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A thunderous arrival to Neepawa



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The evening of Aug. 9 had plenty of grey clouds, but the thunderous sounds that day came not from the sky, but the roads. At approximately 6:00 p.m., the Rolling Barrage made their annual stop in Neepawa. Curious and eager individuals gathered at the Neepawa Legion to greet the riders, get a close look at their motorcycles, and join the crew for dinner in the Legion Hall.

The Rolling Barrage makes a cross-country trip every year as a fundraiser to support veterans and first responders with post traumatic stress disorder, and to raise awareness.

Additional photos and details for the presentations made that evening can be found on Page 18.

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A community fixture for all

Official grand opening to be held for Gill & Schmall Dream Ride Park

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

While Neepawa’s Dream Ride is well known for making dreams come true, one of its very own has come to fruition. After a year of planning and hard work, the Gill & Schmall Dream Ride Park will be having its grand opening on Monday, Aug. 18.

According to Dream Ride co-organizer Marsha Forgue, the pocket park is designed to be “a community place downtown for all to use”.

“The park’s all ready and has wheelchair accessible tables, and the hard-top gazebo was installed this past weekend,” said Forgue. “All that’s left is the permanent signage for the sponsors.”

Forgue added, “We’re very thankful to Gill & Schmall for partnering with us and donating the land for the park. As well, to all the people and sponsors who helped to make this possible.”

All members of the public are welcome to attend the grand opening celebrations on Aug. 18, which will be marked by a community barbecue from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A fee of \$5 applies for the food and refreshments, with any funds raised being donated to the Dream Factory.

Additionally, patrons will potentially be able to turn up the heat on their own cookouts, as they will have a chance to win a Blackstone grill.

The Gill & Schmall Dream Ride Park is located beside Neepawa’s Gill & Schmall, which is located at 371 Mountain Ave.



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Above: A view of the Gill & Schmall Dream Ride Park in Neepawa. Flowerbeds border the front entrance of the pocket park, and additional planters adorn the interior. The picnic tables have wheelchair accessible slots, and the Dream Ride bench can also be found here.



Left: The Dream Ride bench, which has made its permanent home at the park.

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Looking Back

1975: Wind storm blows over construction for NACI

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
August 15, 1900**

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

Arden: King Bros., of Gladstone, have commenced the brick work on Mr. H. D. McCamis' new house.

The owners of the ostrich herd left on the freight Friday for Rat Portage. They report a good remuneration from their business during their stay in Neepawa.

Master Miles Sharman, about 14 years of age, had the misfortune to dislocate his thigh bone on Tuesday

of last week while returning from a berry-picking excursion to the sandhills. The boy's foot caught in the buggy wheel and his leg was twisted around the hub. Dr. McInnis and Dr. McRae dressed and repaired the fractured bones and sent the patient to Brandon hospital. It is feared the limb will have to be amputated.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
August 14, 1925**

Eden: Nurse Margaret Coad, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Winnipeg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coad, at their cottage, Clear Lake.

Edrans: One of the signs of the times is the growth

of malice and injustices in our social relationships. Hasty criticism and snap judgements are poisoning the people.

Work has started on the new Masonic hall at the corner of Hamilton and Third streets. It will be one storey, with basement, 30x80 and when completed will be much more commodious than their present quarters.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
August 17, 1950**

Successful candidate for construction of the 34-bed Neepawa and District Memorial Hospital is Pearson Construction Company of Winnipeg and Brandon, with the lowest of six bids at \$157,584.

Mrs. Isabella Emmaline Buchanan, 523 Vedder Road, passed away July 27 in Chilliwack (B.C.) hospital.

The late Mrs. Buchanan, who was in her 74th year, was born in Chester, Pennsylvania and went to Neepawa, Man., 68 years ago, moving to Pleasantdale, Sask., in 1922 and coming to B.C. 22 years ago.

Miss Audrey White has returned to her position in Ottawa, after spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. E. White.

Note: The entry did not make note of what Audrey White's position at Ottawa was.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
August 21, 1975**

A newcomer to the Neepawa community is Bob Durston who will work as the Agricultural Representative for the area. Mr. Durston comes to Neepawa from Pilot Mound where he has held a similar position for

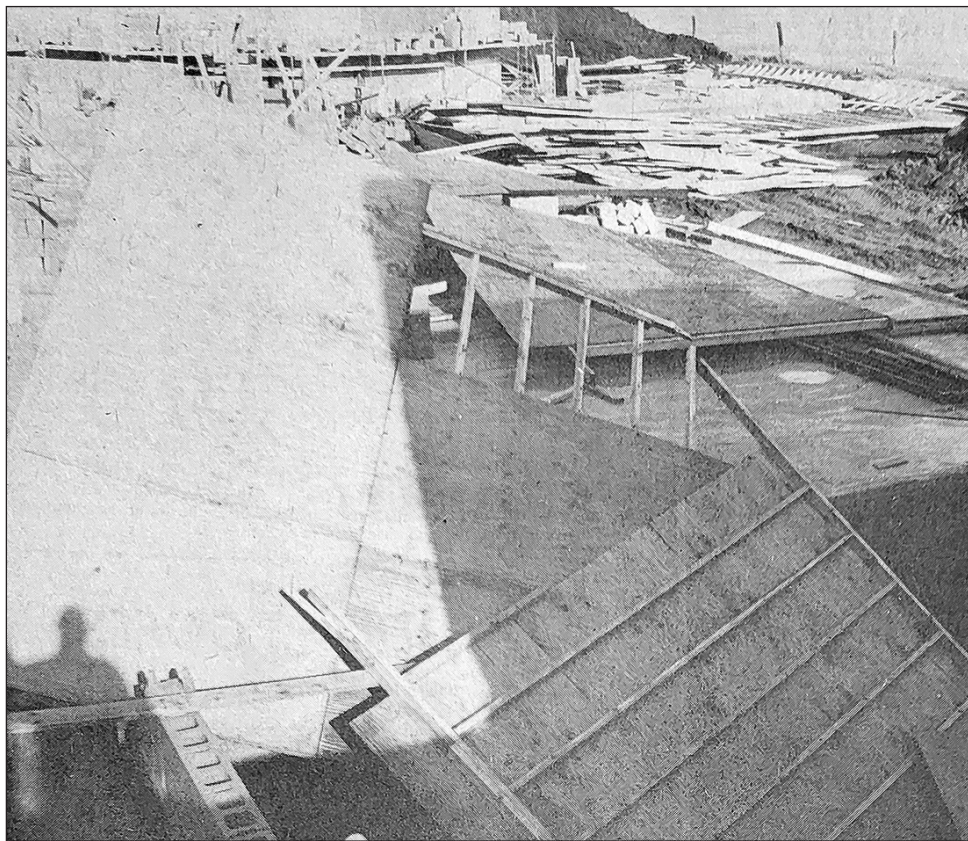


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A storm of wind and rain in 1975 wreaked some havoc around Neepawa. The scene above depicts the construction site for an addition to NACI, which was one of the storm's casualties. Wind knocked down some of the walls that had been put up, resulting in some upsets for the construction timeline.

the past three years.

The Western Canada Beaver Baseball Tournament which is to be hosted by Neepawa is coming up next weekend, Aug. 30-31.

McCreary: Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Scott who observed her 82nd birthday Thursday, Aug. 14.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
August 15, 2005**

McCreary: The McCreary Agricultural Society hosted its 45th Annual Fair, Ranch Rodeo and Race Meet on Aug. 6 and 7.

McCreary: The McCreary Golf and Country Club did not have their

grand opening celebration on Aug. 13. Instead, it has been postponed until spring of 2006.

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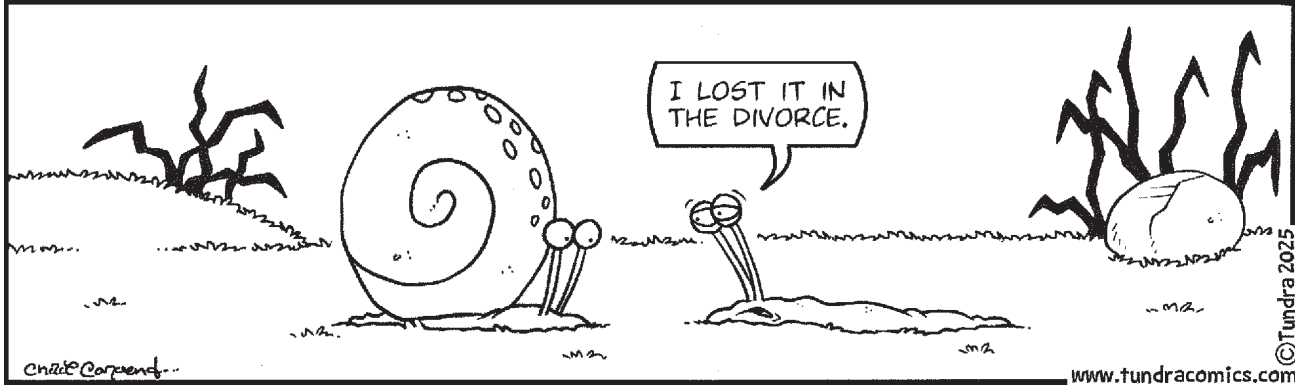
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By Chad Carpenter



Looking back and ahead

I beg your patience, but this week's column is rather reflective in nature. In 1970, when I moved back out rural Manitoba, I had just finished four years of university and my wife and I and our first born son took up residence in Carberry. Carberry was larger than my hometown of Holland, Manitoba and certainly larger than the village of Scarth (south of Virden) where my wife Christine (nee Lobel) attended Grades 1-8. Carberry wasn't and isn't as large as Virden, which is where Christine attended high school. Many things have stayed the same in the past 55 years, but many things have changed.

