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By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

While most people her age are looking for reasons to slow down, Ellie Taylor has been picking up the pace. Taylor, who is an energetic 85-year-old, recently became the first person to complete 500 rides at Neepawa Rhythm Spin & Yoga Club.

For Ellie, this milestone is just another example of her lifelong commitment to staying active and embracing every stage of life with unbridled enthusiasm.

Before moving back home to Neepawa in 2022, she previously competed over the years in long-distance cycling while living in Kelowna, B.C., as well as completing in four triathlons and swimming competitively with the Pan-Am swim team. When she returned to Manitoba and was searching for a way to stay active year-round, the arrival of Neepawa Rhythm could not have been better.

“When I came here and Rhythm Cycle [had] opened a few days after I moved to Neepawa, I thought, ‘This is where I’m going to go because I can do it all winter.’”

Taylor attended one of the club’s very first classes in October 2022 and has hardly missed a week since. For Taylor, indoor cycling was a natural continuation of her lifetime spent in motion. That decision has turned into 500 rides... and counting.

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Peddalling past expectations

Ellie Taylor hits 500-ride milestone at Neepawa Rhythm


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Neepawa Rhythm Spin & Yoga Club commemorated Ellie Taylor’s recent achievement of becoming the first member to successfully complete 500 rides with the program.

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Touchwood Park hosts its 30th annual fundraiser tourney



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The Touchwood Park Association held its 30th annual fundraiser golf tournament on Monday, July 27 at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club. Shown here are a few scenes from the day, including the Neepawa Titans putting challenge (pictured left).

Top middle: Members of one of the competing teams is seen here at putting distance, with a golf ball just mere moments from sinking into the hole after a well calculated tap sent it rolling to its destination.

Bottom middle: After a powerful swing, a golf ball can be seen speeding through the air toward down the golf greens (magnified in inset image bubble).

Pictured right: Form is important at every step of a golfer's swing- from start, impact, to finish. Something every golfer that day kept in mind as they enjoyed their time at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club.

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1976: Dental nurse has key role in new program

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

**125 years ago,
Tuesday,
July 30, 1901**

The Eden baseball team travelled to Gladstone on Friday last to have another friendly game with the artful and gentlemanly players of that town. They had what they went after—a good game and a royal outing.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
July 30, 1926**

Arden: We had an electrical storm of some severity visit us Wednesday morning. Several people felt the effects of it and several places struck.

McCreary: Word was received from east of McCreary on Wednesday evening that a Galician child named Suliuk, 8 years old, met his death in a peculiar manner. An elder lad 19 years of age was swinging the other one by the feet and it is believed he hit his head. But particulars are not to hand. An inquest is being held.

McCreary: The McCreary junior ball team went to Ste. Rose on Wednesday and captured first money again.

Birnie: Wm. Gilmour is putting in the cement basement for his new house.

Robt. Hunter won the grain exchange cup and first prize of \$25 at the Manitoba rifle association 50th annual competition in Winnipeg this week. R. Morden and W. H. Gossell



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Pictured above: Watched by an instructor, dental nurse trainee Suzanne Hanson, of Neepawa, places a filling in a child's tooth, assisted by first-year student Sandra Chalanchuk, of Virden, who is operating a suction tube to keep the tooth area clean. The training was conducted at the Wascana Institute of Applied Arts and Science in Regina.

Pictured right: Hanson receiving instructions on procedures from a supervising dentist. Hanson was slated to later work in the Manitoba children's dental care program on a dental nurse team based in Swan River.



won \$5 each. J. Neilly and H. Orr taking \$3 and \$2 respectively in the same competition. W. Brautigam and J. L. Kerr, as well as the above, were prize winners in other competitions.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
July 26, 1951**

H. B. Morris, CNR roadmaster in Neepawa for a number of years, has been transferred to Portage la Prairie. Mr. and Mrs. Morris, and daughter Sharon, have left for their new home in Portage. During their stay in Neepawa, they made many friends who regret their departure and wish them well in their new place of residence.

