

PIONEER® CANADA

Celebrating One Hundred Years

1926 - 2026

Kulbacki
Seeds Ltd.

PIONEER

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

Café

37

DOWNTOWN kelwood

Open this Sunday December 7 • 12 - 2pm
also Sunday December 21 & 28 • 12 - 2pm


Call us at 204-967-2007
for Reservations

Regular hours:
Friday & Saturday 9am - 2pm & 4pm - 7pm
1st, 3rd & Holiday Sundays 12noon - 2pm

OPEN DECEMBER 25 • 10am - 7pm, BOOK NOW
sorry we will be closed December 29 - January 29

NSC Arden RR2X

Early maturing soybean with strong yield potential
Excellent tolerance to IDC & white mould
Good standability; well suited to narrow rows

CourtSeeds

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

NEEPAWA

Locally owned and operated

Banner & Press

Inside this week

The sun sets on the
2025 farming season



Farmers' Advocate
Pages 9-12

THE WARM WOODSMAN

Franklin, MB 204-212-5032

Gerald & Rosemary Parrott

thewarmwoodsman@gmail.com

We stock outdoor wood and wood pellet/biomass furnaces, replacement parts, ThermoPex underground piping, heat exchangers, installation parts and more.

'It puts a smile on people's faces'

Neepawa Ministries launches kettle campaign

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Bells— not spurs—have begun to jingle and jangle in Neepawa this week. On Nov. 27, the Neepawa Community Ministries Centre (Salvation Army) officially began its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign.

The campaign is a major fundraiser for the Neepawa Community Ministries Centre (NCMC), and is used to offset the cost of its Christmas Hamper program—a major annual service.

“[It helps] people who are struggling this Christmas season in Neepawa and the surrounding area. People’s generosity is definitely important this year, as of course economically there are quite a few people suffering,” said Sandra Gunn, NCMC’s Kettle Campaign coordinator. “So we really appreciate anybody contributing to these [campaigns], and the volunteers, too. Everybody’s kindness is going to help.”

Gunn added, “[Through the Christmas Hamper program], families [and other clients] get a gift certificate to a local business, and children 12 and under get toys. So there’s lots of places that are doing toy collections, too. It’s beneficial— it puts a smile on people’s faces, because we do have families that are in dire need. That’s the main thing.”

The kettles will be set up at various locations within Neepawa, for several days each, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday until Dec. 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Continued on Page 18

NACI Tigers serve up intense action as hosts of Volleyball Provincial



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA JACKSON

The Neepawa Tigers were the host of this year’s MHSAA Jr. Varsity boys Provincial Volleyball Championship. Schools came from across the province to Neepawa for a shot at the title. Pictured above is the Neepawa Tiger J.V. Team in action. More photos results can be found on page 14.

Stride
CREDIT UNION





CARBERRY

Here We Grow

STRIDE CREDIT UNION CARBERRY OPENING SUMMER 2026

stridecu.ca/carberry

'We're going to do the safest thing'

Construction of planned Carberry overpass to begin in 2027

By Eoin Devereux

NEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

For the past two years, residents of Carberry and North Cypress-Langford have been calling for a highway overpass and for two years the government has said that it wasn't an option. But now, the Province has changed course and confirmed that the overpass is not just an option for the community, but its future.

After referencing the project in its throne speech earlier in the week, the NDP Government made the official announcement in Carberry on Thursday, Nov. 20. Premier Wab Kinew and Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor informed residents that the overpass will be built at the intersection of Highway 5 and the Trans-Canada Highway. The overpass will replace the current intersection of Highways #1 and 5, which consists of stop signs at the north and south entrances and a yield sign in the median.

The creation of the overpass is an effort to improve safety at an intersection where 17 people died in a bus crash in 2023. A bus carrying seniors crossed through the intersection in June of that year and collided with a semi-trailer. This was Manitoba's deadliest ever traffic accident.

After the tragedy, some area residents, as well as local councils called for an overpass at the intersection, but the government initially said it wasn't an option. But Premier Kinew said that's changed.

"We always said from the start, we're going to do the safest thing here," said Kinew. "The people of Carberry spoke clearly and we adjusted course. With renewed design work and real community input, we are moving toward a safe solution. An overpass will protect lives and reflects our belief that every Manitoban deserves to feel safe on our roads."

Local response overwhelmingly positive

The announcement from the province was celebrated by locals, who have been extremely vocal about their opposition to the government's initial proposal, known as an R-Cut design. The R-Cut required drivers to change lanes and make a U-turn in order to cross the highway.

Carberry and area residents pushed back at the initial choice through rallies, a petition, and vocal feedback at open houses.

Debra Steen, who along with Jordan Dickson, helped lead that local push-back to the plan earlier this year. Steen told the Banner & Press that she is thrilled to see the Province is finally

listening to their concerns and is changing course.

"We're extremely happy, [and] I'm extremely happy. Initially surprised, but thankful that they have listened to what we had to say and are taking action," stated Steen.

Local government officials are pleased with the overpass outcome as well. Carberry Mayor Ray Muirhead said this is what they had hoped for.

"On behalf of myself, our council and the members of the community, we are thrilled the Manitoba government came through with this announcement of an overpass," said Muirhead. "Our emphasis has always been on safety, and we must never forget the lives lost at that intersection."

The Banner & Press Reeve spoke with Ray Drayson, Reeve for the Rural Municipality of North Cypress-Langford. He said the municipality is very supportive of what the government's decided to do here.

"The people of Carberry and the municipality [stepped up] and spoke their two bits and they were heard on this issue. We, as a council did the

same throughout this entire process. We went to Winnipeg, talked about what options would work and what wouldn't work," Drayson explained. "This is a positive step forward and one that will go a long way towards rebuilding relationships and trust. Our residents and visitors deserve safe and reliable infrastructure, and today's announcement shows that those concerns have been heard."

Timeline and cost for the project

In regard to the construction of the overpass, Premier Kinew noted that the design will be standardized where possible to replicate at other locations in the future. As for the timeline and cost, Kinew estimates the project at roughly \$100 million and will roll out over stages.

Work in the 2025-26 fiscal year will focus on

confirming the concept design, followed by engineering and the acquiring of land through 2026-27. Construction will begin in 2027 and run for about two and a half years. If that schedule holds, the overpass project would open in late 2029 or early 2030.

One local resident asked a question related on the responsibility of the Federal government to assist improvements, since it is the 'Trans-CANADA' Highway. Premier Kinew replied that no federal dollars are committed yet, and there is no guarantee any will be in the future, as roadways are typically understood to fall under provincial jurisdiction.

Kinew added, however, that Manitoba plans to press the case, referencing recent talks with the Prime Minister and argues that Highway One is a national economic corridor that merits federal participation.

Residents also asked about construction impacts. Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Naylor stated those details remain to be designed, but cautions that "short-term pain for long-term gain" is typical for a build of this scale.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew shares details on the new overpass project being planned for the Trans-Canada Highway, just north of Carberry.

Jodie Byram
MLA for Agassiz

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



Career Opportunity in Neepawa Parts, Salesperson

When you join Enns Brothers you are in good company! We're looking for a dynamic partsperson to add to our team, who has high personal standards for quality and takes pride in delivering exceptional customer service to our customers.

Parts experience is preferred but if you wow us with your 'can do' attitude, mechanical aptitude and problem-solving ability, we can train you to be a great Parts Salesperson. Come and talk to us or email your resume to hr@ennsbros.com or find us online at www.ennsbros.com/careers.

We offer a competitive wage, health and retirement benefits, ongoing training through John Deere University, as well as the opportunity to work with a terrific group of people, in a great location and with a quality product. Join us and grow with our successful business!

Enns Brothers is a full service John Deere dealer and has grown to 9 locations in Manitoba. Proudly supporting our local communities for over 65 years.



Age-In-Place Living

All The Independence With A Little Extra Support

RARE OPPORTUNITY

Beautiful, Courtyard Facing Suite just came available - **\$3,195/mth**

Call **204.202.1871**

LIMITED AVAILABILITY - BOOK YOUR TOUR TODAY!

VICTORIA LANDING™
Retirement Residence

10 Victoria Ave. E, Brandon, MB

ALL SENIORS CARE™
LIVING CENTRES
Where Caring is Our Number One Concern™

Ask About Our **BLOSSOM LIVING** SUPPORT PROGRAM

www.allseniorscare.com

PROUDLY CANADIAN OWNED & OPERATED

Logos for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and QOLA.

1975: Fire devastates Franklin community home

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
November 28, 1900**

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

McCreary: Our town now boasts of a section master in the person of Mr. Dodds, of Swan River.

The first anniversary of the Methodist church at Glenburnie was held on Sunday, Nov. 18, the Rev. Dr. Maclean preached the anniversary sermon and on Monday evening a tea meeting held which was successful to the highest degree.

Mr. David Gardiner, of Eden, has moved into town and intends shortly commencing the manufacture of his threshing machine blower which has proven such a success the past season. Mr. Gardiner expects to have about 200 ready for next year's work and is confident that as his machine comes to be better known the demand therefore will exceed supply.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
November 27, 1925**

Glenella: Segal's Ltd. was broken into last Thursday morning, several coats were taken and other articles of apparel. Constable Walker traced the culprit and found the goods. The prisoners were taken down to Portage jail Sunday.

Another step has been taken toward the

dissipation of the Brookdale telephone exchange, with strong probability that the majority of subscribers will be attached to Neepawa, though some will prefer Carberry and a few favor Brandon. A petition signed by 50 out of 68 subscribers has been sent to the commission asking for connection with Neepawa.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
November 30, 1950**

High officials of federal, provincial and civic governments, plus hundreds of friends gathered Tuesday in Brandon for the funeral rites of James Ewen Matthews, 81, member of parliament for Brandon, who died last Friday.

Adding to the shock of having learned by radio of the death of their son in the Canoe River troop train wreck before being advised officially by the department of national defence, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright and family, of 278 Second Avenue, Tuesday, were advised by army telegram that it was impossible to identify his remains due to a fire which occurred subsequent to the two-train head-on collision...

The family has been holding up well in composure under these most difficult circumstances and great numbers of citizens have extended expressions of sympathy and condolence.

Promised endowments of wards in the Neepawa and District Memorial Hospital have reached encouraging volume, it was reported at the recent meeting of

the hospital equipment committee headed by Dr. Paul Cleave.

Latest organization to endow the Beautiful Plains Agricultural Society, who voted at their recent meeting to furnish a semi-private ward.

Photographs remember long after you have forgotten. You still have time to have your baby's photo taken or family group. Photos finished in two weeks. Time for Xmas mailing Morrish Studio phone 134J for appointment.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
November 27, 1975**

Firemen stood by and watched helplessly as flames engulfed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson of Franklin in a blaze that broke out shortly after noon, Saturday.

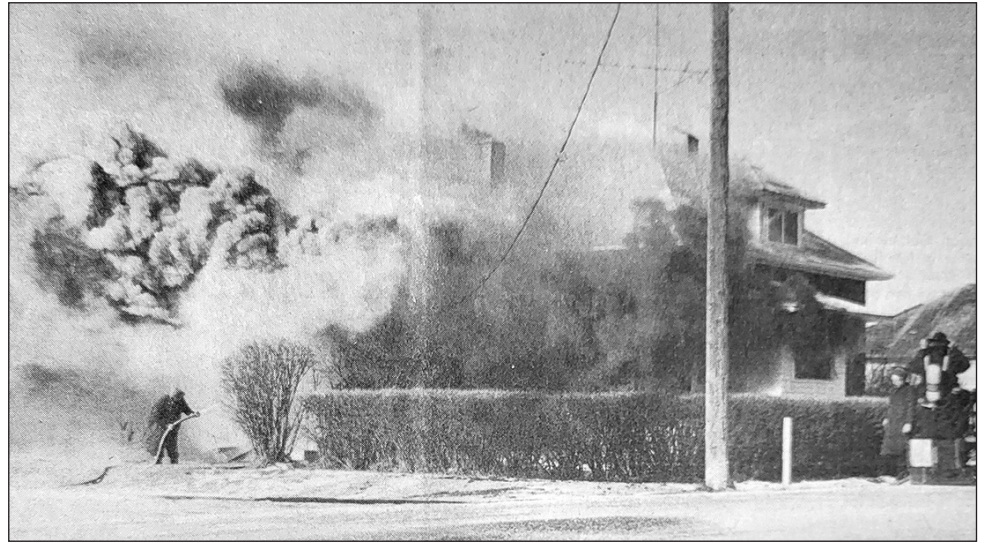
The fire, believed to have started in the area of the electrical service, resulted in an estimated \$11,000 damage, but no injuries were reported.

The lack of a source of water to refill their equipment left members of the Neepawa fire department unable to bring the blaze under control. Instead, they maintained their water supply to preserve the nearby buildings.

An evangelical "Crusade for Christ" will be held in Neepawa November 1976 as part of a campaign to bring the non-churchgoer into the fold of Christianity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sellman returned home last Wednesday following a six week visit with relatives at Stratford-on-Avon, England. While there, a news headline in their paper was "Wandering Jim Comes Home after 63 Years".