I often reflect on how things have changed. In 1970, Scarth still had a tiny railway station, a little store and a school converted to a community centre. Virden was well into its oil and energy phase. Neepawa had lost its major industry, the salt well and was in the midst of converting the salt plant warehouse into the Yellowhead Centre Hall and building a new ice arena.

Many of the villages around Neepawa, Minnedosa, Rivers, and Virden still had services such as grain elevators, a garage or two, rinks and even some medical services. Much of that has changed. Until the recent establishment of The Barn at Kelwood, one had to drive up Hwy. 5 from Neepawa to McCreary (a distance of about 35 miles) to find a gas station. Many of the village or country stores are gone now. The local country schools mostly disappeared about the time I graduated from high school in 1966. There is no grain elevator at Neepawa anymore and there used to be two back then, and many more in earlier years.

To this day, I am still not sure why farms have gotten so much larger than they were in days gone by. Compared to the 1940s, 50s and 60s, farm work today is not the drudgery it used to

be, but that obvious improvement didn't stop the drift of population off the farms.

We are seeing a bit of a community resurgence. Centres in all our newspaper coverage areas are growing, albeit some faster than others.

There are still some stumbling blocks. Hydro capacity is a limiting factor for industrial expansion. Most towns do not have the hydro, water or sewage capacity to take on big projects. That's sad because in my opinion, our cities have grown big enough. There is direct connection between crime and cities becoming too large so why are we putting more and more efforts and resources into Winnipeg. I likely will get little support for this next idea, but isn't Winnipeg, or even Brandon large enough?

And as far as building codes are concerned, I think they have added way too much to construction costs. Two-by-four walls are fine if they are built correctly. Dual pane windows are ok in my books and triple panes are not necessary. Can we not build homes in expandable sections? I know some older homes look awful with a lean-to onto a lean-to, but with a bit of imagination, houses can be built that are expandable. Does every new house need a garage right away, or could the garage be added later? Don't get me wrong, I love my double garage, but in the history of our current home which was first built around 1908,

added onto in 1911 and again in 2015, the garage was added to this property by a previous owner 60 years after the house was first built.

Rural Manitoba needs more people, including tradespeople and professionals too. One can hardly call most rural areas overcrowded.

Closing of schools, elevators, machinery, and car dealerships all added to the decline of rural areas. But, the areas that have grown, are growing and will grow, need to elect very strong leadership at the local council level so they can present a strong front to deal with businesses, with the banks and credit unions and with both levels of government.

There's lots of blame to go around when a community declines but much of the blame can be seen in our bedroom mirrors. Have we had new ideas, have they been reasonable, progressive, feasible, and been ones that build our communities up? Or, have we stood back and just hoped for the best instead of avoiding the worst?

I would say, if you have some investment money and you are investing a large percentage of it outside your community, you might be investing in the wrong place. Your community needs and deserves your full attention.

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

Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Swinging from branches...

Sven Somme, a fisheries officer from Norway, worked with his brother Jacob as spies against the Nazi German army. His brother was caught in 1943 and executed after he had helped sabotage the hydro plant in Telmark. The Nazis knew about Sven and warrants for his arrest. Sven continued with his undercover work, was captured, handcuffed and was condemned to be executed for spying. He managed to escape. When his escape was discovered nine hundred soldiers with bloodhounds were sent after him. In two months he undertook a remarkable two hundred mile trek. At times Sven would climb up pine trees and jump from tree to tree, eliminating tracks. It was not an easy escape, a farmer offered proper mountain boots, a safe house provided shelter until false papers were in place, and then, travelling through Sweden to Britain. His incredible detailed work made a huge difference in the war effort. And he was middle aged when he swung through the trees to freedom.

I love the story, the image of a middle aged man climbing a pine tree to a height where he could build momentum to swing to another tall tree. And repeat to action until he reached safety. It connects with "Birches" by Robert Frost. "When I see birches bend to left and right, across the lines of straighter darker trees, I like to think some boy's been swinging them." The poet goes on to explain that it is really ice storms that break the back and spirit on the gentle birch tree. The poem goes on imaging a young boy at play riding the branches. "He learned all there was to learn about not launching out too soon and so not carrying the tree away clear to the ground... Then he flung outward, feet first, with a swish, kicking his way down through the air to the ground." Frost then remembers swinging from trees himself, wishing to repeat the feat. "I'd like to go by climbing a birch tree, and climb black branches up a snow-white trunk toward heaven, till the tree could bear no more, but dipped its top and set me down again. That would be good both going and coming back. One could do worse than be a swinger of birches."

These images, a spy escaping enemies by swinging from pine tree top to pine tree top, and the poet, wishing his last earthly ride was from a birch tree, comfort me and encourage me. That may seem a bit strange but I am a tree hugger, a planter of trees, not so much one who swings from the top of a tree. Though, there was the time when I was supervising two grandsons as they cleaned dead branches out of the careless maples on the acreage... They had a rope tied to the fairly large branch and weren't able to bring it down. I chose to use my body weight as a pendulum, gaining momentum with every mad dash from north to south and back again. Then, with a snap, the branch broke, and I went head over heels into the dirt. Not a glorious dismount!

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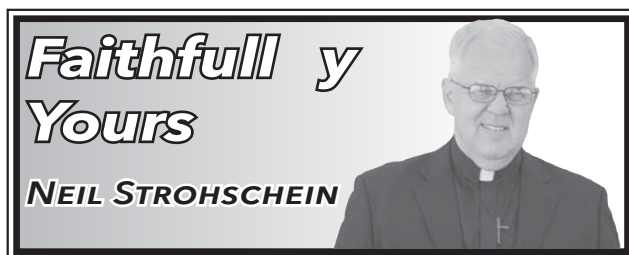
A valuable lesson

Some of life's lessons, when learned, fill us with regret. True, the lessons help us cope with the different challenges life sends us; and that makes them very valuable. What we regret is not learning them sooner; because if we had, they could have saved us a great deal of discomfort.

But, in our youthful exuberance and lack of maturity, we may think we know all we need to know to live perfect lives; and that there is little (if anything) that we can learn from the mistakes of our ancestors. That is where we are wrong. Unfortunately, most of us will not realize that until late in life; and some of us never will.

One of the lessons I should have learned from my early years on my parents' farm is that success in life requires faith and flexibility.

On our farm, we followed a very flexible schedule. We used warm winter days for doing necessary yard work.



We went to town on days when we couldn't do much else. Critical farm work (planting, harvest, haying) was done on time and when weather conditions permitted. Appointments (medical, dental, vision, etc.) were kept. We didn't worry about the work we couldn't do on those days. It could be done the next day—and it was.

But every night, after supper, I would see my dad sitting in his favorite chair, his Bible open on the lap in front of him and his hands folded in prayer. I know that in those times, he was asking God to help him use his time wisely, so that all necessary farm work would be done before freeze-up. God answered that prayer; and all the work got done.

This simple act of faith helped to keep my parents grounded when they faced difficult years and had to make crucial life decisions. They knew that there is an inseparable bond between faith and flexibility. You need both to lead a fully balanced life.

For them, and for me, no one demonstrates a better understanding of this truth than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he gave us this advice: "Do not worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's troubles are enough for today." (Matthew 6:34) To those words, he added these: "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work." (John 9:4)

During his time on earth, Jesus was very busy; but he always had time to do his father's will. What was his secret? What can we learn from him?

Jesus lived life one day at a time. He welcomed everyone who came to him, believing that his Heavenly Father had sent them his way. He did for each one what the Father asked him to do; and then moved on to the next person. He began his work as the sun was rising. He ended it as the sun was setting. Then he laid down, had a good night's sleep and woke up ready to face a new day just as he had faced the previous one.

Can we live as Jesus did? Is his example one we can follow? I believe it is possible and that Jesus' example is one we all can follow. God will help us. But we must take the first step; beginning each day with a prayer: "Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will." Then, go about your day as usual; but be flexible, ready to help anyone God sends your way.

Letters

Give used car buyers a break

Note: This letter is an editorial written by Gage Haubrich, the Prairie Director for the Candian Tax Payers Federation.

Let's go car shopping in Manitoba: The first car is a brand-new Ford Mustang Mach-E that costs more than \$55,000 and the second is a used 2008 Toyota Corolla for \$8,500.

Which of these cars do you think comes with a \$4,000 cheque from the Manitoba government?

It's not the used Corolla.

That's right, the Manitoba government has been bankrolling electric vehicle buyers since last year. When someone buys a new EV costing up to \$70,000, the government sends them a \$4,000 cheque.

Used EV buyers can expect \$2,500. The government initially was spending \$25 million on the subsidy, but in Budget 2025 the government revved up the spending by \$14.8 million.

That's almost \$40 million worth of cheques going to Manitobans who can afford EVs.

Like a reverse Robin Hood, the government is taking tax dollars from people who can't afford a new EV and handing it over to wealthier people who can.

All the Corolla buyer gets is a seven per cent retail sales tax bill from the provincial government. After the person saved up \$8,500 to buy the used Corolla, they will have to fork over about \$595 extra to the government.

It doesn't matter how many times the used vehicle has been bought and sold and taxed before. Every time a vehicle changes hands in Manitoba, the government sends an RST bill, even if the tax has already been paid multiple times before.

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BP Museum: A 75th anniversary memory



Neepawa welcomed 2,170 guests from all over Canada for Neepawa's 75th Anniversary Week celebration in 1958. This total was registered at the Municipal Building.

The celebrations were opened on June 30 that year and included an extensive variety of activities, including the opening of the Rotary Park Lake, and a massive parade sponsored by the Lions club.

