sprinkle flour on and roll up thin. Slice quite thin. Drop into salted boiling water and cook, uncovered for 10 minutes. Drain and rinse in cool water.

Health bread –Rose Dayholos, Glenella

Scald 4 cups of milk and pour over 2 cups of oatmeal and 1/2 cup of oil. Let stand until lukewarm.

Yeast mix:

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| 1/2 cup lukewarm water | 2 Tbsp. yeast |
| | 1 tsp. honey |

Add the yeast, water and honey together in a small bowl. Allow to rest for 5-10 minutes until foaming and bubbly. Stir in yeast mixture to the oatmeal and milk mixture.

Add:

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| 1/2 cup molasses | 1/2 cup flax seed |
| 1 Tbsp. salt | 1/2 cup shelled sunflower seeds |
| 1/2 cup wheat germ | |

Add 4 cups white flour and beat with an electric mixer. Add 5 to 6 cups whole wheat flour. Let rise until double, about 1 hour. Punch down and let rise again, about 1 hour. Shape into loaves and let rise again, about 1 hour. Bake at 375°F for 30 minutes. Makes 4 loaves.

Pineapple best ever cake –Rose Flatt, Glenella

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| 1-19 oz. crushed pineapple, juice and all | 2 tsp. baking soda |
| 2 eggs beaten | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 1/2 cups white sugar | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 2 cups flour | 1 cup chopped nuts |

Mix together and pour into a 9X13 inch greased pan. Bake at 350°F for 40 to 45 minutes.



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Manitoba Government unveils its new budget

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Affordability and health care were the biggest take-aways from Manitoba's new budget for 2026. Finance Minister Adrien Sala presented the document in the legislature on Tuesday, Mar. 24.

In his speech, Sala promised that the provincial sales tax will be removed from food and beverages sold in grocery stores on July 1. Basic groceries are already tax-free, and the exemption will expand to items such as prepared meals, snacks and carbonated drinks. Health-care funding is also central to the budget plan, with a commitment of more money for nursing training and cardiac care. Other notable items mentioned in the speech included:

- The government increasing its education property tax credit by \$100 to \$1,700. That will assist the majority of homeowners, though it will be reduced on a sliding scale for homes with assessed values of more than \$1 mil-

lion. As well, homes valued at more than \$1.5 million will no longer receive the credit;

- Additional investment in efforts to lower E.R. wait times. This includes the creation of new zones adjacent to Emergency Rooms, where patients with unique needs can be seen by specialists right away. Second, there will be an addition of transitional beds in care settings for patients that still need health care, but are ready to leave the hospital. That is expected to free up space for the higher acuity patients, so that they can move through the E.R.'s faster.

- Child care will become free for 3,500 families currently charged \$2 a day. The measure will cost the government \$3.1 million annually;

- A promise to work with municipalities to provide free transit for young people.

- The creation of 215 new social and affordable housing.

Neepawa Belles, Beaux and Builders at work in the community

Submitted
NEEPAWA 4-H CLUB

Shining spotlights, huge crowds, the smell of buttered popcorn... Welcome to the Neepawa Roxy Theatre. Since 1906, the Roxy has been a place of amazing performances and breathtaking plays.

However, all great things have great people behind them! The Roxy is a great place for the community to come together and enjoy a show, but the theatre needs volunteers. From working the popcorn machine to handing out tickets, there's a job for everyone!

One of the Roxy's most frequent volunteer groups is the Neepawa Belles, Beaux, and Builders 4-H group. Though the youngest of the group is only eight, everyone helps do their jobs!

This 4-H group has been helping out at the Roxy for years, and you can too! Of course, there are more benefits than just doing good for your community!

By volunteering at the Roxy, you get a free bag of popcorn, to watch the movie playing for free, and who knows? You might even



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Pictured: Kaden Shibata, Rachel Davidson, Branden Shibata, and Lynn Davidson of the Neepawa Belles, Beaux, and Builders 4-H group. The Belles, Beaux, and Builders have been a group of dedicated volunteers at Neepawa's Roxy Theatre, the Salvation Army, and more.

see a few friendly faces!

Volunteering is great for all ages, as well! Improve your money-handling skills, meet new people, and even learn how to work a popcorn machine!

The Belles, Beaux, and Builders would love for you

to join them! 4-H not only volunteers at the Roxy, but in other places around the community as well, such as the Salvation Army! It's a great way to help your community, make new friends, and earn credits, all while learning to do new things in

a fun, hands-on way!

If you wish to volunteer at the Neepawa Roxy, contact Amanda Baskerville. If you are interested in joining the Belles, Beaux, and Builders 4-H group and their projects, please contact Cindy Zubert!

Neepawa maps out 2026 water/sewer priorities

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Town of Neepawa has identified its' preferences for water and sewer upgrades for the year ahead, and is sending that 'wish list' to Winnipeg.

Each spring, the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) sends out a request to rural municipalities to assemble a list of local projects they'd like technical and financial assistance with. Those lists are then reviewed by the crown corporation and funding or other supports are distributed to some of those projects.

This annual process has assisted Neepawa throughout the years, and has helped cover a portion of the costs

of several major water and sewer expansions and renovations. On Mar. 17, Town Council, with guidance from the administration, decided that this year's priorities are as follows:

- Water Tower rehabilitation;

- A study of the distribution flow and pressure analysis of the community's water mains;

- Water and Sewer Mains for new development as part of Project 320; and

- Installation of a third Reverse Osmosis (RO) filtration system at the Neepawa Water Plant

Council approved a resolution on these water and sewer priorities to be forwarded to the MWSB before the submission deadline of Mar. 31.

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MINNEDOSA REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Minnedosa Regional Health Foundation is embarking on a fundraising campaign to purchase equipment for the Minnedosa Health Centre. After consultations with the staff and physicians, the following items have been identified to be important to improve and maintain medical care.

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- 1) **Laparoscopic/MIS** set of 2 for the OR which includes updated camera equipment for general surgeons to perform more laparoscopic surgeries
- 2) **Ophthalmology Surgical Equipment** to upgrade and increase the number of surgeries and treatment of eye conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration.
- 3) **Slit Lamp** for follow up assessment after eye surgery which will prevent patients from having to travel to Brandon.
- 4) **CMAC Glidescope** for operating room and emergency room use to intubate patients, providing an airway, who have coded during surgery or recovery.
- 5) **Accuvein Vein Finder** to assist in locating veins thus preventing multiple attempts to start an IV in pediatric, elderly and acutely ill patients needing medications, fluids and blood samples.

The total cost for this equipment is \$180,000. Some purchases will replace the old equipment and some purchases will allow caregivers to provide new procedures at our hospital. All purchases will improve the care provided at Minnedosa Health Centre and ensure more of the patients' needs can be met locally. By providing the necessary tools, our doctors and nurses will have greater job satisfaction which creates a positive work environment. This positive work culture benefits patients and may attract new staff.