He has one brother and



NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES

It seemed there was naught to do but watch as this Franklin home was taken by fire and smoke in 1975. Firemen were on the scene, but could only take measures to reduce/prevent damage to the surrounding area. While there was destruction, it was thankfully reported that the incident caused no injuries. The home belonged to a Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson.

one sister living there and Mrs. Sellman has one sister and one brother also.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
November 28, 2005**

Major changes are in the offing that will affect the way the town handles economic development with area municipalities.

Planning and Economic Development Committee chairman Terry Volden—who also chairs the Neepawa Area Development Corporation—said the restructured development plan will effectively eliminate NADCO in favor of the Beautiful Plains Community Development Corporation...

Currently, Neepawa-based NADCO partners with the RMs of Lansdowne and Langford. While Rosedale takes part in the Community Works Program, it never joined NADCO.

Volden said he's hoping that will change when the new plan is put in place.

The Neepawa and District Disabled Persons Association took delivery

of its new \$82,000 Handy Van Tuesday afternoon...

The 2005 vehicle, built on a Ford chassis, has seating for 16, plus two wheelchairs.

McCreary: Celebrating a birthday at the Drop-in Centre on Nov. 12 was Lil Gallagher. Lil turned 85 on Nov. 3.

Glenella: A new 4-H multi-purpose club was formed in Glenella in October...


Leaders are Marg Allen, Carolyn Marohn, Howard McKay, Denise Mitchler, Nevin Scott, Yvonne Abstreiter and

Marie Hiller...

Projects include Light Horse, Sewing, Robo-Critters, Outdoor Living, Nature Crafts and Beef.

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

**I can never stop thanking God
for all the wonderful gifts
he has given you,
now that you are Christ's:
he has enriched your whole life.
He has helped you speak out for him
and has given you
a full understanding of the truth;
1 Corinthians 1:4-5 (The Living Bible)**

**Beautiful Plains School Division
Board of Trustees
invites you to a
Retirement Tea**
in honor of
OLIA JESSON
Coordinator of Student Services
Saturday, December 3, 2005
St. Dominic's Church Hall
416 - 1st Avenue, Neepawa, MB
★ Tea: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
★ Presentations: 4:00 p.m.
Please RSVP to 476-2388 by November 25th.

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS ARCHIVES

The Beautiful Plains School Division was preparing to wish Olia Jesson a happy retirement in 2005. This ad is from the Nov. 28 Neepawa Press for that year.

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

**November 30 • SHOWTIMES: 2:00 pm & 6:00pm**
Meet, Greet & Bye
Meet, Greet & Bye follows Baby, a mother of four who credits her favorite Korean dramas for helping her survive cancer.
Tagalog with English subtitles

No Movies in December
MERRY CHRISTMAS
See you in 2026!
Host your birthday party at the Roxy! • www.facebook.com/neepawaroxxy

**NACTV**

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

Highlight of the week
Pathway to Home Ownership- Financial Literacy & Mortgage
Dec. 5 at 5pm | Dec. 6 at 3pm

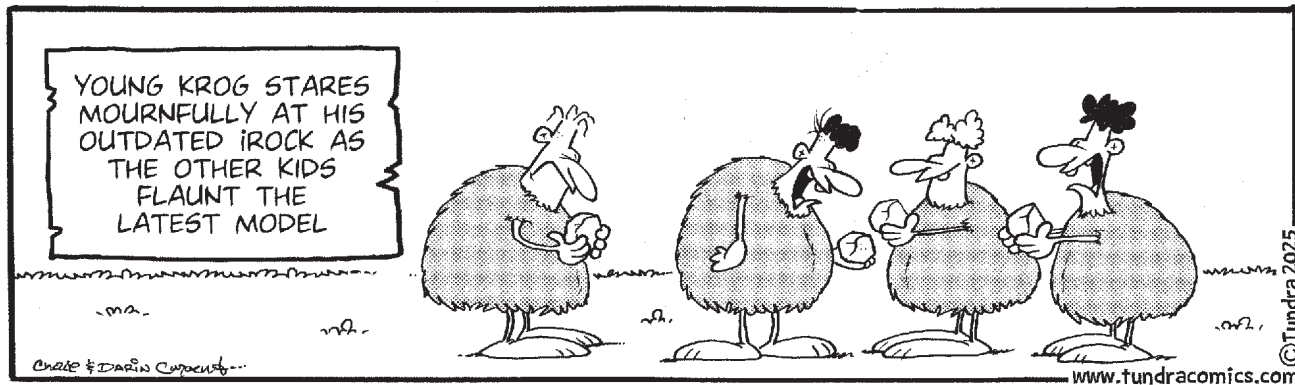
**BIGGER BINGO**
Wednesday nights at 7 P.M.
Bonanza over \$23,000 • Blackout over \$13,000
Toonie Pot over \$1,000
Visit nactv.tv for exact amounts. For more info call 204-476-2639.
LGCA 6052-MB-45955

Bingo packages are available at NACTV Office, Touchwood Park, Neepawa Legion, Harris Pharmacy, Frontier Trading in Minnedosa and at the Superstore Lottery Kiosk in Brandon.

Advertising rates start from just \$2 to \$12 per airing, depending on the number of airings. We also offer Advertising Packages to suit your needs. Visit nactv.tv

Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Handcuffed by traditon and vested interests

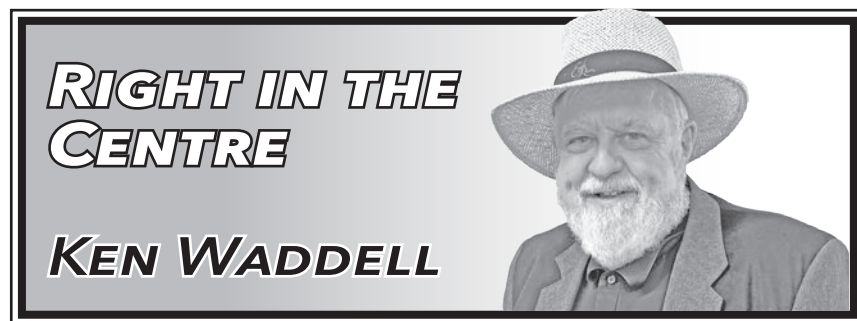
I am launching this week's column with the words of US Senator Marjorie Taylor Greene.

She announced last week that she was resigning from the US Senate, and as soon as she did so, she denied she was planning to launch a bid for the office of President of the United States. Whether she changes her mind or not, her statement and its inherent logic makes a lot of sense. Read through her words, and after that, I will write what I believe—that Greene is right about the US Presidential role, but unfortunately, her words resonate with a lot of other levels of politics.

Greene said, "running for President requires traveling all over the country, begging for donations all day, everyday to raise hundreds of millions of dollars, arguing political talking points everyday to the point of exhaustion, destroying your health and having no personal life in order to attempt to get enough votes to become President all to go to work into a system that refuses to fix any of America's problems. The fact that I'd have to go through all that but would be totally blocked from truly fixing anything is exactly why I would never do it."

Greene said she is "not motivated by power and titles," while arguing that the "Political Industrial Complex has destroyed our country and will never allow someone like me or you to rise to power and actually solve the crises that plague all of us."

I have been involved in all levels of politics for more than 40 years. I have run for office, held office, and observed dozens of politicians from school board members to municipal councillors, MLAs, MPs, Premiers and Prime Ministers. All those years



“ Big changes, which are sometimes needed, are especially difficult to bring into reality. ”

of observation, participating, and reporting have led me to believe that Greene is somewhat correct. Regardless of how hard you try, how much you strive, how much you feel moved to serve and establish new solutions to challenges, it's very difficult to bring about significant change.

Big changes, which are sometimes needed, are especially difficult to bring into reality. Once a person is in office, they soon find out that they are handcuffed by tradition and vested interests. Traditional systems are entrenched, and most people and most organizations don't like change. Sometimes it's fear, sometimes laziness, and sometimes it's simply stubbornly not wanting to do things differently.

But changes are needed, as Greene says to "actually solve the crises that plague all of us." We are all plagued with the need to change, all the while keeping the things that work in place so that chaos doesn't destroy us. It's a finely tuned skill to figure out what

needs to be held dearly and what needs to change.

While Marjorie Taylor Greene is in a somewhat forced transition time in her life, she will, in all likelihood, find a few things to do. So will most of us, and that's what keeps us going. We keep fine-tuning our daily routine so that we can get ahead. That is a truth that should never change, regardless of how old we are.

For all of us, and especially those in elected office, it's important to examine every decision and decide if there's a better way. My response is a resounding yes, there's always a better way to do things, to get through our day and to have an effect on our lives and the lives of those around us. Good enough is not good enough; excellence should always be the goal.

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



CBC and me...

The go to station for road trips has been CBC for decades. There are times when I listen to the talking one, and other times when classical music is the only sound (*other than my breathing*) filling the space around me. Classical music has always been one of my favourite genres.

Country coming close to being my least fav! With the deep sounds of Beethoven, Chopin, Wagner, Hayden and Vivaldi, and then there's Bach and Mozart...the list goes on, with these sounds my mind refreshes and wanders. There are some composers that cause me to simply follow, that's refreshing. Some trigger deep core memories and that allows me to wander.

It was surprising that one of the movements from a Bach symphony took me way back to a long distance drive with one of my sons. Mark William was an observer of humans and human nature. He was an excellent mimic. At a stop light he observed another driver, across from us, picking their nose. "Going for the gold" he exclaimed. Remember he was young at the time, and human functions can be entertaining and hilarious. Mark William continued. "Stop light activity, watch for it." and he was right! Then he continued on topic, his grandfather was a master nose picker, an open pit miner....remember he was young at the time....these memories brought a smile and the opportunity to reflect on his humour and wit. With a bit of mimicry for added laughter.

There were a number of years when I took piano lessons, for my own enjoyment. The lesson excerpts from classical music scores had me practicing with delight and diligence. Some of the simpler fingering still there. One of my aunts is in her early nineties and music is one of her great gifts. When my sister and I visited her this summer, she is still playing and practicing a classical piece, the goal is to commit it to memory and have her performance critiqued by a professor of music from the university. May it be so. May her love of music continue to bring her comfort and peace. (She is a gifted musician, playing by ear or reading complicated scores. I asked her to play "I Know Whom I Have Believed," one of the songs I have chosen for my graduation service. She asked me to hum the first line, and so I did, in the pitch I am most comfortable with, and she, with just a moment's reflection, executed it perfectly. With a smile, she turned to me and said she had never played it in that key before! A wonderful memory.)

This summer as I was travelling to Gimli to meet my sister and her family, the CBC regular radio was my companion. It turns out that my sister had listened to the same station on her drive up. For a slightly different reason, her car radio had locked in CBC, and she had no choice! It does show it had been listened to before...That day we got to discuss the talk show, hosts and guests that we had both heard. CBC and me.

NEEPAWA **Banner & Press**

STAFF

Owners/Publishers
Ken and Chris Waddell
Editor
Ken Waddell

Sales
Joel Asselstine

Accounts & Admin
Kay De'Ath
Gloria Kerluke
Rea Apita

Production Staff
Diane Warner
Sandra Unger

News Staff
Eoin Devereux
Casper Wehrhahn
Joshua Jackson

Distribution Staff
Bernie Myker
Shannon Robertson
Matthew Gagnon
Betty Pearson

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

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

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

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

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

AD DEADLINE: TUESDAY NOON PRIOR TO ISSUE DATE

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

Circulation as of May 2024: 7,275

News Media Canada
Médias d'Info Canada

mcna
Manitoba Community
Newspapers Association

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

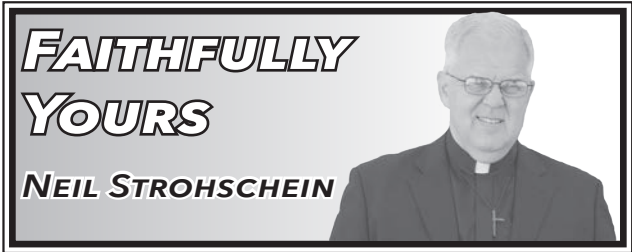
Canada

Saying goodbye

I have had to make many difficult decisions in my life; but the one I share with you today is by far the most difficult. For over 25 years, "Faithfully Yours" has appeared in this spot, first in The Neepawa Banner, and now in The Banner and Press. What began as a bi-weekly 400 word comment, soon became a 600 word weekly column.

Many of you pick up this paper each week and instantly look to these pages, to see what Ken Waddell, Rita Friesen and I have submitted. We are different people and we deal with different topics. But we care deeply about each other, about this community and about sharing local news in a format and with content that our readers can trust.

But we are all getting older, and for each of us, the time will come when we have to say "goodbye." My time has come. This will be the final time "Faithfully Yours" will appear in "The Banner and Press." It is time for me to say "goodbye."



I am sure you are all wondering why I have made this decision and why now. Well, the answer is simple. I will celebrate my 75th birthday next July. I know—to many of you, 75 isn't old, but hear me out. My life has been a life of service—to God, to my employers and to those I love. Practicing good self care (see last week's column) has never been as high on my priority list as it ought to have been. Now my body is telling me that I need to slow down; and I need to listen to what my body is saying.

I have suffered total physical and emotional burnout twice in my life. I do not want to go through that again. I have promised my wife (a 20-year stroke survivor) that I will do all within my power to ensure that she will never

have to fear that one day, due to my lack of self-care, her primary care giver will need more care than she does.

