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'Something we can all be proud of'

Curling for a Cure raises \$49,117 for cancer programs, sells out for 2027

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Curlers gathered en masse and gave their all in Minnedosa this past weekend. The occasion was the seventh annual Curling for a Cure event, which has been deemed yet another success by its organizational team.

"We are so proud to share that Curling for a Cure raised \$49,117 this year, bringing our seven-year total to \$183,728. What an incredible milestone," said event organizer Chad Yanchycki. "This event would not be possible without the many people who give their time, energy, and support year after year."

Yanchycki added, "Every contribution—big or small—played a part in this success. Most importantly, these funds will make a real difference for cancer patients and their families in our area, offering support when it's needed most. That impact is something we can all be proud of."

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The Curling for a Cure organizational team were proud to raise a total of \$49,117 from this year's fundraising bonspiel, bringing the organization's seven-year charitable donation total to \$183,728.



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A lake-full of winter fun in Minnedosa



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The Minnedosa Lake was buzzing with activity this past weekend for the annual Skate the Lake event. Shown here are some scenes from the Saturday morning hockey matches, which appeared to be quite fun for all the players. Sheets of ice were also cleared and available for outdoor curling.



Cattle market report

By Blaine Huston
Gladstone Auction

We sold 1,670 head on Tuesday, Feb. 17 on very strong market in Happy Rock.

We had 160 butcher cattle to start the day, and here's how they sold:

- D1-D2 cows \$2.20-2.48.
- D3 older cows \$1.70-2.00.
- Young feeding type cows \$2.25-2.58.
- Bulls \$2.30-2.45.

Here are some market highlights from yesterday's sale:

- We had a package of three black steers weighing 995 pounds bring \$4.59 a pound (\$4,565 a head).
- Twelve Black exotic steers

come in the ring weighing 786 pounds and cash in at \$5.2425 a pound (\$4,119 per head).

•Twenty-one Black steers weighing 680 pounds stamp there ticket at \$5.89 a pound (\$4,007 a head).

On the Heifer side of things:

•Three black exotic heifers weighing 960 pounds bring \$4.25 per pound (\$4,081 per head).

•Thirteen red and black heifers weigh 857 pounds and fetch \$4.49 per pound (\$3850 per head)

•Four mixed heifers come in the ring weighing 583 pounds and bring \$6.11 a pound (\$3,559 per head).

Plainer type cattle are

still seeing some discounts.

As you can see the market was very powerful on Tuesday in Happyrock

Gladstone Auction Mart Cattle Market Report

Feb. 17, 2026

| Steers | |
|------------|----------------|
| 3-400 lbs. | \$8.40 to 9.65 |
| 4-500 lbs. | \$7.40 to 8.35 |
| 5-600 lbs. | \$6.50 to 7.72 |
| 6-700 lbs. | \$5.35 to 6.29 |
| 7-800 lbs. | \$4.65 to 5.61 |
| 8-900 lbs. | \$4.25 to 5.17 |
| 900+ lbs. | \$4.20 to 4.79 |

| Heifers | |
|------------|----------------|
| 3-400 lbs. | \$7.10 to 8.50 |
| 4-500 lbs. | \$6.90 to 8.00 |
| 5-600 lbs. | \$5.70 to 6.65 |
| 6-700 lbs. | \$4.95 to 5.82 |
| 7-800 lbs. | \$4.38 to 5.33 |
| 8-900 lbs. | \$3.85 to 4.67 |
| 900+ lbs. | \$3.45 to 4.36 |

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1976: The Harlem Kings bring competition and comedy to Neepawa

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
February 19, 1901**

Acton: Mrs. R. McMurray has had an attack of la grippe.

The Neepawa fire brigade acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$5 from D. McBean for services rendered at the fire last Tuesday night.

A Gladstone business man proposes to build a brick block in Makinak next season and is now negotiating for lots.

**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
February 16, 1926**

Franklin: Miss Helen Robertson has gone into the

hospital, Neepawa, to take a nurse training. The good wishes of the community go with her.

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**75 years ago,
Thursday,
February 22, 1951**

The Neepawa Town Council have announced the appointment of Geoffrey Pasquill as chief of police here. Mr. Pasquill, who has served as police constable here for several years, has been acting chief following the recent death of Fred McClain. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Pasquill's appointment

has proven popular with residents of the town.

Born in Botlon, Lancashire, England, he received his education there. He came to Canada in 1929 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pasquill and with his sister and family, made his home in Neepawa.

Completing 44 years and 10 months service with the C.N.R. John Biles, of Neepawa, well known engineer brought tram 232 into Brandon for the last time at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Mr. Biles has retired on pension after many years railroading in Western Canada.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
February 19, 1976**

A donation of up to \$40,000 toward the cost of the swimming pool for the 1976 Manitoba Summer Games was pledged in a letter from the Neepawa's Lion's Club to the Manitoba Summer Games Society.

Plumas: Friday, Feb. 13, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schmidt invited a number of relatives and friend to celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
February 20, 2006**

Two men and a woman have been charged with arson after the Minnedosa United Church burned to the ground just hours before worshippers were to arrive for last week's Sunday service.

The father of a 12-year-old Neepawa girl who was caught accessing a pornographic website on

a computer at the public library says more supervision is needed to prevent similar incidents in the future...

However, with a staff of three part-time workers, librarian Linda Giannotti said constant supervision is neither practical nor possible. And the father admits it was library staff who noticed his daughter on an inappropriate site.

"We can't stand over people watching their every move," Giannotti said. "The use of public computers is a privilege and people need to be responsible."

Giannotti said potential users must first sign a policy form prior to being allowed access to the library's computers. The same policy is in use throughout the Western Manitoba Regional Library System, which counts Neepawa as a member, Giannotti said.

Note: The individual was banned from using the library's computers.

Premier Gary Doer has proclaimed 2006 as Year of the War Bride in Manitoba.

The proclamation marks the 60th anniversary of the arrival of most war brides to Canada.

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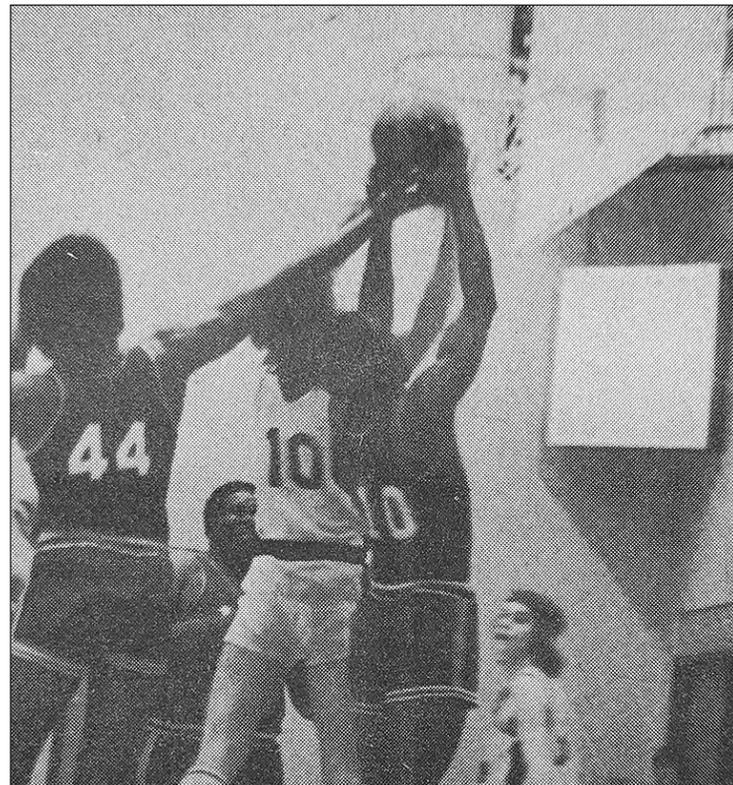


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The Harlem Kings brought stiff competition and a barrel of laughs to NACI in February of 1976. A basketball game, interspersed with comedic stunts, was played between the Kings and Tigers.