Arden: Congratulations to E. G. Hipwell, who celebrates his birthday on Aug. 7. Born 1874.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
July 29, 1976**

The Village of Plumask marks its 100th anniversary this weekend with a special "Homecoming" celebration, starting Saturday morning with a parade scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Manitoba's first all-match rodeo opens Saturday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. This event is the major highlight of a fun-filled weekend planned at the Big Valley Guest Ranch.

Two cross-country cyclists, en route to the West coast, spent the weekend camping out at Neepawa's Riverbend Park, after pedalling over 1,200 miles from Arnprior, Ontario.

Twenty-year-old Mark Reid and 19-year-old John Bird, both from Arnprior, a small town 40 miles west of Ottawa, started on their trek on June 15.

"It took us 15 days to reach Winnipeg," said Reid. "We could have made better time, but after the first few days, we've had to pedal against a fairly stiff and constant wind."

Reid said the wind really can make a difference.

Manitoba will introduce a new type of health worker—the dental nurse—this fall as part of its new children's dental care program.

Six dental nurses, each working in a team with two dental assistants, will

perform the routine dental treatment procedures that will constitute the major part of the work of the program, which is being introduced in all Interlake school divisions, two divisions in the Parklands region, and the city of Flin Flon. All their work will be done under the general supervision of dentists.

Manitoba is only the second province in Canada (after Saskatchewan) to use dental nurses to provide dental care. However, they are a part of the dental team in the Northwest Territories and in more than 20 countries. Common wealth nations in particular have supported the use of the dental nurse, with New Zealand having the nurses since 1923, and Britain and Australia for about 15 years.

In all dental treatment programs with dental nurses, the nurses perform rou-

tine dental procedures. This work frees highly trained dentists to perform work demanding the dentist's expertise, such as diagnosis and treatment planning.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
July 24, 2006**

The man responsible for establishing Manitoba's Crop Insurance Program and Hog Marketing Commission has been inducted into the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame.

William Esmond Jarvis was born in Gladstone in

1931, where he attended Palestine Public School and Gladstone High School...

Jarvis, who passed away in 2004, was inducted posthumously in Portage la Prairie on Thursday.

Franklin: Ron and Beryl Parrott attended the 100th family birthday celebration for Margaret Hazel (North) Taylor on July 16 at East View Lodge. Her Cousin Lily (North) Paulson, who was 99 years young on July 17, the same actual birthdate as Hazel, was able to help her cousin celebrate.

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By Chad Carpenter



Bad behaviour has no excuses

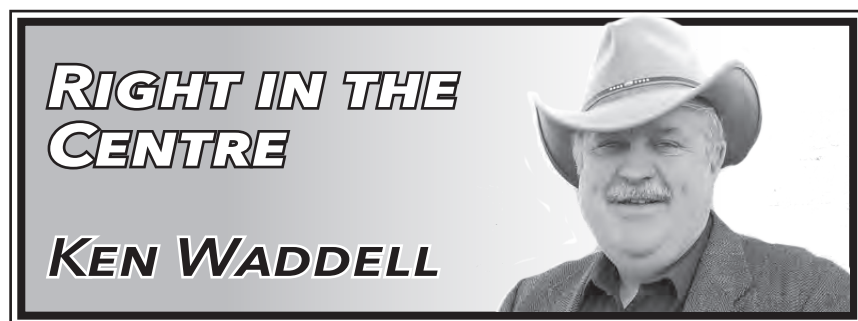
An interesting story appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press over the weekend that outlined some of the kinds of problems that we have in our very liberal society today. The little story below is illustrative of problems that face schools and daycares across Manitoba. It's not just daycares and schools that have this kind of problem, its hospitals, workplaces and retail stores. It seems that every bad behaviour by children or adults has some kind of excuse behind it.

Please read the quote below.