In the effort to support medical services for the community and surrounding area, the Minnedosa Regional Health Foundation encourages donations to achieve this goal. The Foundation is a charitable organization and income tax receipts are issued for all donations.

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Activity seen on Neepawa's Project 320

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A wave of recent construction activity on Neepawa's North End has a lot of people asking questions right about now. Fortunately, Mayor Brian Hedley has a few answers for them that they'll likely be very happy to hear.

During a Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 17, the Mayor set aside a few minutes to update the community on a development known locally as Project 320. This project is a massive housing and commercial expansion planned for a 320-acre parcel of land on the northwest edge of town.

Over the last few weeks, there's been a noticeable amount of equipment operating on sections of the land near Highway #5, that has locals talking. Hedley said due to the amount of curiosity related to that work, the Town thought it was time to share an update.

"Significant progress has been made over the past several weeks, as the Town continues to complete the key actions required for opening up the new subdivision," expressed Hedley. "The provincial requirements, including a traffic and drainage study are being completed to inform the final design and lot layout. [As well], construction work is underway, including the installation of the new water and sewer lines and a lift station that will service the lots within the

subdivision."

Hedley added that this essential infrastructure represents a major milestone and should ensure that fully serviced residential lots are available for the fall of this year.

"[And] like C.N. land development, Project 320 is being structured to pay for itself. The sale of the residential lots will cover the cost of the required infrastructure, making this a financially responsible project, resulting in long term growth and sustainability," added Hedley.

The Mayor concluded by indicating that additional updates will be shared as the project moves forward on the town's social media platforms, including home ownership workshops planned for later this year.

The decision to purchase this additional land goes back to 2024, and was based on recommendations made within a Town Housing Study. The document reviewed the suitability of our current housing market and identified potential areas of concern over the long-term. It made several suggestions, the first of those being the acquisition of additional properties.

As for future plans for the 320 acres, a mixture of houses and apartment complexes, as well as the creation of a new industrial sector, are part of the land's long term vision.

We need to talk about the Courthouse

Neepawa Council discuss Beautiful Plains County Courthouse

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It might be time for everyone to have an uncomfortable conversation about the future of the Beautiful Plains County Courthouse.

At the latest Neepawa Town Council meeting, Darryl Gerrard brought forward a discussion on the century plus old building. Gerrard, who also sits as a member of Courthouse board, explained that the facility is facing an array of challenges right now. Those challenges include the passing of deficit budget in 2026, the depletion of the funding reserves over the last five years and significant structural issues that need to be addressed, sooner rather than later. He added that it could be time to look at Neepawa's long-term involvement in that facility.

"As a community, we're going to have to review how and on what levels we want to participate in that facility. Currently, we have no use in it," explained Gerrard. "Just my personal opinion... Does it warrant Neepawa considering its options of being a partner in that facility... I'm just throwing it out there."

Gerrard clarified his comments to stress that there is no action at this time in regard to Neepawa diversifying itself from the building, and that this is just 'having the conversation'.

"I think [the discussion] warrants transparency in the community."

It's important to note that Neepawa does not own the Beautiful Plains County Courthouse. As it is currently structured, there are three existing partners responsible for managing the building: The Town of Neepawa, R.M. of North Cypress-Langford and the R.M. of Rosedale. The



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Beautiful Plains County Courthouse.

costs of maintaining the building are split amongst the partners, with one partner (Rosedale) using the facility full time to do business out of and another

(North Cypress-Langford) using it sporadically for municipal business. Neepawa, in terms of municipal operations, does not operate out of the building whatsoever.

The Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce, and Victoria's Quilts do rent space within the building, but are merely paying tenants.

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A good year for the Neepawa Youth Curling Club

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NEEPAWA YOUTH CURLING CLUB

The Neepawa Youth Curling Club (NYCC) enjoyed a successful 2025–2026 season, expanding ice time and participants from the 2024–2025 season. This winter, 32 young curlers aged seven to 13 took part in the program. To keep the sport flexible and accessible for families, the club structured the season into two half sessions running from October through March.

The first session, held from October to December, focused on on-ice training. For many participants, it was their first time stepping onto curling ice. Volunteer coaches worked closely with the young curlers to build foundational skills: balance, delivery, sweeping, and basic strategy.

The second session, from January to March, shifted into game play. The kids were split into teams and placed into their own in-house league, giving them a chance to experience real game situations, call shots, and work together as teammates. The season wrapped up with a fun playoff round and a lively glow-curling windup.

Teams made up of NYCC participants also had the

chance to test their skills beyond the local rink. They attended youth bonspiels in Minnedosa, Erickson, Carberry, and Gladstone, proudly representing the NYCC and gaining valuable competitive experience along the way.

Neepawa hosted its own youth bonspiel on Feb. 22, featuring mostly NYCC teams along with one visiting team from Carberry. It was a fun, easygoing environment that helped many curlers take part in their first bonspiel with confidence. Thank you to Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op for their prize donations.

Every member of the NYCC took part in the Canada-wide Hit Draw Tap competition, beginning with a local club round. Winners from that event advanced to a regional competition hosted in Neepawa. At regionals, Ana-Bea van Wyk Blaauw captured the 8–9 year-old category, while Eli Menzies won the 6–7 year-old category. Both advanced to the Provincial Hit Draw Tap event in Selkirk, held during the Provincial Men's Bunge Championship. In Selkirk, Eli Menzies won



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Top picture: All the participants that curled in the Neepawa Youth Bonspiel on Feb. 22. Above left: The League windup at the Neepawa Curling Club on Monday, Mar. 23. Above right picture: The winners of youth league for 2025 - Jack Boyle, Jimmie MacDonald, and Sum King Chan.

the provincial title in the 6–7 year-old division — an exciting achievement for both him and the club.

The Neepawa Youth Curling Club continues to

thrive thanks to the dedication of its volunteers. The Neepawa Curling Club extends its appreciation to head coach Brent Boyle and the many volunteer

coaches who contributed their time and expertise throughout the season. The program will return for the 2026–2027 season with a similar format, so

keep the Neepawa Youth Curling Club in mind when planning your child's winter activities next year!

East coast kitchen party concert comes to Neepawa

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Kaleidoscope Concerts, along with the Neepawa Legion, present the Derina Harvey Band on Saturday, Apr. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion.

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Manitoba TESA award winners keep on learning

By Angela Lovell
MB BEEF PRODUCERS

Connor and Kyla English of English Ranching Ltd. accepted the 2025 Manitoba Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA), presented to them by Stacey Stott of MNP, at the Manitoba Beef Producers AGM on February 12 in Brandon.

The couple received the award for their dedication to sustainable farming and adoption of environmentally-friendly practices on their family farm at Bradwardine, Manitoba.