The Kings won the game with a score of 109-52.

Pictured: Neepawa's Glen Jakobson battling it out with two of the Kings as Tiger Mike Sweet awaits the outcome.

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Corinthians 13: 6-7 (The Living Bible)



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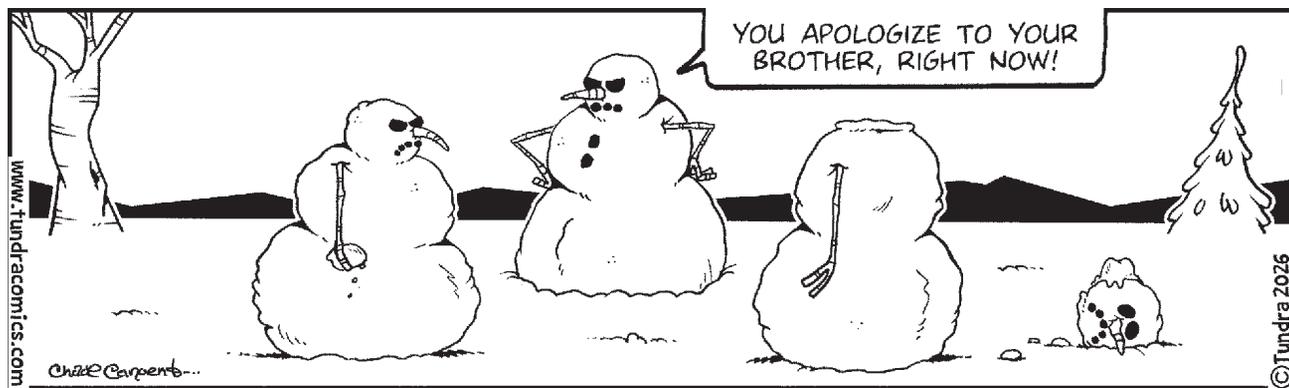
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By Chad Carpenter



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Four score...

Eighty. At one time the age of eighty was indicative of an old person. Truthfully, I recall thinking my grandparents were ancient when they were in their sixties. Now I am eighty years old. I don't know exactly what I think of that because I've never been this age before. I recall a rather unique individual that asked me 'how old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?' Good question, cause I am having difficulty seeing myself as four score.

There has been a great deal of reflection and introspection this month. First I looked at the decades. One to ten. Lived with my parents, an older sister and a younger sister in the Kane District before moving to Graysville. Hated the move, walked home from school one day.

Ten to twenty. Got to love school, it was a safe place. Excelled in sports, volleyball team, curling and track and field. Was selected to attend the United Nations Seminar in Winnipeg - first time I attended Rainbow Stage- was the class valedictorian, and enjoyed school so much I attended an extra year and still didn't master European History for the 1500's!

Now twenty to thirty was a gong show! I married, bore two children, divorced (I realized quite quickly that God had not created me to be a human punching bag!), settled into being a single parent, remarried, gaining two bonus children. There were a number of moves in that decade. Was blessed with a stable home, another child, another move - this time into the Riding Mountain area - with new adventures.

By the time I was forty, the older children were marrying and leaving home and life was full and rich. Fifty to sixty sped by. Grandchildren filled our home and our hearts. One more major move, off the farm and onto the acreage. Challenges and adventures there!

Sixty to seventy. Accepted the loss of my partner, support and cheerleader after forty years and one day of marriage. Experienced much joy and deep sorrow in that decade. The grandchildren were marrying and gifting me with great grandchildren. I was gaining training for the work I so enjoy.

Seventy to eighty. I was blessed with a relationship with a man of honour and integrity, humour and wisdom. Six years of loving and living together, another deep grief. I purchased a home. The first time I was the only one in one the decision making, and I still love it. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren still fill my life with love and laughter.

Four score. And in all those years I have been privileged to travel: on family camping trips, visiting family all over the world, trips with friends and family. From coast to coast, driving. Major flights to Australia, Malaysia and Thailand, Moscow, Paris (x2), Great Britain (x2), Iceland, Iona (x2), Holland, Poland, Ireland and who knows where next!

Eighty years old. Through it all, for all times, my anchor is my faith. "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand."

Some things that need to be said

In the midst of terror, turmoil and trouble in our world, I feel there are some things that need to be said and passed on.

Just because I (or anybody else) says things doesn't mean you have to agree. But just because we don't agree, also doesn't mean different ideas shouldn't be spoken.

I believe that the English language has always been evolving but I also believe that our language has not been improving. There are words and phrases being tossed around today that have abandoned any relation to root meanings. Our language is being used both carelessly and maliciously in attempts to re-shape our concepts of human endeavour, health and culture.

I also believe we are being flooded with information from both mainstream media and social media that is mostly used to distract us from important issues of family and community. I am mostly beyond caring what politicians say about the United States or any other parts of the world except Canada, more specifically, I care about Manitoba and even more precisely western Manitoba.

It's important to know about other areas of the world but no matter how much we care, no matter how much we worry or despair, it isn't going to change much. At the very least, we should swap despair for prayer as our prayers will do more good than worry or despair.

Events at Tumbler Ridge last week were very disturbing but they weren't surprising. Mass killings are becoming commonplace even in Canada. Perpetrators of such crimes are very sick people and they no doubt need help long before they act out their horrid fantasies. Regardless of where the mental illness comes from, would be harm-doers need help, quickly and firmly.



- I am very disappointed that we only take relatively shallow attempts to protect people from harmful actions to themselves and others. I have little or no patience with safe drug centres. Hard drug addicts are breaking the law, are a danger to themselves and to others. They need to be held in a safe environment until they have recovered. That would be costly but it would save policing and healthcare costs and be more beneficial to hard drug addicts. The same applies to homeless (unhoused) people. We aren't actually short of housing in Canada when we consider how many people own multiple homes. That situation has existed for centuries in Western culture and it's not likely to change unless we switch to communism and that hasn't worked out all that well.

If we have to slow the level of immigration and foreign student inflows, so be it. Not my first choice but until we can catch up on housing, there doesn't appear to be a better choice.

- Some people will be upset by this next statement but humans and animals are born male or female. There are rare intersex exceptions in the human population but it's less than .02 per cent. In cattle, there can be an intersex or hermaphroditic specimens. I have actually only seen that situation once. It is very rare.

I have always felt that all children should be encouraged by loving par-

ents or guardians to become whatever they want to become. In today's world almost every occupation under the sun is available and attemptable for anyone. I don't buy into the idea that you can become whatever you want to be as there are some realistic limits. In my own case, growing up to be all of five foot nine and weighing over 200 pounds, there was scant chance that I could make it to the university pole vaulting team.

My message is don't let anyone tell you (including yourself) that you can't achieve realistic goals and you will be successful and content.

And I carefully use the word content, not happy. In between my second and third year university, I decided I was going to quit, drop out. I went to the Student Advisor, Doctor Anna Storgaard and said I wasn't happy. She asked, "Whoever promised you would always be happy"? I realized nobody had promised me happiness. Looking back not only did I know what Dr. S was telling me but after almost 60 years later, I have almost always been content. Content to finish university, I have also been very content to be a politician at all three levels of government, a husband for 57 years, a father, grandfather and great grandfather. And yes, content with many friends and customers.

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.



Radical acceptance

Today, I want to teach you a little mental tool which I think will help you cope with difficult people and impossible situations. It's called radical acceptance. Radical acceptance is not a me concept, it was the brainchild of Marsha Linehan, a therapist in the States who worked with folks with personality disorders. This skill is wonderful for everyone whether you struggle with your mental health or not.