"A Windsor Park child-care facility is weighing a five-year-old's right to care versus the safety of other children who have been choked. Little People's Place expelled a pre-schooler in the spring in response to his aggressive behaviour toward other children and staff. The child's family has appealed to the province for him to be reinstated. The case is raising concerns about inclusion support resources and measures to protect everyone at the Cottonwood Road daycare."

In days gone by, a child who acted up like that would've been taken over somebody's knee and given a paddling on the bum. Apparently you can't do that anymore although if I had been in the presence of this incident, there would have been an overwhelming urge to apply some sort of discipline and maybe there was. But I doubt it because you're not supposed to ever, ever speak sharply to a child or God forbid smack them on the bottom.

I am actually surprised that another child didn't walk over and punch the offending kid in the nose. I actually have heard of and seen that happening. I have not witnessed this type of response lately. I know this will offend all the liberals greatly but a punch in the nose by a peer, that is someone close in size and age, is a



time honoured tradition to bring about discipline within a group.

In the above quote, the word inclusion jumps off the page at me. It seems that everything today is framed around inclusion. I am a big supporter of inclusion. I don't like discrimination against people for faults or shortcomings or race or creed or age or sex, but I do draw the line at bad behaviour. There is no excuse for bad behaviour, I know that some people have had very traumatic experiences. I know that with some people including children, maybe especially children, how bad things can happen to them that have caused them a lot of grief. Sometimes, it's a learning disability, sometimes, it's bad parenting sometimes, the problem is unknown but for the life of me I can't see how the teachers, daycare workers or the daycare owners are responsible to include a child that is behaving in the way that the story describes. Trust me, I don't think my children would've gotten away with that kind of behaviour if it had been brought to our attention or to the teacher's attention. It seems that in today's world everything that turns out bad has an excuse.

Not every behaviour has an excuse or reason behind to make it OK. It's true, there are causes, but bad behaviour harmful, destructive, dangerous behaviour has no place anywhere in our society. In the adult world we often hear about people who rob, as-

sault or even murder and the excuse is that they had a tough childhood or they are of a certain ethnic or cultural background. I say nonsense! There is no excuse for bad behaviour and certainly no excuse for bad behaviour on a repetitive basis.

If the quoted account is accurate, then this child should not have been surprised, nor should the parents have been surprised if another child had punched the kid in the nose. According to the report, that didn't happen, but the daycare, the staff and I'm sure that provincial lawmakers will be wading in on this issue to try and figure out what to do.

Without a demonstrated change in behaviour, that kid should not be in a day care. It will be interesting to see how all this turns out as the child's parents are asking for him to be reinstated. That would be great but only if the boy learns how to behave. Until he learns good behaviour, he belongs in his own home or in a facility that can deal with his issues, and the parents can deal with that however they need to do. It should not be the responsibility of the day care, the province or the taxpayers to solve the problem.

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 Banner & Press staff.

Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Vintage? Antique?

This being over eighty is cause for even more introspection and reflection. So many items that are now museum worthy were staples in my early years. Cream separators, butter churns, galvanized wash tubs, wooden egg crates—fifteen and thirty dozen sizes... that's just the daily or weekly tasks that had already been made easier with advanced technology.

Take the cream separator. No longer was the milk poured into pans and the cream skimmed off the top. This gift to the farm wife was a relatively large item - the milk poured into a large bowl, flowed down through a series of discs, and with the correct speed of a turning crank, the cream ran out one spout and the skim milk down the other. That disc system! There were fifteen to twenty of these depending on the model, and they needed to be washed and sterilised after each use. We actually had a wire hanger for them to dry properly. I acknowledge that this method of gleaning the cream was more time effective than waiting for the milk to cool and the cream to rise. It was a step up for any one milking several cows.

The early butter churn was often a half gallon glass jar. And you shook it, and shook it, and watched and waited for the curds to form and then the butter. Our farm progressed to a squat wooden churn, once again a device with a handle. This time the handle spun a paddle system that agitated the cream. You turned and turned until the sound changed, no longer a splash but an irregular thumping sound. Again, one could process so much more in a given time and the quality was better. This could create a batch large enough to use the wooden butter press whereas the jar usually created a hand formed mound of butter.