I spend much of my time creating content—writing sermons, writing prayers, writing orders of service, writing columns, writing reports, and preparing slide shows for the sermon portion of Sunday services. The work is enjoyable and rewarding. But it is also emotionally draining, and as I get older, I find that recovery from a particularly draining day takes much longer than it used to. So I am listening to what my body is telling me and slowing down before it takes over and forces me to do so. This is the first of several steps I will be taking over the next few months.

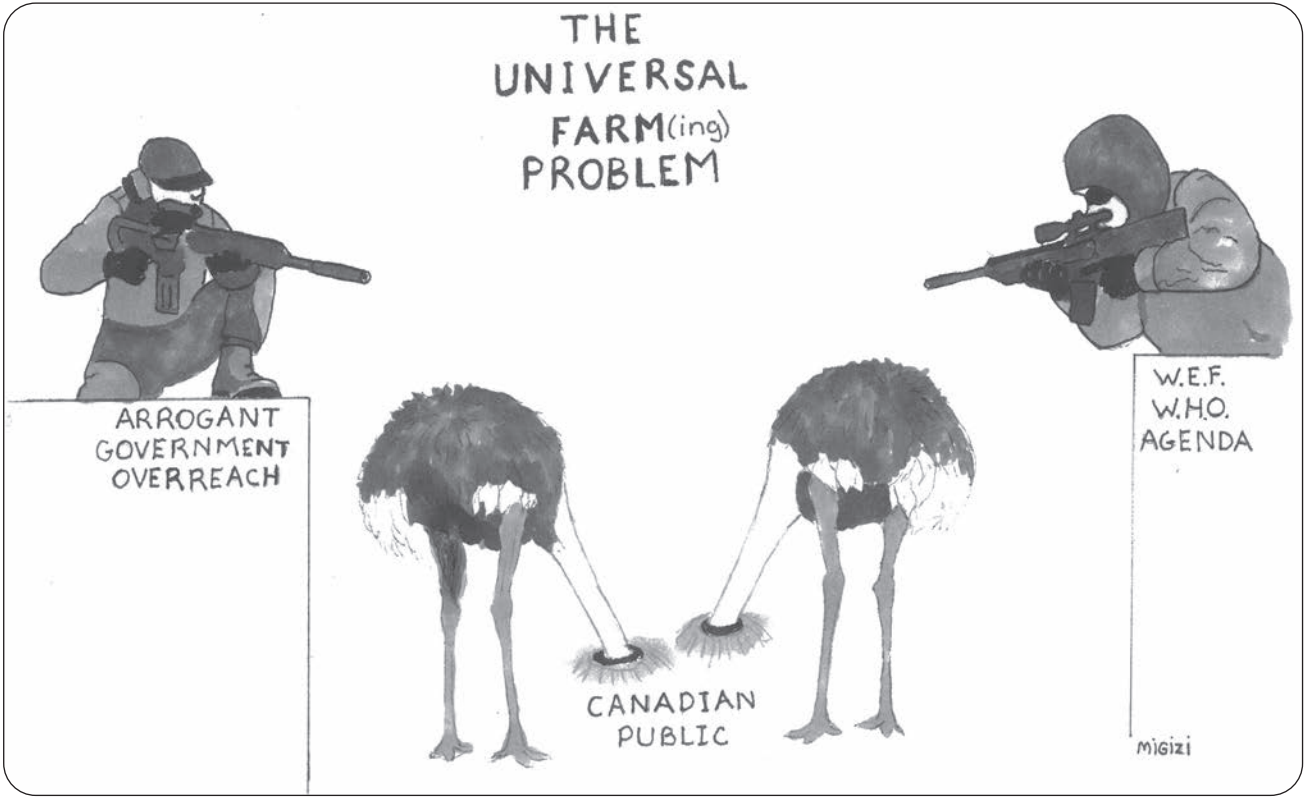
Before I sign off, I want

to thank Ken Waddell and the Staff at The Banner and Press for the incredible joy I have found in preparing and submitting these columns. Your trust, guidance and encouragement have been gifts for which I will be eternally grateful. I wish you well as you continue sharing local news with this community.

Finally, thanks to you, my readers. I am greatly humbled whenever I meet someone new who tells me how helpful something I wrote has been. I will miss you all.

My Sunday worship leadership in Knox Church, Neepawa and McCreary United will continue for now. And I will gladly support and encourage those who are working diligently to help build healthy lives with healthy relationships in healthy homes, healthy communities, a healthy country and a healthy world.

Thank you for this incredible privilege. May God bless you all.



Editor's note: The Neepawa Banner & Press is publishing the first newspaper political cartoon by MiGiZi. Not everyone may be acquainted with this week's topic, but it decries the cull (slaughter) of 300 ostriches on a farm in British Columbia. That cull has been described as a huge over reach of authority by the federal government. —Ken Waddell, Editor

Letters

Reason to be proud of our local curling rink

Congratulations to the Curling Club on its efforts to continually maintain and upgrade one of the best curling facilities in Manitoba. The new look waiting room is more open and functional. I understand there are new rocks with inserts on two sheets. They replace the old rocks on those sheets which could no longer be maintained. It's also great to see the continued support of the Business Community through the advertising sign program. There are other enhancements as well. Its worth the time to visit the rink and see it firsthand. Like most curling rinks it just needs more curlers.

Weldon Newton
Neepawa, MB

Would you like to send in a letter to the editor?
Email news@neepawabanner.com to submit yours.
Letters are limited to **approximately 400 words**
The Banner & Press reserves the right to edit letters to fit available space.

TURN THIS:

Neepawa Banner
Box 699
Neepawa MB
R0J 1H0

INTO THIS:

Banner & Press
Box 699
Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

WE CAN HELP YOU CREATE
PROFESSIONAL LOOKING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS!
Custom printed return envelopes
starting at \$75+taxes
(Set up extra)

243 Hamilton St, Neepawa
204-476-3401
print@neepawabanner.com

WEEKLY NEWS
LATEST NEWS

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

Banner & Press
RIVERS BANNER

CUSTOM POSTERS & POST CARDS

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Pulses

Pulses, which include beans, peas and lentils have a rich history of nourishing cultures all over the world. In the eighth century BC they are mentioned in Homer's ancient Greek poem the Iliad. In many cultures, pulses were considered a staple food, particularly among the poor and working class, due to their affordability and nutritional value. In Costa Rica, Gallo Pinto is a dish of fried black beans and rice with spices, India has Dahl which is a slow-cooked stew of split peas, beans and spices, Israel is known for its Falafel, which is a deep fried ball of smashed chick peas, fava beans and spices and in Finland Hernekeitto Soup is made with ham and green peas. Pulses played an important role in early Canada as well. The early French settlers introduced a hearty pea soup and baked beans were considered a staple for lumberjacks, cowboys and farmers. The United Nations recognized the importance of pulses, declaring 2016 as the International Year of Pulses. One of the most significant benefits of pulses is their high protein content as well as fiber, complex carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals making them an excellent source of energy and nutrition. They are an important ingredient in vegetarian and vegan diets. So today I offer you two recipes to help you discover the pulse potential for your eating pleasure.

Beany lasagna

- 1 Tbsp. oil

1 medium onion, diced

1 small stalk celery, diced

1/2 red pepper diced

2 garlic cloves, minced

1-796mL can of diced tomatoes

1-156 can of tomato paste

1-540 mL can of pinto beans

1 cup fresh sliced mushrooms
- 1 tsp. dried crumbled oregano

1 tsp. dried crumbled basil

1 Tbsp. dried parsley

1/2 tsp. each salt and pepper

1 tsp. sugar

1 cup cottage cheese

1 egg, beaten

8 cooked lasagna noodles

2 cups grated mozzarella cheese

In a Dutch oven heat the oil over medium heat. Add the onion, celery, pepper and garlic. Cook until onion is slightly softened. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste, beans, mushrooms, herbs, salt and pepper. Cover and bring to a boil. Uncover and let simmer for half an hour. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). In a bowl combine cottage cheese and egg. Spread a thin layer of tomato sauce in a 9X13 inch pan. Cover with half the noodles, all the cottage cheese mixture, most of the tomato mixture and 1 cup of cheese. Layer the top with noodles, remaining tomato mixture and the remaining cup of cheese. Bake for 45-60 minutes until heated through and bubbling. Let stand several minutes before serving.

Raisin lentil muffins

- 3/4 cup raisins

3/4 cup chopped dates

1 1/2 cup water

1 cup cooked pureed lentil

1/3 cup butter or margarine

3/4 cup brown sugar

1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla

1 1/2 cup flour

1 tsp. baking soda


1 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). In a heavy bottomed pot combine raisins, dates and water. Simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool for 10 minutes. Add the lentil puree and mix well. In a bowl cream together butter and sugar. Mix in the egg and vanilla. Add the raisin lentil mixture. In another bowl combine the remaining ingredients. Stir in the creamed mixture. Stir just until combined. In paper lined or greased muffin tins, fill each 3/4 full. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. Enjoy with your favourite people.



Light Up This
Holiday Season

and add a warm glow
by helping out the...

Neepawa & District
Palliative Care Program

\$5

Contribute

\$5

In Memory of a Loved One

As you contribute, your memorial can be
viewed in the window of Harris Pharmacy.

The memory tree will be located at
Mountain Ave. and Davidson St.
downtown Neepawa, MB.

Drop off your contribution at one of these
Neepawa locations:

Neepawa Hospital

Home Hardware

Harris Pharmacy

Super Thrifty Neepawa Pharmacy

The Mill - Lifestyle Store

The Neepawa Banner & Press

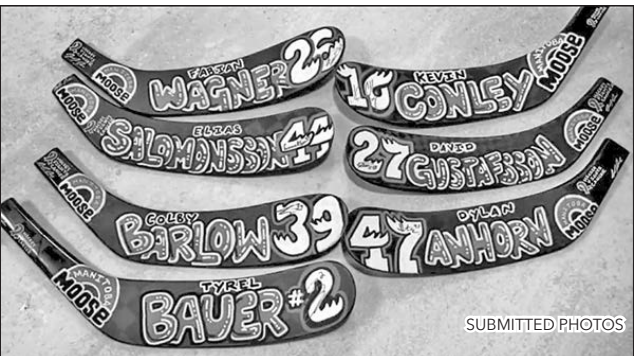
Local artist Kennedy Baker helps raise nearly \$2,000 for Hockey Fights Cancer

Submitted
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Local fans attending the Nov. 22 Manitoba Moose game may have noticed that former local resident, Kennedy Baker's vibrant, one-of-a-kind artwork took centre stage at the Manitoba Moose Hockey Fights Cancer game. Baker, who is a True North employee and cancer survivor, created and donated several unique works, which were individually autographed by Moose players that were featured in a charity auction.

The pieces drew a flurry of bidding, which culminated in a last-second scramble that saw a goalie stick sell for \$600 with just four seconds left on the clock. By the end of the night, every one of Baker's creations had sold, raising nearly \$2,000 in support of Hockey Fights Cancer and Camp Quality Manitoba.

Locally, Baker is a former Youth Art Instructor at ArtsForward and has created the hockey stick bench at the Yellowhead Community Rec Centre, as well as other artwork within our community



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Note: William Hamilton

The Nov. 9, 1950 Looking Back entry on William James Hamilton in the Nov. 7 edition perhaps had some scratching their heads. Understandably so, as his birth date was stated as 1890—a typo in the original archives.

As William Hamilton was 90 at the time of his passing on Oct. 26, 1950, we can surmise that “1890” should have

actually been “1860”. With how printing worked back in the day, it is quite possible that a “6” was put in place upside down... Oops!

With this correction in mind, the timeline is:

- 1860— William Hamilton was born.
- 1879— He moved to Manitoba.
- 1885— His service in the Riel Rebellion.

Expand your knowledge!

Learn about local politics, community programs, tips on real estate, health-care and even learn history, all by reading your local newspaper every week!

NEEPAWA
**Banner
& Press**



Strengthening community through education

Neepawa Settlement Services and Assiniboine College collaboration

By Ilce Pineda
NEEPAWA SETTLEMENT SERVICES

A collaboration between Neepawa Settlement Services and Assiniboine Community College is opening new doors for newcomers and residents alike in the Neepawa, Minnedosa, Gladstone, Plumas and area, reinforcing the shared commitment to education, inclusion, and community development.

The partnership aims to support newcomers by providing accessible educational opportunities and career development resources. With Neepawa's growing immigrant population, this initiative reflects the town's dedication to fostering a welcoming, empowered, and skilled community.

Assiniboine College, known for its practical, hands-on programs, is working with Neepawa Settlement Services to offer information sessions that address the unique needs

of newcomers and new Canadians.

"This collaboration means more than just education," said Ilce Pineda, Executive Director at Neepawa Settlement Services. "It's about giving people the tools to succeed and feel at home in Neepawa."

By leveraging each organization's strengths, community outreach and support from Neepawa Settlement Services, and academic excellence from Assiniboine College, this joint initiative's making a tangible difference.

As this collaboration continues to grow, it represents a powerful example of how partnerships between educational institutions and community organizations can drive real change, creating opportunities, enhancing lives, and nurturing a more inclusive future for everyone.