To begin, imagine that you have someone in your life that makes decisions that make no sense to you, that frustrates you and you just don't know how to deal with them. Imagine you have a relative where it feels like you can't do anything right. First, you can invest your emotional energy into them by constantly fighting for approval, worrying about what you are doing wrong etc... This leaves you feeling drained and frustrated. Your other option is to choose radical acceptance. This looks like reaching deep within yourself and doing a soul search, then telling yourself, "I am going to choose my peace today, by investing emotional energy into them, I am not changing that person, the only thing I am doing is hurting myself, so today I choose me." Is this an easy concept to get behind, not in the least, but it's an important one. It's important that you allow the feelings that come with this acceptance to flow freely. Maybe is frustration, maybe it's disappointment.

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Acknowledge those feelings without judgment, name them and let them flow freely. Acceptance doesn't mean numbness. It means letting grief, anger, or disappointment move through without trying to suppress or dramatize them. Emotions are waves; resistance turns them into undertows.

Now you ask yourself, "now what". This moves you from a feeling of helplessness to a feeling of agency. You have realized that you have tried repeatedly to impress this relative, but they still find fault with you. You may not be able to control that person, but you can control a small behavior. Maybe that small behavior is, "I'm going to invest my emotional energy into another person who values what I bring to the table". You will drift back into resistance. Asking yourself, "Why is this relative like this? Have I really done enough?" That's normal. Radical acceptance is not a one-time decision; it's a repeated choice. Each time you notice yourself arguing with reality, you gently redirect.

Here's the big point, radical acceptance does not equal approval. By saying that you are choosing not to invest emotional energy into this person, you are simply saying, "I choose

myself first". You are not saying that you agree with what that individual is doing or saying. You can still have your principles. You are not giving up on anything. It's not surrendering values, it's about not fighting the inevitable. Try this thought experiment. Imagine holding a beach ball underwater. That's resistance. It takes effort and splashes everywhere. Letting it float? That's acceptance. The ball still exists. You just stop exhausting yourself holding it down. Radical acceptance doesn't remove pain, it removes that extra layer of pain that comes from fighting reality.

If you choose radical acceptance today, know that it will take time and practice. Also know that it can make a huge difference in how you approach those uncontrollable, yet understandably frustrating situations in your life. Best of luck on your journey.

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HELEN DRYSDALE

out of helen's kitchen

H.M.K.

As I was browsing my older cookbooks, the 1988 Hazel M. Kellington Second edition cook book came up. Part of the forewords for the book by Principal John Nelson says, "The last edition of The Hazel M. Kellington, (1982) sold 3000 copies. We know of some of the books that have gone to Australia, Europe, The British Isles and to every Canadian province." Wow! That was a well-travelled cookbook. As I reminisced over the well-worn, stained pages I just couldn't resist sharing several of the recipes. I treasured these community compiled books for their personal names and recipes. I hope these recipes provide inspiration for your meals this week.

Dill Sauced Meatloaf –Colin and Sheila Bremner

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| 1 1/2 lb. ground beef, mixed with pork | 1/4 tsp. pepper |
| 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup) | 1/2 cup chopped dill pickle |
| 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs (1 slice) | 1/2 cup ketchup |
| 1/2 cup bottled dill pickle juice | 1/4 cup water |
| 1 egg | 2 Tbsp. brown sugar |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |

Mix first 7 ingredients until well blended. Shape into a loaf in a baking or bread pan. Combine dill pickle, ketchup, water, sugar, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over loaf after the first 20 minutes of baking. Bake in a 350° F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

German Apple Pancakes –Kerrilee and Elizabeth Sumner

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| 1 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour | 3 Tbsp. butter or oil |
| 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder | 1 cup pared and shredded apples |
| 3 Tbsp. sugar | |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | <i>Topping:</i> |
| 1/4 cinnamon | sour cream |
| 2 eggs, yolks and whites separated | brown sugar |
| 1 cup milk | |

Stir together the flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and cinnamon. Stir in the egg yolks, milk, melted butter or oil. Shred the apples and immediately add to the batter. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Drop by tablespoons and bake on greased griddle until bubbly. Turnover and brown on the other side. Serve with a spread of sour cream, sprinkled with brown sugar.

This recipe I have made many times. I have never used the walnuts and baked them at 350°F. They are delicious cookies.

Coconut Oatmeal Cookies –Ryan and Shannon Curtis

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 cup shortening | 1 tsp. baking powder |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 1 cup white sugar | 2 cups coconut |
| 2 eggs | 1 cup walnuts |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 2 cups rolled oats |
| 1 3/4 cup flour | |

Combine all ingredients together. Roll into balls and flatten with a fork. Bake at 325°F until brown.

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs up to the Neepawa community (Current and former) for rallying behind the Neepawa Tigers at their Cancer Care Game. Heartfelt thanks to the Tigers, their coaching staff, and parents for organizing such a successful and meaningful event.

**Kerrilee Lapointe
Neepawa, MB**

To the Canadian Olympic curling teams: We know that you didn't do it. Fake news!

**Al McPhee
Neepawa, MB**

Thumbs up to the students for the valentines they made for us seniors [at Kinsmen Courts II]. It warmed our hearts.

**Janice Abstreiter
Neepawa, MB**



Finding their voice: Neepawa family shares impact of Easter Seals support

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

On Feb. 7, Liway Cabrera and family had the opportunity to speak at the 15th annual Easter Seals Bonspiel and talk about the impact the organization has made on their family's life.

Cabrera's son, Sander, was born profoundly deaf, and her family made the difficult decision to leave the Philippines and fly to Canada in search of a better life — especially for him.

She noted that coming to Neepawa has been a positive experience for her family, adding that it is a truly wonderful place with supportive and welcoming people, for which they are very thankful.

However, Cabrera added, like many rural communities, Neepawa faces challenges when it comes to accessing services, especially recreational programs and camps for children with disabilities, and the availability of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters in rural areas.

As a parent, Cabrera has learned that advocacy is essential, which has been challenging at times. By finding her voice and speaking up, supports have been put in place with the help of ArtsForward to access grants to hire an Educational Assistant for after-school recreational



SUBMITTED BY LIWAY CABRERA

Liway Cabrera and family had the opportunity to speak at the 15th annual Easter Seals Bonspiel. From left to right: Cam Toews, Century 21 Westman Realty; the Cabrera Family; Leanne Vandembosch, Manitoba Possible; and Laurie Brugger, Century 21 Westman Realty.

programs. This helped Sander to participate more fully in arts, cooking and gardening programs and activities.

In addition, with the help of Manitoba Possible, a branch of the Easter Seals that provides a wide range of programs and services to Manitobans with disabilities, Cabrera's family has been able to connect with local service clubs in Neepawa who sponsored online ASL courses for Liway and Sander. Now that Sander is in Grade 10, his courses are becoming more demanding, and these ASL

classes have been incredibly important, helping him academically and, just as importantly, strengthening communication at home.

Sander was also able to attend a camp at the Manitoba School for the Deaf last summer, where he learned how to prepare and cook simple recipes while continuing to develop his ASL skills. One-on-one ASL sessions with a support worker provided him the chance to practice, build confidence, and feel supported in a space where he truly belonged.

Cabrera's family is deeply

grateful to the organizers, especially Cam Toews, a dedicated organizer of the Annual Easter Seals in Westman, for mak-

ing access to camps and recreational activities is vital, especially during the summer months, when students still need structured,

meaningful opportunities to continue developing skills and coping strategies.

Each year, the Easter Seals sends 6,000 kids living with disabilities to attend one of 14 Easter Seals summer camps across Canada. At the camp, every child, no matter their disability, receives the encouragement and support they need to challenge themselves, build confidence and make the most of their abilities.

The family believes their story highlights both what is possible and what is still needed. She said with the right supports, children and teens with disabilities can thrive, even in rural communities, adding that continued funding, collaboration, and advocacy are key to ensuring no child is left behind simply because of where they live.