That galvanized wash tub, circular or square, was so multi purpose. It could be the laundry tub or the bath tub. In our home the bath sequence was youngest to oldest, the tub often centered on the kitchen floor, the water heated on the range. For me it was already an electric stove not a wood burner.

For many years the farm income relied on, and then was supplemented by, eggs. Many chickens, many eggs. They were collected in wire baskets which were then submerged in a bucket that was set atop a spinning device—a gently spinning device—and the swishing movement removed the major dirt from the eggs before they were dried and placed on layers that filled a shipping crate.

Got to wondering: are me and my memory makers vintage or antiques? By definition, vintage generally refers to something from the past that is of high quality, lasting value, and representative of a specific era. It primarily denotes an item's period of origin and often implies nostalgic, classic, or enduring appeal.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, an antique is defined as a relic, object, or work of art from an earlier period. Specifically, it highlights that manufactured items or decorative pieces must typically be at least 100 years old to qualify. One of each, me being the vintage?

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Letters to the editor

The future needs to be now in next municipal elections

This fall, Manitobans will head to the polls to elect mayors, reeves, councillors, and school trustees. While these elections may not receive the same attention as provincial or federal campaigns, they are arguably the most important when it comes to shaping the communities we call home.

Municipal government is where decisions become tangible. It's the road that gets repaired, the arena that stays open, the new housing development that welcomes young families, and the recreation programs that bring neighbours together. They are also the first line of defence when it comes to lobbying the provincial and federal governments for funding or policy changes.

Across rural Manitoba, communities are facing familiar challenges. Populations are aging, volunteer organizations are stretched thin, and local governments are searching for people willing to dedicate their time and energy to public service. Too often, we hear that "someone should do something" about an issue in town. But healthy communities don't thrive because someone else takes responsibility. They thrive because local people decide that they will.

Municipal politics has never needed a particular type of person. It needs people who care. It needs residents who understand their communities, who listen, who ask thoughtful questions, and who are willing to work with others to find practical solutions. The best councils are built from people with different experiences but a shared commitment to making their hometown better.

I have said it a thousand times before and I will say it a million times again. Western Manitoba is the best place in the world

to grow up. But it is up to an incredibly dedicated group of individuals to ensure it stays that way.

Too often, young people are told they are the future. Yet Canadians under 40 remain significantly underrepresented in municipal government. Across the country, the average age of municipal councillors is well over 50, leaving many younger families and first-time homeowners without peers at the council table who share their day-to-day experiences.

The reality is that they are also the present. They are raising families, starting businesses, farming, volunteering, coaching sports, and building careers in communities across our province. They understand the challenges of finding child-care, affordable housing, good internet, and opportunities that encourage people to stay and build their lives locally.

Their perspectives belong around the council table.

Renewal doesn't happen by accident. It happens when new voices join experienced leaders, when fresh ideas meet institutional knowledge, and when communities embrace change while respecting the traditions that brought them this far.

This fall, every voter has an important role to play. But for those who have ever imagined a better future for their town or municipality, there is another question worth asking: if not now, when?

The future of rural Manitoba won't be decided somewhere else. It will be built by neighbours willing to step forward, serve their communities, and lead the next chapter of renewal. Perhaps this is the year your name belongs on the ballot.

**Levi Cottingham
Birtle, MB**

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Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thumbs down. We have just made a short trip to Neepawa to visit family and absolutely amazed at the condition of the streets in town. We usually come every year and they are getting worse. Maybe it's time to invest some money in maintaining them instead of filling them with dirt. Town should be welcoming visitors, not deterring them.

**Linda Novak
Pincher Creek AB**

Thumbs up to the R.M. of North Cypress-Langford for the great job they are doing getting hundreds of roads passable again.

