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# A meaningful partnership

## Curling for a Cure donates \$20,030 to Neepawa Cancer Care program

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Patient comfort and ease of treatment is a top priority at the Neepawa Health Centre. Last week, the furthering of that pursuit received a major boost from a local initiative near and dear to the hearts of many. On Friday, Aug. 29, members of Minnedosa's Curling for a Cure committee met with Christina Woodcock (manager of health services) and Kristi Friesen (oncology nurse) to present a donation of \$20,030 in support of the Neepawa Community Cancer Care Program.

These funds were raised during the 2025 Curling for a Cure event, which raised a total of \$40,060. This monetary support was split 50/50 between The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group and the Neepawa Community Cancer Care program. The Neepawa donation is the first in a major 10 year commitment to the community.

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PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Representatives of Minnedosa's Curling for a Cure were here in Neepawa on Aug. 29 for its first official presentation in a major 10 year commitment. Those representatives are pictured here with Christina Woodcock, manager of health services (far right); and Kristi Friesen, oncology nurse (second from right). Friesen accepted the cheque from Curling for a Cure event organizer Chad Yanchycki (third from right) on behalf of the Neepawa Cancer Care Program.

Each of the Curling for a Cure representatives present, including the youths seen in the front row, were ecstatic to be in Neepawa for the presentation. The names of the remaining representatives were not available by the paper's print deadline.

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# Neepawa Salvation Army seeks food bank donations

By Joshua Jackson  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Salvation Army in Neepawa is urgently calling on the community for help, as its food bank shelves are running bare.

They are looking for items such as pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fruits, cereal, back-to-school snacks, peanut butter, jam, Cheese-Whiz, canned vegetables, beans, ready-to-eat soups, and stews, and any other items you can spare to donate.

Neepawa Salvation Army Community Ministries Director Amanda Naughton-Gale said they've seen an uptick in usage over the summer, which has left their pantry needing some essential items. She noted that a variety of people are coming and using their services.

"It's people who are unemployed, and people are moving to the community. The amount of money that people are making is just not enough to support their bills and pay for food," she said. "Some of that has to do with inflation, and some of it has to do with tariffs, and some of it has to do with unemployment and other factors that are happening within our community."

Over the summer, the Neepawa Salvation Army

hosted a summer snack program to help parents with extra snacks when school was not in session. During that time, they were assisting about 36 families, totalling around 78 kids with snacks. Naughton-Gale noticed they definitely see a bit of an increase around this time of year.

"You've got all of the back-to-school costs, you have to be prepared for lunches and everything else. The lunch programs or the breakfast programs aren't quite running this week, so it'll take a little bit of time for everybody to get back into the swing of things," she said.

### How you can help

There are three ways you can help the Neepawa Salvation Army: by donating food, donating money, or donating your time.

"Whether that is extra garden produce, or you see a great deal. There are fantastic deals at the grocery stores, and if you think it's a great deal, it would be a great deal for us, too. People love to buy one and give one. If people have time to donate and help, we've got positions to fill, like drivers for doing our food rescue and helping people select their food through the food bank."

Naughton-Gale added

that sometimes money goes a little farther because the food bank gets exactly what they need, as opposed to what people think they need.

As well, their new space nearing completion, They'll need some other folks to help support programming and services that the Salvation Army in Neepawa will be hosting. Naughton-Gale noted that now is the time when people are starting to harvest their gardens, and if you've got it, excess produce or fresh fruits, they'll take it.

"We can take fresh garden produce in whatever quantity, however you have it. If you have it in bags or boxes that you don't want back, that's perfect for us, because we can process it as needed," said the Community Ministries Director. "What we don't use in the food bank, we put in our free-for-all bins in the thrift store so the public can access it. We also have great relationships with our breakfast programs, daycares, and our congregational meal programs here in town, and we share out what we can from there as well."

### More than just food

The Salvation Army's Food Bank is more than just a place for patrons to get food. They are also in need of donations such



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

The Neepawa Salvation Army has seen an uptick in usage of its food bank over the summer and is calling on the public for donations of time, money, and food as they try to restock its pantry.

as pet food, shampoo and conditioner, non-scented body lotion, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers size 4,5,6, and pull-ups for toddlers, as well as toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Naughton-Gale noted that this is not just a Neepawa trend. Food needs

are increasing, and food insecurity is a national crisis.

"What we're seeing here in Neepawa is replicated across the country. When you hear about what's going on in food banks in Toronto or B.C., we're seeing the same things here, but sort of on a smaller scale. The

amount of unemployment that's out there, the cost of living increases — those things are directly affecting people here in our community," she said. "We see new people every single month that come and see us."



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## 1975: The first local winner of the Rose Bowl

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,  
Wednesday,  
September 5, 1900**

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

Mr. James. A. Roberts, who still has an interest in the Currie Block, which was damaged by fire on the morning of Sept. 29, begs to take this opportunity of thanking the fire brigade and the citizens generally for their hard and effectual work in saving the building.

*Note: The 'Sept. 29' date from the original copy was perhaps intended to be Aug. 29.*

**100 years ago,  
Tuesday,  
September 1, 1925**

Arden: Martin Turner was the purchaser of the former Glenholm school building. Alfred Singleton acted as auctioneer. The

price paid was \$350.

Birnie: We are sorry to hear that Mr. Dryden is laid up with blood poisoning in his hand.

Birnie: Maurice Coak, who was working at the fox farm is laid up with bronchitis.

**75 years ago,  
Thursday,  
September 7, 1950**

Opening ceremonies of new Union school drew a large attendance Aug. 27 when pioneers of the district met and reminisced over their early associations as classmates in the old school which opened in 1883. The new school is completely modern and cost approximately \$10,000. First teacher is Miss Audrey Buchanan of Riding Mountain. There are 21 pupils from Grade 1 to 8.

Prior to her marriage on Aug. 26, Ahna Gray was honoured by a group of friends at a no-hostess

dinner party and presented with a corsage and gifts. The social affair was held in the banquet room of the Royal Cafe.

**50 years ago,  
Thursday,  
September 4, 1975**

A hustling young club from Medicine Hat, the Gas City Kiwanis Indians, representing Alberta, captured the 1975 Western Canada Beaver Baseball championship here Sunday afternoon.

A statement by the Manitoba Pool Elevators' president, H. B. Sneath, has included a CNR line between Russell and Neepawa, and south to the junction of the mainline as essential to maintaining a basic grain shipping network in the province.

The statement came in response to the announcement of the dates for hearings before the Hall Commission, set up to review rail-line abandonment proposals...

The line between Neepawa and Russell is one which has been placed by Otto Lang in the category requiring "study and consideration" by the Hall Commission.

Rick Horn, young Neepawa shotsmith was the first local winner of the Rose Bowl Match Play golf trophy, topping the field of 112 golfers here on the weekend in the 14th annual tournament at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club.

*Note: This edition of The Press had a massive spread outlining the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, with two pages stating the rules and parts of the act and two*



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Rick Horn (right) was the first local winner of the annual Rose Bowl Golf Tournament. Horn took home his win around this time in 1975. As of 1975, the Rose Bowl had been an annual event for 14 years. Horn received the trophy from Harvey Ebner. The 1975 event drew in 112 entries.

*full pages of maps.*

**20 years ago,  
Monday,  
September 5, 2005**

Police have leads, but have made no arrests after vandals torched a car parked on a quiet residential street in Neepawa's north end last Sunday.

*Note: In addition to this car being torched, a tractor in a field near the lagoons was also destroyed by fire over the same weekend the car had been destroyed.*

A nine-member interim board of directors was appointed Thursday evening to oversee Budz N Bloom daycare, after all but three members of the previous board resigned.

The resignation took place after months of wrangling between board members and the daycare's first director Anna Kay Gordon. Gordon also resigned.

Thursday's meeting to appoint an interim board was organized by the Neepawa Area Development Corporation, which spearheaded development of the community daycare.

NADCO economic development officer Amanda Naughton-Gale said the meeting wasn't a time for finger-pointing, but rather to wipe the slate clean and start anew.

Elton: Vandals caused

thousands of dollars worth of damage to two combines in the RM of Elton.

McCreary: Knox United Church in McCreary will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 25. It is also the 80th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

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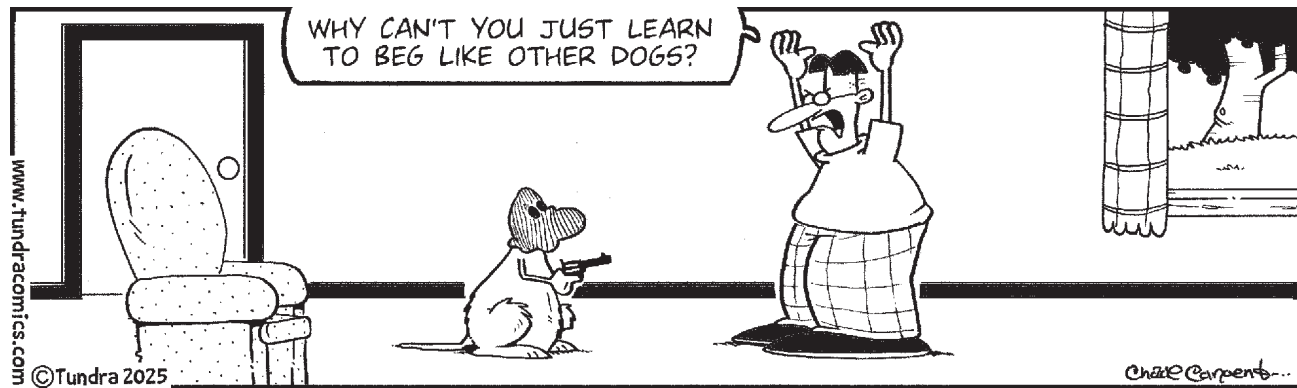


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## Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



## Oppression is rampant

As a background for this column, the following information was found on the website [indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca](http://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca).

"In 1969, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and his Minister of Indian Affairs, Jean Chrétien, unveiled a policy paper that proposed ending the special legal relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the Canadian state and dismantling the Indian Act. This white paper was met with forceful opposition from Aboriginal leaders across the country and sparked a new era of Indigenous political organizing in Canada."