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New immigration initiative coming to Neepawa

Town signs agreement with Economic Development Brandon

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A new immigration program has officially been confirmed for Neepawa. The Town of Neepawa has recently signed an agreement with Brandon Economic Development, making the community an official partner of the Southwestern Manitoba Immigration Initiative (SMII).

Formerly known as the Brandon Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program Immigration Initiative, the SMII was first pitched within the community on Mar. 26, 2025. The program is intended to help employers fill hard-to-staff roles, while also supporting temporary foreign workers pursuing permanent residency. Individuals with a temporary residency who are already living and working within the community are also eligible for the SMII.

“Our role in Brandon would be to administer the day-to-day activities of the initiative,” said Samuel Solomon, immigration and workforce development specialist for Economic Development Brandon. “Participating communities of the initiative would also be able to endorse candidates, and be part of the decision

making of who comes and stays in Neepawa.”

Since the initial pitch and interest gauging session last year, months of dedicated research were conducted locally.

“I worked with community partners, Westlake Employment, for example; Settlement Services, and even specific employers who’ve approached me about using immigration to help fill positions,” said Marilyn Crewe, Neepawa’s economic development officer. “We compiled a list, reviewed it locally, sent it to Brandon—they reviewed it as well—with some key positions that we feel were a good starting point for us in starting to help employers meet those needs. They were based on, for example, maybe Westlake Employment had positions that were weeks and weeks on a job board. That position, we would consider it ‘hard to fill.’”

Retention a key focus

In addition to proof of a job position being hard to fill, employers must also meet other eligibility criteria.

“Essentially, a business needs to be established, running, and in good condition so that an applicant

would be able to have a good, long-term career with the business,” said Solomon. “The business should also be in a Neepawa-based business for the Neepawa region. Businesses who are outside of the municipal boundaries of Neepawa would not be eligible unless they move the business here. So it’s also business attraction, for us.”

Solomon also noted that the SMII can also apply to the sale of a business, stating, “The initiative allows business succession. So, say there is a business owner who wants to sell the business or pass it on to the next generation. If they are able to find a foreign investor who is willing to come and live in Neepawa and run the business, that investor would be able to get permanent residency, be a partner, be a neighbour for people in Neepawa while running the business as well.”

Under the SMII, language proficiency and other relevant considerations also apply to the prospective employee, or for the purchaser of the business.

“Whenever we process an applicant, we will go through an interview process with the applicant, see that they have genuine intention of residing permanently in the area,”

said Solomon. “Employers will also be evaluated on that—if an employer is unable to retain candidates for long-term, then we will have discussions with the employer about retention. Retention is a key part of the program.”

Seeing the path ahead

A private session to review the program with employers and business owners was held in Neepawa on Feb. 12, outlining eligible positions, the program process, and allowing those in attendance to ask additional questions now that the partnership is in place.

“It allowed employers to dive deeper into what this means for them and how they get started on the immigration process for their employees,” said Crewe. “The response was good. There were 20 people in the room—I was happy. And

the employers had really good questions. You could tell they’ve already been thinking about immigration as a way to help with their Human Resources, so the questions they had were very relevant and helped them move forward with where they are at in the process, I think.”

Crewe added, “If this response is any indication, this will be an opportunity for employers to get those positions filled. The process does take time, it’s never an overnight thing. But at least now they see a pathway for that, and I think that’s always good for my local employers when they can have the staff that they need to do the work. And many businesses are growing, and it’s good for them to be able to add to their capacity.”

A great place to live

With the finalization of the SMII agreement

between Neepawa and Brandon, not only are additional businesses being encouraged to reach out, but individuals such as physicians as well.

“Neepawa is a great place to live, work and have your family in,” said Solomon. “We’re looking for doctors, we’re looking for childcare assistants, we’re looking for construction workers; so this is a great time to move to a new, beautiful town.”

Further information on the SMII can be found on the Brandon Economic Development website under ‘immigration’, or on the Choose Neepawa website under ‘workforce development’.

“If there’s further questions, Samuel is your guy,” said Crewe. “This partnership will be a great opportunity to work together to benefit Neepawa.”



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Rotary Book Sale returns with big expectations

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Book lovers and bargain hunters will once again have their chance to stock up this spring, as the Neepawa Rotary Club prepares for its annual booksale. The popular event, which began back in 2018, is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year.

The 2026 edition is scheduled for May 26 to 29 and for the second straight year, will be held at the Neepawa Junior Rifle Club building on the Agricultural Grounds.

Book Sale Chairperson Murray Newton said the space worked out well for them last year, noting the sale proved to be hugely successful in its efforts to raise funds for Rotary initiatives.

"Matching those results is going to be a challenge, but everyone involved is feeling pretty optimistic that we're going to be able to give it a go," noted Newton.

Book donations still needed

While the Rotary Club has already accumulated a large amount of books, Newton said additional



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donations are welcome.

"We'll have our pickup bins available, same as we had last year," said Newton. "People can drop off books at Home Hardware [in Neepawa], the Neepawa/Gladstone Co-op Grocery Store, Stride Credit Union, and ArtsForward."

For those unable to deliver donations, Newton said arrangements can be made to have Rotary members and volunteers pickup from houses.

Collections will continue until early to mid-April, giving volunteers sufficient time to sort materials ahead of the sale.

As for the the event itself,

it is happening a little later than usual in the spring. Newton said the scheduling shift was necessary due to Rotary's district conference commitments earlier in the month.

"Other than that, things are pretty much the same as they always have," Newton said. "We've got five pallets of books already stored for us, and whatever we collect this year will all be out."

With another large inventory expected, Newton anticipates strong turnout once again.

"There will definitely be bargains to be found," he said.

Neepawa Legion Ladies honour long time member



On Feb. 10, Neepawa Legion Ladies Auxiliary President Laurie Kohinski (on left) presented Elsie Slimmon with the Life Membership Award for her outstanding service to the organization. Elsie has been a member of the Neepawa Legion Ladies Auxiliary for 30 years and this high honour was awarded to her for continuous commitment and dedication to the Auxiliary as well as the community. A well deserved award.

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Manitoba Hydro Integrated Resource Plan & Major New Facility Public Review

On February 2, 2026, the Manitoba Government referred Manitoba Hydro's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") to the Public Utilities Board ("PUB") for its review and recommendations.

The IRP examines how best to meet Manitoba Hydro's expected short-term (2030) and long-term (2035) growth in electricity consumption with different options to increase electricity supply. The primary objective of the IRP is to plan for safe and reliable energy that meets the evolving needs of Manitobans. The IRP includes both Manitoba Hydro's electrical system and the natural gas system operated by Manitoba Hydro's subsidiary Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.

Manitoba Hydro's IRP includes its recommended future development plan, which incorporates a major new generating facility consisting of three new simple cycle combustion turbines at the Brandon Generating Station that will provide approximately 750 MW of capacity. In addition to the IRP, the needs for and alternatives to Manitoba Hydro's proposed new natural gas generating facility will be referred to the PUB for its review and recommendations.

The PUB will be conducting a public regulatory review over the coming months into both the IRP and the proposed major new natural gas generating facility. While these reviews by the PUB will not immediately result in a change to the rates charged by Manitoba Hydro, the costs of the new generating facility and other aspects of the development plan are expected to have an impact on future electricity rates.

Further details related to the upcoming review are available at: www.pubmanitoba.ca.

You can share your views on the filing with the Public Utilities Board in three ways:

- **As a Presenter** – If you want to make a virtual or in-person formal presentation to the Public Utilities Board on this matter and are willing to respond to questions about your presentation, please submit an application to become an approved Presenter using the application form linked on the PUB website (www.pubmanitoba.ca) by June 18, 2026. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes and presenters will be scheduled to appear during the hearing in August.
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RCMP charge Minnedosa man after gun pointed at couple

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Spruce Plains RCMP charge Minnedosa man after gun pointed at couple

The Spruce Plains RCMP have charged a 26-year-old after responding to a report that an individual had pointed a gun at a couple and threatened to shoot them.