As well, thumbs up to Helen Drysdale and her staff for the fascinating displays, information and activities available in the Beautiful Plains museum. It is a great place to spend a "COOL" hour!

**Muriel Gamey
Neepawa, MB**



HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN Summer veggies

Cucumbers have a mild, slightly sweet, and refreshing taste with a high-water content, around 95 per cent making them incredibly hydrating. This summer my cucumbers have been very prolific. I love this recipe for a frozen cucumber salad. It is an awesome addition to my winter menu. Today's recipes will include this recipe as well as a Raita and fried cucumbers. A raita is a traditional Indian side dish often served with spicy dishes to help cool the palate. A blend of plain yogurt, herbs and vegetables make this raita a nice addition to any meal. Enjoy!

Frozen cucumber salad

2 cups sugar (I used only 1 1/4 cups)
1 cup white vinegar
2 tsp. pickling salt
2 tsp. celery seed

7 cups sliced peeled cucumbers
1 cup sliced onions
1 red pepper, thinly sliced

In a large bowl combine sugar, vinegar, salt and celery seed. Stir in the vegetables. Let stand overnight. Put the vegetables and brine in freezer containers and freeze. Thaw in the fridge for several hours or overnight before serving.

Cucumber tomato raita

1 English cucumber, cubed
into small pieces
1 large tomato, diced
1/4 cup diced sweet onion
1 tsp. salt

1 cup plain yogurt
1/2 tsp. cumin
1 dash of pepper
3 Tbsp. chopped cilantro
or parsley

In a colander mix the cucumber, tomato and onion with the teaspoon of salt. Allow to sit and drain for 20 minutes. When ready to use give the colander a few good shakes to remove any excess moisture. Mix the remaining ingredients together and gently stir in the drained vegetables and serve.

Butter fried cucumbers

2 Tbsp. butter
2 medium sized cucumbers
1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. curry powder
4 Tbsp. chopped parsley
Sour cream

Peel the cucumbers and slice them 1/2 inch. Dry the slices in paper towel for a few minutes. Then shake them in a bag containing the flour, salt and curry. Place the butter in a frying pan and melt it. Add the flour ed cucumbers, fry about three minutes on each side for a golden colour. Do not overcook. Serve as soon as ready, sprinkle with parsley. Serve sour cream on the side. Serves four.

Old Canada Series: The Lyric Theatre in the 1940s



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Pictured here is a view showing Minnedosa's Lyric Theatre in the 1940s (at left). Also included in this view is the town's own Royal Bank of Canada (at right). In later years, the theatre building was removed and the Royal Bank of Canada shifted locations. A smaller commercial building was erected on the prior theatre lot, and the former Royal Bank of Canada establishment was repurposed.

Funding rejection won't stop Rec Facility Committee

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The preliminary pathway leading towards a new regional recreation facility in Neepawa has encountered its first obstacle, as an application for provincial funding has been rejected.

Earlier this year, the Neepawa Area Development Corporation (NADCO), on behalf of the Neepawa and Area Recreation Facility Committee, applied for funding through Manitoba's Recreation Feasibility Study Grant Program. The program is designed to help communities assess the viability of proposed recreation projects through cost-shared feasibility studies. But Rec Committee board member Wayne Jacobsen recently confirmed that the application was declined.

"I was informed this past week that we were not successful in securing that grant," Jacobsen said.

No specific reason for the rejection was shared with the Banner & Press, though Jacobsen did detail that the Committee is in the process of setting up a meeting for August to establish what their next steps will be. Jacobsen added that the group is continuing to build the formal foundation needed for the project.

"We have consulted a lawyer who has provided some suggestions as to the

formal establishment of the committee," Jacobsen explained. "Our immediate goal is to formalize the committee and establish a constitution. Once that is accomplished, we will then have the ability to open a bank account and begin fundraising."

The Neepawa and Area Recreation Facility Committee was formed last year to discuss the long-term future of recreation in Neepawa and the surrounding region. Those conversations have centred around the need for a new regional recreation facility to support sport, wellness and community programming for Neepawa and the surrounding region.