The white paper proposed to:

- Eliminate Indian status.
- Dissolve the Department of Indian Affairs within five years.
- Abolish the Indian Act.
- Convert reserve land to private property that can be sold by the band or its members.
- Transfer responsibility for Indian affairs from the federal government to the province and integrate these services into those provided to other Canadian citizens.
- Provide funding for economic development.
- Appoint a commissioner to address outstanding land claims and gradually terminate existing treaties."

The white paper was hotly debated at the time and continues to be debated to this day.

Harold Cardinal, who headed the Indian Association of Alberta and acted as a vocal opponent to the white paper was quoted as saying, "We do not want the Indian Act retained because it is a good piece of legislation. It isn't. It is discriminatory from start to finish. But it is a lever in our hands and an embarrassment to the govern-

ment, as it should be. No just society and no society with even pretensions to being just can long tolerate such a piece of legislation, but we would rather continue to live in bondage under the inequitable Indian Act than surrender our sacred rights. Any time the government wants to honour its obligations to us we are more than happy to help devise new Indian legislation."

I think that the words above from Harold Cardinal lays condemnation on the Indian Act, and so it should. Countless Indigenous leaders have spoken out against the Indian Act and I believe rightly so. Cardinal lays out a self condemnation when he states, "we would rather continue to live in bondage under the inequitable Indian Act than surrender our sacred rights."

I think that "live in bondage" statement speaks volumes. When people refuse to change for fear of perceived loss, their loss is even greater.

Under the Indian Act, it's difficult for people to own property on the reserve. Under the Indian Act, it seems that there is constant turmoil in many Indigenous communities.

There is also the perception that Indigenous people "get everything for free", but that isn't true, they don't. But, in Canada, it's hard to tell who all gets stuff for free. Electric car buyers get a government grant. Car manufacturers get promised billions

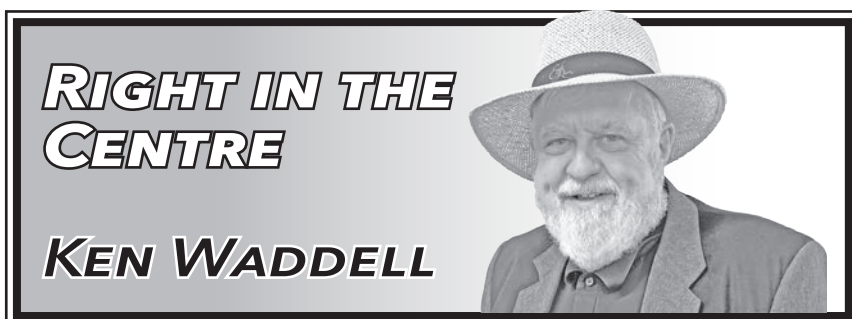
in subsidies for battery factories. Many businesses get government subsidies.

We, all of us, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians, labour under acts like the Indian Act. That's because, for centuries in Canada, powerful people truly believe that they know better than the average citizen. In Manitoba, first it was the Hudson Bay Company, then the federal government, then the CPR. When Manitoba became a Province, it was a typical federal botched process; they didn't tell the citizens of Manitoba it was going to happen until the surveyors arrived. Through most of the 1900s, it was the Liberal Party of Canada and it's still the Liberal Party and the Laurentian Elite that dominate Canada with a smug holier-than-thou attitude.

Canada is a great country but I think the future of all Canadians could be a lot better if there was more realistic thinking and common sense applied.

Indigenous people chose to stay under the oppression of the Indian Act, but we are all under the smothering blanket of the Laurentian Elite. What's your opinion? Please email me at [kwaddell@neepawabanner.com](mailto:kwaddell@neepawabanner.com).

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## HOMEBODIES

RITA FRIESEN



## And just like that... again!

The passage of time is a mystery. With one breath it is spring, then summer, and with an exhale – its fall! The school schedule no longer affects me, no back to school supplies, no planning for lunches or budgeting for programs. As an onlooker, it was but that blink when school was dismissed for holidays, and now it's back to school time. The garden I so carefully planted and tended has now been mostly harvested. Some trees are already slipping into fall fashion colours and the weeds and rushes in the ditches proclaim fall as well.

And that's ok. The September long weekend was filled with family, laughter, games and travel. The celebrations actually began before the weekend arrived. Sister the Elder from Australia is in Canada, and that guarantees reunions on the paternal side of the family. Seven first cousins, two treasured aunts and several spouses gathered for a luncheon. So much laughter, sometimes over a story that has been told and retold! One aunt is 94, the other a mere 89. We acknowledge that meaningful dialogue can be challenging in a group setting, so just a few days later, my sister and I visited Aunt the Elder in her home. She played the piano for us, one piece a classic that she is memorising and would love to have critiqued by a master musician, the other, played by ear, was an hymn from ages past, 'I Know Whom I Have Believed'. A simply awesome time together.

From there, travelling with my sister, we bunked at Sister the Younger's home where she was hosting more family. The cribbage board was well used, and I proved that I could be a gracious loser, four consecutive times! My nephew, also from Australia, maintained that his win record while in Manitoba was somewhat lacklustre... improved his ratings in one afternoon!

One of the reasons for the gatherings was a family wedding. Here I watched, interacted with and made memories with a bunch of nieces and nephews; watched them parent their children, respect their parents, love, laugh and play. Watching people is one of my favourite pastimes and I was satisfied! Between young children and older parents, there were not many late nights so I had time to read and reflect before courting that elusive sleep. I did step away from the clan to have breakfast with the last of the Friesen's. Ed's brother is now mid 90s, lives quite independently and loves company. We enjoyed breakfast at the local Tim's, meeting more old friends and acquaintances. Spending time with both my brother-in-law, and my aunt, reminded me that age is really a number.

Sunday morning we slipped into the worship service at the Carman United Church with the service led by the local Anglican congregation. Felt like home. No familiar faces but I felt welcome.

I would be deceitful if I didn't confess to love coming home. The drive back, with CBC and classical music, allowed me to shift gears, slow down and ready myself for more silence and solitude. I love my home, I love my community and I love my purpose. Back to regular programming!

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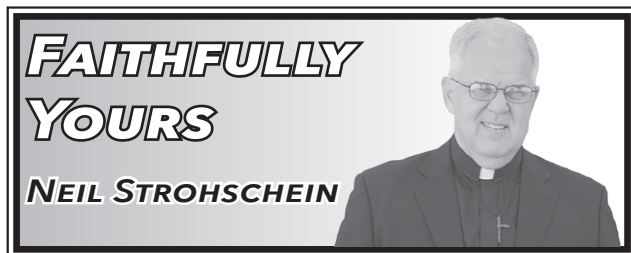
## Lessons learned in public school

It was September, 1968; and I was stepping through the doors of my home town's high school, ready to begin my grade 12 year. I was excited because I knew that in 10 months, I would walk out of those doors for the last time; and be glad to be doing so.

I attended a K-12 school located in a small, rural Alberta town. Our grade 12 class had roughly 45 students; most of whom were "farm kids." Our school offered two Academic programs—one for students planning to attend university, the other for those who were interested in apprenticeships or planning to attend a technical or trade school. It was a "bare bones" curriculum, but it was all that a small school in a small town could offer.

I was a good student and got good grades on assignments and exams. But the most valuable lessons I learned weren't part of the provincial curriculum.

I will never forget the day when one teacher and his wife shared the trauma



they went through when, shortly after their wedding, she had to have emergency surgery and how they used that experience to build the strong relationship that we all envied.

Nor will I forget the day when another teacher spoke about love, dating, intimacy and how one night of intimacy can produce one unexpected pregnancy that disrupts the lives of the couple involved, their parents and the whole community. These were the days before family life (sex) education was part of the public school curriculum. The best advice he could offer was: "be careful. Let relationships develop at their own pace," and "don't get intimate with someone unless you're prepared to accept and live with the pos-

sible consequences of your actions." It was good advice then. It's good advice today.

We had to learn to accept and respect people who didn't deserve our respect. One of our teachers let it be known that he didn't really want to be at our school. He called us "village idiots," and didn't seem to care how deeply his words hurt us. By learning to respect him, we learned how to deal with bosses, supervisors and employers who one day, might treat us the same way. It was a hard lesson to learn; but a necessary one.

Then, there were the times when, if I had known what I know now, I would have shown more compassion than I did. Two of my teachers were battling severe health issues that no one (not even they) knew

about. Both died shortly after they left our school. I wish I had known the pain they were enduring and the toll it was taking on their mental and emotional health. I might have been more caring and considerate than I was.

I will always treasure the lessons I learned during my time in public school. I have the deepest admiration for those who teach in and administer our local schools. They have been, are now and will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I firmly believe in the value of public schools and that they should receive the funding they need to help us prepare a generation of leaders who will build an even better Canada.

But I won't be returning to take public school classes anytime soon. I wholeheartedly agree with the late John D. Rockefeller who, when asked for his views on America's public school system said: "I am all for public schools, but I do not want to go there again."

## Neepawa RCMP need aid identifying suspects of attempted theft

**Banner Staff**  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police of Manitoba released details on Sept. 3 regarding an attempted theft in Neepawa. The incident occurred on July 30 at the Neepawa Safeway.

An adult male and adult female entered the store and loaded a cart with groceries, totalling a worth of \$560. The two individuals then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items. The RCMP state that staff confronted



PHOTOS FROM MANITOBA RCMP

The suspects of the attempted theft on July 30.

the suspects and were able to retrieve the grocery cart. However, both suspects fled the scene prior to the arrival of the police.

At the time of the inci-

dent:

- Both suspects appear to have been wearing glasses.
- The male appears to have been wearing a red shirt and hat.

•The female was wearing dark clothing and appears to have had a cast on her hand/forearm.

The Spruce Plains RCMP at Neepawa are calling on the public for assistance in identifying the suspects. Anyone who has information is asked to contact the Neepawa RCMP at 204-476-7340. Information can also be given anonymously via Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477, or by securely submitting a tip to them online via the Crime Stoppers website ([www.manitobacrimestoppers.com](http://www.manitobacrimestoppers.com)).