In his nomination of the Englishs, Andre Stepler of Stepler Farms Ltd said they are “thoughtful, motivated and principled individuals whose commitment to sustainability and advocacy clearly sets them apart.”

Bringing new ideas

After Connor rented some pasture and began building his own cattle herd in 2021, he began farming alongside his parents, Brian and Leanne English of Melody Acres Beef, the following year, bringing with him new ideas to enhance the regenerative and conservation practices his dad was already practicing on the original family farm.

That winter, the Englishs grazed standing corn for the first year, and began to convert 80 per cent of their farmland to forages, dividing paddocks with temporary fencing to allow for daily moves to avoid overgrazing and allow the land to rest and rejuvenate between grazing.

Water management is one of the biggest challenges on their farms, and they have developed two very low flowing water



PHOTO BY ROB LOVATT

Pictured from left to right: Brian and Leanne English, of Rivers, Manitoba; Hon. Ron Kostyshyn, and Kyla and Connor English along with their children. The English family were named the 2026 recipient of The Environmental Stewardship Award from Manitoba Beef Producers.

wells that pump water into a buried 15,000-gallon tank for watering the cattle during winter. They have installed solar watering systems for summer and winter watering sites, with both a stationary solar direct water pumping system, and another mobile solar system to move with the cattle.

They practice silage pile grazing as well as bale grazing out on the paddocks, returning manure and urine back to the land to improve soil health and reducing labour and fuel costs for hauling bales and manure.

Proud to reduce food waste

The Englishs are proud to be involved in a national program called LOOP

that aims to reduce food waste from grocery stores by feeding it to cattle. “The biggest reward we find is the knowledge that we have stopped the large tonnage of food from being dumped into our landfills, where it takes years to breakdown,” Connor said in his TESA submission.

In nominating the couple, beef producer (and former

TESA recipient) Ryan Boyd said they “actively pursue ongoing education to stay at the forefront of conservation practices, ensuring their methods are innovative and effective.”

Continuous learning is important to Connor and his dad, who frequently attend courses, field days and virtual learning events. They have also hosted a field

day to show attendees their many regenerative practices such as intercropping with corn and peas, multi-species cover crops and their watering systems.

They are working towards their goal of raising nutritionally dense, healthy livestock and reducing the use of industrial fertilizer and chemical sprays and having completely elimin-

ated the use of fungicides on both their farms.

Their conservation practices have encouraged wildlife to thrive on their land, where they frequently see moose, deer, rabbits and many new or returning species of birds. It seems that their farms are a great place to live for wildlife, cattle and people.

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Aging farmers, aging equipment

A growing safety challenge on Canadian farms

Media Release
CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL

The late-winter sun hangs low over a machine shed in rural Canada. Inside, a farmer in his 70s climbs into a tractor he has operated for more than four decades. The machine still runs reliably but its lack of modern safety features tell a quieter story, one that's shared by farms across the country.

As farmers work later into life and equipment remains in service longer than ever, the risks associated with this trend are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.

National Farm Safety Week is March 14-20 and the Canada Safety Council is raising awareness on the intersection of aging operators and aging machinery, a combination that significantly increases the likelihood of serious injury.

By the numbers...

Machinery remains the leading cause of agricultural fatalities in Canada. According to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting (CAIR) program, 2,814 agriculture-related fatalities were recorded between 1990 and 2020, representing an average of 91 deaths per year over the full period and 70 per year between 2006 and 2020.

Machinery, especially the tractor, continues to account for the largest share of fatalities, with rollovers, runovers and entanglements representing the most common circumstances.

Canada's farm population, meanwhile, is aging. Statistics Canada's Census of Agriculture continues to identify a rising proportion of farm operators aged 55 and older. In 2021, the most recent year for which

information is available, that demographic accounted for 60.5 per cent of Canada's 262,045 farm population.

"As farmers age and equipment ages with them, the risks change," said Gareth Jones, President & CEO of the Canada Safety Council. "Older machinery may lack rollover protection or reliable braking systems. And at the same time, older operators may be facing natural changes in mobility, reaction time and visibility. Recognizing these realities helps protect the people who built the farms and ensures they can continue working safely."

Tips and Tricks

- Evaluate older equipment for safety. Look for worn tires, degraded brakes, poor lighting and unguarded power take-offs (PTOs).
- Schedule preventative maintenance. Build regu-

lar inspections and servicing into the farm calendar to catch mechanical issues early and keep aging machinery operating safely.

- Plan tasks with physical changes in mind. Avoid high-risk terrain and allow extra time for mounting, dismounting and rest.
- Ensure lighting is adequate for early-morning or late-evening work. Establish check-ins with family members to allow for quick response in case of emergency.

Aging farmers and aging equipment are both realities of modern Canadian agriculture. But neither needs to become a source of preventable tragedy. Take the time to understand how these factors interact. Take practical steps to address them. This way, farm families can protect their most valuable assets: their people and their livelihood.



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Canada's farmland values continued to climb in 2025

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FARM CREDIT CANADA

The average value of Canadian farmland continued its steady climb in 2025, increasing by 9.3 per cent, according to the latest FCC Farmland Values Report. The Prairie provinces drove much of the year's average increase, while the Maritimes followed with continued growth. In contrast, Ontario and Quebec's increase in average values eased from the stronger gains recorded in previous years.

Manitoba recorded the largest average farmland value increase at 12.2 per cent, followed by Alberta at 11.4 per cent and Saskatchewan at 9.4 per cent. In Atlantic Canada, New Brunswick showed a 9.1 per cent gain and Prince Edward Island rose by 8.5 per cent, while Nova Scotia recorded a more modest 1.6 per cent increase. Farmland values in Quebec increased by 4.8 per cent, reflecting steady demand across a diverse agricultural base, while Ontario saw a slower pace of growth at 2.2 per