Amazing Race Neepawa results

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

The dust has settled after the excitement that took place throughout Neepawa on July 18. Now, there is a clear picture of the finish line for the Amazing Race Neepawa, organized by ArtsForward.

"We ended up with just over 100 racers this year. Two registered teams did not attend, but the heat may have played a part in that," said Yvonne Sisley, executive director for ArtsForward. "Overall, we were very pleased with the turnout and received a lot of positive feedback from the teams that participated. Many said they had so much fun that they are already planning to add more friends to their teams next year!"

The top six teams for this year's cross-town excursion

are: Team Hackewich #1, first place; Team Tobazona, second place; The Outsiders, third place; Sheena & Gail, fourth place; The Golden Dragons, fifth place; and Queens of the Pack, sixth place.

"Congratulations to all of our winners and to every team that participated! It was an absolutely fantastic day filled with art, music, food, teamwork, laughter, and community spirit," said Sisley.

Sisley added, "We were absolutely thrilled with the incredible response to ArtFest and Amazing Race Neepawa. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities, took part in the Amazing Race, or participated in the Plein Air Workshop with Perry Haddock."



PHOTO BY CASPER WEHRHAHN

Pictured: An Amazing Race Neepawa contestant carefully assessing the alignment of a remote controlled forklift during one of the challenges.

With the finish line crossed on the 2026 Amazing Race Neepawa, people are already being encouraged to look forward to next year's event, as well as

ArtFest 2027.

"We'll see you next year for ArtFest and Amazing Race Neepawa on July 17, 2027," Yvonne enthused.

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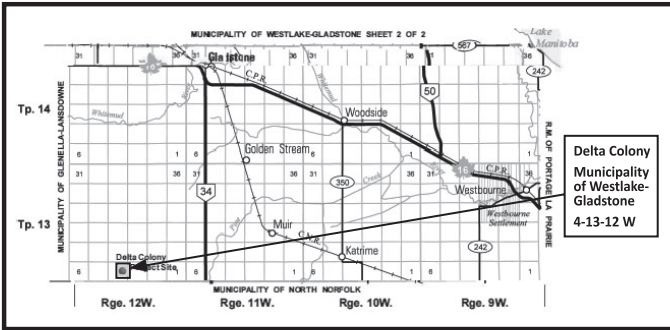
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The Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone has received a conditional use application from Delta Colony (West Plains Holding Company Ltd.) to expand a mixed livestock operation at 4-13-12 W from 790 to 2,150 sows (farrow to finish) and from 35,000 and 95,000 broilers (representing a total expansion from 1,269 to 3,269 Animal Units). This application has been sent to the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for review, pursuant to Section 112 of The Planning Act.



If you would like to share your views concerning this proposal, you are invited to contact the Manitoba government by letter or email (TRC@gov.mb.ca) no later than **August 11, 2026**. After this date, the Livestock Technical Review Committee will complete its assessment of the application. Your letter or email must include your name and reference TRC 12-125.

All submissions in response to this proposal are considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry with identifying details removed.

For more information:

Please visit http://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/livestock/public_registries.html or the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone office at 14 Dennis St. East, Box 150, Gladstone, MB, R0J 0T0.

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Manitoba Farmers' Voice

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A lot of extra work

New varieties are subject to scrutiny throughout their lifetime and for generations after the initial breeder seed release, including several in-field and post-harvest inspections by third-party agencies such as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Seeds Canada and the Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA).

Seed growers take multiple samples throughout the season to ensure that at every stage the seed remains pure, clean and of good quality. Every piece of equipment that goes into the field or handles grain

is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before moving on to the next crop to prevent cross-contamination.

"It's all very time-consuming," Court said. "Sometimes we have to shut the combines down in the middle of the day because we're switching varieties, so we have to stop and clean everything out, and we can waste three hours of a good combine day, so things like that all have a cost."

Then there is the endless record-keeping.