'Super Saturday' to jumpstart the holidays in Neepawa

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

December is right around the corner, and communities in the area are getting into the festive spirit. Neepawa is no exception to this, kicking off the holiday season with a "Super Saturday" this weekend on Nov. 29. Super Saturday officially unites many pre-existing events held in Neepawa on the last Saturday of November under one banner.

The day's festivities begin with the return of a Christmas tradition spanning over 30 years in this community—the Glorious Christmas Wish Sale. The sale is being held at the Yellowhead Hall, starting at 10:00 a.m.

"This year's sale is bigger than ever, with more than 50 vendors and of course photos with Santa. [We're expecting close to 1,000 people through the doors]," Sisley enthused, noting that the sale has truly become a cornerstone event in Westman. "It's one of the most recognized craft sales in the region, and the demand shows just how beloved it has become... The growth

of the sale reflects not only the strength of our local artisans and businesses, but also the spirit of Neepawa itself—welcoming, creative, and community focused."

Sisley added, "[The Wish Sale's] longevity speaks to the incredible support of our community and the dedication of organizers who built such a strong foundation. I was fortunate to step into an event that was already extremely well run, and my role has simply been to continue that upward trajectory."

Showcasing local

The 2025 Wish Sale comes with an added twist, incorporating a Super Saturday Coupon book developed in partnership with several local businesses and organizations. The books will be handed out at the wish sale with attendees' admission fee, and includes a variety of boons that are valid throughout the day.

"Over the past few years, we noticed how many community events were happening alongside the Glorious Christmas Wish Sale. We

had been promoting them and encouraging visitors to explore everything Neepawa had to offer. A few local business owners and I started brainstorming ways to build on that momentum, and that's how the idea of the Super Saturday Coupon came about," said Sisley.

Sisley added, "The goal was simple: to kick off the Christmas shopping season by encouraging people to shop locally instead of turning to Amazon or traveling to Winnipeg or Brandon. Neepawa has so many unique businesses, and we wanted to highlight them with one-day-only deals that would draw people through their doors."

Filling out the remainder of Super Saturday are:

- A free movie at the Roxy Theatre, at 2:00 p.m.
- The Parade of Lights, at 6:00 p.m.
- Free hot chocolate at the Gill & Schmall Dream Ride Park, courtesy of Hid'n Hollow and the Kin Club. Available during the parade.

• Photo opportunities with Jodi Baker Photography at the Dream Ride Park inside the #HometownNeepawa Snow Globe. The globe was crafted by Katy Martin, Meaghan Peters, and the Community Youth Art Club, and installed by the Neepawa Men's Shed.

Providing a final comment, Sisley stated, "We were fortunate to receive the From the Ground Up Grant to support community art projects like this one, and we're really looking forward to seeing what comes next. It's always inspiring to see how creative ideas can grow when the community gets behind them."

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

Honour Christmas in your heart

Dramatic reading of 'A Christmas Carol' planned for Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The spirit of Christmas is being brought to Neepawa with the performance of a classic holiday tale. A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Knox Church at 2:00 p.m. The day will feature the reading of selected works from the novella by ten individuals, as well as the singing of carols from a small choir. The performance will be between 60 to 90 minutes and should put everyone in the proper mood to experience the magic of the holidays.

An introduction to a new theatre group

The performance is being presented by the Beautiful Plains Community Theatre, a relatively new local group who are hoping to stage a full scale musical in Neepawa in 2026. This abridged presentation of Dickens is their way of introducing

themselves to the community, as well as serving as a fundraiser for the spring musical.

The reading of a Christmas Carol does feature a free admission, though if attendees are able to donate any amount to support the event, that money will go directly into the budgeting of the planned musical.

Everyone welcome to participate

Blair Chapman and Don Walmsley have taken the lead on this performance, serving as co-producers. On top of that, Walmsley has also edited Dicken's work down into a more compact, but still effective version of the story. The structure will see the dramatic reading interspersed with the singing of carols.

Walmsley added that the songs that have been selected are well known holiday favourites, to encourage the audience to sing along.

"The choir would probably lead, but there should be occasions

where the audience can be engaged. There will be familiar carols that the people can recognize, and we hope they'll be in the holiday spirit and are more than welcome to sing along."

As for the dramatic readings, if anyone is interested in being a part of the festivities, they may contact Don Walmsley at (204) 476-0165 to learn more. Previous acting experience or strong ability to memorize a lot of text is not needed to be a part of the fun. Since this is a dramatic reading of the work, the words of Dickens will be on the page right in front of the presenter. All you need is a clear reading voice and a willingness to have some fun.

The hope is that ten people will volunteer to read as one of the characters, and another 15 to 20 people may be able to participate as part of the choir. In terms of a time commitment, Chapman said that they are going to make this as easy as possible for everyone involved. There will likely be just

two get-togethers to go over the text, stage the movement of characters to and from the microphone and a costume fitting.

Chapman added that the entire performance is really just about having fun and getting everyone in the Christmas spirit.

"Dickens kind of invented Christmas, at least the way we celebrate it. Dickens was very much part of that. So, if you like that traditional sort of Christmas feeling, between the carols and the story of Scrooge, this might be something you enjoy."

Once again, if anyone is interested in being a part of the dramatic reading, they can contact Don Walmsley at (204) 476-0165. As for the Beautiful Plains Community Theatre, anyone wishing to learn more can call Blair Chapman at (204) 841-4579 to find out about, or volunteer for the spring musical.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol will be in Neepawa on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Knox Church. Start time is 2:00 p.m.

Carbon Monoxide
is the
SILENT KILLER!



Install a CO alarm.

Safety.
It's in **your** hands.

Manitoba Hydro
energy for life

M.P. Mazier opposes Carney's 'Credit Card' budget

Banner Staff
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Dan Mazier believes Canadians are getting stuck with a huge bill from Mark Carney's government just in time for Christmas. Our local Member of Parliament, who recently voted against Prime Minister's first federal budget, has been critical of the massive deficit it is creating.

In a press release sent to the Banner & Press, Mazier shared his concerns on the fact the document includes a \$78 billion deficit and increases federal spending by \$90 billion this year.

"Mark Carney campaigned on fiscal restraint and responsibility, then

delivered the largest deficit outside the pandemic," said Mazier. "Canadians were misled during the last election, and now they're stuck paying the bill."

On Nov. 17, the Liberal government survived a confidence vote, passing the budget by a razor-thin margin of 170-168. While many people may be relieved they're not going back to the polls so quickly, there is still concern over the spending that has been approved.

Mazier notes that Carney's budget will produce a higher deficit than former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The Prime Minister has stated that the budget was a "generational in-

vestment", but Mazier disagrees, adding that it is instead a "credit card budget with a generational burden on future generations."

New projections from the federal government now estimate the total debt in Canada will reach \$1.35 trillion, with debt servicing costs rising to \$55.6 billion next year. Mazier noted that amount exceeds the Canada Health Transfer and revenue collected from the GST. "When interest expenses on the debt alone cost more than the federal government spends on provincial healthcare transfers, Canadians have a right to be concerned," Mazier said. "The only

thing this budget will do is increase inflation, increase interest costs, and eventually increase taxes".

Mazier also shared that with affordability challenges across the country, he believes that federal spending should focus on lowering costs and improving economic productivity. "Canadians are watching their grocery bills and monthly expenses rise," stated Mazier. "This budget adds tens of billions in new spending, but fails to deliver relief for families who are struggling with higher costs."

Mazier is calling for additional measures including tax cuts on manufacturing and food production.



FILE PHOTO
Riding Mountain Member of Parliament Dan Mazier.

Your help is actually hurting us here

Err on the side of caution when it come to recycling

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A message for all Neepawa residents when it comes to recycling... Sometimes the best way for you to help is to not help at all. Despite the best efforts of some in the community, contaminated recycling continues to be a concern in Neepawa.

At the latest Town Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, Chief Administrative Officer, Colleen Synchyshyn shared a correspondence from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The letter noted that the Town would be receiving \$12,196.94 from the government as part of the waste reduction and recycling support program. That allotment of money is for the period between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2025. In 2024, Neepawa received \$72,528, representing 223 tonnes of recycling materials.

While being paid to recycle is nice, Councillor Darryl Gerrard did add that the amount of contaminated recycling making its way into the Neepawa system is still worrisome.

"Make sure you put recyclable materials in there. Otherwise it ends up in

the dump. It is the quality of recycling that matters," stated Gerrard.

Synchshyn elaborated on the Councillor's point, sharing that they do get a lot of rejections at Evergreen.

"There might be 75 per cent of people doing exactly how they should, if though in the load that goes to Evergreen, someone has tossed [as example] a can of corn that they haven't cleaned out or styrofoam that is not recyclable, they will reject the entire load," said Synchyshyn. "So if you don't want to recycle properly, just please place it in the [garage bins], because it's costing us money."

When recycling sent to Evergreen is found to be contaminated, it results in the entire truckload being rejected, and Neepawa is then charged with a per tonnage fee.

This has been an ongoing problem for Neepawa, for almost five years. The types of items that CANNOT be recycled, and would be considered contamination according to provincial regulations are:

- DON'T recycle Straws;
- DON'T recycle Coffee pods;
- DON'T recycle coffee cups and lids (i.e. Tim Hortons and McDonalds);
- DON'T recycle Styrofoam;
- DON'T recycle Clothing and textiles;
- DON'T recycle Aluminum foil and plates; and
- DON'T recycle Plastic pouches and laminates (i.e. Chip bags).

If you are, in anyway unsure if an item is recyclable, simply put it in the regular garbage.

Want to promote your community event?

Share it with the world!

Email us your event information for our community calendar

More than your community newspaper

RCMP Report: Beware of charity and donation scam

By Sgt. David Taggart
SPRUCE PLAINS RCMP

In the last month the Spruce Plains RCMP had 288 occurrences. The occurrences we investigated include assaults, break & enters, thefts, vandalism, frauds, disturbances and other provincial statutes. There was a lot of traffic related occurrences this month and we laid 100 Highway Traffic Act tickets and charged one male with impaired driving. We had two counterfeit currency investigations where fake \$100 bills were used for payment. On one investigation we have two men charged and warrants for arrest have been issued for them. They currently are in custody for similar offences in another province.

On Nov. 7, the Spruce Plains RCMP received a call from a 34 year old

woman reporting she was in a Taxi on Highway 16 and there was someone on top of the Taxi. Police located the Taxi and did a traffic stop. There was no one on top of the Taxi. The woman was found to be on a Court Order not to use the services of the Taxi company from previous charges. The woman was charged with failing to comply with her court order, fraudulently obtaining transportation, and public mischief by misleading police in an investigation. The woman was remanded in custody to Brandon.

Charity and Donation Scam – A scammer contacts you to ask for a donation to a charity, association or religious cause. The scammer uses high pressure tactics to get you to donate immediately. The charity may not

exist, or the scammer may not actually be associated with it.

To avoid charity scams, ask for information in writing before making a donation. You can also check that the charity is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-267-2384. If you would like to donate to a disaster relief campaign, we recommend you visit the Red Cross.

WOODHAVEN LEATHERS

Handmade Leather Belts

Taking Orders for Christmas

Lots of Belts in stock

Kathleen Sulz

Arden, Manitoba

204-368-2304

WOODHAVENLEATHERS.COM

ATTORNEY

TAMMY D. BARYLUK

Hunt Miller & Co. LLP

Attorneys-at-law

Thursdays 12:00 pm - 3:30pm

14 Main St. (HMS Office)

Carberry, MB

Phone 204-834-2044

VALLEY

OPTICAL

Dr. Derek Papegnies

Optometrist

499 Mountain Ave.

Beautiful Plains Community Medical Clinic

For appointment please call:

204-476-2002

Farmers' Advocate



NEEPAWA **Banner** RIVERS
& **Press** **BANNER**

Empire-Advance
serving virden & area since 1885

The sun sets on the 2025 farming season



PHOTO BY JODI BAKER

This end of day, end of harvest scene was captured by Jodi Baker Photography. This sunset was seen by many readers as they drove by the harvest fields of western Manitoba. The harvest went well from an operational point of view and yields were reported to be mostly good. Those interested in purchasing this, or other works can learn more by checking out Jodi Baker Photography on Facebook or by contacting baker.jodi@icloud.com

SERVING
Agriculture,
Construction,
Trucks & More

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

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

Shop 204-368-2361 • Cell 204-212-2020

D.M.W. Repair

Licensed Journeyman • Reasonable Rates

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

PARTS & SERVICE

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

TAYLOR LAW PATERSONS LLP

Barristers • Solicitors • Notaries

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



Farmers' Advocate

Manitoba Beef Producers: An update on the livestock services file

By Matthew Atkinson
MANITOBA BEEF PRODUCERS

Being not that many months away from the Manitoba Beef Producers' Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February, I thought I would both reflect upon the big discussion and decision around livestock inspection and give you an update on the progress since last year's AGM.

First off, I think it's important to say that in no way did we set out with an agenda to create an expansion of livestock inspection services in Manitoba. After hearing a lot of feedback from producers, marketers and lenders about lack of security around livestock ownership in Manitoba, we set forth to investigate what options were available. At this point, I would really like to acknowledge the great input we received from the other western provinces on how their systems worked, what they were happy with and what they would change.