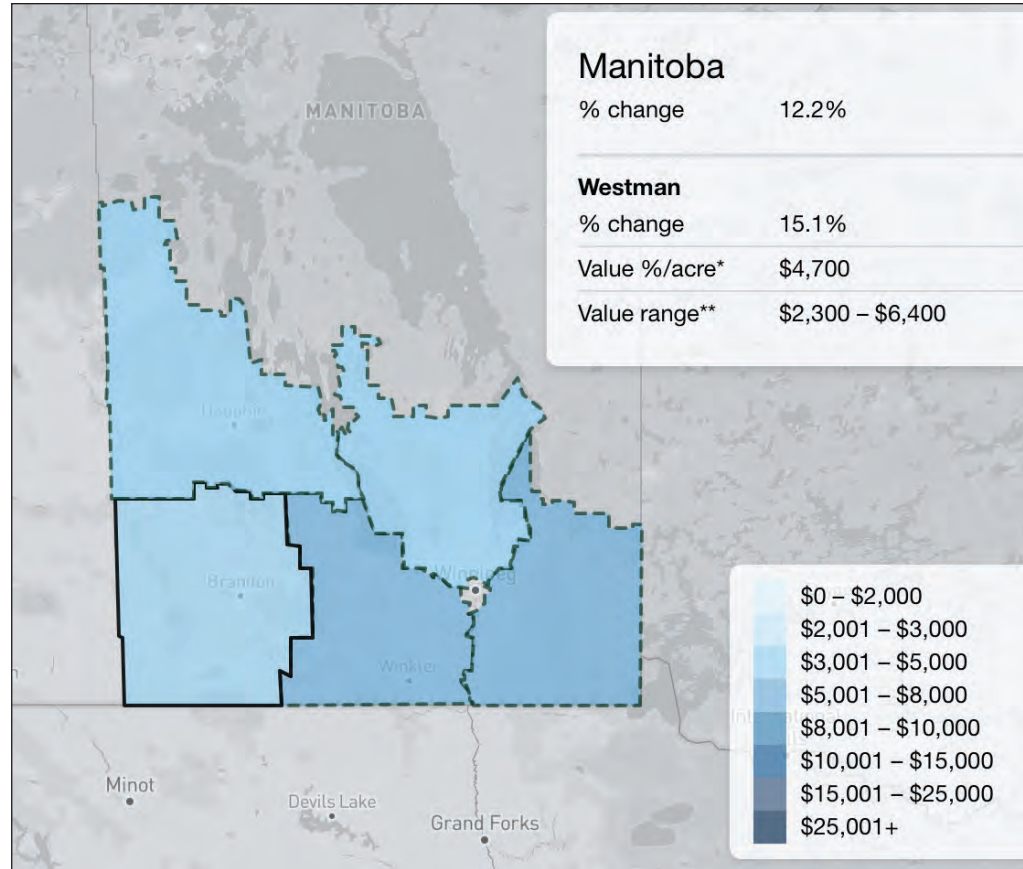
cent following several years of stronger gains. Four provinces reported higher growth rates in 2025 than 2024: Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

British Columbia recorded a decline in the average value of 1.7 per cent, yet the province has the highest farmland values on average. There were insufficient publicly reported sales in Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon to fully assess changes in farmland values in those regions.

Defying expectations

Over the past year the Canadian farmland market remained resilient, defying expectations as producers continued to expand their land base and make strategic acquisitions, supporting values across cultivated, irrigated, and pastureland nationwide.

"Demand for farmland remained robust, supported by long-term confidence in Canadian agriculture, lower borrowing costs, strong livestock prices and



In the most recent evaluation of farmland values across Canada, Manitoba recorded the largest year-over-year increase at 12.2 per cent, with Westman above the average at 15.1 per cent.

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the limited supply of land available for sale," said J.P. Gervais, ag production executive vice-president at FCC. "The ongoing uncertainties related to trade and tariffs, high input costs and low commodity prices did not deter buyers' interest in farmland. These factors

combined with varying local market conditions will influence future trends in farmland affordability."

While more than 30 years of increasing farmland values is good news for current owners, it can present

a significant challenge to those who want to enter the agriculture sector. FCC offers products such as the Transition Loan to support young farmers and others looking to join a thriving industry.

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The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba is excited to announce the theme days for the 2026 Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, running Monday, Mar. 30 to Saturday, Apr. 4, 2026 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. This year's theme, "A Royal Celebration of Agriculture and Community," promises six days of spring break fun filled with entertainment, equestrian events, live performances, food, trade shows, agricultural education, and family-friendly activities.

2026 Theme Days:

A weeklong celebration

Monday, Mar. 30 – Heroes Day: Heroes Day kicks off the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair by celebrating the outstanding contributions of our military members, police officers, public safety communicators, firefighters, and EMS personnel. Special recognition and activities throughout the day will honour those who serve and protect our communities. As a token of appreciation, eligible heroes will receive free admission to the RMWF upon presentation of valid service identification, and their entire carload will receive 50 per cent off gate admission.

Tuesday, Mar. 31 – 4-H Day: Celebrate the next generation of agricultural leaders on 4-H Day. Members from clubs across Manitoba will participate in demonstrations and evening ceremonies, showcasing their hard work and dedication. Visitors can enjoy hands-on activities and learn more about agriculture through these inspiring youth programs.

Wednesday, Apr. 1 – RBC Family Day: RBC Family Day invites families to enjoy a full day of fun and entertainment. From live performances to educational activities, this day is

designed to bring everyone together and highlight the best of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.

Thursday, April 2 – Forever Royal Kids Day:

Forever Royal Kids Day is dedicated to kids and families, with interactive activities and surprises throughout the fairgrounds. Through the Forever Royal Community Ticket Program, local partners purchase and provide complimentary tickets for selected families and community groups, helping ensure more children and families can enjoy the RMWF.

Friday, Apr. 3 – Multicultural Day:

Multicultural Day celebrates the diversity of Manitoba. Visitors can experience cultural performances, music, food, and displays that reflect the rich traditions and heritage of communities from across the province.

Saturday, Apr. 4 – Indigenous Celebrations Day:

Indigenous Celebrations Day honors the culture, history, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in Manitoba. The day features storytelling, dance, music, and hands-on activities to showcase Indigenous traditions and



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MJHL Playoffs



Game results

Friday, Mar. 20 Virden 6-0 Neepawa

First Period
10:31 VDN C. Worthington (1)
ASST B. Bryant (1), A. Osiowy (1)
13:36 VDN D. Drake (1)
ASST T. Draper (1)

Second Period
16:32 VDN D. Drake (2)
ASST T. Plaisier (1), L. Black-Greaves (1)
18:58 VDN M. Light (1)
ASST: B. Bryant (2), T. Plaisier (2)
19:46 VDN D. Drake (3)
ASST: B. Laing (1), T. Draper (2)

Third Period
01:39 VDN L. Goertzen (1) PP
ASST T. Plaisier (3), A. Osiowy (2)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	0	0	0	0	0/2
VDN	2	3	1	6	1/4

Goaltender
NPA - B. Burdeny - (W) 23/23 saves
VDN - KC. Couckuyt - (L) 37/43 saves
Attendance: 994 - Tundra Place

Saturday, Mar. 21 Virden 4-1 Neepawa

First Period
03:27 VDN T. Draper (1)
ASST D. Drake (1)
08:12 VDN L. Hoilett (1)
ASST: L. Goertzen (1), A. Osiowy (3)
16:30 VDN T. Draper (2)
ASST: B. Laing (2), T. Plaisier (4)
19:22 VDN B. Bryant (1)
ASST: C. Lewko (1), A. Osiowy (4)

Second Period
No scoring

Third Period
04:52 R. Harris (1)
ASST T. Wamboldt (1), E. Walters (1)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
VDN	4	0	0	4	0/5
NPA	0	0	1	1	0/1