## Letters

### Wellwood for new admin building?

Re: the page eight article of the Aug. 22 edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press – New admin building planned for North Cypress-Langford.

Yes, there is a need, why not Wellwood, as it is centrally located north-south, and east-west!

Locating the new administration office in Wellwood has many positives and few negatives in our modern wireless communication era. Since the formation of the Rural Municipality of North Cypress-Langford in January 2015, they have doubled the area served.

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**Robert Smith**  
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### Thumbs up, thumbs down



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## Correction:

There was a typo in some of the information received for the Stride Credit Union fundraiser barbecue story last week. Please note that the amount raised and donated to the Austin Community Centre is not \$1,400, but actually \$1,500. Thank you.

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Soups

Every culture has its version of soup. From French onion to Japanese miso to Italian wedding, soup is a global staple. The earliest evidence of soup making was in 6,000 B.C. and the meat source was hippopotamus! In the French Court of Louis XI, the ladies’ meals were mostly soup. They were afraid that chewing would give them wrinkles. The world’s most expensive soup comes from China, called “Buddha Jumps Over the Wall.” It was so named as the smells of this soup cooking spread over to a nearby Buddhist monastery where monks were meditating. The monks were not allowed to eat meat, however one of the monks, so tempted by the delicious smells, jumped over the wall, to eat some soup breaking his pledge. When asked about it later, the monk replied “that the soup was so good that even Buddha would jump over the wall to have some!” This luxurious soup is a rich, flavorful blend of delicacies, including abalone (sea snails), sea cucumber, shark fin (though often omitted today), dried scallops, and other luxury ingredients. Soup is even eaten in space by the astronauts. It’s specially packaged to prevent spills in zero gravity. With all the endless possibilities, here’s a soup for every occasion.

Garden vegetable soup

A simple garden vegetable soup recipe made with veggies from the garden.

- 2 Tbsp. butter

1 large onion, diced

2 garlic cloves, minced

10 cups of water

2 vegetable or chicken Oxo cubes

3 medium potatoes, peeled and diced

2-3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 celery stalks, sliced

2 large fresh tomatoes, diced

2 cobs of corn, kernels cut off

1 small-medium zucchini, diced

2 Tbsp. fresh parsley

1-2 Tbsp. fresh dill or basil

salt and pepper to taste

Heat the butter in a large pot or Dutch oven. Add the onions and garlic. Sauté on medium low heat until the onions are tender, about 3-5 minutes. Add the water, Oxo cubes, potatoes, carrots and celery. Bring the pot to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook covered, until the potatoes and carrots are almost cooked through, about 15 minutes. Add the tomatoes, corn, zucchini, herbs, salt and pepper. Continue cooking until the vegetables are tender, about 15-20 minutes.

Cream of carrot soup

A great way to use up the falls abundant carrot harvest.

- 2 Tbsp. butter

1 cup diced onion

2 cloves of minced garlic

1 stalk celery, diced

1 liter chicken or vegetable broth

4-5 cups peeled and sliced carrots

1 tsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. each of salt and pepper

1 Tbsp. fresh dill or 1 tsp. dried dill
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

1 tsp. Dash

2 tsp. lemon juice

1/2 cup evaporated milk or cream

Garnishes if desired:

sour cream

dill or chopped parsley

cooked bacon, finely diced

In a large Dutch oven melt the butter. Add diced onion, garlic and celery and cook 4-5 minutes. Add the broth, carrots, sugar, salt and pepper and simmer covered 20-25 min until carrots are soft. Add the dill, Dash and lemon juice during the last 10 minutes of cooking. Puree soup in batches in a blender or use an immersion blender. I do not like it pureed and leave it as it is. Return soup to the pot, stir in 1/2 cup cream, then reheat but not to a boil. Ladle the soup into bowls and swirl some sour cream into each bowl. Garnish with desired garnish.

Corn tomato chowder

Perfect for the readily available tomatoes and corn.

- 3 slices bacon cut into 1/2 inch pieces

1/2 cup onion finely diced

1/2 cup diced celery

1 clove garlic, minced

2 Tbsp. flour

3 cups chicken broth

2 potatoes, diced

2 cups peeled, diced fresh tomatoes
- 2 cups kernel corn

1 tsp. each of salt, dried oregano and basil (more if using fresh herbs)

1/2 tsp. pepper

2 cups whole milk

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley or fresh basil for garnish

In a large pot on medium heat, fry bacon until browned. Remove bacon and set aside on a paper towel. To the bacon drippings add the onions and garlic and cook about 3-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with flour and cook for 2-3 minutes stirring all the while. Stir in broth, potatoes, tomatoes, corn, salt, herbs and pepper. Bring soup to a boil. Once boiling, cover, and reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer until vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes. Add the milk and heat up but do not bring to a boil. Serve and garnish with cooked bacon and parsley if desired.

Terry Fox Run to be held in Neepawa



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A scene from the 2024 Terry Fox Run in Neepawa. Cancer survivors, their families, friends, and other loved ones participated.

Banner Staff  
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Long after his passing, his inspiring and charitable legacy continues. This year marks the 45th anniversary of Terry Fox’s Marathon of Hope. The cross-Canada marathon began in April of 1980, raising awareness and funds for cancer research. His marathon ended prematurely on Sept. 2, 1980, just outside Thunder Bay, Ont. due to the resurgence of cancer in his body.

According to information from the Old Canada Series, schools and communities across the country have raised close to \$1 billion in support of the Terry Fox Foundation via marathons held in Fox’s honour.

Neepawa is one of the many communities that participates in this initiative each and every year. Next weekend, on Sept. 14, that tradition continues. All members of the public are invited to the Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute track to participate. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the run will commence at 2:00 p.m.



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# Manitoba's Auditor General releases report, highlights Westlake-Gladstone

By Joshua Jackson  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Manitoba's Governor General has released a report on six Manitoba municipalities, including the R.M. of Westlake-Gladstone.

The report was commissioned by the province to investigate allegations of wrongdoing involving several Manitoba municipalities, as well as the provincial government's oversight of municipal operations.

The report highlighted the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone's cybersecurity incident. Between Dec. 2019 and Jan. 2020, where unauthorized withdrawals of over \$472,000 were made from an account held by the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone.

According to the report, the Auditor General concluded that the municipality failed to investigate the cybersecurity incident to determine its root cause, missing an opportunity to understand how the incident occurred and how to prevent future breaches.

The report outlined that a key step in responding to a cybersecurity incident is prompt investigation. As time passed, the incident became more challenging to investigate. System event logs, which serve as a key resource in investigations, can only be retained for a limited period.

The report recommended that all municipalities implement, at a minimum, the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security's baseline cybersecurity controls, where they are not already in place, and that the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations should add oversight processes to monitor compliance with these controls.

The report also investigated six allegations involving the municipalities of Swan Valley West, St. Andrews, West St. Paul, Lorne, Ethelbert, and

Springfield. Investigations ranged from purchasing a fire truck without tendering to claiming ineligible expenses on their spending reports. Three out of six allegations had some of the concerns substantiated.

The report assessed whether the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations provides sufficient oversight in addressing complaints against municipalities.

The Municipal and Northern Relations were handed recommendations, including implementing a risk-based approach to oversight of grants to municipalities, adding a defined process when non-compliance is noted, and developing a comprehensive risk-based process that details what should be done to ensure completeness of the financial documents received, what variance analysis should be performed, and what red flags should be examined.

The audit was conducted between Jan. 2023 and Feb. 2024 and reviewed various allegations dating back as far as five years.

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# Neepawa Area Health Auxiliary is looking forward to a busy fall

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The 2024/25 Activity year for the Neepawa Area Health Auxiliary (NAHA) wrapped up in June and we felt we had another very successful year in our ability to fund a total of \$24,833.33 worth of needs for the Health Center (\$5,311.13), the Personal Care Home (\$9,332.71), the Community Programs (\$887.95), the Beautiful Plains Clinic/Residency Program (\$8,301.54) and for a NACI Scholarship (\$1,000.00). June was the last of the regular meetings, giving the ladies the summer to relax before the busy Fall started. One final highlight for the Auxiliary in June was the receiving of a \$7,000.00 grant from the Big Grass Community Foundation and the Thomas Sill Foundation out of Gladstone. This money is earmarked to furnish the Family Wellness Room at the new hospital.

Beginning early in September, you will see some of the ladies selling raffle tickets at the Neepawa-Gladstone CO-OP grocery store and the Giant Tiger store.

Sept. 9 is our first regular meeting once again and we will be blessed with presentations from Debbie Poole, PMH representative for the new hospital, giving us an update on the status of the new hospital as well as Marsha Fergie, PMH Regional Volunteer Coordinator telling us about some volunteering opportunities at our facilities.

Then on Sept. 16, you will see some of our ladies helping out at the Neepawa-Gladstone Gas Bar as we are the recipients of the proceeds from the Fuel Good Days this year. Fill your car up with gas and we will



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Earlier this year, members of the Neepawa Area Health Auxiliary accepted a grant for \$7,000 from the Big Grass Community Foundation.

benefit. The proceeds will be put towards the Giftshop the Auxiliary will have in the new facility, purchasing inventory to start up as well as shelving needed. Then from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. you could enjoy BBQ pork on a bun supplied by HyLife foods. Also helping us out that day will be Gary Fergie from Blackstone grills.

In October, the ladies will begin the business canvas again to businesses in the Town of Neepawa, the R.M.s of North Cypress/Langford, Rosedale and Glenella/Lansdowne. Also in October there will be an educational session for the community on Dementia and on Age Friendly Communities. Stay tuned for

more information on when and where this will take place.

To wrap up the month of October the Auxiliary likes to give back to the community by hosting a Coffee/Tea party on Oct. 29 when the draw of the raffle tickets will be made.

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# MacGregor Fall Festival

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## Excitement coming to downtown MacGregor

Community preparing to host fourth annual Fall Fest



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MACGREGOR FALL FEST

Pictured here are some scenes from the 2024 edition of the MacGregor Fall Fest, which included bouncy castles, a car show and more. As the festival committee gears up for the 2025 event, prospective attendees can anticipate plenty of family fun for the 2025 edition!