The incident occurred during the early morning of Feb. 15 at a residence in Rapid City.

The report noted two adult males arrived at a residence, then an argument ensued between one of the males and the couple, culminating with the male pointing a shotgun and threatening the pair. The two males then left the home, and around 20

minutes later, Spruce Plains RCMP tracked the suspect to a residence in Minnedosa and arrested him. Police obtained a search warrant for the residence, and a replica firearm, homemade firearm parts and ammunition were seized from the home.

26-year-old John Mofat of Minnedosa has been charged with Pointing a firearm and Uttering threats.

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By Eoin Devereux
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For the Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute (NACI) Tigers, Friday's biggest victory at the Yellowhead Centre had nothing to do with the scoreboard.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the team participated in its annual 'Tigers Fight Cancer' fundraising game. This event supports local cancer care programs through a variety of efforts organized by the players, parents and supporters of the hockey program.

The team also wore special pink jerseys versus the Minnedosa-Erickson Chancellors, for a match-up that is consistently one of the biggest games on the team's regular season schedule.

The game itself saw the Tigers win by a 5-4 score, but the more important results were from the fundraiser, as Tigers co-coach Troy Brister said this year's edition exceeded their expectations.

"\$7,800 was raised at the game and Gaynor Vivian matched the funds we raised to get to \$15,600," said Brister. "We are very grateful for the parent group that put this year's events in place and to the people of Neepawa and surrounding area for supporting our cause."

Each and every year, the Tigers Fight Cancer game is one of, if not the most well attended games on NACI's schedule. The money raised in previous years has gone to several notable local projects such as the Neepawa Chemo Unit, Victoria's Quilts and Central Plains Cancer Services.



The Neepawa Tigers annual 'Tiger Fight Cancer' game has become one of the most anticipated days of the year for the hockey program. Each year, the effort supports local cancer care programs through a variety of efforts, which are put together by the players, parents and supporter of the team. This year's game was played on Friday, Feb. 13 and saw \$15,600 raised.



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Sports

Tigers win twice in WHSHL



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The Neepawa Tigers wore their special cancer awareness jerseys, in their game against Minnedosa/Erickson on Friday, Feb. 13.

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers recently picked up a pair of wins in the Westman High School Hockey League. The first of these was an impressive 6-2 decision over the Sandy Bay Badgers on Thursday's Feb. 12. Kane Lapointe, Luke Nicholson and Ian Foster each scored a pair of goal apiece for Neepawa. Foster actually ended up with a five point performance in this game, as he also added three assists. Jase Eros made 26 saves in goal for the Tigers in the win.

The next night, Neepawa hosted the Minnedosa/Erickson Chancellors at the Yellowhead Centre, for the annual 'Tigers Fight Cancer' fundraiser game. The sixth annual event saw the team wear special pink jerseys as part of the awareness efforts. The festivities

featured a game-day 50/50, with all of the proceeds also going toward fundraising.

As for the one-ice results from this match-up, a four goal flurry in the second period carries Neepawa to the 5-4 victory. Nicholson and Foster, along with Kellen Hockin and Carter Cruickshanks scored in the second for NACI. Nicholson would add another, which would end up being the game winner, in the third period. Brody Marnick scored twice for the Chancellors, while Aiden McGorman and Myles Beatty contributed the other goals for Minnedosa/Erickson. Harley Smith-Bellisle was credited with the win in goal for Neepawa.

These results lifted the NACI Tigers to 18-6-0 in the year, and have them in fourth place in the league standings.

Farmers sweep Royals in opening round

Tiger Hills Hockey League's post-season gets underway

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Farmers made quick work of their first round opponents in the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL) post-season, sweeping the Deloraine Royals 2-games-to-0.

The first game in the best-of-three series was played in Deloraine on Wednesday, Feb. 11, and saw Neepawa pick up the 3-0 win. The Farmers set the tone early in the series, opening the scoring just 1:33 into the first period. It was Kyle McDonald who struck for what would ultimately stand as the game-winning goal, finishing a setup from Bret Levandoski and Garrett Rempel.

Neepawa doubled its lead midway through the second, as Rempel found the back of the net off a feed from McDonald, with Hayden Kolesar also drawing an assist.

McDonald added insurance in the third, putting away his second of the night. Levandoski and Dustin Cook assisted on that goal, which would make the final 3-0. Nathan Braun earned the shutout win, stopping all 27 shots he faced in goal for the Farmers, while Billy Patmore was busy in the Deloraine crease, turning aside 41 shots.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, the Neepawa Farmers left no doubt who was the better team in this short series, beating Deloraine 9-2.

It would be the Royals though, who would strike first in the game, capitalizing on a shorthanded chance early in the first period. That Deloraine lead would be short-lived, however, as Neepawa answered late in the frame with a quick pair that shifted momentum for good. Connor Braun pulled the Farmers even with 2:42 left in the first. Just 51 seconds later, Kyle McDonald wired home his first of the night, sending Neepawa into the intermission ahead 2-1.

The Farmers seized full control in the second behind the line of Kyle McDonald, Zak Hick and Garrett Rempel. McDonald netted what would eventual be the game-winner just 2:04 into the second, burying a feed from Hicks and Rempel. That same trio connected again on the power-play a few minutes later. Jory Kulbacki added to the lead mid-way through the period, giving Neepawa a 5-1 cushion.

For the third, the Farmers



PICTURE BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Kyle McDonald celebrates his first of three goals on the night, in the Neepawa Farmers 9-2 win over the Deloraine Royals on Thursday, Feb. 12.

didn't let up, scoring four more goals to Deloraine's one. Bret Levandoski, Connor Braun and Cohen and Jory Kulbacki, all scored for the home team, to secure the game and the series. Nathan Braun turned aside 33 shots in goal for Neepawa.

The next round

There are now eight teams remaining in the running for the Tiger Hills Hockey League championship. For the quarterfinal round, the top four seeds are allowed to choose their

specific opponent. For these series, which will be played in a best-of-five format, the Killarney Shamrocks have selected seventh seed, the Neepawa Farmers, as their opposition. The other series are as follows:

Minnedosa vs. Melita Hartney vs Boissevain Rivers vs. Virden

Game one of the Neepawa/Killarney series was played on Monday, Feb. 16 and saw the Shamrocks win 9-2.

NACI Varsity Boys host Basketball Invitational

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa was home last weekend to some of intense AAA basketball, as the Tigers hosted their annual invitational tournament. In total, there were eight teams from across the province competing. For the Tigers, their first round pairing was against the Ste. Rose Celtics. For this game on Friday, Feb. 13, Neepawa came out on top 91-65. The victory put NACI into the Championship bracket, and a showdown against the Springs Christian (Winnipeg)

Eagles. For this pairing, the competition proved to be a little too much for Neepawa, as they were defeated 88-77. This would shift them into the bronze medal game versus the Dauphin Clippers, a game in which Neepawa lost, by the score of 80-75.

As for the Gold medal showdown, it was the Margaret Barbour (The Pas) Spartans winning the tournament, with a 88-78 win over Springs Christian. Congratulations to Margaret Barbour on the win, as well as NACI for hosting this successful tournament.

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| Waywayseecappo Wolverines | 49 | 25 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 54 |
| Neepawa Titans | 46 | 24 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| Swan Valley Stampeders | 45 | 16 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 36 |
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| Eastern Division | G | W | L | OTL | SOL | Pts |
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Titans earn three points in MJHL action



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Logan Paquette (#18) takes a shot as Virden's #6 Ty Plaisier attempts to block it. Inset picture: Dylan McCann (#4) and Tyson Draper (#21).