Pictured: One of the many scenes from the events celebrating Neepawa's 75th anniversary. This photo and much more can be found at the Beautiful Plains Museum.

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Huns Valley 140 clarification:

There was an error of phrasing within the Huns Valley 140 preview article in last week's paper. Please note that the event is already at full capacity for Saturday, Aug. 16. As such, additional attendees are not being accepted for entry to the hall grounds on that date due to fire regulations.

However, the Huns Valley 140 committee is still encouraging people to attend the mass on Aug. 17 at 1:00 p.m., which will be administered by Archbishop Murray Chatlain.

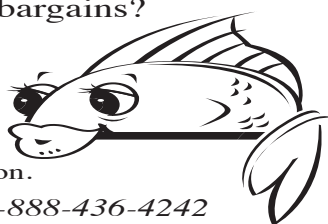
"Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your lawn chairs as we expect the church to be filled beyond capacity," said committee member Will Smith.

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Thumbs up, thumbs down



Thumbs up to Jane Goudie for having the cairn of Central School cleaned and also to the person who cleaned it. Looks great!

Eleanor Scott
Neepawa, MB



A huge thumbs up for the committee that organized the McCreary Homecoming party on the August long weekend. A wonderful job.

Chuck Morden,
KKII in Neepawa, Manitoba



Thumbs up to Town of Neepawa and the people who look after the hanging plants, flower arrangements etc., they are so colorful and beautiful this year.

Eleanor Scott
Neepawa, MB

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HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN’S KITCHEN

Zucchini

At this time of year there is no avoiding this green oblong squash we know as zucchini. Ancestors of the zucchini came from the Americas. They were native to today’s Mexico and the northern parts of South America since more than 7,000 years ago. Columbus introduced squash into Europe’s cuisine after his 1492 voyage. When the European colonization of North America started, the seeds came with them and their cultivation began. Turkish cuisine has shredded zucchini fried into a savory pancake and eaten with yogurt and in France, zucchini is a key component in the classic dish, ratatouille. Italians serve their zucchini with tomato sauces, pasta and herbs. In many countries of the world the flowers of zucchini are stuffed, battered and deep fried. For many of us our favourite way to eat zucchini is in a sweet chocolate cake.

Whether you’re growing zucchini in your garden or receiving “gifts” of them from friends there is no such thing as too much zucchini. Yes, you read that right, you just need more zucchini recipes to use them up! Today’s recipes are repeats from several years ago, are easy to prepare and are too delicious not to repeat. Enjoy.

Frying pan zucchini

- 2 Tbsp. oil

1 small onion, thinly sliced

2 cloves garlic, minced

4 small zucchini, sliced 1/2” thick

1-398ml can stewed tomatoes
- 5-6 basil leaves, sliced
(or more to taste)

1/2 tsp. each of salt and pepper

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat the oil in a frying pan over medium heat; cook the onion and garlic until almost soft, about five minutes. Add the zucchini slices, stewed tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper. Cover and cook until the zucchini is tender, eight to 10 minutes. Remove from heat, sprinkle the cheese on top and allow to sit covered for several minutes until the cheese has melted. Serve.

Zuccinhi pizza boats

- 4 medium zucchini

1 cup pizza sauce (or more)

1 tsp. Italian seasoning

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup pepperoni, sliced into quarters

1/2 red pepper, diced

Parmesan cheese

2 Tbsp. sliced fresh basil (optional)

Preheat the oven to 375° F. Cut each zucchini in half lengthwise. Scoop out the middle leaving a 1/2 inch shell; dice the flesh that was taken out of the middle. Arrange the zucchini shells on a lightly oiled baking sheet. Spoon the pizza sauce into each shell, dividing it evenly. You may need a wee bit more depending on the size of your zucchini. Sprinkle the Italian seasoning on the sauce. Arrange half the mozzarella cheese on the boats. Add some of the diced zucchini flesh over the cheese. Place the pepperoni and red peppers over. Sprinkle remaining mozzarella cheese over all; then sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the cheese is hot and bubbly and the zucchini is tender. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with fresh basil. Serve immediately.

Zucchini ginger muffins

- 1/2 cup canola oil

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

2 cups grated zucchini

2 cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. ground ginger

1/3 cup candied ginger, diced

1 cup dark chocolate chips

Topping:

1/3 cup dark chocolate chips

3 Tbsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

In a large bowl, whisk together the oil, sugar, eggs, and vanilla until smooth. Stir in the zucchini. In another bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and ginger. Add the flour mix to the first mix and stir until just combined. Don’t over mix. Add the candied ginger and chocolate chips. Spoon into paper cups in muffin tins. Mix the top-ping ingredients together. Sprinkle each muffin with topping. Bake at 350°F for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean. Let the muffins cool in the pan for five minutes. Remove muffins from the pans for further cooling.

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How to have a difficult conversation with your partner

When you are entering the conversation make sure that you are mindfully in it. We have a natural tendency to be lost in our heads and this is not something that easily switches off during a conversation. For a lot of people they are 80 per cent in the conversation, the rest of it is off in their head, usually anticipating what they will say. Being mindfully in the conversation is ensuring that your full attention is with your partner.

After you have accepted the invitation into conversation, your only job is to listen to your partner fully and completely. When your partner is speaking, focus all your attention on them and hear what they are saying. Your brain will naturally wander away from them, this is totally normal and does not mean that you are a bad listener, acknowledge it and gently draw your attention back to the conversation. This may need to happen several times and over a number of conversations before it becomes easier.

DO tilt your body slightly toward the person who is talking, DO NOT cross your arms or curl your body into itself. DO smile and offer minimal encouragers by nodding your head or saying “Mmmhmm” as your partner talks. When your partner is done speaking, repeat back to them what they said to you and ask if you understood correctly.

When stating your position do this in as clear and

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detailed way as possible. If your partner has a habit of interrupting or talking over you, don’t be afraid to ask for silence until you are finished speaking.

Sometimes, we incorrectly assume that our partners know what we mean when we say something. We also assume that they should be able to understand us with minimal content because we are supposed to know each other because we are in an intimate relationship. Go into your conversation assuming that your partner knows nothing about your intentions and describe them as such. Remember, all your partner is receiving when you speak are your words. They are left to interpret the emotions and underlying meanings. Studies have shown that if your partner has emotionally disconnected or distanced themselves from you, they will have a harder time reading your emotions and nonverbal body language. Studies also show that anxiously attached individuals are more likely to interpret neutral facial expressions and tones as negative. Making sure you are as descriptive as possible will help make your nonverbal and emotional language easier to understand.

Don’t hold back in saying what your partner is doing

well or if they have made good points, especially during a tenuous conversation. Admit when you are wrong. The goal of a discussion is not to win, the goal of a conversation is to tackle the topic together and win by finding a solution that maximizes happiness for both of you. If you are going into a conversation with the goal of winning it, you are already making it a divided issue rather than a shared tackling of said issue as a team.

Conflict is natural and can be an opportunity to strengthen a relationship. A conflict does not mean the end of a relationship, the healthiest and longest-term relationships out there are ones that have conflict. The unhealthiest relationships also have conflict. How that conflict is managed and ensuring that no one comes out of the conflict hurt or offended is what matters most.

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From Correspondents

ARDEN AND DISTRICT

Friday, Aug. 10th upwards of 22 members of W. M. S. and W. A. of Arden met at the home of Mrs. McCamis to honor Mrs. Eames, one of the oldest members who is leaving Arden. In a few words Mrs. Haggerty brought to mind older days as both had arrived together at Arden over 40 years ago. Many changes have taken place through the years Mrs. E. H. Turner then presented the honored guest with a table lamp. Mrs. Eames fittingly replied in a few well chosen words. All joined together in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow". A dainty lunch was served and all enjoyed a social hour.

Service in United Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 19, conducted by Rev. Carruthers. All members of Can. Legion No. 144 and any in uniform will parade, and are asked to meet at the hall at 6.30.

Miss Kathryn Banman has arrived in Windsor, Ont., after spending several days with her parents and holidaying in Chicago, Fergus Falls and Detroit.

Service in United Church Sunday night was conducted by Rev. M. Carruthers, of Glenella, and Rev. A. I. A. Carruthers conducted service at Glenella.

Mr. Williams and family, of Winnipegosis, have taken up residence in the teacherage. Mr. Williams having been engaged as principal for next term.

Duncan Simpson, of East Selkirk, visited Sunday in town. Mrs. Simpson who has been visiting here for the past week, returned home with him.

Mrs. John Orton entertained on Saturday afternoon in honor of her niece Miss Marjorie Orton's 21st birthday. Guests numbered sixteen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mollard and Capt. Rutledge left for Shoal Lake on Thursday where Mrs. Mollard has

Timothy Poole Succumbs



The passing of Timothy Poole, age 94, in Winnipeg, Aug. 8th, after one month's sickness, claimed another of the real pioneers of the Neepawa district. Mr. Poole having lived in Neepawa or the district for the biggest part of fifty-eight years, contributing to the life and success of the district in many ways.