Goaltender
VDN - B. Burdeny - (W) 26/27 saves
NPA - Z. Burleigh - (L) 31/35 saves
Attendance: 486 - Yellowhead Centre

Tuesday, Mar. 24 Virden 6-3 Neepawa

First Period
01:51 VDN T. Plaisier (1)
ASST B. Siemens (1), M. Light (1)
04:26 VDN C. Lewko (1)
ASST B. Bryant (3), C. Worthington (1)
11:50 NPA T. Lewis (1)
ASST T. Wallis (1)
16:42 VDN M. Light (2)
ASST: T. Ulmer (1), B. Siemens (2)
17:08 NPA J. Clark (1)
ASST: C. Kasprick (1), D. McCann (1)

Second Period
No scoring

Third Period
05:05 VDN L. Hoilett (2)
ASST Unassisted
10:42 VDN M. Light (3)
ASST B. Siemens (3), T. Ulmer (2)
19:00 NPA L. Paquette (1) PP
ASST: DJ Meloney (1)
19:21 VDN M. Light (4)
ASST: T. Ulmer (3), B. Siemens (4)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	2	0	1	3	1/3
VDN	3	0	3	6	0/5

Goaltender
NPA - B. Burdeny - (W) 30/36 saves
VDN - KC. Couckuyt - (L) 11/14 saves
Attendance: 847 - Tundra Place

Tiger Hills Hockey Final

Killarney vs. Hartney (Best-of-five series)

Mar. 18: Killarney 5-4 (2OT) Hartney
Mar. 19: Killarney 5-1 Hartney
Mar. 21: Hartney 3-1 Killarney
Mar. 23: Hartney 3-0 Killarney
Mar. 26: Hartney at Killarney
(Championship series tied 2-2)

WHSHL Final

Vincent Massey vs. Dauphin (Best-of-three series)

Mar. 18: Vincent Massey 5-0 Dauphin
Mar. 19: Dauphin 3-1 Vincent Massey
Mar. 23: Vincent Massey 3-2 Dauphin
(Vincent Massey win series 3-2)

Club 55 Bowling

Mar. 19: Ladies' High Single: Caroline Harding 190. **Ladies' High Triple:** Vivian Oswald 500. **Men's High Single & Triple --** 249 & 589.

Other Good Scores: Laurie Kohinski 175; Darrell Gabler 201; Vivian Oswald 179, 150, 171; Chuck Morden 151; Eleanor Scott 161; Frank Porada 159, 178; Elsie Slimmon 150, 185; Russ Taylor 161, 197, 151; Iain Greig 158.

Titans facing an uphill challenge versus Virden



The Neepawa Titans hosted the Virden Oil Capitals for game two of the MJHL first round series on Saturday, Mar. 21. Neepawa put in a solid effort, but fell 4-1.

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An 'uplifting presence to her team'

McCreary's Calleigh Duchart recognized w/ Goaltending Award

Banner Staff NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

One of rural Westman's very own residents was recognized with the Manitoba Female Hockey League (MFHL) U15 AAA's 2025-26 Top Goalie Award. This individual is McCreary's Calleigh Duchart, who plays with the Central Plains Capitals U15 AAA team.

In its public announcement on Mar. 20, the

MFHL U15 AAA noted that Duchart has been "a true backbone for the Capitals this season".

Kicking off with a look at the statistics, the MFHL stated, "Calleigh was a steady and reliable presence in goal all season long, consistently giving her team a chance to win. Facing a high volume of shots night after night, she rose to the challenge and delivered outstanding performances throughout the year."

Looking at the wrap-up of the season, Duchart topped things off with a league-leading .936 save percentage, and is also reported to rank among league leaders in games played, wins, and total saves. Duchart's record for 2025-26 bears 10 wins, three losses.

"Her ability to stay composed under pressure and make timely saves set her apart," said the MFHL.

The recognition this



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Calleigh Duchart, of McCreary. Duchart is a goalie with the Central Plains Capitals U15 AAA, and has been named the MFHL U12 AAA Top Goalie for the 2025-26 season.

award provides extends further than statistics, however.

"Beyond the numbers, Calleigh brings a positive and uplifting presence to her team," the MFHL explained. "Whether making

a big save or bouncing back after a goal, she leads with confidence, resilience, and a team-first mindset."

Congratulations are extended to Calleigh Duchart on recognition well earned.

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NGCC heading into 2026 in great shape

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Golf & Country Club (NGCC) held its annual general meeting on Monday, Mar. 23. The event was held at the Neepawa Curling Club and saw Club members assemble to hear of what was accomplished in 2025 and what NGCC is setting out to do in 2026.

Board president Kevin Levandosky noted that, for the most part, the Club very much moved in the right direction last year, with several projects completed or nearing completion.

Levandovsky also acknowledged Warren Mc-

Leod, the past president of NGCC, whose term with the board has ended. He said Warren's hard work with and support of the board over the years, has been much appreciated.

The financials

After Levandosky's opening statement, he passed the meeting to Craig Johnston, who reviewed the Club's financial statements for the year.

The total revenue for 2025 was \$745,633, which is an impressive increase of \$129,069 over the previous year. Specific increases in the revenue came from green fees (+\$42,833 year-over-year), cart rentals (+\$33,393), and Clubhouse

operations (+ \$23,628).

Expenses also rose year-over-year, going from \$612,137 to \$699,021, but despite that uptick, the NGCC still saw a net positive income for the year of \$46,612.

General manager's report

General manager and CPGA head golf professional Landon Cameron spoke next, reporting that 23,452 rounds were played at the course last year, which is one of the best years recently recorded by Neepawa Golf. As well, participation in the Sandy Bay Associate membership was up slightly, with 802 rounds play.

Tournaments hosted by NGCC last year were very well supported. For 2026, Neepawa has also committed to host the Golf Canada NextGen Prairie Championship. The NextGen is a national golf series that is part of the junior tour. From May to July, six events are staged across the country, featuring the best junior golfers competing to earn an exemption into the National Championship. The Neepawa event will take place from June 19 to 21.

Superintendent's report

Mark Kerkowich said 2025 was a pretty good year, and that they are

feeling positive about 2026. He shared that the planned improvements to #6 green has gone very well and that it should be ready for early June. He did acknowledge they did run into a few issues along the way, primarily with seeding, but that the end result will be worth it.

The #10 green was another project, with the removal of cottonwoods. He said there has been a huge improvement to the quality of the turf.

An annual brush clearing program is being planned moving ahead, while the equipment inventory for the Club is running great.

Kerkowich did conclude by saying there will be a

request for volunteers to help with the bunkers for when the NextGen Championship happens in June.