By Ken Waddell  
Neepawa Banner & Press

The MacGregor Fall Fest is back for its fourth year on Sept.13. For the second time it will be a downtown event and MacGregor Chamber of Commerce President Rose Dondo said in an interview

with the Neepawa Banner & Press, “I am really excited to see Fall Fest downtown for the second year. We have a few more vendors. In addition to the usual food booths and bouncy castles, we have some new activities this year. I think Minor Hockey will have a shoot-out.”

Dondo said that everyone is looking forward to the bands including Hicktown. The MacGregor Fall Fest will be held at the junction of Hampton and Victoria Street and runs from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with the evening ending off with fireworks.



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# An impressive Day in Neepawa

## Brandon's Kolby Day wins 2025 NGCC Rosebowl Tournament

By Eoin Devereux  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The power of persistence has paid off for Kolby Day, as he has finally etched his name upon the Neepawa Golf & Country Club's (NGCC) Rosebowl trophy. The Brandon based golfer, who over the last decade has competed at the highest caliber at every major golf event across western Manitoba, secured his win in Neepawa on Monday, Sept. 1.

Day defeated 2019 champion Al Hart in the final round of the club's annual matchplay event. Kolby has made it to the finals of the Championship Flight on three previous occasions, but was defeated each time.

Day said this year's win was a combination of good fortune and learned lessons related to previous years.

"I was lucky enough that [six time champion Mark Kerkowich] chose to play in the two-man scramble this year. But there were still a number of tough



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Kolby Day of Brandon is presented the Rosebowl trophy from NGCC General Manager/CPGA golf pro Landon Cameron, on Monday, Sept. 1.

competitors out there, so I wasn't taking anything for granted. I think I played solid over the course of the weekend, and I'm happy to finally get the job done," said Day.

Day added that a victory at the Rosebowl felt like a tremendous personal ac-

complishment, as the tournament has such a storied history on the western Manitoba golf scene.

Neepawa Golf & Country Club general manager and CPGA golf pro Landon Cameron congratulated Kolby on the win, noting that he is a great player, who

has been close a few times before, so it so was nice to see him earn his first.

### The Two-Man Scramble

There was also a new

element to NGCC Rosebowl Tournament, as this year saw the inclusion of a Two-Man Scramble. Ivan and Dayce Roulette earned the honours as the inaugural Rosebowl Champions, defeating Mark and Derrick Kerkowich in the final. Cameron said the incorporation of the Scramble added something special to this year's event.

"It was a very positive response. It's still competitive golf just not as competitive, and I think it allows more guys to play, which was main reason for the change," said Cameron. "Very happy about how the event rolled out, the weather cooperated and the golf course is in phenomenal shape. So, all in all, it was a great weekend."



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Ivan and Dayce Roulette of Sandy Bay will go down in history as the inaugural Rosebowl Two-Man Scramble Champions.

### NGCC Rosebowl Champions (2014 - 2025)

2025 - Kolby Day  
2024 - Mark Kerkowich  
2023 - Evan Nachtigall  
2022 - Mark Kerkowich  
2021 - Mark Kerkowich  
2020 - Taylor Fletcher

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# New faces and new places for Neepawa Titans training camp

MJHL club hosts camp at J&G Homes Arena in Brandon

By Eoin Devereux  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

While the surroundings off the ice may have looked different than what they're accustomed to, the intensity on the ice looked all too familiar (in a positive way) at the Neepawa Titan's training camp.

This year's camp was held at the J&G Homes Arena in Brandon from Aug. 29 to 31. The change in venue is due to the ice still being prepped at the Yellowhead Centre, for what is expected to be a hectic winter schedule.

Neepawa Titans head coach and general manager Ken Pearson noted that while there were some logistical challenges they had to deal with being in Brandon, the players themselves were just fine with how the weekend played out.

"It certainly isn't fun running camp on the road, lots of things need to go right, from travel to and from Brandon, to making sure equipment was all accounted for before and after to head back to Neepawa each day," stated Pearson. "But the players really enjoyed being at the J&G Homes Arena. The facility itself is great, and the staff were more than accommodating to us."

Special thanks to J&G Homes Arena, as well as Brandon Source for Sports, the training camp sponsor, for doing everything they could, to assist with the weekend.

In terms of the competitiveness and skill seen on the ice, Pearson noted that you could see some nervousness and sloppy hockey out there during the early part of camp. That, however, is to be expected, with so many new players looking to make an impression. As the weekend progressed, Pearson added that the coaching staff could see those same players getting better and picking up their level of intensity.

Heading into the exhibition schedule, Neepawa will play six games, includ-



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

(Above picture) Associate Coach Zac Hicks explains a play to the young prospects during the first session of the Neepawa Titans training camp on Friday, Aug. 29, at the J&G Homes Arena, located at the City of Brandon's south side.

ing a pair of "home" games at J&G Homes Arena. The first of those was the annual rookies game, versus the Virden Oil Capitals, on Tuesday, Sept. 2. In that contest, Neepawa won 5-2. The Titans will play one more in Brandon on Tuesday, Sept. 9, against Dauphin, before returning to Neepawa to face the Portage Terriers on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Pearson told the Banner & Press that they will carry 30 to 32 players on the roster throughout the exhibition schedule. In regard to any position battles we should be playing attention too, he said there are few opportunities available due to injury.

"I think all positions there will be some real good battles, with K.C. Couckuyt out still due to off season surgery, three goalies will battle

for two spots. Also, [defence-man] Dylan McCann won't play in pre-season, due to recovering from surgery, so that will create an opening for someone to grab hold of also."

The regular season will begin for the Neepawa Titans on Saturday, Sept. 20, when the team hosts the Portage Terriers. Start time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., at the Yellowhead Centre.



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## Jude Carr plays for Manitoba at U-15 Baseball Nationals

Submitted  
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It was quite a journey for Neepawa's Jude Carr to make it to National Baseball Championship... Both figuratively and literally.

Carr was recently selected to play for Team Manitoba in the National Under-15 Baseball Championship, which were held in Summerside, P.E.I. from Aug. 21 to 24.

Unfortunately, Air Canada cancelled the team flights the day prior to departure. To make a long story short, Jude and his father Owen had to drive down to Fargo, North Dakota, then catch a flight to New York and onward to Bangor, Maine, where they eventually met up with the rest of his teammates and then bused to Summerside.

Once they arrived at its destination, Team Manitoba (TOBA) finished first in their pool, with a three wins and one loss in the round robin.

To begin, they defeated Nova Scotia 6-4. After that they were beaten by New-

foundland and Labrador 6-4, before winning against Prince Edward Island 9-5 and New Brunswick 10-6.

In the playoffs, British Columbia played Ontario and won 8-1. That meant that Manitoba faced B.C. in the semi-final game, for a chance to play for gold. It was a slugfest, but unfortunately, Team TOBA lost to BC 20-14.

Our final game was the bronze medal game which they also lost to Quebec. Ontario played B.C. in the final, where B.C. won Gold, Ontario claimed Silver and Quebec took the Bronze.

Jude played centre field for all the games. Team TOBA can be very proud to say they placed fourth overall out of 10 provinces in the tournament.

Special accolades go out to Team Toba's coaches, their support staff and the parents for making this happen.

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#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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The Board of Revision will sit on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:05 a.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Monday, September 29, 2025**

Dated this 13th day of August 2025

Teresa Parker – Secretary  
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Public Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 49 Main Street, Minnedosa, MB. and is open for inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act.

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
  - serving it upon the secretary,

at least **15 days before** the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **October 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the council chambers of the Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah to hear applications.

Application for revision or complaints must be received by **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025**, delivered or mailed to:

Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah  
49 Main Street  
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Minnedosa, Manitoba  
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Aaren Robertson – Secretary

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## Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROSEDALE BOARD OF REVISION

**Public notice** is hereby given that the 2026 preliminary Assessment Roll of the Rural Municipality of Rosedale has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 282 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB, and will be open for inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
  - serving it upon the secretary,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10 am** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Rosedale to hear applications.

Applications for revision must be received by the Secretary of the Board by **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 1st, 2025.**

Dated this 27th day of August 2025

Jordan Willner, Secretary  
Board of Revision  
Box 100  
Neepawa, Manitoba R0J 1H0

### PUBLIC NOTICE MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE BOARD OF REVISION

**Public notice** is hereby given that the 2026 Assessment Roll for the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone has been delivered to the Municipal Office at 14 Dennis Street E, Gladstone, Manitoba, and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be in accordance with sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42(1) A person whose name property has been assessed, a mortgage in possession of property under section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application (fillable form on [www.westlake-gladstone.ca](http://www.westlake-gladstone.ca)) (Click on Municipal\Tax Information\Board of Revision) for the revision assessment roll with respect to:

- Liability to taxation;
- Amount of an assessed value;
- Classification of property; or
- A refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2)

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43(1) An application for revision must

- Be made in writing (visit [www.westlake-gladstone.ca](http://www.westlake-gladstone.ca) for fillable form)
- Set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- Set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- Be filed by
  - Delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated above, or
  - Serving it upon the secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice

Applications sent electronically must confirm appeal received by municipal office.

#### FEES

A minimum filing fee of \$50.00 must accompany your application form (on website) with an additional fee of \$10.00 for each \$50,000 of assessed value of the property to a maximum of \$300. The filing fee is refundable in the case where an appeal is reached prior to the Board of Revision sitting. The filing fees are non-refundable if a decision cannot be made at the Council level and the property owner chooses to file an appeal to the Municipal Board.

The Board of Revision will sit at the WestLake-Gladstone Municipal Office on October 15th, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. to hear applications. The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is September 29, 2025 between regular office hours Monday - Friday (8:30 am- 4:30 pm).

Prior to filing a complaint against the liability to taxation, amount of assessed value, or classification of property, you are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Provincial Municipal Assessment Branch; phone 204-239-3320. Dated this 29th day of August 2025.

Karen Paz  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone  
Box 150 Gladstone, MB R0J 0T0

## Notice

### NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MINTO-ODANAH

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the following days:

September 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th & 16th, 2025

between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**, at the following location:

**Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah,  
49 Main Street S, Minnedosa, Manitoba,**

I will receive nominations for the offices of:

COUNCILLOR – WARD 1

of the aforesaid Local Authority.