Born at Conat St. Pierre, August 18, 1852, he came west in 1877 settling in the Freeland district, south of Neepawa. While residing in Eastern Canada he followed the trade of blacksmith until he saw a chance to work on railroad construction in this province, earn fair money and claim the land that was given free to settlers. Travelling by boat and train he arrived in Winnipeg in 1877 and set out to assist in construction of railroad work camps, walking 110 miles northwest of Winnipeg. He worked here until that fall, then started walking 90 miles in search of a homestead in North Dakota. Not finding four or five homesteads close together he returned to Winnipeg by foot

lowing winter the deceased worked in lumbering camps returning to the homestead in the spring. His was a hard life, but a happy one, walking many miles for supplies, and solving the problems of marketing at such long distances. In 1880 he returned to Ontario marrying Francis Ducklow at Milverton. He and his bride turned west again, landing at Portage la Prairie by train in the middle of the winter. They travelled the remainder of the distance by ox-cart, braving thirty below weather, a distance of sixty-four miles. Farming until 1907, Mr. Poole retired to Neepawa and lived here continuously, with the exception of six years in Winnipeg, until March 1943, when he moved to Varsity View, Charleswood. In July of this year he moved into Winnipeg. A member of the Baptist Church, he deceased was a councillor for the district known as Glendale, served as trustee and secretary and assisted in the building of Freeland School. Funeral services were held in Neepawa Baptist Church Saturday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

Searchers Find Woman

A search party led by the R. C. M. P. composed chiefly of residents of the Wellwood district combed the sandhills all Thursday night last week searching for Mrs. Rebecca Wells seventy-eight year old woman who had been reported lost while picking berries. As day broke, the missing woman was found sitting on one of the many knoles waiting for the searchers that she expected would be out.

It is presumed that Mrs. Wells was alone picking berries and during the course of her waking, wandered about four miles from her home.

Prisoner Would Treat The Germans Rough



"I never want to go through the same thing again—not in Germany anyway. That is as a prisoner of war" Eddie Brough said in summing up his experiences overseas since the day he was captured at Dieppe, undergoing many months of hardships at the hands of his German captors. "If I could prescribe the treatment for the army of occupation to hand out to the Hun it would be the same as they gave us—plenty tough."

Eddie enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders at the outbreak of war and took part in the Dieppe raid of 1942. His company landed on the French shore on the other side of Dieppe and moved inland about three miles to an airport which was to be their objective. Heavy enemy opposition prevented them from reaching the port and forced them to fall back to the beaches. The group suffered few casualties on the road back, receiving the most of them while fighting on the beaches and around the hotels. Eddie took up a position in one of the hotels and gave first aid to one of his companions who was badly wounded. Some time later allied bombers held down a smoke screen

Crowds Celebrate Occasion

Parents Thankful Sons Spared More Fighting

Shortly after the six o'clock whistle blew Tuesday night church bells started pealing out the news that V-J Day had arrived. . . the world was at peace. For some time people stopped and mused, was this the real thing or was it another fake. Then about six-thirty the official announcements were made by the various national leaders and the town siren shrieked, it's tone blended with that of a locomotive, car horns and bells. Business men started bringing out their flags and displays. The Victory Loan Flag was unfurled—this was really victory.

Crowds mingled after supper, following on the corner of Main and Hamilton street, talking to one another, giving thanks and a sigh of relief. Later that evening the town fire truck cruised down the main street with an effigy of Tojo dangling from the ladder. Crowds followed the truck to Riverbend Park and lined the banks as their hated enemy burned. Pent up emotions were let loose as Tojo burned, and cheering resulted as the large quantity of fireworks purchased by the town were set off. Fireworks of various hues and designs shot high in the air exploding with brilliance and loud reports. Smoke screens of a deep red rose from the river banks giving a harmonious color blending. Young and old sighed and cheered at the site.

At the completion of the display the crowd returned to the centre of the town, broke up in groups and carried out the festivities in their own way. The Chinese business men gave their own display of fireworks later that evening. Celebrations carried on till late . . . a holiday was coming the next two days.

The church services held Tuesday night proved most inspiring and were well attended. . . .

Parents of Hong Kong Prisoners are Overjoyed

Although the announcement of Japan's capitulation touched a tender spot in everyone Tuesday night relieving them of burdens of five years of war, it lifted a greater load off the minds and hearts of those mothers and fathers that have waited patiently since their sons were captured at Hong Kong. Their's has been a long wait, punctuated with a very odd letter or post card that only seemed to make them sit back and think once more about their sons. Equally as excited and thankful are those who have sons that were destined to enter the Pacific campaign.

Mrs. Paul Simon, of Springhill, has been listening to war reports for weeks and until the early hours of the morning since last Sunday. Leo Casper, her brother, was taken at Hong Kong. When asked about her reactions she stated that she was tickled pink and was going to celebrate the occasion. Plans are already being prepared for a celebration when Leo returns home. The years between 1939 and 1945 have been long ones.

R. Smithson's, at Eden, were so pleased to hear of the surrender and that their son Robert would soon be home that they could think of nothing to say. So was the case with E. T. Seaborn's at Mentmore, they were happy to hear the word and happier to learn that Canadian prisoners would be home as soon as possible. We all hope that that day is not far off.

This week, on Aug. 15 of 1945, the end of the war in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War was marked. (The page pictured above is from The Neepawa Press.) On Aug. 14, Japan accepted the demand for unconditional surrender. Due to a difference in time zones, news of the surrender reached Canada and other allied nations the following day. Since then, Aug. 15 has become known as Victory over Japan Day. The official signing of surrender, however, did not occur until Sept. 2. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, Japan's surrender was observed across Canada with joy and, in some cases, street riots.

Note: It is also important to mention that Japanese Canadians were persecuted during World War II, with nearly 22,000 people being forced out of their homes in 1941, and into what came to be known as internment camps. Victory over Japan Day did not bring immediate freedom or an end to their persecution. After the war, then-prime minister Mackenzie King stated that Japanese Canadians should either return to Japan or move away from the west coast. Thousands of internees were deported to Japan, while others were forced to relocate permanently to other parts of Canada. Meanwhile, persecution, such as controls on their residency and property ownership, only gradually eased. Additionally, the final restriction was only lifted in 1949, when Japanese Canadians were allowed to vote in elections. (This info is per details provided by Canadian Encyclopedia.)

"Badge of Courage" gave prisoner of war hope

By Rod Nickel
Neepawa Banner & Press

Note: In accordance with this feature marking the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan Day, The Neepawa Banner & Press has seen fit to include this story on Len Seaborn from the January 22, 1996 edition of The Neepawa Banner.

A discarded piece of teak wood became an important diversion from conditions in a Japanese prison camp for Len Seaborn.

Seaborn, 86, spent four years in prison camps after the Japanese captured Seaborn's Winnipeg Grenadiers, who were trying to defend Hong Kong in 1941.

For four years, war pris-

oners got up at 5:00 a.m., and began nine-hour work shifts in mines, factories and an airport by 7:00 a.m. Work ended at 5:00 p.m.

PoWs were usually given a bowl of rice in the morning, sometimes a small bun with water at noon, and rice again for supper.

Most PoWs, Seaborn said, "laid down on the bunks" all evening, spent from work.

But not Seaborn.

While in North Point camp in 1941, a work party brought back a nine x 11 inch piece of teak wood from a bombed Chinese temple. It was going to be thrown out, when someone remembered Seaborn.

"Give it to Seaborn," he

said. "He's always mucking about."

For the next month, Seaborn worked to replicate the Grenadiers's Badge of Courage using a small jackknife, a large bolt for a hammer, a worn file, a small piece of a hacksaw blade and a piece of broken glass.

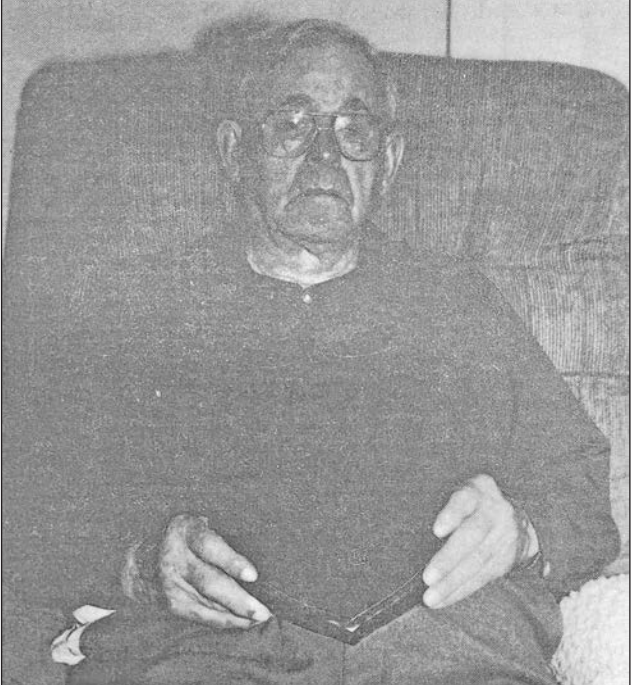
Seaborn completed the badge carving complete with decorations of a crown of leaves, and the Grenadier motto "Adsum" which means "I am here".

To make the crown and lettering, Seaborn cut up brass from his web equipment. The leaves and border are made of strips of bamboo cut to precise thickness and length. Sea-

born needed more than 2,000 pieces of bamboo and grass for the badge.

"It was something to do," he said last week from his Neepawa home, where the badge now hangs. "Most (of the other PoWs) were laying down most of the day. And all that time, they didn't do anything. I've always been playing around, making some damn thing."

When the Japanese transferred Seaborn out of Hong Kong into Japan, he left the badge with fellow PoW Chester Budd, formerly of Kelwood. Budd later brought the badge back to Manitoba after the war.



Pictured: Len Seaborn, who was a prisoner of war (PoW) in World War II.

Businesses feel pretty optimistic about Neepawa

New survey paints rosy picture for local success and expansion

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa based businesses appear to be bucking the trends, when it comes to how optimistic they're feeling about what their community has to offer. The results of a new report commissioned by our local Economic Development Office were revealed at this month's Town Council meeting, held on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

The survey was conducted by Deloitte LLP, and saw the national firm reach out to 79 area businesses, via telephone and email. The total response rate back was around 20 per cent, which is much higher than is typical for this type of market research. Something else that was atypical nowadays, was the favorability that appears to be being felt in our local shops. The responses suggested that:

- The overall attitude about doing business in Neepawa over the past year has had a net positive increase of 29 per cent (37 per cent - More Positive; 56 per cent - The Same; and eight per cent - More Negative).
- When asked 'Would you recommend this town to

Conclusions



Business Community Satisfaction

Businesses operating within of Neepawa are highly content with the area as a place to conduct their operations, with an 94% satisfaction rate.