Special presentation

As part of the AGM, Wayne Jacobsen spoke to the club members in attendance about the proposed Event Centre being explored. One of the four possible locations for this recreation project is just south of the golf course. Jacobsen provided an update on the process and answered questions from members, related to how the Event Centre, if located there, could impact Neepawa Golf & Country Club.

Riding Mountain Curling Club Bonspiel



Riding Mountain Bonspiel
A Side Winners

Tyler Grumpelt, Cynthia Plourde, Jordan Driedger
Marcus Driedger



Riding Mountain Bonspiel
B Side Winners

Titus Loeppky, Bruce Loeppky, Merle Loeppky,
Herman Loeppky



Riding Mountain Bonspiel C Side Winners

Emmett Sandstrom, Tyler Drader, Dillon Birch,
Keith Babcock



Riding Mountain Bonspiel
A Side Runner-ups

Nicole Eden, Trayson Paramore, Matt Eden,
Jerry Paramore



Riding Mountain Bonspiel
B Side Runner-ups

Coleton Venne, Cole Tardiff, Mike Woodcock, Cody Epp



Riding Mountain Bonspiel C Side Runner-ups

Eugene Scott, Heather Birch, Abby Mayuk,
Wayne Scott

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The Riding Mountain Curling Club and Hall held its second annual bonspiel on Mar 6 and 7. Here are the winning teams from this year's event.

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Proposals will be accepted until 4:30pm March 31, 2026, as per directions in the Tender Sheet.

Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne PUBLIC NOTICE Regarding the 2026 Financial Plan

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act, that the council of the Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne intends to present its proposed 2026 financial plan for the municipality. The public hearing will be held in the Glenella Community Hall, 100 Ray Street, in Glenella on the 9th day of April, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.

Copies of the proposed financial plan can be viewed online at www.glenella.ca

Questions and comments can also be directed to Wendy Wutzke, Chief Administrative Officer, or by email to rmofglen@glenella.ca.

Dated this 13th day of March, A.D. 2026

Wendy Wutzke, BSc, CMMA
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Municipality of Glenella - Lansdowne

PUBLIC NOTICE you are invited to attend The Rural Municipality of Alonsa 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING LOCATION:
 Council Chambers at the Municipal Office
 20 Railway Avenue - Alonsa, MB

DATE & TIME:
 May 7, 2026
 11:00 AM Public Hearing

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act, that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa intends to present its proposed 2026 Financial Plan.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Once completed; copies of the proposed draft financial plan can be viewed at the municipal office or online at www.rmofalonsa.com.

Questions and comments may also be directed to CAO Tami Dumanske at 204-767-2054 or by email to info@rmofalonsa.com.

Dated this 19th day of March, A.D. 2026



Tami Dumanske
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Rural Municipality of Alonsa

Notice

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In accordance with Section 11 of the above Act notice is hereby given that the original monuments establishing the ¼ N of Section 25, the ¼ E of Section 35 and the ¼ N of Section 36-18-15 WPM have been lost. New monuments to perpetuate the original location have been planted by Timothy W. Longstaff, Manitoba Land Surveyor on August 6th, 2021.

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TOWN OF NEEPAWA PUBLIC NOTICE - NOTICE OF HEARING Road Closing By-law No. 3238-26

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 290(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Town of Neepawa has scheduled a public hearing at the Municipal Office, located at 275 Hamilton Street, in the Town of Neepawa, in Manitoba, on Monday the 20th day of April 2026, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. to consider a By-Law for the following purpose:

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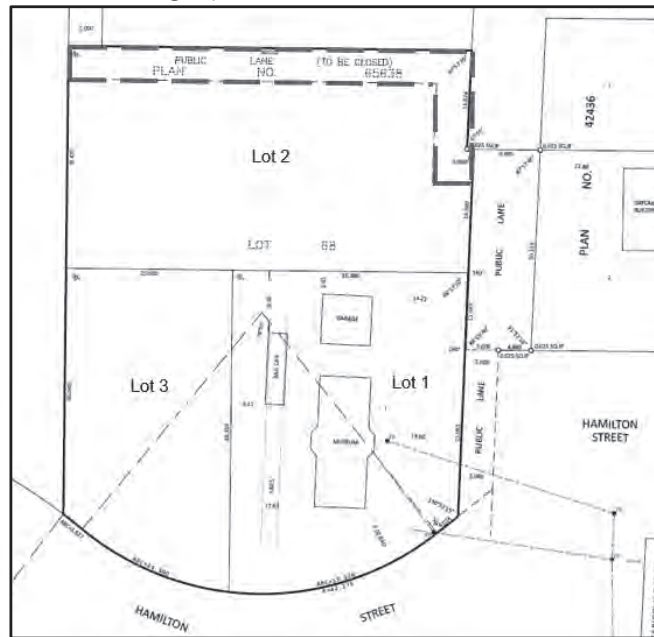
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NOTICE is further given that a copy of the proposed By-Law is on file in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Neepawa, at the Municipal Office at 275 Hamilton Street in the Town of Neepawa, in Manitoba and on the municipal website at www.neepawa.ca

NOTICE is further given that during the public hearing the Council of the Town of Neepawa will allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Dated at the Town of Neepawa this 26th day of March A.D. 2026.

Colleen Synchshyn, C.M.M.A.
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Town of Neepawa
 PH: 204-476-7603 cao@neepawa.ca



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FINANCIAL PLAN 2026

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Town of Neepawa intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing:

April 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa

Copies of the Financial Plan and additional information can be viewed online at neepawa.ca under Notices or at the office 275 Hamilton Street during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Dated this 27th day of March, 2026.

Colleen Synchshyn, C.M.M.A.
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Town of Neepawa



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Municipality of North Norfolk intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year 2026 at a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, the 8th day of April 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council chambers. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the Financial Plan, as provided.

Copies of the Financial Plan are available for review and may be examined by any person by contacting the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

Municipal Office contact is as follows:

Phone: 204-685-2211
 Fax: 204-685-2616

Email: office@northnorfolk.ca

Address: 27 Hampton Street East, MacGregor

Theresa Bergen, CMMA
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Municipality of North Norfolk
 March 12, 2026



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE 2026 FINANCIAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING LOCATION:

Westbourne Longburn Community Centre
 901 Main Street, Westbourne

DATE & TIME:

April 8, 2026
 7:00 pm Public Hearing

At this time Council will present the proposed 2026 Financial Plan for the municipality.

The presentation will provide an overview of the proposed financial plan followed by a forum for questions and comments from the public. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested person to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection.

Copies of the proposed financial plan are available on our website www.westlake-gladstone.ca or upon request at the municipal office, 14 Dennis Street East Gladstone, MB during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday to Friday after March 23, 2026. Questions prior to the public hearing may also be directed by letter to our Chief Administrative Officer or through our email address at info@westlake-gladstone.ca.

Consultation with our community is an important component of the municipality's budget process & council encourages you to attend.