Game results

Wednesday, Feb. 11 Steinbach 4-3 OT Neepawa

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09:32 STN M. Miller (11) PP
ASST: B. Kaiser (33), J. Kostyuk (15) PP
10:57 NPA T. Lewis (11)
ASST: E. Walters (5)

Second Period
09:20 NPA C. Kasprick (17)
ASST: A. McIntosh (9), T. Wamboldt (7)
10:14 STN C. Paronuzzi (3)
ASST: E. Gradt (23), Z. Miles (24)
19:12 STN R. Gilmour (13)
ASST: J. Greenwell (19), S. Noad (24) PP

Third Period
No scoring
Overtime
04:25 STN C. Paronuzzi (4)
ASST: L. Doyle (33)

| Scoring | 1 | 2 | 3 | OT | Total | PP |
|---------|---|---|---|----|-------|-----|
| STN | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0/2 |
| NPA | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1/4 |

Goaltender
STN - C. Quizi - (W) 32/35 saves
NPA - Z. Burleigh (OTL) 37/41 saves
Attendance: 416 - Yellowhead Centre

Saturday, Feb. 14 Neepawa 5-4 Niverville

First Period
No scoring

Second Period
01:23 NIV E. Panzer (18)
ASST: D. Zeller (24)
03:18 NPA K. Skrupa (10) PP
ASST: K. Weisgarber (26), O. Durigan (21)
04:16 NPA J. Faith (3) PP
ASST: J. Clark (21)
17:16 NPA L. Paquette (16) PP
ASST: O. Durigan (22), K. Skrupa (18)
19:41 NPA K. Skrupa (11)
ASST: K. Weisgarber (27)

Third Period
06:57 NPA J. Clark (24)
ASST: Unassisted
10:53 NIV H. Wheddon (28)
ASST: J. Konecsni (7)
17:41 NIV M. Dowse (1)
ASST: L. Wagner (10)
18:13 NIV M. Boles (21)
ASST: H. Wheddon (48)

| Scoring | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total | PP |
|---------|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| NPA | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3/3 |
| NIV | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0/4 |

Goaltender
NPA - Z. Burligh - (W) 32/36 saves
NIV - A. Dubinsky - 13/17 saves
NIV - B. Chornomydz - (L) 5/6 saves
Attendance: 632 - Niverville CRCC

Game results

Sunday, Feb. 15 Virden 5-2 Neepawa

First Period
13:17 VDN B. Laing (9)
ASST: A. Osiowy (6), D. Drake (16)
14:19 VDN L. Hoilett (24)
ASST: C. Wright (20)
15:54 VDN B. Bryant (25)
ASST: C. Worthington (32), N. Schaefer (31)

Second Period
05:22 VDN C. Worthington (13)
ASST: C. Lewko (14), B. Bryant (40)
Third Period
02:30 NPA J. Clark (25)
ASST: T. Lewis (13)
12:01 NPA J. Clark (26)
ASST: O. Durigan (23)
17:17 VDN B. Bryant (26)
ASST: C. Worthington (33)

| Scoring | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total | PP |
|---------|---|---|---|-------|-----|
| VDN | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1/3 |
| NPA | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0/5 |

Goaltender
VDN - M. Gross - (W) 22/24 saves
NPA - KC Couckuyt - (L) 26/31 saves
Attendance: 372 - Yellowhead Centre

MJHL Player Stats

| Leading scorers (MJHL) | G | A | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1. Hayden Wheddon (NIV) | 30 | 48 | 78 |
| 2. Nik Gudmundson (WKR) | 28 | 40 | 68 |
| 3. Sebastian Hicks (WAY) | 30 | 37 | 67 |
| 4. Bryce Bryant (VDN) | 26 | 41 | 67 |
| 5. Ben Roulette (WAY) | 23 | 39 | 62 |

| Leading scorers (Titans) | G | A | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|----|-----|
| 1. Jack Clark | 26 | 21 | 47 |
| 2. Logan Paquette | 16 | 28 | 44 |
| 3. Cooper Kasprick | 17 | 26 | 43 |
| 4. Kyle Weisgarber | 12 | 27 | 39 |
| 5. Talen Wallis | 17 | 18 | 35 |

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Titans had a daunting week of league play as they faced the top three teams in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. (MJHL)

The Titans currently sit fourth in the West Division with 46 games played and 50 points, while the Dauphin Kings and Waywayseecappo Wolverines are tied in second with 49 games played and 50 points. The Virden Oil Capitals lead the division with 45 games played and 60 points.

Here is a recap of the week that was.

Titans take Pistons to overtime

The Neepawa Titans began their week on Feb. 11, when the Steinbach Pistons came to town. The Pistons are the second team in the MJHL to clinch a playoff berth and are second in the East Division with 80 points.

The Titans would strike

just over five minutes into the first period as Ryan Harris collected his second goal of the season, with help from DJ Meloney and Roan Michalchuk. The Pistons would then fire back one of their own. Neepawa would sneak another goal in the first thanks to Talen Lewis and Easton Walters to tie the game up at 1-1.

In the second period, Cooper Kasprick led the charge for the Titans, collecting his 17th goal of the season with assists from Addison McIntosh and Tyler Wamboldt. The Pistons would fire one back 54 seconds later and score one more to leave the game tied at three in the second period.

It was a hard-fought third period, where both teams traded scoring opportunities, but nothing would happen, leading to overtime. Zach Burleigh would stand on his head, making multiple highlight-reel saves, but would ultimately let one in with 35 seconds remaining

in overtime and fall 4-3 to the Pistons.

The Titans collected a point for the overtime win, and Burleigh stopped 37/41 shots.

Titans topple league leaders

The Neepawa Titans took to the road to play the league-leading Niverville Nighthawks.

The first period of the game saw no scoring, but the Titans would come to life after the Nighthawks drew first blood, scoring four unanswered goals in the first period (two by Keenan Skrupa, Logan Paquette, and Jacob Faith) to put the Titans up 4-1.

Jack Clark would rifle one home for the Titans in the third, but the Nighthawks would score three unanswered in the back half of the period. Neepawa would hold on to take the victory,

handing Niverville their sixth loss of the season. Zach Burleigh would save 32/36 shots to help Neepawa hang on to the victory.

Oil Capitals drill Titans

The Neepawa Titans were hoping for a big Western Division win as the Virden Oil Capitals came to town on Feb. 15.

Neepawa would give up four unanswered goals, including three in the first period. The Titans attempted to make a comeback in the third, with Jack Clark logging two goals, but the team came up short, dropping the game 5-2.

This week, the Titans will try to gain some valuable points, as they travel to Waywayseecappo and Selkirk, before coming home for Titans Fight Cancer Night on Feb. 22.

Club 55 Bowling Minnedosa

Feb. 12, 2026: Ladies' High Single & Triple: Vivian Oswald 201 & 542. **Men's High Single & Triple:** Russ Taylor 248 & 551. **Other Good Scores:** Laurie Kohinski 166; Darrell Gabler 173, 213, 150; Caroline Harding 190, 167; Vivian Oswald 170, 171; Chuck Morden 169, 159; Carmen Barten 156; Judy Gabler 150; Frank Porada 154, 187; Russ Taylor 176; Carole LeBoutillier 164, 170.

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Neepawa Titans
Junior "A"
Hockey team

vs. Virden
February 22
Yellowhead Centre - 6:30pm

vs. Dauphin
February 27
Yellowhead Centre - 6:30pm

Adults: \$15 • 7-17: \$5 • 6 and under: free

Plumas doubles bonspiel winners declared



PHOTOS FROM THE PLUMAS CURLING CLUB

The Plumas Curling Club hosted a two-person open bonspiel this past weekend. The champions of the first event have been announced to be Rylan Denbow and Sam Koncz. Champions for the second event were Kevin Paramor and Morgan Paramor. The winners of the third event were Alex Ferguson and Taylor Schettler. Pictured above are the winners from each of the three events.