Businesses were especially satisfied with speed of locally available broadband internet (88%), business friendly policies and regulations (88%). And opportunities to expand to new markets (82%).


High scores in these metrics have a strong impact on the overall satisfaction scores of the local business community and are excellent indicators of a healthy community economy.



Top Priorities for the Business Community

Using Deloitte's proprietary derived importance methodology, it was found that the top priority factors for the business community include:

1. Availability of adequate housing
2. Availability of childcare for staff
3. Availability of post secondary programming that aligns with business needs.



Overall Business Community Recommendations

At the business community-level, Deloitte recommends that the Town examine the top items in the Priority Matrix and assesses where improvements can be made.

If the Town is able to make improvements in these areas for the business community, this would be expected to improve overall satisfaction looking forward.



Individual Business-Level Recommendations

At the individual business-level, Deloitte recommends following up with the businesses who have opted to share their individual responses, to connect and offer any supports available that may benefit them. Some items that are well-suited to prioritize which businesses to follow-up with include:

1. Green or red triage flags
2. High or low Business Community Health Index scores
3. Businesses who are unsure who to reach out to with business concerns in Neepawa

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A listing of the conclusions found in the 2025 Business Retention and Expansion Report.

another business looking to expand or relocate, 94 per cent of those businesses responded positively (52 per cent - Strongly Agree; 42 per cent - Somewhat Agree; three per cent - Somewhat Disagree; and three per cent - Strongly Disagree).

In regard to what was making them feel so positive about Neepawa, the businesses overwhelmingly cited satisfaction with the business friendly policies/regulations (88 per cent of respondents). speed of local broadband internet (88 per

cent), expansion opportunities in new markets (82 per cent), and marketing efforts to promote the Town (80 per cent).

There were some concerns brought forward, however, related to availability of adequate housing (27 per cent satisfaction), and availability of childcare for staff (43 per cent).

Economic Development Officer for Neepawa Marilyn Crewe noted that the overall results from the Business Community Health Index, were very favourable compared to

the national and provincial averages.

"[Deloitte LLP] say that the national five year business health score is 757, and Neepawa scored 792. So what that means is that we

outperformed the provincial average with regard to businesses' changes in attitudes, community recommendation, and on factors related to business supports, policies and incentive," ex-

plained Crewe. "I did ask them [for clarification], and they said that they've only ever had one community score over 800. So I think that Neepawa is well placed, based on this index."

In conclusion, Crewe said this information will be very helpful, as they look to build upon their economic development plans.

"The strong support for Neepawa as a place to do business was positive feedback," Crewe explained to the Banner & Press. "The results showed a list of priorities to direct my work. This list was identical to the priorities of Council and the resulting work from the EDO office. So I would say Neepawa's business community has cemented the direction of Council with this response."

The full report can be viewed online at <https://chooseneepawa.com>, and is the first option located in the reports section

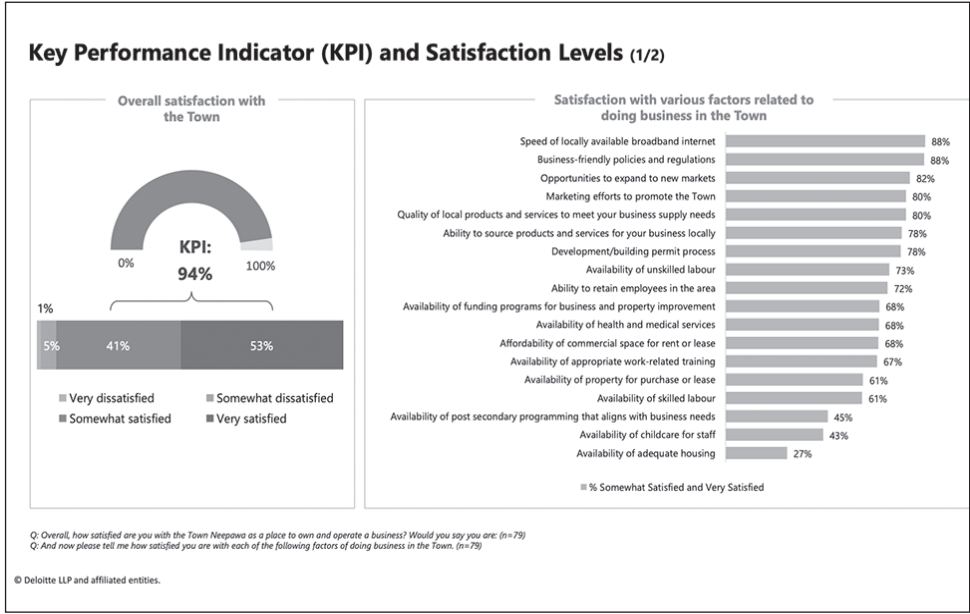


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A listing of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and listing of satisfaction with various factors related to doing business in Neepawa.



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Kelwood celebrates annual fair with community-wide festivities



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The Village of Kelwood was alive and thriving during its Kelwood Agricultural Society's annual Fair. The day kicked off with the Kelwood Fire Department serving breakfast and lunch, a parade, a pie auction, a classic car show, a makers market, and a horse show. To wrap the evening up, a supper and dance was held with entertainment provided by Generation Gap.



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Fun and education at the 2025 Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up



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109 kids (pictured above) took part in the 2025 Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up earlier this month. The annual event featured a variety of activities and workshops for the youths in attendance, which aid in building up their livestock knowledge and skills, and more. This also included cattle grooming, judging, showmanship and more.

Pictured bottom right: Grand Champion Angus Female was awarded to Brynn Chapman with Roy Mac Erica 22M.



2025 Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up report

Submitted

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The 18th Annual Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up was held Aug. 1 to 3, 2025, at Stride Exhibition Place in Neepawa, Manitoba. This may be the Best Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup ever held with a record number of enthusiastic Junior Cattle Producers and largest number of Cattle to date. Sadly, we had to turn some juniors away and some cattle as we were packed full.

Over 109 youth and 122 head of cattle gathered for an educational and fun weekend. This event draws youth aged 6–25 from Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Committee members consist of: Co-Chairs Lois McRae, Jake Rawluk & Laura Horner; Delyse Robertson, Ken & Kerri Hinsburg, Blair McRae, Rilla Hunter, Albert and Michelle Rimke, Megan Kemp, Lana Kraus, Mary-Jane Orr, Kara Thompson, Bobbi Jo Foster, Jolie Bootsman, Sadie McCauley and Gracie Falconer-Bertholet.

The success of this event is attributed to not only the teamwork of the committee members but also the hands-on assistance of parent volunteers, jumping in whenever and wherever necessary. Our judges for the weekend were Denver Bolton and Nolan Glover, Wawota along with Bevin Hamilton, Lakeland College.

Aug. 1 events

Friday events kicked off with the ever-popular Ag Challenge. Members are grouped into teams of all

ages and 12 stations with life skills: example Changing a grease gun, Artificial Insemination, hot wire fence making, cattle parts of the animal, relays etc.

Educational workshops for Juniors and Pee Wee members on Showmanship and Grooming. Senior members were instructed on Marketing your product on the internet (Janelle Gulka) and how to take cattle photos (Laura Horner). Leadership workshop presented by Mary Jane-Orr and Jolie Bootsman for the Senior and Intermediate members ended off the day.

Aug. 2 events

Saturday began bright and early with judging workshops facilitated by our three cattle judges.

Senior members were then required to judge heifers, steers, sheep, and filling out a judging card for each and providing oral reasons for the cattle, and sheep. Intermediates provided oral reasons for the heifer & sheep class and written reasons for the others. Juniors provided written reasons for all and oral reasons for the heifer class.

Pee-wee members and new juniors were involved in a unique Cattle Camp where they learned how to judge in a more appropriate setting, as well as making & tying rope halters, parts of the meat cuts, and boning legs. After lunch, members participated in Team Grooming, Team Judging, and Sales Talk.

The evening concluded with group members competing in the cook-off, where each group was pro-

vided with a steak and was required to prepare a meal for two discerning judges' evaluation. Our judges were treated to feasts worthy of kings & queens! Steak Judges were Joan Airey and Ron McDonald from Manitoba Charolais, Gordon and Diane Peters, Liz from the Neepawa Vet Clinic and Alice Rooke, Mazer Implements represented by Dave and Manitoba Beef

Producers represented by Andre.

Aug. 3 events

Sunday is show day. It begins with showmanship and is followed by the conformation show, a parade of 4-H Champions, and the Supreme Show. The weekend concludes with awards and supper. A large crowd attended the weekend events. It was great

to see eight past Roundup participants that now their children are involved in the Roundup show.

An auction of unique items was held with funds from the Auction going towards the Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to our donators and buyers for supporting this program \$6190.

A special thanks to all our Sponsors and Volunteers who make this event

possible. These skills are preparing our Livestock youth with lifelong skills and friendships in the Beef Industry.

See you all next year at Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup 2026.

View photos and results at www.mbyouthbeefroundup.weebly.com

Note: Results for the round-up will appear in a future edition of the paper.

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One of the many cattle on site for the event. The cattle were calm and well mannered as they were groomed.

A half decade of dominance

Delaloye wins fifth straight Neepawa Golf Club Championship

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Hayden Delaloye has brought back a few new skills from Nebraska, which helped him to achieve a little bit of history last weekend at the 2025 Neepawa Golf & Country Club (NGCC) Championship.