Koreen Braun
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

February 26, 2025

(In accordance with subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act)

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History lessons with Helen: Fenian raids

By Helen Drysdale
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

We do not hear much about the history that was a significant factor in the push for Canadian Confederation. It was the time of the Fenian raids. This is the behind-the-scenes story.

For centuries, Ireland had been a colony of Britain. Many Irish people suffered under British political domination and economic control. The 1840s saw the Great Famine of Ireland in which one million Irish people died of starvation and two million more emigrated across the ocean. Many of these immigrants settled in the United States.

In 1865, Ireland attempted an uprising against the British but was crushed early on. The American Irish very unhappy with the results and formed the Society of Fenian Brotherhood to help end British rule in Ireland. Many of the Irish immigrants had fought in the United States civil war and they had valuable combat experience and weapons. They did not have the power to attack Britain to liberate Ireland. One of the ways the Fenians proposed to free Ireland was by capturing one of Britain's colonies so they would have had negotiating power. The Fenians believed that a successful invasion of close-by Canada might provoke the large Irish population in Canada to rise in support of their cause. They expected that they would

be welcomed as liberators of British rule. They were proved wrong.

Apprehension was felt in Canada as armed men began to gather in large numbers south of the border. In March of 1866, the government called for volunteers and 14,000 men responded to the call to protect their country. In April the Fenians intended to seize Campobello Island in New Brunswick. However, the presence of the British war ships quickly changed their minds. The invasion reinforced the idea of protection for the colonies and the Province of Canada to form the new Dominion of Canada.

In June 1866 the Fenians launched another attack near Fort Erie at Ridgeway. 1,000 heavily armed Fenians crossed the river Niagara with 1,000 more ready for the next day. The Fenians defeated the group of volunteers led by Col. Alfred Booker who himself had never seen a battle. The volunteers were poorly trained, unprepared for combat, had scarce ammunition, no food or field kitchens and no proper maps. The Fenians' remaining troops could not get across the river because they were intercepted by American authorities. With no reinforcements and provisions coming, the Fenians retreated to the States.

The Fenians struck again a few days after the Battle of Ridgeway, crossing the border into Quebec. The 50th Canadian Battalion, the Montreal Volunteer Ar-

tillery and the British 69th Regiment swiftly dealt with this invasion. The Fenians fled back across the border. Several other small attacks were unsuccessful.

The final act by the Fenians came in October 1871. Hoping to receive support from Louis Riel and the Métis, the Fenians set their sights on Manitoba. Rumors had it that there were 2,000 men at the border (in reality, it was a much smaller number). Instead of supporting the Fenians, Riel raised volunteers to defend the territory. On a Tuesday, Lieutenant-Governor Adams Archibald issued a proclamation for volunteers to assist the regular forces. The Manitoban newspaper of Oct. 7, stated that "no proclamation was ever met with a heartier response." By Friday the message was received that the Fenians crossed the Manitoba border at Emerson, seized and pillaged Fort Pembina, the Hudson's Bay Company post which lay near the border. The Hudsons Bay leader had heard the rumors and had already fled the post to Fort Garry with the money and important papers.

That Friday evening the militia went marching out to meet the invaders. They set out southwards in a cold rain in the treacherous, slippery prairie mud. They marched for two days when word reached them that the US Army had arrested the Fenians' leaders and their remaining men had fled. The troops who had responded to the threat of invasion being

wet, tired and robbed of the victory turned about and trudged back home through the mud. This ended the Fenian threat for good.

Though the Fenians failed to meet their objectives, these raids had lasting consequences for both Canada and Britain. The raids revealed shortfalls

in the leadership, structure and training of the Canadian militia and the need for coordinated defense. This led to reforms and improvements in these areas in the years to come. This accelerated the push toward Confederation. By 1867, just one year after the Battle of Ridgeway, the

British Parliament passed the British North America Act, creating the Dominion of Canada and uniting it into a single political entity. Political leaders recognized that only a united Canada would have the resources and military strength to defend itself against external threats.

Letters to the editor

'Being a leader means taking responsibility'

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Last week, gasoline hit \$1.629 a litre in Birtle and it's even higher in some parts of the province. Food inflation experienced a 2.7 per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index, which is a measure of overall inflation experienced by households. This 2.7 per cent increase was the highest increase in the entire country.

That's why proposals like raising the basic personal amount to \$30,000 - something the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba has committed to - matter so much. It's a straightforward way to let Manitobans keep more of their own money at a time when they need it most whilst giving our local economy a shot in the arm. Instead of waiting for things to magically get better, our provincial

government needs to address the situation with vigour.

What is perhaps most frustrating is not just the lack of progress, but the response from the NDP government. Time and again, when these issues are raised, the answer is to point fingers at governments of years past. If families are expected to deal with their problems head-on every single day, shouldn't the government be doing the same? Being a leader means taking responsibility and delivering solutions.

Manitobans were told things would get better. Instead, many are asking whether anything has changed at all and in too many cases, the answer is absolutely not.

Sincerely, Levi Cottingham
Birtle, Manitoba. Proudly.

Support Critical for small rural communities

Five years ago, the Birnie Community Centre was under threat of closure. A small group of local citizens formed a committee to maintain and repair the building with the hope of injecting new life into the community through social events and fund raisers.

The results are nothing short of amazing. In these five short years, numerous upgrades have been done to improve the building and restore it as an integral part of the community. The work of our small committee has been critical, but none of this would have happened without the support of the larger community. We have received support from the individuals who attend

our social events and who participate in our fund raisers and who volunteer their time to help with various projects.

Building improvements have been many with roof repairs, new windows and doors, new washroom fixtures, new flooring, interior painting, and air conditioning being the major upgrades. We are now working to improve kitchen and storage areas with new appliances and paint.

The money for these projects has come from fund raiser activities and the generosity of local sponsors. Our deep thanks go to the following organizations:

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The grants provided by these generous donors have helped our committee to bring our building back to life and provide a hub for community activities.

We are grateful to everyone, individuals and businesses large and small who have supported our community endeavours. It is a challenge to keep the heart beating in shrinking rural communities.

Thank you to all who have risen to this challenge.

Sincerely,
The Birnie
Community Club

Gladstone market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We sold 1,318 head on Tuesday, Mar. 24.

We had about 285 butcher cattle to start the day on a very strong market, here's how they sold:

- D1-D2 cows \$2.20-2.46.
- D3 older cows \$2.00-2.24.
- Feeding type cows \$2.40-2.65.
- Bulls \$2.65-2.8850.

On the feeder side of things I'd call it up a bit in most weight categories.

Here are some market highlights from yesterday's sale:

- We had a package of five

tan steers weighing 921 pounds bring \$4.80 a pound (\$4,419 a head).