Following a number of meet-

ings and conversations, the very strong and unanimous feedback we received was that inspection works, it provides value that far exceeds the cost of the service and, it needs to be province-wide and mandatory. We also learned about how many cattle in Manitoba on which an inspection fee is already being paid, with them being inspected after the sale is made when they are destined to go to one of the western provinces. Now that inspection fee may not always be directly seen by the Manitoba seller, however, it is being factored into the sale price. The unfortunate part is that it is not bringing value to that Manitoba producer, due to the fact there is currently no detailed legislative or regulatory framework over Manitoba-owned cattle should a question about ownership arise. With all the information we had before us, no matter how many different ideas we kept batting around between us, it kept pointing back to expanded inspection being the only real solution, especially

when inspection was already occurring on so many of these western-bound cattle.

We also looked long and hard at the designated roles within the RCMP – staff dedicated to investigating livestock-related crimes such as fraud and theft – that British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan have. While this approach is very important, and something that we clearly need here in Manitoba, the feedback from the RCMP officers in those roles in all three provinces was clear: they cannot do their job without having a livestock inspection service to work with. Additionally, knowing that after many years of delay, the new federal livestock traceability regulations are likely coming into force very soon, we see the value that could be brought by having an inspection service doing a portion of the movement reporting on the producers' behalf.

Once MBP's board of directors reached this conclusion, we decided that due to the complex nature of the how and why we

got there, we felt the need to go beyond regular district meetings and hold some town hall-style meetings in some regions less covered by that year's district meetings. At these meetings producers had a chance to better understand what livestock inspection really means and to voice any concerns.

We appreciate everybody who came out and engaged in person, spoke to us for more information and came out to our February 2025 AGM, where we saw a resolution on livestock inspection carried with a strong majority.

As a refresher, that resolution stated as follows: "Therefore be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers now ask the Government of Manitoba to work with value chain members to take the necessary steps needed to implement mandatory livestock inspection in Manitoba, including: making required legislative and/or regulatory changes; working with the prospective delivery agent on a service agreement;

determining if funding can be secured to help offset the cost of an expanded inspection system; deciding whether an investment can be made to support the creation of a Livestock Investigations Unit; and, any other steps required to move this initiative forward in the most responsive, efficient and cost-effective manner."

Following the AGM, we formed a working group, with members of our MBP board, reps from the Manitoba Livestock Marketing Association, producers at large and, in a non-voting seat, a representative from Manitoba Agriculture. The Manitoba Livestock Inspection Working Group's job is to try and work through establishing expanded inspection services and therefore it is important we have the diverse industry representation we do have. This consists of commercial cow-calf, purebred, feedlots, auction marts and order buyers.

*Continued
on Page 12*




Meet the Journey Wealth team, coming soon to Carberry.

Our new Carberry office will open in **Summer 2026**, helping you plan, invest, and grow your future with confidence.

journeywealth.ca

JOURNEY
WEALTH






ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Serving the Westman and Parkland Regions for over 45 years.

Neepawa, MB
204-476-3391

Dauphin, MB
204-572-5028

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



PEDIGREE SEED VARIETIES

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



Doug Heaman
204.748.7666

Brittany Vinck
204-851-2049

Virden, Manitoba
www.clearviewacresltd.com

FALL SUPPLY SAVINGS



NETWRAP

CPS 64" x 7,000"
Single Rolls
Was \$199.99 Now \$179.99

Tiandi 64" X 8,000"
Single Rolls
Was \$272.00 Now \$248.99
Pallet Price (16 rolls)
Was \$258.40 Now \$236.50
SAVE \$350 PER PALLET



Sprayer Antifreeze
Protection up to -50C

18.9L Pail ... \$31.99
205L Drum ... \$299.99



EZ DEF
Diesel Exhaust Fluid

9.46L Jug ... \$17.49

Pricing in effect while supplies last



Virden Ag & Parts | 560 Commonwealth Drive, Virden | (204) 748-4469 | virdenag.ca

The Farmers' Advocate



Smart Farming

Get the equipment your **agribusiness** needs — without the big upfront cost.

Leasing can help you manage cash flow and lower your tax bill.



sunrisecu.mb.ca

Learn how leasing can benefit your farm.
Speak with your **Sunrise lender** today.

Plan for Success in 2026



Contact Your Local Grow Team Today



Heritage

Minnedosa
204-867-2749

Strathclair
204-365-2491

Brandon
Agro 204-763-8998



Neepawa-Gladstone

Neepawa
204-476-3431

Gladstone
204-385-2906

CO-OP AGRO



Mandatory inspection services requested by Manitoba Beef Producers

Continued from Page 10

The first big task before us has been looking into our existing provincial legislative and regulatory framework and what we would like updated versions of these to say when it comes to livestock inspection and key pieces such as demonstrating ownership of cattle. This is of course a lengthy and detailed process that is now handed off to the province for drafting of those pieces.


As noted, one of the other benefits livestock inspection can provide is movement reporting for the new traceability regulations, expected to come into force in the next couple of years. As part of that, it will be necessary to have complete records for livestock being transported, meaning manifests and animal transport records/transfer for care. Our goal in establishing mandatory inspection services in Manitoba is at the outset to go directly to a digital platform for inspectors inputting information, rather than face the slow and uphill battle some other provinces are experiencing as they transition from paper to a digital platform. Our hope is to have a digital manifest platform available for producers to use that would be


able to directly input that information, saving a lot of work and expense in the long-term. This of course is a lot easier and more valuable than a stack of paper records when issues arise and information needs to be looked back upon, such as during an animal disease investigation or if a suspected case of cattle theft or fraud has arisen.

At this point, the exact timeline to move to mandatory inspections is not yet known. As with all legislative or regulatory changes in Manitoba, these will be up for public comment and that is something we will see at some point and feedback from that can affect those timelines.

Regardless of a coming into force date, our hope, if possible, would be a few months of an education and awareness prior to inspection being fully enforced so that all members of the beef value chain can become aware of what is involved and their respective responsibilities. As always, MBP directors and staff want to hear from you on topics such as livestock inspection, so please feel free to reach out to discuss it more.

WESTERN CANADA'S
LARGEST
CARDLOCK
NETWORK





Neepawa-Gladstone

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



CARBERRY
Here We Grow
STRIDE CREDIT UNION CARBERRY
OPENING SUMMER 2026

stridecu.ca/carberry

MJHL Standings

Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Dauphin Kings	22	15	6	1	0	31
Virden Oil Capitals	19	12	6	0	0	24
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	25	9	14	1	1	20
Neepawa Titans	21	9	11	0	1	19
Swan Valley Stampeders	23	6	16	1	0	13
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	20	3	15	1	1	8
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Niverville Nighthawks	21	20	1	0	0	40
Steinbach Pistons	23	17	5	1	0	35
Portage Terriers	23	16	6	1	0	33
Selkirk Steelers	25	14	10	1	0	29
Winkler Flyers	22	10	9	1	1	23
Winnipeg Blues	19	8	9	2	0	18
Winnipeg Monarchs	23	4	19	0	0	8

Game results

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Portage 2-0 Neepawa

First Period
10:52 POR R. Thomas (6)
ASST: D. Siwicki (4)
Second Period
07:01 POR D. Uhrina (6)
ASST: R. Platt (18)
Third Period
No scoring
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 0 0 0 0 0/3
POR 1 1 0 2 1/4
Goaltender
NPA - Z. Burleigh - (L) 34/36 saves
POR - M. Kathler - (W) 38/38 saves
Attendance: 547 - Stride C.U. Place

Sunday, Nov. 23
Steinbach 2-0 Neepawa

First Period
No scoring
Second Period
No scoring
Third Period
04:19 STN L. Mehl (4)
ASST: L. Doyle (16), S. Noad (10)
19:05 STN M. Miller (6) PP EN
ASST: R. Gilmour (11), Z. Miles (16)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 0 0 0 0 0/4
STN 0 0 2 2 1/5
Goaltender
NPA - Z. Burleigh - (L) 43/44 saves
STN - E. Thvedt - (W) 33/33 saves
Attendance: 1,843 - Southeast Centre



Club 55 Bowling Minnedosa

Nov. 20, 2025: Men's High Single & Triple: Merv Bohn 196 & 518. **Ladies' High Single & Triple:** Carole LeBoutillier 213 & 495. **Other Good Scores:** Laurie Kohinski 164, 150, 158; Darrell Gabler 178; Caroline Harding 178; Vivian Oswald 154, 151; Chuck Morden 172, 175; Carmen Barten 174; Judy Gabler 159; Janice Absteiter 153; Russ Taylor 176, 173, 150; Carole LeBoutillier 151; Iain Greig 156; Merv Bohn 165, 157.

Sports

Titans defeat Monarchs, fall to Pistons



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Several recent games for Neepawa Titans seem to be a perfect example of the season so far for the team. After being shutout 2-0 by the Portage Terriers, the Titans bounced back against a scrappy Winnipeg Monarchs squad on Friday, Nov. 21, winning 5-3. Talen Wallis (*pictured above*) scored a pair of goals and added an assist. The Titans followed that up with a solid outing of their own in Steinbach against the Pistons on Sunday, Nov. 23. Despite Neepawa putting in a scrappy effort, the club was still blanked 2-0. These games are an example of the team playing extremely well against the MJHL's top tier club, but just being unable at this time to breakthrough to the upper echelon. Next for Neepawa is a home game versus the Winnipeg Blues (8-9-2-0) at the Yellowhead Centre on Friday, Nov. 28. Start time is 7:30 p.m.

Neepawa Farmers split weekend games

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It was a hectic weekend for the Neepawa Farmers, with a pair of games on the schedule in the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL). The first of these was a Saturday night showdown in MacGregor, against the Wild. Kyle McDonald secured the win for Neepawa, scoring the game winner in overtime, for a 3-2 victory. Bret Levandoski and Cohen Kulbacki scored the

other goal for Neepawa, while Braden Klippenstein notched both tallies for MacGregor. Brad Roncin collected the win in goal for the Farmers, facing 25 shots on the night. Neepawa followed up its road win hosting the Rivers Jets on Sunday, Nov. 23 at the Yellowhead Centre. The Jets came into town as the best team in all the Tiger Hills, with a perfect 6-0-0 record to start the year, meaning this would be a difficult challenge for the

Farmers. While Neepawa stayed competitive with Rivers for the majority of the game, a late third period goal on the power-play, helped the Jets to pick up the win. Riley Boles scored with the man advantage with just over six minutes remaining in regulation. Luke Decorby added an empty netter, with just six seconds left to make the final 4-2 for the Rivers Jets. Cohen Kulbacki and

Garrett Rempel scored for Neepawa. These weekend results give the Neepawa Farmers a 4-2-0 record on the season, and have them in sixth place in the overall league standings. Next up for the Farmers will be a home game versus the Melita Bison (3-3-0. 6 points) on Sunday, Nov. 30. Start time at the Yellowhead Centre is set for 6:30 p.m.

MJHL Player Stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Ben Roulette (WAY)	13	22	35
2. Sebastien Hicks (WAY)	12	23	35
3. Hayden Wheddon (NIV)	13	21	34
4. Rhett Platt (POR)	12	21	33
5. Adam Vigfusson (NIV)	11	22	33

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Talen Wallis	10	10	20
2. Logan Paquette	7	11	18
3. Kyle Weisgarber	5	10	15
4. Cooper Kasprick	5	9	14
5. Jack Clark	7	5	12

Plumas Game & Fish
Big Buck Night
Open Deer
Head
Competition

One deer head per person ONLY

Must be MWF member
1st Prize: \$200.00 Deadline 9:00 p.m.
Door Prize: \$200.00 Gift Certificate

Saturday, December 6, 2025
7:00 p.m. - Plumas Hall
Admission: \$20.00 Lunch Served

Please drink responsibly



Neepawa Titans
Junior "A"
Hockey team

vs. Winnipeg Blues
November 28
Yellowhead Centre - 7:30pm

vs. Portage
December 3
Yellowhead Centre - 7:30pm

vs. Winnipeg Blues
December 10
Yellowhead Centre - 7:30pm

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

NACI host Junior Varsity Volleyball Provincials

Banner Staff
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers served as the host club for the 2025 Provincial AAA Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball Championship.

In total, 12 teams from across Manitoba assembled in the Land of Plenty to compete. For NACI, their first challenge came against the Elmwood Giants. For this round robin game, Neepawa bested Elmwood to two straight sets, 25-18, 25-20. Nick Hockin was named the player of the game for the Tigers.

The second game of the tournament for the Tigers was versus the John Taylor Pipers. This was another straight sets win for the hosts, as Neepawa claimed a 28-26, 25-19 decision. Jaiden Maramara was selected player of the game for NACI.

The third and final match of the round-robin for Neepawa was against the Neelin Spartans. This clash ended up having to

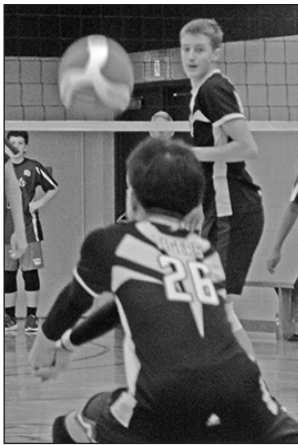
go to three sets, which the Tigers outlasting Neelin, and winning 26-24, 18-25, 18-16. Aaron Dyck was awarded the player of the game. These results had the Tigers a perfect 3-0 heading in to playoffs.