Delaloye posted an impressive two day total of 143 (72-71), to win the Men's tournament on Sunday, Aug. 10. This victory is Hayden's fifth straight Club title, which is an achievement that future NGCC members may have an extremely difficult time duplicating.

For Hayden, who is heading back this week for his second year at Southeast Community College, in Lincoln, Nebraska, winning the Club title is still as significant to him, as it was the first time. Neepawa Golf & Country Club is where his passion for the sport began, and where his talent for it, blossomed. As for his efforts out there



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Hayden Delaloye won his fifth straight Neepawa Golf & Country Club Championship on Sunday, Aug. 10.

recently, Hayden noted that he came back from Nebraska with some slight additions to his skill set.

"The putter has improved being down there," said Delaloye. "One other improvement was due to playing against the wind. It's pretty windy down in Nebraska and it actually comes

at you in a lot of different angles and levels. I had to learn some new techniques to deal with it, and it's given me a bit more control of the where the shot is going when the conditions get a bit more difficult out there."

Congratulations to Hayden and best of luck on year two in Nebraska.

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Near perfect round wins in Neepawa

Carolyn Hardy claims NGCC Senior Ladies Open

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

With the exception of one minor stumble on the 16th hole, Carolyn Hardy was as close to perfect as any golfer could ever hope for during the Neepawa Golf and Country Club (NGCC) Senior Ladies Open.

Hardy, who plays primarily out of the Wheat City Golf Course in Brandon, shot an impressive round of 77 over 18 holes on Wednesday Aug. 6, to win the 2025 event. That round was three shots clear of her nearest competition Danielle Bell, who herself is a former Ladies Open winner (2023). Hardy has competed in the Open on several occasions, but this is her first victory in Neepawa.

After her round, Hardy told the Banner & Press that normally, her ability off the tee is her strength. On this day, however, she felt

as though her play in the fairways was what powered her to an exceptional round and the win.

"[Usually] I hit it off the tee a bit longer than most in a ladies tournament. Today though, my short game, especially on the second or third shot, was probably the best it's been in quite some time," said Hardy. "Everything sort of dialled in and it was good."

The one lone exception for Hardy, where she had a bit of trouble was on hole #16, where her initial tee shot got away from her, Hardy ended up having to take another shot and finished with a double bogey. She rebounded with a birdie on 17 and parred the 18th, to close the round and secure the victory.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Carolyn Hardy is congratulated by NGCC General Manager Landon Cameron, for her win in the 2025 Senior Ladies Open.

Longest Putt

Hole 3: Betty Ann Aitken 25.4"
Hole 11: Lynda Lowry 17.6"

Closest to pin

Hole 4: Danielle Bell 8'9"
Hole 6: Rhonda Williams 10'11"
Hole 8: Lorilee Harris 5"
Hole 12: Jayne Troop 7'9"
Hole 18: Danielle Bell 4'8"

CHAMPIONSHIP	RD
1. Carolyn Hardy	77
2. Danielle Bell	80
3. Jayne Troop	88
FIRST FLIGHT	RD
1. Nancy Syntak	104
2. Condy Grant	104
3. Heidi Howarth	104
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1. Jan Baker	114
2. Sharon Jaska	114
3. Betty Ann Aitken	115
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1. Linda Hart	57
2. Colleen Taylor	60

Minnedosa Golf & Country Club 2025 Club Champions



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The 2025 Minnedosa Golf & Country Club (MGCC) Men's Champion is Derek Cameron, who shot a two day total of (78-76). This is the third time in the last four years, that Cameron has claimed the Club Championship, having also won last year and in 2022.



The Minnedosa Golf & Country Club's (MGCC) 2025 Ladies Champion is Clara Peake, who shot an impressive 141 (71-70), over the course of the two day event.



Minnedosa Golf & Country Club (MGCC) 2025 Senior Men's Champion Darren Blake won with a two day total of 146 (76-70). Congratulations to all of the Champions.

Blue Dolphins swim over to Treherne

Submitted
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On Sunday Aug. 10, the Dolphins made their way to Treherne for the 4th meet of the season.

Once again the Dolphins performed with excellence at the meet. Final results as follows:

9/10 year old girls

Charlize Macsymic:

Second 25m back, and 25m breast. Third 50m breast. fourth 50m back. eighth 25m free.

Julia Pollock: 100m IM improved by approximately six seconds. 100 free improved by about four seconds. Also competed in the 50m free and fly. 100m breast. Julia swims in Brandon with the winter swim team, so she cannot place, but continues to perform very well.

Juli Smith: fourth 25m breast. Sixth 25m free..

Eve Vinnel: Third 25m breast. Fifth 25m free. Eighth 50m free.

11/12 girls

Rylee Wilson: First 100m back, 50m back, 25m back. Second 100m IM, 50m fly.

13/14 girls

Anne Crosson: First 50m bk, 50m breast, 50m free, 50m fly, 50m breast, and 100m IM.

Carlee Strelczik: First 25m back. Second 25m breast. Third 50m back. Fifth 25m free.

Sydney Wolfe: First 25m free, 100m back. Second 50m free, 50m back. Third 50m fly.

Ella Froese: Ella competed in the 25m free, 25m back, 50m back, 50m breast and free (improved by about one second in each)

Ella competes in winter swim and she is not able to place in summer swim.

15-17 girls

Aliyah Jacobsen:

Second 25m free, 25m back, 25m fly. Third 25m breast.

Clar Ann Howe: Third in 25m free, 25m fly, and 25m back. the 50m free and 25m breast.

11/12 boys

Joey Smith: First 50m fly, and 50m back. Second 100m IM, 25m fly. Third 25m free.

Tanner Gingras: Second 25m breast. Third 25m back. Fourth 25m free.

Matthew Froese: Matthew competed in the 25m fly, 25m free, 50m breast, 100m free (he improved by about nine seconds), and about a second improvement in his 50m back.

15-17 boys

Jacey Smith: First 25m free, 200m IM, 25m fly, 100m IM, and 50m fly.

Relays

25 meter free style relay: First-Anne Crosson, Sydney Wolfe, Rylee Wilson, and Julia Pollack.

Third Aliyeh Jacobsen, Charlize Macsymic, Clar Ann Howe, Joey Smith.

Fourth Juli Smith, Ella Froese, Jacey Smith, and Tanner Gingras.

Next action is Aug. 17 when the Blue Dolphins race on over to Winkler for the final competition of the season. Races start at 9:00 a.m. If your child(ren) would like to come out and try the practices then please do.

Practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Contact manager Dave at Neepawa Dolphins neepawadolphins@outlook.com.

For results check out the following: <https://swim-manitoba.mb.ca/swimmers/programs/>

'I love hockey and I love to try and help kids get better.'

Landon Cameron steps into AA coaching role



FILE PHOTO

Neepawa's own Landon Cameron will be head coach of the U13 Yellowhead Chiefs Male AA Team this year. He has coached hockey in Manitoba for the last 16 seasons.

By Joshua Jackson

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A familiar face in the world of local athletics is taking over the helm of the U13 Yellowhead Chiefs Male AA squad. Landon Cameron has been named head coach for the 2024/2025 season.

Cameron said he's thrilled to take on the role this season.

"I saw this as an opportunity to

grow as a coach. And an opportunity I didn't want to pass up to try and help kids in the region develop at a bit higher level," he said.

Currently, Cameron is the Head Golf Professional at the Neepawa Golf & Country Club, has coached hockey in Manitoba for the past 16 seasons, guided teams from high school to minor hockey, and spring programs. The new coach is hoping to build up the kids' skills in the program.

"I'm quite intense, so I'm hoping to bring some hockey knowledge along with intensity and passion for the game," he said. "I love hockey and love to try and help kids get better."

Cameron has also served as the MJHL's Neepawa Titans Assistant Coach since 2022, which he believes gives him an advantage in coming to coach the U13 AA team.

"I love coaching with Ken (Pearson) and Zak (Hicks). I've learned a lot from them and look up to them as coaches. I definitely will use them as a sounding board and will be stealing some drills and philosophy, but most of all, it will help with developing kids who have aspirations of playing at a higher level in the years to come."

The head coach added that it's an honour to be named the Chiefs AA

Head Coach, having dabbled in the Yellowhead program years ago with the Directors Cup. He always wondered if he would make the jump to the regional level at some point.

"It's good timing for me and my family to give it a shot," he said.

For the love of the game

Cameron is a man of many hats, being involved with many local clubs. He noted he likes to be busy and is lucky to have sports as a big part of his life for as long as he can remember.

"I have been lucky to have had a lot of great coaches in my life, my dad Greg, Brad White, Ken Pringle, Keith Forsythe, Dave Kempthorne, and Brian Lynch, to name a few off the top of my head," he said. "And they all gave back to kids when the time was right for them and their family. That time for me is now. So, whatever juggling I need to do professionally to make it work, I will be happy to do."

Cameron believes success in youth sports is about much more than wins. It's about building confidence, teamwork, responsibility, and creating a culture players are proud to be part of.

"I am excited for the opportunity, and I'm willing to work as hard as I can to see these kids improve and thrive."

Game three tie extends Santa Clara Baseball League fina

By Eoin Devereux

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Oh great, now we'll need math to figure out the winner of this year's Santa Clara Baseball League (SCBL). Due to game three between the Portage Padres and Plumas Pirates ending up tied on Wednesday Aug. 6, the remainder of

the series now shifts to a points-based format, with two points awarded for a win and one for a tie.

Going into game three at Republic of Manitoba Park, Portage held a 2-games-to-0 series lead. This potentially series deciding game ran long, however, and stretched

into dusk. That ultimately forced the umpires to call the game due to darkness.