**The nomination deadline is Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m..** Nominations cannot be accepted after this day.

All nominations shall be made in writing and shall be signed by at least twenty-five voters, or NOT less than 1% of the voters (whichever is the lesser) of the authority or ward (as the case may be), but in all cases by at least two voters. Each nomination shall also be accompanied by the candidate's declaration of qualification.

Nominations must be filed in person, at the above location, on the date and hours specified. To obtain a nomination paper, and candidate's declaration of qualification, contact the S.E.O. at the above address or the telephone number listed below.

Nomination papers not accompanied by the required documents and not properly filed shall be rejected.

Aaren Robertson, S.E.O.  
Phone: (204) 867-3282

Dated at Minnedosa in the Province of Manitoba, this 25th day of August, 2025.

Aaren Robertson, Senior Election Official  
Rural Municipality of Minto-Odanah

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Notice

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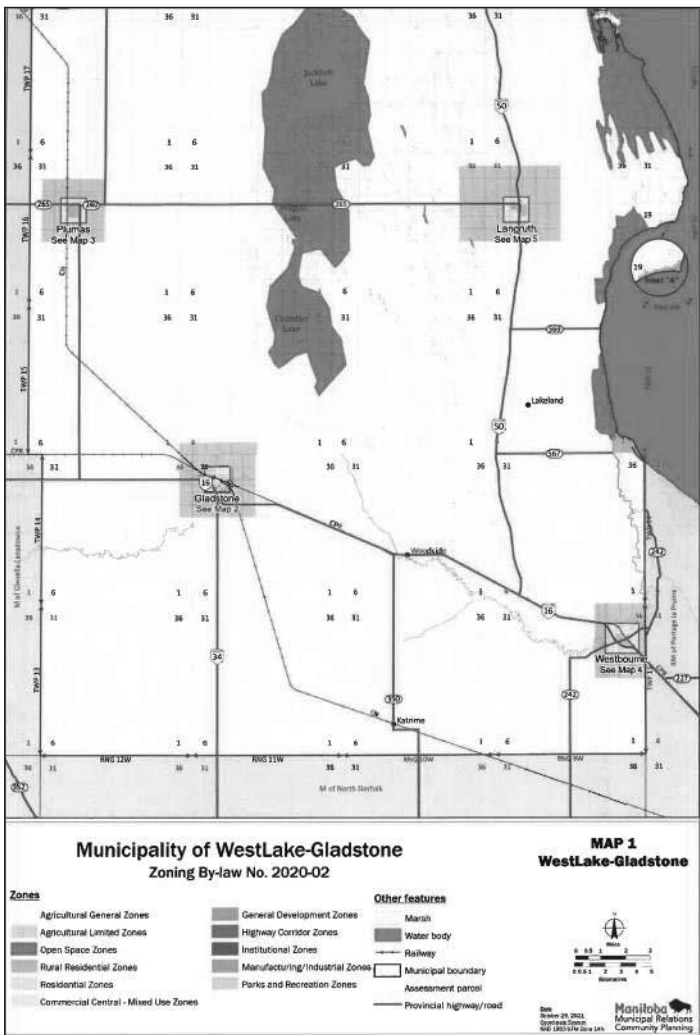
**By-law No. 2025-15, being an amendment to Zoning By-law 2020-02**

**Hearing Location:** 14 Dennis St. E, Municipal Office Council Chambers

**Date & Time:** Wednesday September 17, 2025, at 10 am.

**General Intent:** To add Private Camps as a Conditional Use in the Agriculture General Zone

**Area:** Affects all the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone in the Agriculture General Zone.



For Information Contact: Chief Administrative Officer, Karen Paz, 204-385-2332

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from, upon request.

Coming Events

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Girls 9-10: Zola Harvey - 810 points, Swan Valley Rapids.

Boys 9 - 10: Oscar Yakielashek - 643 points, Swan Valley Rapids.

Girls 11 - 12: Anna Bowl-er - 763 points, Treherne

Tigersharks.

Boys 11 - 12: Joey Smith - 688 points, Neepawa Blue Dolphins.

Girls 13 - 14: Anne Cros-son - 765 points, Neepawa Blue Dolphins.

Boys 13 - 14: Jacey Smith - 673 points, Neepawa Blue Dolphins.

Girls 15&Over: Jordan Clark - 748 points, Beause-jour Otters.

Boys 15&Over: Rejean Gaudet - 548 points, Tre-herne Tigersharks.

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## Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK BOARD OF REVISION

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2026 General Assessment Roll of the Municipality of North Norfolk has been deposited with the Chief Administrative Officer and is open for public inspection at the Municipal Office at MacGregor, Manitoba during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 and 43 of the Assessment Act:

#### APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42 (1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under Section 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation.
- amount of an assessed value.
- classification of property; or,
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll, under Subsection 13(2).

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43 (1) An Application for Revision must:

- be made in writing within 30 days after the mailing date of the supplementary tax notice.
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought.
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and,
- be filed by.
  - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the Municipal Office, 27 Hampton Street East, P.O. Box 190, MacGregor, Manitoba; or,
  - serving it upon the Chief Administrative Officer,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the Board as indicated below. **The ratepayer is responsible for confirming that any appeals sent electronically are received by our office.**

The Board of Revision of the Municipality of North Norfolk will sit to consider applications for revision of assessment at:

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT MACGREGOR, MANITOBA  
ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2025,  
AT THE HOUR OF 9:30 A.M.**

Dated at MacGregor, Manitoba, this 14th day of August 2025.

Theresa Bergen, CMM.A.  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of North Norfolk  
27 Hampton Street East P.O. Box 190  
MacGregor, Manitoba R0H 0R0  
Email: [office@northnorfolk.ca](mailto:office@northnorfolk.ca)

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# BP Museum feature: Sinclairville School

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

What better time to revisit Beautiful Plains school history than the back to school season? This week, readers are invited to peruse some Sinclairville School history:

The Sinclairville School was in what is now the Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne. According to the Manitoba Historical Society, there were enough school children in the area in 1921 to warrant the establishment of a school district. A

one-room schoolhouse was built in the northeast quarter of 32-13-13 west of the Principal Meridian.

And, from September 1960 to June 1964, high school kids were driven by car to Edrans School by principal and teacher Merry Perrot. When high school grades closed in June of 1964, students were then driven by car to Arden School.

In June of 1966, after 45 years of operation, Sinclairville School closed and the building demolished. Afterwards, students attended school at Arden and later Neepawa.



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Pictured: Students of the Sinclairville School. A date, and names, were not listed.

## Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 2nd day of October, 2025, at the hour of 02:00 PM, at Rural Municipality of Alonsa, 20 Railway Avenue, Alonsa, MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
235239	LOT 14 BLOCK 3 PLAN 48614 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC NW 1/4 16-24-10 WPM - 48 MOON SHADOW DRIVE	L-\$18,700	\$2,634.18
236200.133	LOT 33 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 7 BUFFLEHEAD BAY	L-\$23,600	\$2,429.13
236200.134	LOT 34 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 5 BUFFLEHEAD BAY	L-\$21,800	\$2,404.98
236200.137	LOT 37 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 2 MALLARD BAY	L-\$19,700	\$2,341.71
236200.138	LOT 38 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 4 MALLARD BAY	L-\$19,700	\$2,341.69
236200.139	LOT 39 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 6 MALLARD BAY	L-\$23,000	\$2,441.11
236200.14	LOT 40 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 7 MALLARD BAY	L-\$23,300	\$2,450.50
236200.141	LOT 41 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 5 MALLARD BAY	L-\$20,400	\$2,362.45
236200.142	LOT 42 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 3 MALLARD BAY	L-\$19,700	\$2,341.72
236200.143	LOT 43 BLOCK 1 PLAN 48615 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC SE 1/4 21 AND FRAC SW 1/4 22-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 1 MALLARD BAY	L-\$19,700	\$2,341.71

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
237121	LOT 8 BLOCK 2 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 79 NORTHWINDS RD	L-\$12,800	\$2,131.33
237122	LOT 9 BLOCK 2 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 77 NORTHWINDS RD	L-\$12,800	\$2,131.63
237123	LOT 10 BLOCK 2 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 75 NORTHWINDS RD	L-\$12,800	\$2,131.62
237124	LOT 1 BLOCK 3 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 73 NORTHWINDS RD	L-\$12,800	\$2,131.62
237125	LOT 2 BLOCK 3 PLAN 48616 PLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS AS SET FORTH IN TRANSFER 1124139 PLTO IN FRAC N 1/2, FRAC SW 1/4 22, THE SW 1/4 AND FRAC SE 1/4 27-24-10 WPM AND GOVERNMENT ROAD ALLOWANCE (NOW CLOSED) - 71 NORTHWINDS RD	L-\$12,800	\$2,131.62

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any unpaid municipal utilities and any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA as follows:
  - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
  - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
  - iii) A fee in the amount \$500.85 (\$477 + GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2025.

Managed by:



Tami Dumanske  
Chief Administrative Officer  
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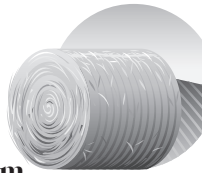
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# Curling for a Cure support means a lot to Neepawa program

## Donation helps to cover cost of four new treatment chairs

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"Donations of any size, but especially one this large, will increase the comfort and quality of care for the patients who come here to receive treatment," said Woodcock. "We'll be receiving a new fleet of treatment chairs— They'll be heated and compliant with today's infection control requirements."

The number of chairs to arrive totals five, with the received funds covering four of these valuable patient care instruments.

"This donation is particularly special because the funds have been raised in honour of someone who was a cancer care patient, and is near and dear to their heart," Woodcock enthused. "It means a lot to have their support."

Curling for a Cure got its start with Nick Melnyk in 2018, raising funds for cancer research and care. Melnyk passed just a few days following the conclusion of the inaugural event, and the initiative was carried on in his memory by friends, family, and the broader community.

For Curling for a Cure, committee representative Chad Yanchycki noted that Friday's cheque presentation was an exciting first step.

"We're so honoured to work with the Neepawa community and to be able to provide support for the care of people in the area. It's incredible," said Yanchycki. "These services are very important to have in the community and surrounding area, and to be able to help make that care a little easier is super important

to us."