Letter to the Editor: Why some parents may hesitate to vaccinate

Regarding the “I don’t understand the logic of not giving the measles vaccine and watching then get measles.” I will begin by stating I had my own children vaccinated. As someone born before 1980 it is assumed I had measles as a child and I am immune. Even so, I recently got a measles titre test. If I had not already had measles antibodies I would have considered getting the vaccine. I say all this first because as soon as anyone tries to have any reasoned discussion about any vaccine there is a near religious cult reaction from some people that is based on the premise all vaccines are completely safe and totally effective and anyone who dares to question that perfectly revealed truth is committing the worst kind of blasphemy.

Now to the question of why would a parent choose not to vaccinate? For most children, measles is a mild transient disease that they get over quickly and easily. As one example of the kind of bad health outcomes, the chances of measles turning into encephalitis (brain fever) is known to be about 1/1000. The chance of the vaccine itself causing the same encephalitis is 1/3000. One can work through the

other very bad outcomes of measles in the same fashion. So there is a protective benefit in preventing measles by vaccinating but it is not a completely risk free proposition as members of the vaccine ideology cult would have us believe.

Some parents might hesitate is because even though we are assured by public health there is absolutely no connection between the vaccine and autism, there is still contrary evidence that there is a connection. Some experts think the triple vaccine (MMR) and the quadruple vaccine (MMR and chicken pox) may individually not cause autism but taken all at once might be too much for a young immune system. I know parents who are choosing to not vaccinate with the MMR but who would vaccinate if they could have each of the three shots, one at a time, spaced by a month. That option is simply not permitted in Canada so they chose not to vaccinate at all. It’s a great shame that option is not available to these vaccine hesitant parents because if it were, more children would get vaccinated.

Finally, we know Public Health in Canada caused great harm to our society with their mandated lockdowns,

school closures, vaccine mandates, denying protests and using police repression (since determined by our supreme court to have violated our constitutional rights.) Public Health’s total lack of transparency about possible side effects of the mRNA vaccines including sudden death due to myocarditis in young men was another betrayal of trust. However rare such side effects may be, hiding this from the Canadian public has resulted in a drop in trust of about 30 per cent (depending on how it is measured.) One lesson from the pandemic we must never forget is isolating, shaming, ostracizing, and punishing by economically destroying families who choose not to vaccinate only makes vaccine hesitancy worse. Such coercion makes those people even more likely to accept misinformation from poor sources. The answer to why some parents choose not to vaccinate is because they feel, rightly or wrongly, that they are being lied to about vaccine safety and efficacy. Frankly, after the debacles around COVID, I am sympathetic to why they feel this way.

Natalie Gordon
BSc PhD
Alonsa, MB

‘Family Fun Night’ at NMS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

In collaboration with Hid’n Hollow and Ravensburger, the Neepawa Middle School was home to a Family Fun Night Puzzle Competition on Feb. 13. There were 71 people (19 teams) participating, with six of the teams having three generations involved.

The fastest time was made by a Brandon team (pictured above with Belinda Critchlow), at 34 minutes and two seconds. The evening was also host to travellers from Carberry, Portage, Polonia, and Minnedosa in addition to Neepawa-based participants.

Pictured below: Members of one of the participating teams from the evening, known as “The Unsolvables”, proudly displaying their completed puzzle.



Tender

INVITATION FOR LEASE BY TENDER ON MHPEC FARMLAND

Manitoba Horticulture Productivity Enhancement Centre (MHPEC Inc.) has **207 acres** (173 acres irrigated, 34 acres dryland) of cultivated farmland available for lease on the South 1/2 8-11-14-W1 north of Carberry, Manitoba. MHPEC is inviting tenders for the 2026 crop year on a per acre cash rental basis.

Terms and Conditions of the TENDER are as follows:

- Length of the Lease Agreement: The lease period will be one crop season from April 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.
- Annual rental payments are to be made in two parts. 50% will be made April 1, 2026, prior to the growing season, and the remaining 50% will be due November 1, 2026.
- Further details as to the location of the farmland parcels and the rental conditions may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.
- Highest, or any, tender not necessarily accepted.
- Bidder is responsible to familiar themselves with the farmland prior to submitting a bid.
- Written offers for the land rental will be considered until 12:00 p.m. Friday March 6, 2026.
- The successful bidder must sign a formal Lease Agreement within 7 days of notification of the successful bid. Failure to enter into a Lease Agreement within the prescribed time will be deemed in default and will their forfeit rights to leasing the farmland.
- Tenant is responsible for managing irrigation of crops and in-season irrigation equipment repair.
- The successful bidder must adhere to specific cropping rotations (wheat, canola, soybeans) and must seek written approval prior to chemical application.
- Written applications clearly marked in the email subject line "**Tender on MHPEC Farmland**" will be accepted by the undersigned up to 12:00 p.m. on Friday March 6, 2026.

Emailed offers to be submitted to:

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

Notice

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

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

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

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Invitation to Attend



Virtual Public Presentation Rolling River School Division 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Access the presentation via a link on the Rolling River School Division (RRSD) website homepage <https://www.rrsd.mb.ca/>

A summary of the proposed budget will be available on the RRSD website on February 27, 2026 links as follows
Governance - Budget/Finance- Upcoming Budget

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Notice

NOTICE OF VOTERS LIST PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the VOTERS LIST may be revised at:
The Civic Administration Office of the Town of Neepawa, 275 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During this time the Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) will be available to update the voters list by:

- (a) adding the names of voters who are entitled to have their names on the list;
- (b) deleting the names of persons who are not entitled to have their names on the list; and
- (c) making such other correction of errors to the list as required.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY:

A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if he or she is:

- a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day (October 28, 2026); and
- a resident of the local authority for at least six months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to election day (April 28, 2026).

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SECURITY PROTECTION:

A voter may apply in writing to the S.E.O. (at the address / fax number below) no later than September 22, 2026 to have his/her name and other personal information omitted or obscured from the voters list in order to protect the voter's personal security. The application may be submitted in person, by mail or email and must include your name, address and include proof of identity.

All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before September 22, 2026.

Dated at Neepawa in the Province of Manitoba, on February 19, 2026.

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Thank you for reading the Neepawa Banner & Press

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representations from any person(s) who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

BY-LAW NO. 132/2026 Creating a NEW ZONING BY-LAW for the MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH NORFOLK

HEARING LOCATION:
Municipality of North Norfolk Municipal Office, 27 Hampton St E, MacGregor, Manitoba

DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:15 AM

GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW NO. 132/2026:
To create a new Zoning By-Law for the Municipality of North Norfolk that:

- 1) Divides the municipality into zoning districts;
- 2) Prescribes permitted and conditional uses for land and buildings in each zone;
- 3) Sets out the procedure for such matters as: applying and issuing development permits, zoning memoranda and other similar documents including the classes of development that do not require a development permit;
- 4) Sets out operative and interpretive clauses dealing with matters such as the intent and purpose of a zoning by-law and general definitions;
- 5) Sets out general development regulations dealing with matters such as building height, landscaping and parking; and
- 6) Sets out special land use regulations dealing with matters such as home occupations and livestock operations.

AREA AFFECTED:
All lands, structures and buildings in the Municipality of North Norfolk. The By-Law also provides for repealing Municipality of North Norfolk Zoning By-Laws 785/2011 & 772-2011 and all amendments thereto.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Theresa Bergen, CMMA, Chief Administrative Officer
Phone: 204-685-2211

A copy of the above by-law may be found on the Municipality's website at www.northnorfolk.ca or may be inspected at the Municipal Office at 27 Hampton St E, MacGregor, Manitoba between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

You may make representations on the by-law by participating in person, virtually or by providing a written submission before or at the hearing. To attend a public hearing virtually you must submit a request at least 48 hours before the hearing date to the Municipal Office at 204-685-2211 or email office@northnorfolk.ca. Anyone participating virtually must enable the camera on their device during their presentation.