With this tie, the Portage Padres now lead 5-1 on points and need just a win or a tie in either of the

next two games to clinch the championship. Game 4 will be played on Thursday Aug. 14 in Plumas, with Game 5, if needed, will be back in Portage la Prairie on Friday, Aug. 15.

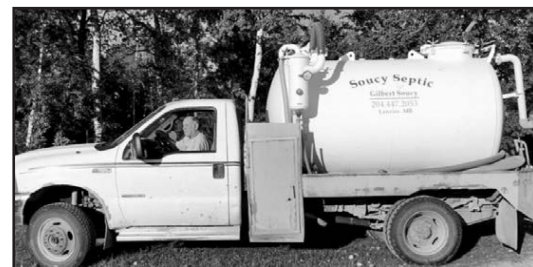
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Seton Centre to mark naturalist's 165th

By Sienna Carritt
SUBMITTED ARTICLE

This week is the 165th birthday of the acclaimed naturalist, author, and artist Ernest Thompson Seton.

Though he was born in England and made numerous places home over his 86 years of life, Seton was greatly impacted by the time he spent in southern Manitoba as a young man.

When his older brother, Arthur, came to the Carberry area to pursue life on a homestead, Seton joined him in 1882 at the age of 22 with his own plans to try his hand at farming. However, Seton found himself captivated by the beauty of Manitoba's landscape and the diversity of plants and animals which he encountered when he arrived.

Rather than farming, Seton's true interests were in meticulously observing and recording the richness of his surroundings, which eventually translated into numerous stories and illustrations of the wild animals he was becoming intimately familiar with.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SETON CENTRE

Pictured left: Acclaimed naturalist author, and artist Ernest Seton, who once made his home in Carberry.
Pictured right and bottom left: Views of some of the displays, books and more that adorn the Seton Centre's interior in Carberry.

One of these stories, "The Trail of the Sandhill Stag," was directly inspired by an experience Seton had hunting a deer in the Carberry area in October of 1884, which made him realize he preferred to study animals. These years he spent immersing himself in the nat-

ural world around Carberry would greatly influence his career and legacy as not only a respected naturalist, but also as an accomplished writer in the genre of animal fiction, and a talented illustrator of animal anatomy. Seton's expertise led him to be appointed as Manitoba's

first provincial naturalist, a title which he held for over 50 years until his death in 1946. While Seton did not make Manitoba his permanent residence, he returned frequently and recounted the period of time he stayed in the Carberry area in

his autobiography as his "golden days." Since 1992, a museum in Carberry called The Seton Centre has been dedicated to sharing the life story of Ernest Thompson Seton and his compassion for animals and nature. The museum will be

celebrating Seton's birthday and numerous accomplishments on Thursday, Aug. 14, where we will be joined by the children attending the summer programming for a fun day of making ice cream and playing nature-themed birthday games.



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Obituary

Patricia (Patsy) Kimball

On July 26, 2025, Patricia (Patsy) Kimball passed away at the age of 65. She is survived by her brother Danny (Lisa), sisters Tina and Mary (Andrea), sister-in-law Linda, nephews Mark, Allister and Kevin, niece Amy and great nieces and great nephews. Patsy was predeceased by her mother Eva and father Collin, brothers Bobby, Alvin and Terry and niece Angela. Born in Ontario, Patsy mostly grew up in western Manitoba. For the last 25 years, Patsy lived in Basswood; a place she loved dearly. She recently moved to Kinsmen Kourt II in Neepawa as she required assisted living. Patsy enjoyed her employment at the Co-op in Minnedosa before she retired in 2020. She loved to spend her free time video gaming, fishing, camping and listening to loud music. Family was very important to Patsy, as were her beloved pets. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Stroke Recovery Association of Manitoba at strokerecovery.ca.

Sheila Karen Ellis

Sheila Karen Ellis (nee Pierson) of Neepawa, MB passed away on August 3, 2025, at the age of 73, with her loving family by her side.

She was born on July 20, 1952 in Winnipeg, MB and was raised in the Brookdale area until the age of 10, when her family moved to St. Norbert to live and work on the Richardson Farms. She would reminisce about the stable of horses on the property and being the horse lover that she was, it brought her so much joy.

After attending college at Red River and working in Winnipeg, she moved to Springhill to start a family. She married Doug Ellis and had 3 children. She enjoyed gardening, reading, camping and being a full-time farmwife and mother.

Sheila is survived by her children Devin (Jen), Scott (Kerri) and Laura (Scott) and grandchildren Hunter, Jimmie, Rebecca and Cassidy. As well as her sister-in-law Connie Sumner (Elviss), nieces Melinda (Brent) and Julie Sumner, nephew Mark Sumner (Pam), Auntie Lorna Yerex and many cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband Douglas, her parents Walter and Elsie Pierson, her brother Dennis and in-laws Warren and Rose Ellis.

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- be filed by
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The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is September 2, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

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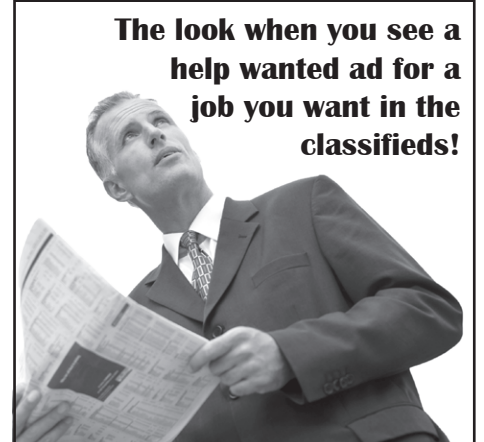
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- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks
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Your duties may include:

- Slaughter, eviscerate, and mark hogs for further processing;
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We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Open to working in colder/warmer environments
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Editorial: Doing the right thing

By Cam Dahl
MANITOBA PORK COUNCIL

It surprises many people when I tell them that they must shower before going into a hog barn and that their outdoor shoes are not nearly clean enough to be worn next to the pigs, but both statements are true. Strict biosecurity is a critical component of animal care and welfare.

Biosecurity is key

Biosecurity protocols are key to helping farmers keep production diseases like Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) and Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) out of their barns. Biosecurity is also critical in preventing foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever (ASF) from entering Canada. Good biosecurity helps keep animals safe and healthy.

The last major outbreak of PED in Manitoba, which began in the fall of 2021 and

lasted through the spring of 2023, is estimated to have cost the province more than \$100 million. Current estimates indicate that PRRS in the U.S. is costing the industry there \$1.65 billion annually.

Manitoba's hog and pork producers learnt some key lessons from the last PED outbreak. The first is that the entire sector needs to work together if we are going to effectively protect the health of animals under our care. The second key lesson is more difficult. Sometimes, parts of the value chain will need to take actions that are not in their short-term fiscal interest but are in the long-term interest of industry. This collaboration demonstrates the industry willing to do the right thing even when there is a short-term cost. The result of this teamwork is Manitoba's PED Elimination Plan, which has been effective in stopping disease spread.

Farmers sometimes com-

plain that outside experts are quick to tell them how to farm but can be very slow to recognize the results of their effort. That should not be the case here. Farmers and industry stakeholders should be recognized and congratulated for their collaboration on biosecurity and disease prevention and containment effort.

Beyond disease control

Stringent biosecurity requirements explain why producers are concerned about unauthorized people coming onto their farms or into contact with their animals. If people from outside of the farm breach biosecurity the efforts aimed at preventing the spread of disease will be for naught. This is a key reason why farmers support anti-trespass legislation.

For farmers, doing the right thing goes beyond keeping diseases out of their barns. Farmers also work on a day-to-day basis

to safeguard the overall welfare of their animals. Hog producers across Canada are guided in these efforts by the 105 Code of Practice requirements for the Care and Handling of Pigs. Backing up the Code of Practice is legislation and regulation, like Manitoba's Animal Care Act.

Confirming compliance with high standards for animal care includes verification. The Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) program is a national platform for producers to demonstrate compliance with food safety, animal care, and traceability standards. Program registration is required to ship animals to federally inspected processors. Under these programs, animal care is assessed regularly, including regular visits from the herd veterinarian.

The Code is not something that was made up by industry as a public relations exercise. It is the result of a rigorous development process that uses the best science on pig health and welfare, compiled through an independent peer-reviewed process. The Code Development Committee includes

independent scientists, representatives from animal welfare organizations, veterinarians, governments, and consumer-facing members, in addition to farmers.

Environmental sustainability

Doing the right thing also includes ongoing improvements in environmental sustainability. For example, modernization of agriculture has revolutionized nutrient management. Past generations did not have today's research or tools to minimize manure runoff. Currently, over 90 percent of hog manure in Manitoba is either injected below the surface or incorporated into the soil after it is applied to the land. This prevents leaching into our waterways and positions the valuable nutrients next to the seed where it is most beneficial for the crops.

A source of pride

Advances in technology are making the application of manure more precise. Modern equipment can test the flow as manure is being applied, using near infrared technology, and

vary application rates on a real-time basis. Farmers use global positioning technology, ultrasonic speed sensors, and radar to ensure that manure is applied in the right place and at the right rate. Technology allows farmers to maximize the benefits of this natural fertilizer while helping to minimize nutrient leaching into waterways.

Compliance with modern regulations helps deliver advancements in sustainability. Before applying manure, farmers are required to fill manure management plans with the provincial government. These nutrient management plans are tailored to the specific crops being grown and include soil sampling to help prevent the over application of nutrients.

The environmental and animal care record of modern Manitoba hog farmers is one in which they take pride. It is also a record that should be a source of pride for all Manitobans. Nutritious high-quality pork from Manitoba's farmers is raised in a sustainable way that will help ensure the industry's ongoing contributions to our economy and job creation in our local communities.