Looking to the future, Yanchycki expressed a desire to truly build a presence in Neepawa.

"We want to continue to encourage people from Neepawa to learn about what we do, and continue to encourage people to get involved," said Yanchycki. "We really want to plant some roots here. And, if anyone has questions, please reach out to us to learn more."

Part of this plan includes becoming involved in Neepawa's community events, such as parades, where possible.

The Curling for a Cure committee can be contacted via email at [curlingforcure@gmail.com](mailto:curlingforcure@gmail.com). Further information can also be found on their social media.

## First Annual Kiwanis In Your Kitchen Pickleball Tournament

### Submitted

KIWANIS CLUB OF NEEPAWA

Two local community groups are joining forces for Neepawa's first annual Kiwanis In Your Kitchen Pickleball Tournament. The tournament is slated for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Hillcrest outdoor courts. The rain date is Saturday, Sept. 27.

The Kiwanis Club of Neepawa and Area is always on the look-out for fund-raising opportunities to support their mission of helping kids in and around the community. "We know that pickleball is gaining popularity in Neepawa, and we thought partnering with the Neepawa Pickleball Association for a tournament would be a great way to have a community-building event and raise funds for programs to benefit kids," says club president Angie Weisgerber.

Val Jarema, president of the Neepawa Pickleball Association, added that "When the local Kiwanis Club approached us about putting on a fund-raising

tournament, we jumped at the opportunity. We are always looking for ways to get more people involved in pickleball."

The day promises to be a fun one, with friendly competition and lunch available for purchase. The tournament invites all level of play with a beginner's flight and an intermediate flight. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., free lessons, tips and pointers will be provided by the area's more experienced players. Balls will be provided, and paddles are available for those who need to borrow one.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 14. Register online through the Facebook pages for the Neepawa Pickleball Association or the Kiwanis Club of Neepawa & Area. Questions? Email [neepawapickleball@gmail.com](mailto:neepawapickleball@gmail.com) or phone Marsha Forgue at 204-841-2051.

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# 'Beyond Colours' at ArtsForward

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Neepawa's ArtsForward has officially welcomed its brand new exhibit for the month of September. Officially opened on Sept. 2, the new exhibit, titled Beyond Colours, features the works of area artist Joyce Friesen.

Friesen's art has been featured in juried art shows and travelling galleries, and has earned her some awards.

Friesen's works capture a variety of scenes full of action, movement, beauty and depth. Pieces include a variety of subjects such as wildlife, landscapes, portraits and flowers.

Beyond Colours will remain on display at ArtsForward until Sept. 26.



ART BY JOYCE FRIESEN

Top: 'Chief Joseph' by Joyce Friesen.  
Above: A portion of Joyce Friesen's 'Memories in the Glass'.



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# Progress being made at Neepawa's streets



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The work continues on several roads across Neepawa, including Mill Street, portions of Mountain Avenue, and Second Avenue. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, crews were filling out the excavated portions of Mill Street with fresh dirt (above). Below:

A view of one side of the Second Ave. sections were fresh dirt was being brought in on Wednesday, Sept. 3 to level the street, in preparation of repaving.





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## Canola tariffs cause a stir among Manitoba farmers



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

Chinese tariffs on Canadian canola is casting a shadow of uncertainty for producers. Canola is a key driver of the Canadian economy, as in 2024 Canada exported 8,659,296 metric tonnes.

By Joshua Jackson  
FARMERS' ADVOCATE

As harvest across the prairies begins to ramp up, a bombshell move by the Chinese government has thrown uncertainty into Manitoba's harvest season, as China recently announced preliminary anti-dumping duties on canola seed from Canada. China imposed a preliminary anti-dumping duty on imports of canola seed from Canada of 75.8 per cent, which came into effect on Aug. 14.

According to the World Trade Organization, dumping is "a

situation of international price discrimination, where the price of a product when sold in the importing country is less than the price of that product in the market of the exporting country."

### The timing couldn't be worse

The Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA) is committed to driving success for Manitoba canola farmers and represents approximately 7,500 members throughout the province. They said the timing of this decision couldn't be worse.

"We're (right around) harvest (time), and farmers have already invested heavily in growing this crop. With China, our second-largest canola seed market, effectively closed overnight, producers face fewer selling options, lower prices, and a wave of uncertainty. This is a severe financial hit at a time when input costs are high, markets are volatile, and weather is unpredictable," said the association.

### Canola a key driver in Manitoba's economy

According to Statistics Canada, in 2024, Canada exported

8,659,296 metric tonnes of canola seed. Of the 8,659,296 metric tonnes, 5,863,794 MT or roughly 67 per cent was exported to China. The next top export markets were Japan with 1,005,948 MT, Mexico with 599,688 MT, and the European Union with 491,369 MT.

According to the MCGA, Canola is not just a farm commodity; it's a key driver of Manitoba's rural economy. The canola sector supports every step along the path that gets our food from field to table: food processing jobs, transportation, equipment sales, and a range of local services.

"A \$4.9 billion annual export market disappearing will ripple through the value chain, affecting rural businesses and communities across the province," they said. "We are working directly with policymakers, alongside the Canola Council of Canada and the Canadian Canola Growers Association, to ensure they understand the scope of this impact, both in immediate farm losses and in the long-term erosion of economic stability in rural Manitoba."

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# From the outback to the prairies

Australian farmers talk agriculture with Canadians on cross-country tour



PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

A group of 30 Australian agricultural producers embarked on a cross-country trek in Canada learning about Canadian agricultural practices and visiting different farms. The Trip started in B.C and ended in Alberta.

**By Joshua Jackson**  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It was a cultural exchange of sorts at Melody Acres Beef Farm, near Bradwardine, Manitoba, as Connor English and family welcomed a group of 30 Australian agricultural producers to their farm.

It was all part of a cross-country trip for Aussie farmers to learn more about Canadian Agriculture and soak in how Canadians do farming.

### From Brisbane to Bradwardine

By day, Australian citizen Grahame Rees teaches about low-stress stockmanship and marketing at KLR marketing, which he helped create. As a hobby, Rees enjoys connecting with other ranches around the

world to learn about how they farm cattle and what practices he could be using. In the past, he's run two trips in the U.S.A. and one to New Zealand.

"This is our first trip to Canada. We're here for three weeks, travelling in cars so we can get more access to the ranches. We started in Vancouver, and we're all the way out here to Manitoba," He said at the time they weren't quite halfway done their trip. "We'll finish up in Calgary. The quest we're on is to find the best ranches that are using regenerative practices."

The group of farmers began their three-week journey in British Columbia, before making their way through Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. The group has a diverse age

range and is represented by someone from every decade.

"We have a three-year-old in the group. We have teenagers, quite a few young people. We've got a gentleman and his wife here who are in their 70s, nearly 80," he said, adding that he was conversing with him, asking why he wanted to be on this trip. "He said, 'I'm still trying to figure this out.' It's not only what we have learned from the other ranches; when you put these people in a car (to travel across Canada together), there's a whole lot of sharing and mentoring between the generations."

### There's a lot to learn

Cam Benjamin is a farmer from Queensland, Australia. He was a member of


the group that came to tour Canadian farms. Benjamin talked about what stood out to him and why he wanted to participate in this tour.

"We're looking at different grazing systems, we're

looking at multi-species cropping, which we don't do much of at home, but we hear a lot about," said the farmer. "We've read about the different styles of grazing, and the different

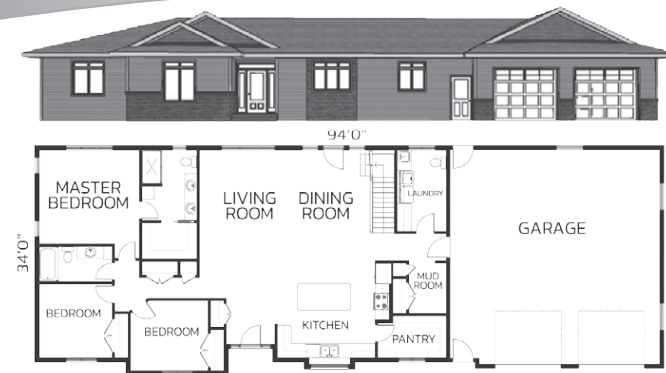
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Gladstone Airport looks to the community to fund critical upgrades



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FARMERS' ADVOCATE

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Gladstone Flying Club President Jerry Peters said the Gladstone Municipal Airport will come alive with a barbecue, car show, and a chance for you to take to the skies and see a WWII plane.

"The car show will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and we'll be selling hamburgers and hot dogs. That will run basically all day, and we will be offering rides in a Cessna airplane. From 10 a.m. until dusk, depending on the volume of people here," he said. "And the (WWII training plane used by the Royal Canadian Air Force), the Tiger Moth will be coming in for people to look at, and they will also be selling rides on it."

### A history of the airport

According to the book "Beyond the Third Cross-

ing," before the airport became an airport, it was a homestead located on a quarter of land owned by various families. After the last owner had passed away, the land became the property of avid aviation enthusiast George Galloway and his family. He erected several runways and built a hangar to fly airplanes from, and soon several of his friends would join him.

In 1974, Secretary Treasurer of the Gladstone Flying Club, Daryl Teichrib's dad, and John Teichrib returned to where they grew up, built a maintenance shop, and started an aerial spraying business. The airport was acquired by the Municipality of Westbourne in 1974.

"(After the municipality bought it), the runways were redone, with municipal equipment, and a few more hangars were put up. There was also a flying school here from 1976 to 1983. Over a hundred students gained their pilot's license," he said. "Since then, the airport has continued with the flying club and the municipality, working together to maintain it. The airport runway was paved in 1988 because they got a federal grant."

The Gladstone Municipal Airport has had its share

of eager learners who have gone on to be pilots, which Peters noted is something that he's proud of.

"Not too many young people are involved in aviation like they used to be. I've had young people who now have flying careers because they got into an airplane (at this airport) 25 years ago," he said. "I think it's neat that I had a little part in directing someone towards an aviation career."