To submit a written submission, you must include your full name, civic address, and date. Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Office before the hearing or presented by you at the hearing. All verbal or written submissions for the hearing become part of the public record and are available for anyone to view or obtain a copy

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Quick Facts:

- Culturally diverse – employ people from all over the world
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- 2500+ employees worldwide
- We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

What we can offer you:

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

- Cleaning and sanitizing butcher and slaughter production areas and everything in between to ensure top-quality food safety standards.
- Operating cleaning equipment like high-pressure hoses to clean production equipment.
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- Ensuring all Quality Assurance checks are performed.
- Maintaining a safe, clean, and organized work area throughout the facility.
- Collaborating as a team to meet tight deadlines, ensuring production floors operate on time.

We are looking for people who are:

- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and climbing.
- Available to work an 8-hour Night Shift from Monday-Friday, between 11:15 PM to 9:00 AM
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in sanitation, or industrial cleaning, or heavy-duty cleaning
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Able to effectively communicate in English
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

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Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

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What we can offer you:

- Competitive Wage
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- Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
- PM Shift Premium
- Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
- Employee Referral program - \$500!
- Free parking
- Company events
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Your duties may involve:

- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
- Sorting hogs into appropriate receiving pens.
- Ensuring humane and safe handling of hogs in our facility.
- Completing hog receiving documents to CFIA standards.
- Scraping trailers.
- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

To excel in this role, you should possess:

- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Understanding of animal behavior
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience working with livestock
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks
- Able to effectively communicate in English
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Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

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Seasonal labourer Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

Summary:

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Seasonal labourer anticipated start date of April 1, 2026, and end date being October 31, 2026.

The regular workday is 10 consecutive hours, Monday to Friday inclusive.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ability to perform physically demanding manual work including culvert installation, grass mowing, community beautification.
- Ability to work in a shop environment, unsupervised.
- Be able to perform physical duties and lift up to 50lbs.
- The ability to work in a team environment as well as with the public.
- The ability to work evenings and weekends when required.

Skills, Qualifications and Experience Required:

- Must possess and maintain a Class 5 Manitoba Driver's License.
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- Have mechanical aptitude.
- Be able to lift 50 lbs.
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Submitted
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23 dancers completed a total of 64 exams. Some exams include three dances as well as demonstrating technique. Many dancers completed one to five exams each. There were Highland Dance exams, Scottish Nationals, Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe and Theory exams. Everyone was successful with their exams and all Theory participants received high marks!

The marking system is as follows: Dance Stars up to Preliminary receive Achieved, Pre-Bronze up to Award six receive Pass, Pass Plus, Commended, Commended Plus and Highly Commended.

Crystal is so proud of her dancers as they continue to set goals and strive to keep reaching new achievements.

'An incredible turn-out all weekend'



PHOTOS BY CASPER WEHRHAHN AND CURLING FOR A CURE

The curling sheets were packed for the duration of the 2026 Curling for a Cure event, with some curlers even dressing in snazzy outfits or wigs (left). Above: Team RFM, the champion team for this year's tourney.

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The funds raised this year will be split 50/50 between the Neepawa Cancer Care Program and the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Care Support Group.

Reflecting further on this year's outcome, Yanchycki noted, "Attendance was our best yet, and just an incredible turnout all weekend."

With the conclusion of the weekend tournament, the champions for 2026 have officially been de-

clared. These individuals are Kathy Smith, Barry Coutts, Richard Betteridge, and Darcy Bialas of Team RFM. Congratulations to Team RFM, and to all who participated for games well curled.

While this bout of good-natured competition has only just ended, Yanchycki also shared an early look at 2027.

"We have already sold out our eighth annual curling for a cure on Feb. 12 to 14,

2027, marking our seventh straight sell out and second consecutive year that it's sold out a year in advance," said Yanchycki. "We are accepting teams on a waiting list to get in."

On behalf of the organizational team, Yanchycki extends a big thank you to all who contributed to the event via collaborative efforts, participating on-ice, watching the games or supported in other ways.

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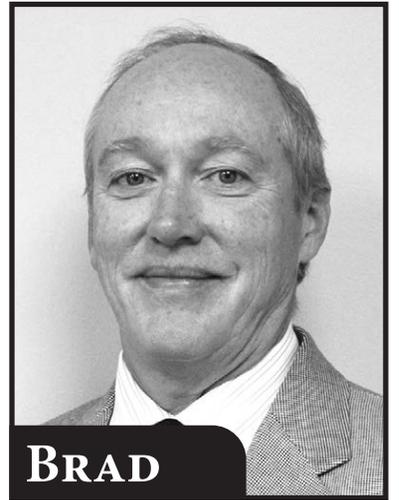
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Sister duo provide home-made mittens to people in need, organize fundraiser



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Pictured: Judy Toovey with some pairs of her hand-made, crocheted mittens. Toovey and her sister, both with connections to Minnedosa, are working hard to connect the mittens to those who need them the most.

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Canadian winter has quite the bite. One Neepawa resident, however, is looking to help ease the chill. This is none other than Judy Toovey, who currently resides at the Country Meadows Personal Care Home.

Toovey, alongside her sister, Donna Betteridge, began her very own charitable venture in late 2025. With a passion for the art of crochet, Toovey channels her skills and love for the past-time into creating home-made mittens, and connects them with people across the region who need them the most.

"My sister has been doing a lot of the leg-work, since I'm not mobile. So she's been talking to some people who need the donation. I wanted to make sure they go to people who need them," said Toovey. "So, last November, we sent 44 pairs to the homeless. This year, we hope to meet [the need for it] a lot more."

Toovey added, "We have different people this year that have expressed interest for the mitts to be included. The police, the ambulance drivers, and the firemen have asked for me to give them donations of pairs of mitts. So they make a package, and give them out to people who are hard on their luck. My sister sourced that one out, and the wife of an RCMP officer will pick them up and then distribute them to the detachments. I don't know how many they will take—we haven't begun that too much yet—but there's others that we want to reach out to, too. I do want to give some to the

Christmas Bureau, I think that's important. But a lot of it is the homeless—people who need them. There's just so many now. We just try and help."

Toovey noted that she exclusively creates adult sizes—medium, large and extra large—stating, "When I first did it, I found that adults required them more than children, so I focus on adult sizes."

The mittens are also made to have a double-layer thickness, providing plenty of warmth, and have a length that extends past the wrist to cover more than a regular mitten.

"It's good. People are really surprised when they see them, and they're really happy when they get them. When we gave them away last year, people were territorial," Toovey said light-heartedly. "They're huggin' them and they really were glad to have them. And, when it's 40 below... you really need them."

To aid Toovey and Betteridge in meeting their goal in assisting more people, a fundraiser sale of some of Toovey's specially made adult-size mitts is being held at Country Meadows on Mar. 5. One hundred per cent of proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase more wool, allowing Toovey to create more mitts for those in need.

"And if people want to donate, we would be grateful for that," Toovey added.

Donations will be accepted on the day of the sale. However, if someone would like to donate, but cannot attend on Mar. 5, donations will also be accepted at the front desk of the Country Meadows Personal Care Home after the date of the sale.

Neepawa curlers compete at 'Hit, Draw, Tap'



PHOTO BY DANA MENZIES

Local youth Eli Menzies and Ana-Bea van Wyk-Blaauw had the opportunity to take part in the Hit Draw Tap (HDT) Championship in Selkirk, during the 2026 Bungee Curling Championships. The event is a youth skills competition where kids compete individually against other youth curlers. The competition includes three different categories where the young curlers perform three different skill-based shots, a "Hit", a "Draw", and a "Tap". Van Wyk-Blaauw competed in the eight to nine year old category, while Menzies won first place in the six to seven year old category.

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