For the quarter-finals, Neepawa was paired against Léo-Rémillard Renards. This would be where Neepawa's weekend ended, as Léo-Rémillard would prevail 24-26, 25-19, 15-5.

As for the finals, it was the Steinbach Christian Flames facing the Springfield Sabres. It would ultimately be Springfield who would win the tournament, 25-17, 15-25, 15-12. Coltyn Senkow of Springfield was named the Tournament MVP.

Congratulations to Springfield, as well as all the other teams for competing this past weekend.

Congrats, as well to the NACI Tigers players, coaches and volunteers, who made the hosting of the Provincials as successful as it was.



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA JACKSON AND EOIN DEVEREUX

The MHSAA JV Volleyball Provincials were held in Neepawa, between Nov. 20 and 22. The host club, the Neepawa Tigers, were a perfect 3-0 in the round-robin portion of the event. The team was bested, however, in the quarter-finals. Nonetheless, the entirety of the weekend should be seen as a great success for the host team and the community.

Congrats on your Highland exams

By Crystal Scott
EXPRESSIVE DANCE
WITH CRYSTAL'S STUDIO

Medal tests for Highland dancers were held on Friday, Nov. 14 at Expressive Dance with Crystal's Studio in Minnedosa. Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance (SDTA) examiner Rebecca McKinnon travelled out from Edmonton to test the dancers.

In total, there were 72 exams for 22 of Crystal Scott's Highland dancers. Some of the exams include four dances as well as demonstrating technique. Many dancers completed one, up to five exams each. There were Highland Dance exams, Highland Theory, Scottish Nationals, Sailor's Hornpipe and Choreographies.

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

Several dancers received Commended Plus for their hard work. Everyone was successful with their exams and they'll receive certificates and medals at a later date. Crystal is so proud of her dancers as they continue to set goals and strive to keep improving.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ad Deadline: **TUESDAY NOON**

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

To PLACE AN AD:

Telephone: 204-476-3401
Email: ads@neepawabanner.com

All word classifieds must be prepaid before printing

Real Estate

Property for sale: Ecoil recycling's full yard site of 5.5 acres (3 acres Commercial Highway). It's located close to Dauphin. Sale comes with a 24 x 32 steel shed, and a 60 x 30 shop containing modern utilities which includes city water. The property is completely fenced, with commercial entry gates. It has a 24 hour visual online, security system, and two trained guard dogs. The property is very secure and has an environmental clearance. Asking the sum of \$220,000. For info call 1-204-638-1742 (cell)

Personal

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

Notice

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

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

Notice

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

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

Auctions

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

Wanted

Wanted to rent a basement suite or an apartment in the town of Neepawa for January 1st 2026. Ph. (204) 871-5557

For Sale or Rent

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

For Rent

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

For Rent: 3 bedrooms, available Jan 1 2026. 204-212-2331

Find it in the Classifieds

Archives

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

Tender

Minnedosa Area Veterinary Services District
Request For Proposals

The Minnedosa Area Vet Board requests written proposals for an expansion and renovations to the current Vet Clinic, located in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada.

All proposals to be received by the undersigned by no later than 4:00 p.m., on January 23, 2026.

Send proposals marked "Clinic Expansion" to:

Minnedosa Vet Board
 Box 2204, Minnedosa, Manitoba, R0J 1E0
 Phone: 204-867-0739

Email: minnedosavetboard@gmail.com

Interested Contractors can contact the Vet Board Secretary to obtain the Request for Proposal Documents.

Obituary

Stan Fashoway

May 7, 1933 - November 22, 2025



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Stan, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who passed away peacefully in his home.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife Ann of 69 years, daughters Linda Lelyk (Glenn), Brenda Bourassa (Benson), grandchildren Blake, Jessica (Ashton), Chance and great-grandson Anders.

Stan also leaves to mourn his sister Ann, sister-in-laws Olga and Stella as well as many nieces and nephews. Stan was predeceased by his parents, sisters, Pearl and Ollie, sister-in-laws and brother-in laws.

Stan was born in Alonsa Manitoba to John and Jessie Fashoway where he was raised and worked on the family farm. In 1956 he married Ann Zacharewicz, the love of his life, and together with his parents they bought a pool hall and snack bar. Their family started with the arrival of Linda in 1959 and Brenda in 1965. The pool hall was rebuilt in 1958 and the cafe was rebuilt in 1960. In 1962 Stan attended Molars Barber School in Winnipeg bringing his barber skills into the business. The business then expanded again with the addition of a Liquor Vendor in 1971. Stan along with Ann remained busy in Fashoway's Cafe, barbershop, pool hall and liquor vendor serving customers in Alonsa till 2009.

Stan was very involved in the community acting as chair person for the Village of Alonsa for 60 years. He was President of the Curling Club for 16 years as well as serving on the Community Hall Committee and the Alex Robertson Museum board. Stan also found time to serve as Fire Chief for the Village of Alonsa volunteer fire department for 35 years along with being a Fire Ranger for the Province of Manitoba and also as a school bus driver.

Stan loved the outdoors, fishing, trapping, hunting, snowmobiling along with guiding many hunters over the years.

Stan loved to golf and was lucky enough to get a hole-in-one at Watrous Saskatchewan and spent many days on the golf course with Ann. In his youth he enjoyed playing hockey and later started curling and participated in many bonspiels. He truly enjoyed the Winnipeg Jets and he would faithfully watch them wearing his jersey and cap.

Stan loved dancing and music and played the banjo, mandolin, guitar, fiddle and accordion. He brought his musical talent to a local band "The Farmer Boys" for many years.

Stan and Ann enjoyed traveling and made their way to many warm places over the years. Stan and Ann made the most of their time away from the busy cafe days and took advantage of traveling to many places with their motorhome. One of his favourite destinations were the local casinos.

His greatest joy were his three grandchildren and great grandson. The grandchildren have many wonderful memories of the time spent with "Grampy"

Funeral Service for Stan will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 12:30 pm in the Alonsa Community Centre, Alonsa, MB. Interment will follow in St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery.

Should friends so desire, donations in memory of Stan may be made to St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery, Box 37, Alonsa, R0H 0A0 or to a charity of one's choice.

Sneath-Strilchuk - Ste. Rose Chapel
 204-447-2444 • www.sneathstrilchuk.com

Coming Events

Join us for a reading of

A Christmas Carol
 and traditional Carols

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2:00 pm
 Knox Presbyterian Church - Neepawa, MB

Silver Collection at the door
 Fundraising event for Neepawa & Area Community Theatre



CP HOLIDAY TRAIN in Minnedosa December 5 at 4 pm

West of Station on the North side of the yard,
 30 - 2nd Avenue NW

Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item or cash for the Minnedosa & Area Food Bank.

Thank You

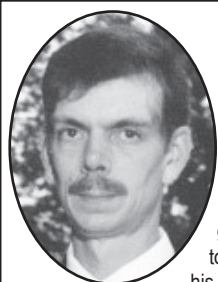
Thank you

to all my family and friends
 for the gifts, flowers and
 coming out to celebrate my
 90th birthday.

Bertha Chemerika



Obituary



Richard Gaile Schell

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather, Richard. Richard was born December 29, 1951 in Eden and grew up there, going to school in Eden to grade 8, then continued his schooling in Neepawa.

He attended Keewatin Community College to learn heavy equipment operator then continued on to heavy equipment mechanics. He worked at Bayes Equipment, Touchwood Park Assoc., Springhill Farms Hog Plant and Trail Meats before retiring in 2015. His hobbies included wood working, small engine repair, and gardening.

Richard was predeceased by his parents Joyce and Gaile Shell, his brother-in-law Gary Rainke, his great nephew Traylin and several aunts and uncles. Surviving are his common-in-law partner of 37 years Martha Bennett, his son Rick (Adriene) and grandson Coty, his daughter Lynn (Bradley) Oshanyk and grandson Dylan, his son Michael, and daughter Brienne (Nick), his brother Wayne (Brenda), sister Arlene (Nelson) and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family burial took place on October 20, 2025 at Rosedale cemetery and a celebration of life was held at Eden Hall attended by family and close friends with Beth MacDonald officiating

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at Neepawa Hospital for their care of Richard for the short time he was there and to White's Funeral for their assistance with arrangements. We would also like to thank everybody for their condolences and well wishes following our loss. Anybody wishing to make donations on Richard's behalf can make them to Cats TNR Rescue as he loved his cats.

Birnie Builders

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

Phone/Fax
 204-966-3207

Cell
 204-476-6843

Harold Klassen
 Birnie, MB

"Let Us Custom Design A Home For You"

harold.birniebuilders@gmail.com

Comfort Electric Experience, Quality, Integrity

CALL NOW FOR ALL YOUR
 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL NEEDS

Shawn Nugent

Journeyman Electrician

1-204-476-6730
 comfortelectric@hotmail.com
 Box 2518 Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

SERVING THE NEEPAWA AREA

REMPPEL BACKHOE & GRAVEL

- Excavations • Trenching • Landscaping
- Gravel • Topsoil • Shale • Laser Ditching
- Certified Installer for Holding Tanks, Septic Tanks and Drain Fields
- Construction Site Prep
- Dozer work • Brush Clearing

Matt Rempel
 Birnie, MB

Cell: (204) 841-0988

matt@rempebackhoe.ca

FIREWOOD - LUMBER

Tri-J Industries
 "Your local sawmill"

204-966-3372

ROUGH LUMBER

Full dimension
 Corral Planks
 Windbreak

FIREWOOD

Cut and split firewood - Poplar, Ash, Spruce/Pine
 8ft firewood - 16 cord load delivered to your yard
 Oak - Maple - Poplar - Jackpine - Spruce

TIMBER HARVESTING

We buy standing Spruce and Poplar timber



TAC

Ventures Inc.

Garbage Bin Rentals

Roll Off Bins

We buy Scrap!

Phone 476-0002
 for more information

WURTZ BROS. LTD

REDI-MIX
 CONCRETE

- Concrete Pumps
- Excavation & Earthworks Contractor
- Complete Demolition Service

204-466-2824

fax: 204-466-2999
 admin@wurtzbros.com



We put
 the class in
 Classifieds!

ads@neepawabanner.com
 204-476-3401
 423 Mountain Avenue
 Neepawa, MB



P BAKER
 BACKHOE SERVICE

Trenching • Ditching
 Water & Sewer
 Dugouts • Demolition
 Brushing • Trucking
 Sand & Gravel
 Snow Removal
 Winter Parking Lot Sanding

Contact Pat Baker at
 204-476-0712
 p.baker@wcgwave.ca

Rolling Acres Ready Mix

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



Trenching • Excavating • Landscaping
 Trucking • Water & Sewer • Demolition
 Dozer work • Ditching
 Belly Dump & End Dump Services
 Custom Aggregate Crushing & Aggregate Sales
 Commercial & Residential Snow Clearing

Eric 204-573-7661 • Kyle 204-841-4409

e.k.kostenchuk.ltd@gmail.com

Help Wanted



HyLife
FOODS

Industrial Plant Cleaner (NOC 65312)

Why join our team?
HyLife is a global leader in food processing, with a vision to be the best food company in the world. To achieve this, we are currently expanding our team and have exciting career opportunities at 623 Main St. Neepawa, MB. We are actively seeking to fill 10 positions.

The current starting wage is \$22.20/hour with incremental increases to \$23.55/hour based on tenure as per our Collective Agreement

Quick Facts:

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

What we can offer you:

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

Your duties may include:

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

We are looking for people who are:

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

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

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

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393


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

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

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



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltld @HyLife



HyLife
FOODS

Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)

Why join our team?
HyLife is a global leader in food processing, with a vision to be the best food company in the world. To achieve this, we are currently expanding our team and have exciting career opportunities at 623 Main St. Neepawa, MB. We are actively seeking to fill 5 positions.

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

Quick Facts:

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

What we can offer you:

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

Your duties may involve:

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

To excel in this role, you should possess:

- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Understanding of animal behavior
- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience working with livestock
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
- Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
- Capable of repetitive manual tasks
- Able to effectively communicate in English
- At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

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




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

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393


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

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

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



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltld @HyLife



HyLife
FOODS

Industrial Butcher (NOC 94141)

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

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

Quick Facts:

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

What we can offer you:

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

Your duties may include:

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

We are looking for people who are:

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

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




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

For inquiries contact: Phone: 204.476.3393

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

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

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



@HyLifeLTD @hylifeltld @HyLife



**PARK
YOUR AD
HERE!**
Call (204)476-3401

MCNA Province-wide Classifieds

NOTICES

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

URGENT PRESS RELEASES - Have a newsworthy item to announce? An exciting change in operations? Though we cannot guarantee publication, MCNA will get the information into the right hands for ONLY \$35.00 + GST/HST. Call MCNA (204) 947-1691 for more information. See www.mcna.com under the "Types of Advertising" tab for more details.