### Gladstone Flying Club

The Gladstone Flying Club itself was founded in 1976, with a board of around 50 members. Those numbers have since drastically declined, but a small yet dedicated group continues to fly the group on.

"We're promoting aviation - people who have like-minded hobbies and interests meeting together. (We promote) maintaining the airport and encouraging

one another to go out for flying trips together," said Teichrib, noting that, in recent years, there have not been many active flyers. The flying club hosts non-flyers who enjoy the fellowship, like to take a ride on occasion, and put their shoulder to the wheel in helping to maintain the airport.

"If we lose this facility, we won't get it back. It's too much money to try to beg for a new facility and build a new airstrip. We're doing our best to maintain this so future generations can keep using this airport and enjoying it," he said.

Peters is one of the members who does not have a pilot's licence, but said he is happy to help out and be an active part of the club.

"I (enjoy) hanging out with the pilots and ex-pilots. We gather together for coffee or a visit and tagging along for some airplane rides," said the President of the club. "It's good to see this airport

in this area being used still, so I volunteer to help with mowing the grass runways, maintenance on our clubhouse, and with maintaining the lights so we can keep this facility in this area."

### The airport today

The Gladstone Municipal Airport serves as a local hub for many spray planes and local aviation enthusiasts.

"We have planes that arrive from different training schools, and they're doing cross-country flights. They come here to practice landings and takeoffs. We have planes that go cross-country and stop here to rest and buy fuel," he said. "We have had STARS (Air Ambulance) land here to do transfers, and we have had medical flights. We've also had planes from up north land here, as well as a few emergency landings on our airstrip."

In the summer months, more than an average of 22 flights per week take off from the Gladstone Municipal Airport; that number dwindles in the winter, but there are still weekly takeoffs from the runway.

Although the Gladstone Flying Club have been applying for grants to raise money,

they are hoping for the public to step up and help keep the Gladstone Municipal Airport in operating condition.

"It's been several years since the airport was paved. We are developing bigger cracks in the runway, and to maintain it, we've applied for grants. We got a \$5,000 Grant this year from Big Grass Community Foundation to aid in crack repair on the runway, alongside \$18,000 from the Westlake Gladstone Municipality."

Peters estimates that a total resurfacing and upgrade of the runway would cost upwards of \$300,000. Recently, the airport had Superior Asphalt come repair the cracks on the runway to extend its life. The airport received a separate grant from the Big Grass Community Foundation last year to help upgrade its aging airport lights. The flying club is also hoping to purchase airport lights from the Virden Airport, as they will be upgrading to an LED light system.

"It would be nice to get the runway repaved in the next five to ten years because of the age of the asphalt. That's why we've been fundraising and looking for corporate sponsorship to help out. In the meantime, we're holding our own fundraising. We just raffled off two rides on a World War II training biplane, the Tiger Moth," said Peters.



The Gladstone Municipal Airport serves as a local hub for many spray planes and local aviation enthusiasts. In the summer months, more than an average of 22 flights per week take off from the Gladstone Municipal Airport. The Gladstone Flying Club was founded in 1976 and helps with the maintenance of the airport.



# China's canola decision affects more than just farmers

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The prairie provinces also saw a decline in canola being planted. A June 2025 Statistics Canada report, which collects information on field crop seeded areas in Canada, was conducted from May 15 to June 12, 2025, and included approximately 25,000 Farmers reported planting 21.5 million acres of canola, down 2.5 per cent from the previous year. In Saskatchewan, where more than half of Canada's canola is grown, farmers reported planting 12.0 million acres of canola, down 0.5 per cent from 2024, Alberta reported planting 6.2 million acres of canola in 2025, down 2.8 per cent from the previous year, while Manitoba, farmers reported seeding 3.0 million acres of canola, which is a 9.2 per cent decrease from 2024.

The new tariff will have an immediate and substantive impact on farmers' marketing opportunities for the 2025 canola crop. The MCGA talked about the long-term strategies they're developing to mitigate reliance on the Chinese market and to find new, stable markets for Manitoba's canola.



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Statistics Canada reported approximately 25,000 farmers reported planting 21.5 million acres of canola, down 2.5 per cent from the previous year.

"The canola sector has long been focused on diversifying markets for canola, with recent progress on new uses like renewable diesel fuel that have potential for a reliable and stable domestic market. Over-reliance on any one market is a risk MCGA is committed to mitigating, but replacing a major market like China is not realistically done in the near term," they said. "Our top priority continues to be reopening the market in

China while we continue to expand access to other high-potential markets, strengthen relationships in existing ones, and build Canada's domestic processing capacity." Previous to the August tariffs announced by China, they also placed a 100 per cent tariff rate on Canadian canola oil and canola meal along with several other tariffs on other Canadian agricultural commodities as of March 20, 2025, in response to its

anti-discrimination investigation initiated in 2024 as a result of the federal government's imposition of tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, steel and aluminum. With these tariffs in place, MCGA said that the Chinese market is effectively closed across all canola products.

"This means less demand overall, downward pressure on prices, and reduced competition for our crop—directly squeezing farm revenue and limiting marketing flexibility. The cash flow impacts will be felt almost immedi-

ately, especially for farmers counting on Chinese sales to manage harvest-season bills."

The MCGA is advocating for urgent federal action on two fronts:

**1. Market Access:** Immediate and decisive engagement with Chinese counterparts to reopen the canola seed market.

**2. Farmer Support:** Emergency programs developed in collaboration with farmers that help them weather this income shock and

maintain operations until market access is restored. Compensation details are expected to reflect the specific damage experienced by canola farmers and the sector. The priority is timely, effective action that helps farmers bridge this sudden market loss.

According to the MCGA, this issue reaches far beyond the farm gate. Canola is the backbone of a value chain that supports thousands of jobs in food and fuel processing plants, transportation companies, input suppliers, and export logistics, many of which are based in small towns, regional hubs, and larger cities.

"When farm incomes drop, the effects cascade: processors handle less product, transport companies move fewer goods, and local businesses see less spending. That loss of economic activity hits rural communities first, but it quickly ripples into urban centres as well," they said. "We encourage all Manitobans to stand with farmers by supporting urgent government action to restore market access, recognizing that protecting our canola industry is about safeguarding jobs, communities, and economic stability across the province."



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A farmer east of Neepawa swaths canola. Manitoba, farmers reported seeding 3.0 million acres of canola, which is a 9.2 per cent decrease from 2024.

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Thanks to the dedication of members of the trucking industry, Manitobans can count on stocked grocery shelves, life-saving medical equipment, and safe, treated water. From keeping supply chains flowing to maintaining critical services, their contributions make a difference every single day. That's something everyone in Manitoba's trucking industry can take pride in—I know I do. Whatever the role—behind the wheel, in the shop, in logistics or administration—Manitoba's trucking industry

is integral to the quality of life we enjoy across this province and beyond.

This past year has been one of meaningful progress. From workplace and road safety improvements and infrastructure investments, we are proud to be part of building a safe, competitive, and sustainable trucking sector. We continue to advocate for essentials like driver rest areas, better winter road maintenance, and the elimination of labour trafficking and immigration abuse in Manitoba—a practice that undermines the safe, efficient, and fair work being done by many carriers.

2025 has certainly brought with it new challenges for Manitoba's trucking industry, but it has also brought opportunities as new markets are sought for Canadian goods. We must face these challenges head-

**Pauline Wiebe.**  
**President, Manitoba Trucking Association**  
**Vice president - finance and administration,**  
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first, but we don't have to face them alone. Our advocacy, education, and partnerships across all levels of government and industry are driven by one goal: a strong, respected, and globally competitive trucking industry for Manitoba. Whether you're a long-time member or considering joining us, now is the time to be part of this momentum.

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## Honouring Manitoba's backbone: Our trucking industry

Residing in the core of southwest Manitoba, where the sound of diesel engines and the sight of semis rolling down the provincial highways are as familiar as prairie sunsets. Trucker Appreciation Week (Sept. 7-13, 2025) is more than a calendar note—it's a moment to recognize the lifeblood of our province's economy and the unsung heroes behind the wheel.

Manitoba has long punched above its weight in Canada's trucking industry. In 2024, the transportation and warehousing sector employed 49,300 Manitobans, accounting for 6.8% of the province's

total employment. Of these, 18,400 worked in truck transportation, making it the largest subsector. And with 15,400 truck drivers on the road as of late 2022, it's clear that Manitoba isn't just a participant—it's a leader.

The economic impact is equally impressive. In 2023, the Manitoba Transportation and Warehousing Industry (MTWI) contributed \$4.436 billion to the province's GDP, representing 9.4% of Manitoba's business sector GDP. That's not just freight—it's food on shelves, fuel in tanks, and livelihoods sustained across every corner of the province.

Living in southwest Manitoba, we see firsthand how trucking connects our communities to the rest of Canada and beyond.

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to lead the next chapter of Canadian freight.

But behind every statistic is a story. It's the story of drivers who brave icy highways, warehouse workers who keep goods moving, and logistics teams who orchestrate the flow of commerce. It's the story of many families in Agassiz and across our province who rely on this industry not just for income, but for connection.

So this Trucker Ap-

preciation Week, let's do more than wave at a passing rig. Let's honour the grit, skill, and dedication of Manitoba's trucking community. Because when they roll, Manitoba rolls—and Canada follows.

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## Neepawa is home to a Million Mile Man

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FARMERS' ADVOCATE

Neepawa's Robin Penner recently drove past a major milestone when it comes to transportation. Penner, who drives through LPR, a transportation operation owned by HyLife, was one of six drivers who recently joined the Million Miles of Safe Driving Club. The other drivers to reach this landmark accomplishment include:

- Andy Donaghy- 3,000,000 Miles\*, LPR, Morris, MB;
- William (Ted) Wachna- 2,000,000 Miles, LPR, Morris, MB;
- Mike Schalla- 2,000,000 Miles, HyLife, Randolph, MB;
- Jeff Dotty- 1,000,000 Miles LPR, Morris, MB; and
- Jeff Rempel- 1,000,000 Miles, HyLife, Randolph,

MB. These half dozen dedicated drivers drove a collective 10 million miles safely. According to the HyLife media release acknowledging the numbers, that amount of miles is the equivalent of circling the Earth more than 400 times or traveling to the moon and back four times.