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And the sale price is not the only thing the government considers when sending you your tax bill. If the government's black book value shows the car is worth more than you paid for it, it sends you an RST bill for that amount, instead of the deal you got.

However, if you paid more than the black book value, the government expects an RST cheque for the higher amount. The government doesn't care if you shopped around to find a deal on your latest car, it expects to get its full cut.

Manitobans who can afford to purchase a brand-new EV don't need cheques from the government. But Manitobans looking to buy used could definitely use a break on their taxes.

That's because the majority of EV owners earn more than \$100,000 per year, according to government briefings. The

average Manitoban earns about \$60,000.

A quick look at AutoTrader shows more than 200 gas- or diesel-powered vehicles for sale in Manitoba under \$10,000. There are less than five used electric vehicles available under that price. However, none of them would even qualify for the government's subsidy because they are more than four years old.

And even if you could find a used electric car that's new enough and in your price range, it's unlikely to fit most Manitobans' needs. If you work a job that requires carrying stuff in your vehicle or live somewhere without EV chargers, a used Nissan Leaf compact car isn't going to cut it, regardless of the government subsidy.

The federal government doesn't even charge GST on vehicles bought through private sales. Alberta doesn't charge sales tax on any vehicle, because it doesn't have a provincial sales tax.

Manitobans aren't usually buying a used Corolla because it's their dream car, they are buying it because it's a necessity to get to work or take their kids to school.

It's already ludicrous to get a tax bill when you purchase any necessity, but it is especially unfair when the tax has already been paid on the vehicle, potentially multiple times.

And it just adds insult to injury that your wealthy neighbour is getting a \$4,000 cheque from the government for their luxury EV purchase.

Instead of trying to take as many tax dollars as possible by taxing the same used vehicle multiple times, the government should cancel its multi-million-dollar handout to wealthy EV buyers and axe the sales tax on used vehicles to give buyers a break on their next car purchase.

Gage Haubrich,
Canadian Tax Payers Federation

An evening of gratitude with The Rolling Barrage



were also presented by Neepawa's Mary Murray. Additional presentations were also made by The Rolling Barrage, showing their appreciation for Neepawa's support and hospitality. Mary Murray (pictured left), received a special placard of gratitude recognizing her years of support, and the Neepawa Legion was honoured with a certificate of appreciation for the same (pictured below). The certificate was accepted by Bruce Bremner.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE ROLLING BARRAGE

A series of special presentations were made during The Rolling Barrage's visit to Neepawa this past weekend. This included a pair of donation were presented by Neepawa Legion representatives Bob Ferguson and Laurie Kohinski; and a donation from Valerie Soltys of the Erickson Legion. These donations were accepted on stage by Rolling Barrage representatives Michael Kirk (provincial team leader) and Michael Goldade (Canadian team leader). A pair of quilts

Local artists on display through Neepawa Art Walk



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

This public art piece located at Taylor Law Patersons is one of many locally created works that can be found throughout Neepawa.

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

If you've taken a walk in Neepawa's downtown recently, you might have noticed new vibrant displays of art popping up, and that is for good reason. It's all part of the Neepawa Art Walk, a thrilling tour through the Town's core to discover beautiful artwork made by local creators. Seven stops are on the Art Walk, sprawling through Neepawa's downtown from ArtsForward to the Neepawa Banner & Press,

Dairy Queen, and even Riverbend Park. The project was created by NACI art students and Teacher Katy Martin, and has since blossomed into a community-wide effort. Each mural tells a story of creativity, community pride, and local history. ArtsForward has been diligently working to add more creative works to the walk, stemming from ArtsForward's ArtFest benches and beautiful murals created by Neepawa Tourism and high school art students. The plan is to add more murals and benches as the roster of Neepawa artists continues to grow and flourish. Throughout the winter, Neepawa Tourism will release a digital version of the walking tour on its website and will launch an updated version of the brochure during the spring of 2026, in time for warmer days. Physical copies of the brochure are available at ArtsForward, the Town of Neepawa Office, Hid'n Hollow, Farmery Estate Brewery, and The Mill Lifestyle Store.

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Dynamic Physiotherapy officially open in Minnedosa

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The community of Minnedosa officially welcomed a new physiotherapist last week. This is Kieran Baird, of Dynamic Physiotherapy. Operating in Brandon since 2005, Dynamic expanded into the valley community and officially opened for the first time on Aug. 5.

"I'm thrilled to be able to add to the physiotherapy services in the area, and [I'm] looking forward to putting down roots in a great community," said Baird.

Baird is originally from Rossburn Manitoba, and had just recently moved back to Manitoba after some time living in B.C. Now, Baird lives just north of Minnedosa and plans to call the community his permanent home and provide his services long-term. Minnedosa's Dynamic Physiotherapy is located at 46 Main Street North.

Bringing services closer

"The primary reason for Dynamic to expand into Minnedosa was to provide Kieran, who has quickly become a valued member of our therapy team, an opportunity to continue to be a part of Dynamic, yet reduce his commute by practicing closer to his home," said Darryl Ross, owner of Dynamic Physiotherapy. "Dynamic also has a rural clinic in Hamiota and we feel strongly that staying long term in the communities where we invest and supporting local businesses is essential, and it is only possible to make this commitment by having the clinic staffed by physiotherapists that live in the community."

Ross added, "Also, as public physiotherapy services continue to be limited by funding and staff shortages,

we feel the need and opportunity as a private physio clinic to bring services to rural communities, as opposed to expecting clients to travel longer distances to larger centers such as Brandon. We do see a lot of clients from all over Westman up into Parkland regions travelling to our clinic in Brandon, so we are happy to be able to bring our services closer."

Baird has a competitive history in cross country skiing and running, and has expertise in areas such as providing running assessments to recreational runners, improving running mechanics and developing specific running training programs.

His experience goes beyond this as well, however as he has been a practicing physiotherapist for five years. During this time, he has treated orthopedic injuries and conditions of all kinds, in all age groups.

"Kieran also has some vestibular training for patients with dizziness, vertigo and balance disorders," said Ross.

Future plans

At this time Dynamic Physiotherapy's Minnedosa location will purely be offering physiotherapy services. However, Ross noted that there are plans to potentially include massage services at the site, administered by a local massage therapist on days when Baird is off-site.

Currently, physio services are being provided on Tuesdays and Fridays. Ross noted that the intention is to gradually add days to the hours of operation as its schedule fills, until five days per week of services is achieved.

Something new that Dynamic is introducing with the Minnedosa clinic is the lack of an on-site receptionist. Ross assured, however, that ample support will be available to clients.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kieran Baird, originally from Rossburn, has recently opened a new location for Dynamic Physiotherapy in Minnedosa. Dynamic has been in operation in the Westman area since 2005, primarily based out of Brandon and Hamiota.

"All scheduling, billing, and support for this new clinic will be managed by our lead administrator in Hamiota, Loren Gurr. Loren has worked with us for a number of years and is well versed in our systems and the complex health insurance landscape," said Ross. "Appointments can be booked by phone through the Hamiota office or through our website portal. All information required for the visit will be sent electronically to clients prior to their visit, including all payment options."

Ross added, "For those who are not comfortable with technology, Kieran will gather all relevant information on site at the time of the appointment. We have also integrated a

secure remote payment system into our software which will allow a "stop in and go" type client experience."

The Minnedosa location is also currently providing direct billing for Blue Cross, and intends to eventually provide this service for as many other insurers as possible—similar to the primary location in Brandon.

"As we find solutions to add other insurance companies with no receptionist to assist on site, we will add these to improve our client experience," said Ross.

Providing a final comment, Ross extended a word of gratitude, stating, "Thank you to [the] local businesses that have helped us get the new clinic up and running."



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Ryan Kennedy

I was born and raised on a farm near Eden, Manitoba, where I learned the value of hard work and the importance of community from an early age. After my parents sold the farm in 2004, I made the move to the Plumas area, and I've had the pleasure of calling it home ever since. Small-town living holds a special place in my heart because I believe that true quality of life is rooted in strong connections with great people. This belief was one of the key reasons my wife and I chose to settle here and raise our three children.

For the past 15 years, I've worked in the food industry in a variety of supervisory and management roles. This experience has not only sharpened my leadership and problem-solving skills but has also deepened my understanding of the value of building strong, lasting relationships. It's a lesson I carry with me into the real estate industry, where those same principles are key to helping clients navigate the often-complex process of buying and selling homes.

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PHOTOS BY ROB WADDELL AND JOSHUA JACKSON

Seen here is a series of photos from Rob Waddell and Joshua Jackson, taken within the Neepawa Banner & Press coverage area, over the past few weeks. The hawk was photographed Northeast of Rivers, the spray plane just North of Carberry, and the bear was in the North end of Kelwood picking chokecherries.

BIG hopes for a BIG event in Neepawa

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A local group has taken it upon themselves to examine the possibility of staging a 'large scale future event' in Neepawa. The Neepawa Community Event Committee (NCEC) is considering something for 2026, that will 'Bring in visitors from outside the community, as well as, be a source of community pride.' While events such as the annual Chamber

Fair and the Riverbend Market have become beloved functions within the community, the type of large scale event that is being considered has not been done locally since the Neepawa Lily Festival in 2014. The NCEC is meeting to discuss several different ideas, and the details of the event will be made public, once they are finalized. Inquiries can be sent to NCEC2026@outlook.com.

Hole-in-one



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The Neepawa Golf & Country Club has seen its third ace of the season, as William Melvin knocked in a hole-in-one on Wednesday, Aug. 6. William accomplished the feat on the 18th hole, a 177 yard par-3. Congrats to William on the superb shot.



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