DO YOU HAVE A SEASONAL BUSINESS AND NEED CUSTOMERS? An On-line business? NEED CLASS 1 DRIVERS? SELLING LAND? HAVING AN EVENT? Let us help you book a blanket classified ad! Advertise! You will be seen in the MCNA Member Newspapers, in over 368,000+

Auction

Online McSherry Auctions

Doll Auction
Dec 2nd @ 7pm

Estate & Moving
Dec 3rd @ 7pm

Vintage/Collectable Toy Auction
Dec 9th @ 7pm

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

Wanted

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

BUYING ALL COIN COLLECTIONS Big & Small.

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

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

homes in Manitoba. Please Call THIS NEWSPAPER NOW to book, or call MCNA at (204) 947-1691 for more details or to book ads. Take advantage of our great pricing! MCNA - Manitoba Community Newspapers Association. www.mcna.com

PROPERTY FOR SALE / ACREAGE FOR SALE

Have 20 acres & 1,500 sq. ft. House for Sale, 3 miles West of Brandon. Immediate possession. Should be worth \$650,000.00. Will take cows on trade. 204-723-0083 anytime.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Private mortgage lender. All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. (403) 543-0927 www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca

For Sale

BATTERIES FOR EVERYTHING! 50,000 BATTERIES IN STOCK

*Auto *Farm *Truck
*Construction *ATV
*Motorcycle *Golf Carts
*Rechargeables *Tools
*Computers *Medical
*All phones *Chargers
*Marine *RV & more
Shipping/Delivery avail.

THE BATTERY MAN
1390 St. James St.
Winnipeg
TF 1-877-775-8271
www.batteryman.ca

Announcement



Response Builder Advertising WORKS!

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

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

www.mcna.com

Think the Banner & Press only has local news?
Think again!

You can pick up the paper to get your weekly news, find a new recipe, look for jobs, go house hunting, even scout out upcoming events or sales in the area!



ONLINE AUCTION

December 5-11, 2025

A Major Fundraiser of the NEEPAWA ROTARY CLUB



#	Item	Donor	Retail Value	#	Item	Donor	Retail Value
1	Stihl Hedge Trimmer	TIC	\$200	74	1/32 Scale 9260 Combine With Header	Rocky Mountain Equipment	\$195
2	Two Large Pizzas	Rotor's Bakery & Pizzeria	\$52	75	7 Coupons for Small Fries	McDonalds	\$26
3	One Hour Massage	Two Creeks Massage	\$90	76	8 Coupons for Small Fries	McDonalds	\$30
4	Coleman Cooler	Gardewine	\$150	77	\$200 Credit on Accounting Services	Kinley Thompson	\$200
5	\$25 Gift Certificate for Rotor's Bakery	Ron Nordstrom Photo & Art	\$25	78	10 Manitoba Moose Tickets	Christianon TDS	\$330
6	Business Banner with Stand	Asselstein Printing	\$110	79	2 - 10L Jugs StrikeLock	Shur-Gro Farm Services	\$398
7	\$125 Gift Certificate	ArtsForward	\$125	80	Bundle of 5-6" x 6' Sharp Treated Posts	Stella Jones	\$750
8	\$25 Gift Certificate for Rotor's Bakery	Ron Nordstrom Photo & Art	\$25	81	Bluetooth Speaker	Bank of Montreal	\$150
9	Farmery Gift Pack #1	Farmery	\$55	82	Two 20 L Pails of Hydraulic Oil	Penno's Machining	\$200
10	Certificates for 4 Haircuts	Hymie the Haircutter	\$80	83	2 - 10L Jugs of Vector 540	Alecki Tomoniko	\$145
11	Stellar Apparel Gift Pack	Stellar Apparel	\$240	84	10 kg Northstar Instagreen Lawn Seed	DSV Northstar	\$85
12	Farmery Gift Pack #2	Farmery	\$52	85	10 kg Northstar Instagreen Lawn Seed	DSV Northstar	\$85
13	\$50 Gift Certificate	The Missus Interior Detailing	\$50	86	Smart Bounce Automatic Bouncer	Hid'n Hollow	\$100
14	Outdoor Sectional Set	Home Hardware	\$600	87	Jumpstarter and Power Bank	Redcoat Autoglass	\$170
15	Air Compressor	Enns Brothers	\$885	88	\$50 Gift Certificate for Brews Brothers	RBC	\$50
16	\$500 Gift Certificate for Concrete	Rolling Acres Redi-Mix Concrete	\$500	89	Huns Valley 140 Memorabilia #1	Polonia Huns Valley 140 Heritage Committee	\$53
17	1 Case of Pork Back Ribs	Springhill Hutterite Colony	\$120	90	Huns Valley 140 Memorabilia #2	Polonia Huns Valley 140 Heritage Committee	\$58
18	1 Case of Pork Back Ribs	Springhill Hutterite Colony	\$120	91	Gift Card for Plain Leather Belt	Woodhaven Leathers	\$55
19	60 Acres Aerial Application	Western Canadian Aerial	\$726	92	Gift Card for Hand Tooled Leather Belt	Woodhaven Leathers	\$60
20	21 Speed Bicycle	Napa Autoparts/Mazur Group Neepawa	\$585	93	Hackzell M12 Recip Saw Kit	Kelawa Construction	\$228
21	Jets Tickets Overnight Package	McLaughlin GM	\$650	94	Dewalt Laser Level	Yellowhead Windows	\$246
22	\$25 Gift Certificate	Herbs for Health	\$25	95	20 L 0w40 Synthetic Diesel Motor Oil	Neepawa Gladstone Coop Bulk Fuel	\$200
23	4 Wheel Alignment	Neepawa Tire	\$123	96	4 Ten Litre Jugs of Vector 540	Neepawa Gladstone Coop Ag- Petroleum	\$288
24	Side of Beef Cut and Wrapped	Mowat Livestock/Cut Rite Meats	\$1,500	97	\$1000 Gift Card for Fuel	Coop and Stride Credit Union	\$1,000
25	Side of Beef Cut and Wrapped	Mowat Livestock/Cut Rite Meats	\$1,500	98	Camping and Swim Pass for a Week & Sweatshirt	Town of Neepawa & Neepawa Tourism	\$275
26	\$150 Certificate Booking in Cattle	Gladstone Auction Mart	\$150	99	Area Rug	Neepawa Gladstone Coop Home Center	\$350
27	\$400 Voucher for Livestock Transportation	Stoney Creek Transport	\$400	100	20 L 0w40 Synthetic Diesel Motor Oil	Neepawa Gladstone Coop Bulk Fuel	\$200
28	\$50 Gift Certificate	Neepawa Safeway	\$50	101	Counter Top Ice Maker	Orv's Appliance Sales & Service	\$200
29	4 Wheel Alignment	Neepawa Tire	\$123	102	Nordic Flame BBQ Oven	Giant Tiger	\$75
30	Surf and Turf Dinner for 4	Cut Rite Meats & The Fish Hut	\$350	103	Walk In Green House	Giant Tiger	\$90
31	5 Meal Tickets	Home Assistance Neepawa & District	\$55	104	Gift Pack	Jodie Byram	\$150
32	5 Meal Tickets	Home Assistance Neepawa & District	\$55	105	12-month Student Pass	Roxy Theatre	\$50
33	\$50 Gift Certificate	JB Photography	\$50	106	\$400 in Print or Advertising	Neepawa Banner & Press	\$400
34	Drop-In Centre Membership	Neepawa Drop-In Centre	\$30	107	2 Nights' Stay	Neepawa Motel	\$220
35	Drop-In Centre Membership	Neepawa Drop-In Centre	\$30	108	12-Volt Deep Cycle Battery	Mar Dee Enterprises	\$165
36	\$75 Gift Certificate	Promo Time	\$75	109	\$100 Gift Certificate for Parts or Labour	Performance Exhaust & Brake	\$100
37	\$75 Gift Certificate	Promo Time	\$75	110	\$100 Gift Certificate for Parts or Labour	Performance Exhaust & Brake	\$100
38	\$200 Gift Certificate for Electrical Services	Jury Electric Ltd.	\$200	111	Four Green Fees	Neepawa Golf Club	\$180
39	Memorial Vase and Installation	Guinn Bros Memorials	\$300	112	10-Pack of Neepawa Titans Tickets	Neepawa Titans	\$120
40	Car Clean Certificate	Westward Ford	\$120	113	Wine Making Kit	Diamond Waterworks	\$90
41	Oil Change	Westward Ford	\$100	114	Spousal Will & Power of Attorney	Taylor Law Patersons LLP	\$745
42	\$60 Gift Certificate	Best Choice Auto Sales & Serice	\$60	115	Single Will and Power of Attorney	Taylor Law Patersons LLP	\$495
43	\$350 Certificate for Hall Rental	Yellowhead Center	\$350	116	Wine and Gift Card Basket	Taylor Law Patersons LLP	\$260
44	\$25 Gift Certificate	Boston Pizza	\$25	117	Wine and Gift Card Basket	Taylor Law Patersons LLP	\$260
45	\$25 Gift Certificate	Boston Pizza	\$25	118	\$200 in Neepawa Bucks + Welcome Mat	Century 21 Westman Realty Ltd.	\$200
46	\$25 Gift Certificate	Boston Pizza	\$25	119	\$50 Gift Card	Neepawa Prairie Donair	\$50
47	\$25 Gift Certificate	Boston Pizza	\$25	120	\$50 Gift Card	Neepawa Prairie Donair	\$50
48	3 Soil Tests with Recommendations	Redfern	\$600	121	\$50 Gift Card	Neepawa Prairie Donair	\$50
49	Two 8 inch Blizzard Cakes	Neepawa Dairy Queen	\$64	122	\$50 Gift Card	Neepawa Prairie Donair	\$50
50	\$100 Certificate for Duct, Carpet or Furniture Clean	Clean Conscience	\$100	123	\$50 Gift Certificate for Brews Brothers	Brews Brothers Bistro	\$50
51	10 Class Pass	Grit Force Fitness	\$175	124	One Hour Massage	Marijka's Therapy Clinic & Day Spa	\$95
52	10 Yards of Gravel	P Baker Backhoe Service	\$155	125	50 Pound Bag of Potatoes	Sprucewoods Colony	\$25
53	\$25 Gift Certificate	Lola's Bakery	\$25	126	50 Pound Bag of Potatoes	Sprucewoods Colony	\$25
54	\$50 Gift Certificate	Neepawa Veterinary Clinic	\$50	127-134	50 Pound Bag of Potatoes	Sprucewoods Colony	\$25
55	\$50 Gift Certificate	Neepawa Veterinary Clinic	\$50	135- 149	Butter Tarts	Sandra De Groot	\$20
56	\$25 Gift Card	Chicken Chef	\$25	150	Taylor Made Cart Lite 2.0 Golf Bag	Landon Cameron Golf	\$349
57	\$25 Gift Card	Chicken Chef	\$25				
58	\$25 Gift Card	Chicken Chef	\$25				
59	\$25 Gift Certificate	Bamboo Garden Restaurant	\$25				
60	Custom Made Orthotic Insoles	Keeping You Active Chiropractic	\$400				
61	Haircut at Studio One	Studio One	\$34				
62	\$50 Gift Card	Safeway	\$50				
63	10 Rounds of Golf	White's Funeral Home	\$315				
64	15 Certificates for Coffee	McDonalds	\$30				
65	10 Class Pass	Rhythm Cycle Club	\$145				
66	\$50 Gift Certificate	Brews Brothers Bistro	\$50				
67	\$50 Gift Certificate	Brews Brothers Bistro	\$50				
68	Basket of Jams, Jellies, and Pickles	Helen Drysdale	\$40				
69	Basket of Jams, Jellies, and Pickles	Helen Drysdale	\$40				
70	Serengeti Women's Sunglasses	Valley Optical	\$300				
71	Ray Ban Polarized Sunglasses	Willowbrook Eye Care	\$278				
72	Hair Product and Gift Certificate	Rural Route 88 - Becky Jury	\$78				
73	Painted Sign	Gwen Baryl	\$45				

Rotary Also Thanks the Following Cash Donors

RM of Rosedale	\$600	Mountain Dental	\$200
Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic	\$500	Rob Smith & Son	\$150
Gill & Schmall	\$400	TAC	\$100
Harris Pharmacy	\$400	Your Dollar Store With More	\$100
Behlen Industries	\$300	Jed's Repair	\$100
John's Electric	\$250		
Neepawa Banner & Press		In Kind Advertising	\$500

For information updates and to see how to register and bid, visit our website at
neepawarotary.weebly.com/

December 5-11, 2025

To view items online and to register to bid on items go to www.district5550.charity-auctions.ca

Bidding starts at 8:00 am on Friday, December 5.

Supporting our new hospital and other community projects

Volunteers needed for Christmas Kettle Campaign

Continued from Page 1

The kettle locations are: the Neepawa Post Office (outdoors), Your Dollar Store with More (outdoors), Home Hardware, the Neepawa branches of the Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op grocery stores and gas bars, FreshMart, Safeway, Harris Pharmacy, and Giant Tiger.

A kettle will also be set up at the Glorious Christmas Wish Sale on Nov. 29.

Volunteers needed

"It's volunteers that really make the program successful," Gunn emphasized, noting that volunteers are still being accepted. "There's a few days that have already been filled in, but most of them we're looking for volunteers."