For Penner, the million mile accolade was something that he knew he was close to, but it wasn't something that he was specifically focused on. "It's very nice to be acknowledged. I knew it was coming soon as some others had achieved this milestone before, but it was very nice to hear I did too."

As part of reaching this historic distance, each of the six drivers have now been inducted into the Million Mile Club, with their names placed on a special wall at



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Robin Penner, of Neepawa.

HyLife's head office in Steinbach. This tribute will serve as a lasting honour to their incredible achievements. "It takes a special kind of person to drive—someone with grit, patience, and an unwavering sense of responsibility," said Sergey Yaglinsky, Manager of Driver Services. "The HyLife Million Mile Club is our way of saying thank you to the drivers who've literally gone the distance, both safely and consistently." HyLife employs more than 2,600 people and exports to over 20 countries.

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# Farmers' Advocate

## 'We've met some awesome Canadians'

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Benjamin farms in south-west Queensland on the border of the outback.

Each year, we have about 20 inches of rainfall. It's pretty good wheat farming country. We personally run cattle and grow forage crops. We background steers and we run breeder units," he said.

Benjamin is excited to take some of what he's learned in Canada and apply it to his own farm, such as introducing some multi-species in a relatively small area in a paddock he owns back home. Benjamin noted that although there are similarities between farms in Australia and Canada, there are some key differences.

"The two biggest differences in this part of the world are the snowfall. (Canadians) spending the whole winter preparing for summer, and also those dry lands that we saw in southern B.C., with their dry areas and how there are small numbers in the regulated grazing on those leasehold lands. It's quite different."

Benjamin said he's had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed his time in Canada.

"We're having a wonderful time," he said. "You get to know the people in the group, and they're all like-minded people. We've met some awesome Canadians. I've actually spent time over here as a young bloke, so I know it a wee bit. It's been wonderful."

### **Lots to learn from Manitoba**

Around mid-morning, a convoy of vehicles rolled up to Melody Acres Beef Farm, on the outskirts of Bradwardine.

Connor English is proud to be a fifth-generation producer on the family farm, who has transitioned to cattle after being mainly a livestock and grain operation in the past.

"About 85 percent of our farm right now would be in perennial pasture production, and the remaining

Acres are annual acres that we're utilizing for seed sources," he said.

English proudly showed off his farm to the Australians, which uses methods such as cover crops, like corn. Over the past couple of years, English has transitioned to a May-June calving cow herd and is retaining calves through the winter. English is also a firm believer in the total grazing method and uses it on his farm. With this method, English said he moves his cattle frequently, usually daily, gives cows a new chunk of grass, and puts an emphasis on the recovery of grazed acres.

"My two main goals are to build the most resilient system possible, so we're not reliant on timely rains. We can take significant amount of rains when they do come, and, and most importantly, being as profitable as we can as we can in the future, so being ready to change operations, whether that be on a class of animal that we're looking after or the way that we're utilizing some Acres just to put ourselves in a good position in today's day and age."

The English's are no strangers to opening up their farm, having hosted about 150 on their farm already this year, as well as hosting a farm tour in July, for the second year in a row. He said it was special to be able to welcome a group like that and to be able to host them and showcase what we're doing with our operation.

"It was cool to see how eager those folks were to learn and to try and pick up a few things that our operation does to bring home to their operation," said the farmer. "These Australian grazers were very cool, as they're just on a journey to learn and to take away different practices that are happening on a completely different part of the world. It's all beneficial to learn from others. There's a lot of commonality between us, even though they're in Australia, and we're in Manitoba."



From checking out cattle grazing in the pasture to looking at mixed-seed grazing crops, to touring alfalfa fields, there was something for everyone to see at Melody Acres Beef Farm. The tour wrapped up with lunch served at a local community centre before the Australians toured their next farm of the day.

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JOSHUA JACKSON



Connor English and his son explain the farms cover crop of corn and soybeans during the tour.

# Farmers' Advocate

## Ken Harpelle's impressive tractor collection



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BALDUR-GLENBORO GAZETTE

Pictured above: Ken and Agnes Harpelle, north of Cypress River, pictured standing in front of an extensive line-up of tractors from their collection.

Pictured right: This Versatile D100, found in Kupar, Saskatchewan was a challenge to restore. Trees were growing through it, tires and rims were rotted, and the motor was seized. Now, it runs in tip top shape! It was the 36th of its kind made.

**By Giselle Lussier**  
BALDUR-GLENBORO GAZETTE

His first tractor purchase was out of necessity — a tool for the farm and a means to support his wife, Agnes, and their three daughters on his mixed cattle and grain farm just a few miles north of Cypress River. The addition of the last twenty or so tractors, however, was driven by passion — a way to expand his vintage Steiger and Versatile collection.

"It's more than a collection. It's the entire process, from the hunt to the restoration, but mostly, it's the people we meet along the way," smiled Ken Harpelle of Cypress River.

His collection began by chance, sparked by a love for driving Versatile four-wheel-drive tractors. "I bought my first four-wheel-drive Versatile early on in my marriage, and I just fell in love with the feel, the smoothness, and the power — way more power than my fields actually needed," he chuckled, gazing over the collection neatly arranged on the prairie soil, where

they now sit on display from July 15 to Aug. 15.

We set up the display every other year, which actually works out really well. There are only a few of us who do this. Chris Wathham in Illinois who has the largest collection has his display on alternate years to us so it works out beautifully," he explained. The display just recently set up has already attracted a number of visitors most recently two men from the Netherlands. They are not only greeted by an impressive lineup of vintage tractors, Ken is always up for a visit and Agnes's offering of cake and cookies. "The visits last up to three hours, every tractor has a story, it is always an easy conversation."

Agnes takes an active role in the display as well. She helps Ken track down tractors and manages the advertising. Recently, she created posters and hung them in several towns throughout southwestern Manitoba. She also promotes the display on social media and placed an ad in the Steiger Heritage Club magazine. At the

moment, she's painting a sign that will be hung at the corner of their road and Highway 2. And last but not least it is her homemade cake and cookies that their guests are treated to when they come to see the display!

As the years went on, Ken acquired more tractors, keeping each one that came before. "I didn't set out to collect them. I just couldn't part with the ones I had," he said. A few years ago, he began scaling back the farm and began pouring his time into his first love, tractors — spending countless hours in the shop restoring them to their former glory. That marked a new chapter. The true turning point came while he was out fishing and came across a Co-op Bearcat.

"That was my first Steiger," he said. "And after that, I was hooked."

Restoration is rewarding as well there is a lot of gratification in bringing something back to life and to do that Ken often spends eight hours a day in his shop. He does all the work himself — painting, restoring, and even replacing the massive tires by hand.

Pointing proudly to a Cougar I Co-op, he said, "this one was full of holes. It had the wrong paint colour. I welded over 100 holes in the frame — it took me over four months to restore."

Among the lineup, one especially meaningful tractor stands out: a D100 Versatile — the first series ever built in 1966, and the 36th unit off the line. A friend spotted it on Kijiji. "It had been in the bush so long there were trees growing through it. The motor was seized, and the rims were completely rotted."

In the early days, Ken would sometimes buy as many as seven tractors a year, with five waiting to be picked up from various locations at once. But more recently,



he's become pickier focusing on rare and historically significant models.

"I've been searching for a Tiger II Co-op from 1973. There were only three made. I know one was sold in Manitoba, but I haven't found it yet."

One of his most amazing and cherished finds is the 10th Steiger tractor ever built — assembled in a barn by Douglas and Morris Steiger when they were just in their twenties.

Ken still shakes his head at the memory. "When we pulled up to the Spy Hill Auction and saw rows of \$100,000 campers pulled by trucks worth even more, all with US plates, I didn't figure I had a chance. But I got the winning bid. And as if that wasn't enough, the auctioneer announced they had the original operator's manual, with the builder's phone number handwritten on it."

It would be hard to pinpoint what brings the biggest smile to Ken's face: the stories behind the tractors he's worked so hard to acquire and restore, or the stories about the people he's met along the way.

We've met so many people and made so many friends, from everywhere," he said, his eyes scanning the row of gleaming machines, each one carrying not just horsepower, but memories. He has even got to shake the hand and have a lengthy conversation

with one of the founders of Steiger, Douglas Steiger at a steam show in Rolag, Minnesota.

The largest North American collector of four wheel drive tractors contacted Ken to tell him how grateful he is that there is someone who works so hard to preserve the past. It is friendships that are built on a commonality.

For Ken, it's not just about collecting machines, it's about preserving a legacy. Each tractor holds a story, and every restoration is a tribute to the generations of farmers who once relied on these powerful workhorses. Point to any tractor in the lineup, and Ken can tell you a story — where it came from, the condition it was in, and the hours spent bringing it back to life.

Every tractor on display was driven to its temporary spot by either Ken or Agnes.

"You have to get behind the wheel of one of these tractors — you just feel the power," he said. "The new tractors don't have that rawness to them. These are like having a really good dance partner to waltz with," he added with a smile.

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This Cougar was found by Ken in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan. It is one of Ken's favourites, and, including his, only five were built in total.



# Harvest season in full throttle across Manitoba



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## A Highland highlight



PHOTO COURTESY OF MANITOBA YOUTH BEEF ROUND-UP

Highland cattle are a sight not often seen in Manitoba. However, it was a sight seen nonetheless at the Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up in Neepawa last month! According to 2024 statistics from the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, there are 339 registered Highland cattle farms. Seventeen of those farms are in Manitoba.

It's harvest time around Manitoba as many farmers around Manitoba are in the thick of getting their crops off before the frost sets in. According to Manitoba Crop report, yield estimates for winter wheat range from 50 to 80 bu/acre. Fall rye yields range from 60 to 110 bu/acre, spring wheat is averaging 50 to 60 bu/acre, and oat yields range from 100 to 150 bu/acre. Top photo: a beautiful sunset cascades a freshly bailed field east of Neepawa. Bottom left and right: Riverside Colony is firing on all cylinders as their harvest is underway.

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A large green combine harvester is shown harvesting grain in a field. A green tractor is pulling a grain cart, which is being filled by the combine's auger. The background shows a vast agricultural landscape under a clear sky.

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