•Three char steers come in the ring weighing 757 pounds and cash in at \$5.50 a pound (\$4,165 per head).

•Six black steers weighing 658 pounds stamp there ticket at \$6.20 a pound (\$4,078 a head).

•Three Charolais heifers weighing 997 pounds bring \$4.07 per pound (\$4,059 per head)

•Five black and red heifers weigh 771 pounds and fetch \$4.8250 per pound (\$3,720 per head).

•Seven white heifers come in the ring weighing 650

pounds and bring \$5.62 a pound (\$3,655 per head).

Plainer type cattle and cattle with horns or bulls are seeing discounts.

Gladstone Auction Mart Cattle Market Report Mar. 24, 2026

Steers	
4-500 lbs.	\$7.50 to 8.42
5-600 lbs.	\$6.60 to 7.60
6-700 lbs.	\$5.70 to 6.51
7-800 lbs.	\$4.90 to 5.87
8-900 lbs.	\$4.60 to 5.11
900+ lbs.	\$4.10 to 4.80

Heifers	
4-500 lbs.	\$6.70 to 7.50
5-600 lbs.	\$5.80 to 6.64
6-700 lbs.	\$4.95 to 5.88
7-800 lbs.	\$4.20 to 5.25
8-900 lbs.	\$3.85 to 4.70
900+ lbs.	\$3.50 to 4.39

1,318 head sold

Gladstone's 2026 Open Bonspiel champions

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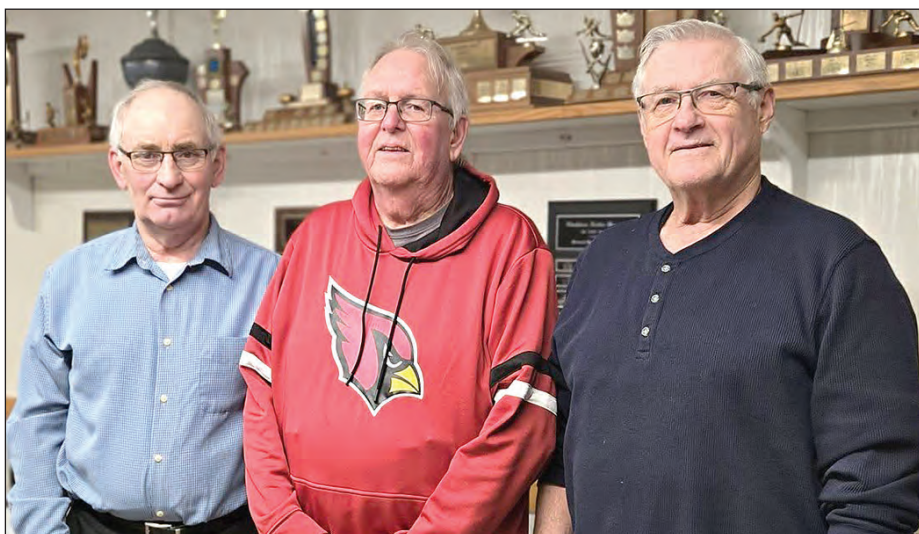
The Gladstone Curling club hosted its 2026 Open Bonspiel this past weekend. Winners for each of its events have been declared as follows:

• First event winner: Jeff Stewart (skip), Lily Stewart (third), Geoff Trimble (second), and McKenna Duncan (lead). This team can be seen pictured at the right.

• Second event winners: Tom Otto (skip), Gord Hayward (third), Guy Small (second), and Susan Martindale (lead). This team can be seen pictured at the bottom left (Susan Martindale not pictured).

• Third event winners: Craig Henderson (skip), Mark Selke (third), Ryan Henderson (second), Katie Steiner (lead), and Darrell Henderson (lead). This team can be seen at the bottom right (Darrell Henderson not pictured)

Congratulations to each of these teams, and a hearty round of applause to all who participated for the efforts they put forward.



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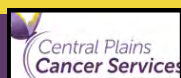


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Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Agenda items will include:

- Report of the Board of Directors
- Financial Statements and Auditor's report
- Election of Directors
- Appointment of Auditors

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Thank you for reading the Neepawa Banner & Press!

Neepawa Belonging and Cultural Diversity celebration receives 'overwhelming response'

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The Belonging and Cultural Diversity celebration featured entertainment such as Metis fiddling from Steven Demonigny and the Metis Tradition Band, dances from the Philippines performed by Bibak Neepawa and Area Cultural Troupe, traditional Chinese singing from Johanna Crosson, a Qipao performance by Caroline Fu, performances from the Druzhba Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, and much more, including games and activity booths.

Due to icy travel conditions, only one performance group had to cancel their attendance. Additionally, an “overwhelmingly positive” response to the event was received.

“Despite the weather that day, we saw a strong turnout from the community. We also anticipated that



Shown here are some additional scenes from the jam-packed day, including Caroline Fu's Qipao performance (top left), entertainment from Latin Fusion (top right), and Wontanka Productions (bottom left), and Chinese Calligraphy (bottom right).

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some people might not be able to attend in person, so we made the decision to livestream the entire event online,” said Duka. “Because of that, we were able to reach an even wider

audience, and engagement was strong both in person and virtually.”

Duka added, “It was especially encouraging to see families, newcomers, and long-time residents all

engaging together—it truly reflected the spirit of what we hoped to achieve.”

A celebration for everyone

Duka also noted that

while Neepawa is a rural community, it is experiencing rapid growth and becoming increasingly diverse. Additionally, that events such as the Belonging and Cultural Diversity celebration are important, as they “remind us that diversity and inclusion matter, and that everyone has a place here”.

“At Neepawa Settlement, we are committed to supporting newcomers regardless of where they come from. We believe their stories, resilience, and courage— whether they are building a new life after hardship or seeking better

opportunities for their families— deserve to be recognized and celebrated. These kinds of events help build understanding, connection, and a stronger sense of belonging for everyone,” said Duka. “This celebration was for everyone— for the local community members who have warmly embraced different cultures, and for the newcomers who now call Neepawa home. We are incredibly grateful to all who attended and supported the event.”

Providing a final comment, Duka emphasized the hope Neepawa Settlement has for the Belonging and Cultural Diversity celebration, stating, “Events like this remind us that community is not just about where we live, but how we come together. When we take the time to learn from one another and celebrate our differences, we create a stronger, more connected future. Our hope is that this celebration is just one of many steps toward building a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and like they truly belong.”

Thanks is given to all who helped make the event a success, from those who volunteered and hosted cultural booths, to the area dignitaries, the El Salvador Consulate, the attendees, and beyond.



2026 Grant Applications Closing Soon

The Beautiful Plains Community Foundation reminds eligible non-profit and charitable organizations serving the Beautiful Plains region that applications for the 2026 Grant Cycle will be closing soon. Projects aimed at enhancing community well-being are eligible for funding.

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