As of Nov. 24, the empty slots are on Dec. 4 to 6, Dec. 11 and 12, and Dec. 18 to 20.

Gunn stressed that any time someone is able to lend to volunteering with the campaign is greatly appreciated. The kettle campaign has two different shifts— one hour for outdoor locations and two hours for indoor locations.

"Each day has a one hour shift, and then two two hour shifts indoors. So we're looking for nine people per day, if it's a single [person on the shift]. People can work in pairs if they want to, they don't have to stand alone," said Gunn. "We really appreciate anybody who wants to [volunteer]."

Anybody wishing to lend their time can apply to become a volunteer with the NCMC by going to <https://salvationarmy.ca/kettle-application/34?mu=KBRingerNEEP>. Existing volunteers can sign into the Salvation Army Portal and schedule their volunteer shifts by going to <https://portal.salvationarmy.ca/>.



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

By the time the paper is out, the Neepawa Community Ministries Centre will have begun its 2025 Kettle Campaign.

Pathway to Owning Your Own Home Workshop held in Neepawa a success

By Joshua Jackson
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Town of Neepawa hosted its Pathway to Owning Your Own Home Workshop and Trade Show on Nov. 22, with many eager future homeowners coming out to learn more about what it takes to own a home and prepare to purchase a lot in Neepawa's Project 320.

The session featured three speakers: Terry Burgess, who talked about financial literacy and mortgages. Neepawa's Chief Administrative Officer, Colleen Synchishyn, and Manager of Operations, Jeff Braun, talked about working with the Town and planning office. Winnipeg Real Estate Board member Daphne Shepard talked about working with a real estate agent. Minnedosa-based Lawyer Elizabeth Sims talked to the crowd about how to work with a lawyer when you're buying



IMAGE COURTESY OF NACTV

Chief administrative officer Colleen Synchishyn, shown speaking during the Pathway to Owning Your Own Home Workshop.

your first home.

The Town did a housing study several years ago and determined Neepawa needs 460 housing units by 2028. The Town stepped up with Project 320, which will add 190 single-family residential lots. Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe said this session was a great way to prepare

future homeowners.

"(Having a) workshop like this gives them a chance to ask questions and have the professionals right there in front of them. It's Neepawa's next step to continue growing. Without housing, our population is never going to go further than 5,120." (according to Statistics Canada 2021 Census.)

NACTV was on hand to film the sessions, which will be posted to YouTube in case you missed out on the information. Crewe noted there is so much more information to share, so they plan to run this workshop again, as well as host other workshops on expanded topics.

Low ticket sales force BPCF to cancel 30th anniversary Gala

By Joshua Jackson
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Beautiful Plains Community Foundation is celebrating 30 years of thriving in the Neepawa area, but was forced to cancel its milestone celebration Gala.

BPCF Executive Director Melissa Grindheim said the Gala was cancelled due to a lower-than-expected level of community interest, reflected in insufficient ticket sales.

"As a charitable organization committed to stewarding donor dollars wisely, the Foundation is determined that moving forward would not be in the best interest of the community or the foundation," she noted.

The Gala was supposed to occur on Dec. 6 at the Yellowhead Centre Hall, featuring a catered meal followed by live entertainment from The Bromantics. The decision to cancel the event was not made lightly.

"The Board and Events Committee considered multiple options and timelines before coming to a unanimous conclusion. The Gala was intended to be a celebration of 30 years of generosity, partnerships, and community growth, and cancelling such a milestone event was both disappointing and emotionally difficult for everyone involved," said Grindheim.

Since 1995, the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation has gathered more than \$4.2 million in assets through fundraising efforts and donations, which are stored in a bank account. The board, comprised of 11 volunteer members from the community, takes the interest from the saved donations and has been able to give back over \$1.8 million, which has been granted to many charitable groups in the Neepawa area.

The Executive Director added that because the Foundation had carefully planned and monitored ticket sales, the financial impact of the cancellation is expected to be minimal. At this time, there are no im-

mediate plans to reschedule the Gala.

"However, the Foundation is exploring alternative ways to recognize this meaningful anniversary and celebrate the contributions that continue to strengthen the Beautiful Plains region. Any future event or initiative will be shaped by community interest and feedback," she said.

The BPCF board thanked those who purchased tickets, volunteered time, or expressed excitement for the event, adding that the public's support remains deeply valued by the Community Foundation. Grindheim said that although the Gala is cancelled, the Foundation's work continues every day.

"Community members can support BPCF through donations, participation in future initiatives, volunteering, or simply by sharing awareness of the Foundation's impact. Every act of support strengthens local programs, services, and community growth," she said, adding that BPCF remains profoundly grateful for the trust and generosity of its donors, partners, and residents. "While the Gala will not proceed, our commitment to building a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community is unwavering."

The Banner & Press
is your reliable,
local news source!



204-476-3401
www.myWestman.ca

Choralfest comes to Neepawa



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BLAIR CHAPMAN

Three local choirs participated in the Manitoba Choral Association's Choralfest last week. Scott Leithead, a clinician from Edmonton, was in Neepawa on Nov. 21 as part of a tour around rural Manitoba to work with choirs of all ages. Participating right here in Neepawa were the Neepawa Middle School Choir (top photo), Choraliers (not pictured), and the Neepawa Area Community Choir (above).



Prepare your business to SOAR!

Place an Ad in your local newspaper!

Banner & Press

Ph: 204-476-3401

Email: ads@neepawabanner.com



JOIN OUR Board of Directors

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – APPLY BY JANUARY 2, 2026

Are you ready to help shape the future of Manitoba's largest credit union? We're seeking passionate, forward-thinking individuals to join our Board of Directors.

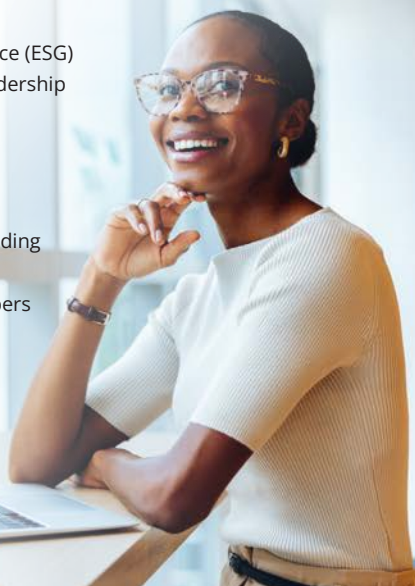
We welcome candidates from diverse backgrounds, cultures, identities, and regions to ensure our Board reflects the communities we serve. Ideal applicants bring a blend of professional expertise and lived experience, with strengths in one or more of the following areas:

- IT, and digital governance
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)
- Strategic planning and executive leadership
- Human Resources leadership
- Business acumen

WHY SERVE ON OUR BOARD?

- ✓ Influence the strategic direction of a leading financial institution
- ✓ Champion initiatives that benefit members and communities across Manitoba
- ✓ Receive compensation for this paid governance role

LEARN MORE AT accesscu.ca



MERRY Christmas

The Neepawa Banner & Press staff are taking a little bit of an extra (well deserved) holiday this year!

Our office will be closed
December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026

There will be no
 December 26th and January 2nd issues
 of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

We do apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

Our emails are still open!
If you've got a news tip, story or event, let us know!
 Call 204-476-3401 or e-mail kwaddell@neepawabanner.com
 Any advertisements e-mail ads@neepawabanner.com

Thank you
 Ken Waddell, Publisher

Going away for a vacation?

No need to worry about missing out on local news- The paper is also available online at www.neepawabanner.com!

Growing then and now

40th anniversary Wheatland Zone Fall Renewal

By Jean Borchardt
SUBMITTED

On Saturday, Oct. 25, members from Neepawa and Brandon gathered at Christ Lutheran Church to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Wheatland Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) - Canada Inc. Zone Renewal.

On Oct. 27, 1985, the Wheatland Zone came into being, separating from the Winnitoba Zone of the Manitoba/Saskatchewan District at that time. At the beginning we had LWML members from Brandon, McCreary, Neepawa, Plumas, Portage LA Prairie and Virden. Now we only have active societies in Brandon and Neepawa and an inactive society at Plumas.

The morning began with Registration at 10:00 and as ladies were arriving they were offered tea, coffee and dainties to enjoy before the meeting started.

The business meeting began roughly at 10:30 and President Judy Gabler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Eileen Turner from the Neepawa society had the opening devotion. It was a wonderful day as there were three ladies from Brandon, 10 ladies from Neepawa, one guest and one pastor. The business meeting was conducted and at noon a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Christ Lutheran. A beautiful decorated 40th anniversary cake was served to all in attendance. Someone years ago asked "what does LWML stand for" and my husband responded Lutheran Ladies Make Lunch. Well, we do more than that. Over the years we have supported various projects with our in gatherings, the women's crisis centres in Brandon and Portage, the University food bank, both of our Seminary guilds and more. With all business being completed, the afternoon began at 1:00

with a Short Anniversary Service followed by a Bible Study conducted by Pastor James Vosper of Plumas. The Bible Study was entitled "Growing Then and Now." 2 Peter 3:18. The ingathering was collected for the seminary guild of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary at St. Catherine's, ON. Closing Devotion was conducted by Brandon society members. Pastor Vosper closed the afternoon with a prayer of thanksgiving for a wonderful day and safe journey to all driving home.

Be smart with your cash!
Put a little out and bring a bundle in when you advertise with us!



ads@neepawabanner.com
204-476-3401




SUPPORT RURAL MANITOBIANS FACING CANCER

DONATE NOW



Safe rides to treatments start with your gift.

Together, we can Drive Away Cancer
Scan to donate today.



Empowering Communities Through Financial Literacy: Stride Credit Union's Commitment

November marks Financial Literacy Month, and at **Stride Credit Union**, financial education isn't just a seasonal initiative—it's a year-round mission. From classrooms to coffee chats, Stride is helping Manitobans build confidence in their financial decisions, one conversation at a time.

Learning That Lasts a Lifetime

Stride's flagship initiative, **Each One, Teach One**, has already delivered over 17 interactive workshops this year, reaching more than 150 participants. These sessions cover practical topics like Basic Budgeting, Building a Healthy Credit History, and Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention—meeting people where they are and equipping them with tools for everyday financial decisions.

"The workshops are very beneficial. Participants come in with very limited financial literacy but walk out feeling confident and understanding how to be smart with their money," says **Cora Pohl** of the Portage Learning and Literacy Centre. "I recommend them 100% and have already been sharing this program with other community partners."

For Stride's team, these sessions are more than presentations—they're opportunities to make a real difference.

"My favorite topic is Identity Theft & Fraud," shares **Kristine Loomis**, Financial Experience Officer in Neepawa. "We've had a lot of fraud in Neepawa this past year, and educating seniors on what to look out for makes me feel good about the career I chose."

Inspiring the Next Generation

Stride also volunteers through **Junior Achievement of Manitoba**, delivering programs like Success Skills, Be Entrepreneurial, and More Than Money to students across the region. This year alone, over 150 students have gained early exposure to financial concepts that set them up for success.

"Facilitating the More Than Money program with Grade 3 and 4 students has been so rewarding," says **Bansri Patel**, Member and Community Engagement Advisor. "Watching their excitement during activities—especially Monopoly-style games—reminds me how fun and powerful early financial learning can be."

From Everyday Conversations to Community Impact

Financial literacy starts at home—and at Stride, that means fostering awareness among staff. Weekly huddles feature real stories of how employees have helped protect members from fraud or supported them through financial challenges. These conversations celebrate vigilance and care while keeping the team informed and inspired.

Stride's commitment extends beyond workshops. A **Fraud Prevention Booklet**, created in partnership with the National Association of Federal Retirees, has reached over 800 seniors, helping them recognize and avoid scams. Online, Stride amplifies its efforts through social media—sharing scam alerts, budgeting tips, and educational resources.

Michelle Gilmore, Manager, Financial Experience, has made visits to a local seniors residence for friendly coffee chats, offering banking advice and helping residents navigate their financial questions with care and understanding. "One of my proudest moments is when kids come in to open a bank account because of what they learned in class," reflects **Michelle Gilmore**, Manager, Financial Experience. "Another was when someone stopped me outside of work to say my presentation was so helpful they shared it with a friend."

Committed to a Financially Confident Future

As Financial Literacy Month unfolds, Stride Credit Union remains steadfast in its mission: empowering communities with knowledge and confidence to make informed financial decisions—one conversation at a time. In reflecting on financial literacy month, Tanya Hewitt - Compliance Officer, emphasized the value of informed members. "We encourage you to explore the tools, resources, and learning opportunities we're offering—designed to help you strengthen your financial knowledge at every stage of life."

For information on Financial Literacy presentation opportunities and what else Stride Credit Union has to offer, please visit stridecu.ca/personal/learn/financial-literacy.

NEEPAWA— Know someone with Cerebral Palsy?

We're here for you!



**CEREBRAL PALSY
ASSOCIATION
OF MANITOBA**

CPMB tries to make life easier for individuals and families affected by Cerebral Palsy.

Become a CPMB Member today!

Learn more at
cerebralpalsy.mb.ca



**Supporting you for 50 Years,
AND ready for the next 50!**

#CPProud



**LEARN
MORE**