"We have to be able to trace where every seed ... comes from right from beginning to end, every bin, every auger, and everything that it touches in the yard," Court said. "We try to keep track of any potential areas of contamination, so if something ever does go wrong, we can trace it back."

In the winter, the seed plant runs full-time, processing that season's seed to stock the retail side of the business for the following spring.

The value of certified seed

According to CSGA, its members grew around 1.26 million acres of certified seed across Canada in 2025, with Manitoba members accounting for just over 315,000 of those acres.

Court Seeds grows and supplies a wide range of certified seed varieties, including cereals, oilseeds and pulses. Certified seed is an important Business Risk Management tool for Manitoba producers. The royalties embedded in the price of certified seed help

fund research to develop new and innovative genetics for their farms and help them stay ahead of potential new threats, whether from weather, pests, diseases or changing market requirements.

"When you buy certified seed, you're guaranteeing that you're getting a pure, uniform product, and that product has been tested to make sure it meets certain standards with respect to disease and germination," Court said. "What you want to see in the field is for every plant to be uniform, because that's going to maximize yield, and to mature evenly, because if everything is flowering at the same time, you can get your fungicide sprays on at the right time, and that's definitely going to reduce your disease risk."

The value of public and private research

Both public and private research are essential to Manitoba's farms. Public research has public good as a core mandate, focus-

ing on crops such as forages, cereals and pulses. Private research focuses on higher-value crops, which are equally important to Manitoba producers.

"It's important for the long-term viability of Manitoba's farmers that we have robust public and private research capacities," said Jennifer Seward, executive director of the Manitoba Seed Growers Association. "If both models are healthy, they compete with one another, making Manitoba's farmers and the agriculture community the ultimate winners."

The biggest trend in developing today's new crop varieties is a focus on varieties that can withstand weather extremes and stay ahead of evolving disease and insect pressures as the climate changes.

Research funding cuts could have long-term impact

Recent cuts to public research funding have drawn criticism from the seed industry, which fears that reducing research and

development capacity may have long-term impacts on Canada's competitiveness in global markets.

"Western Canadian grain has enjoyed a global reputation for quality, but other countries are catching up to us," Seward said. "With rising food prices, if Manitoba's farmers can't hold that competitive edge globally, we could be relegated to the last choice by our trade partners."

The effects of funding cuts to public research may not be felt immediately but will accumulate over time, posing risks to future generations.

"We rely on those plant breeders to develop hardy varieties that are suitable for our climate, and if we're losing those plant breeders, then we're going to be relying on varieties that weren't developed here under our specific conditions with our specific diseases," Court said. "We need to build a resilient agriculture system in Canada."

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Higher seed costs on the horizon

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With recent cuts in public research funding, more seed growers may have to assume responsibility for increasingly rigorous testing of new varieties to ensure they will perform well in their local customers' fields, which could ultimately result in higher seed costs for producers. These added costs would offset federal funding cuts to Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada for variety development, which could impose an administrative burden on seed growers.

"I potentially see more variety use agreement [VUA] or trailing royalty models similar to those in some of our competitor countries like Australia and the European Union," Seward said. "It is definitely where the industry and the government are looking, so farmers could end up paying for a variety three times through the royalty, their checkoff and through a VUA or a



Jennifer Seward of the Manitoba Seed Growers Association and Tracy Court of Court Seeds Ltd, of Plumas, MB.

trailing royalty."

Seed growers are the final step in the chain of bringing a variety to market, and their experience and careful evaluation of new varieties make it easier for producers to choose which ones will be the best fit for their operation and

keep them profitable in the long term.

Despite challenges ahead, Court believes there is plenty of opportunity for growth in the seed industry, particularly for certified seed, which currently makes up only 25 to 30 per cent of seed

sales in Manitoba.



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New AgExpert feature turns years of data into next season's advantage

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Farm Credit Canada (FCC) has launched CropPlan+, a new feature within AgExpert Field Premium, that helps producers compare crop plans and test different revenue scenarios using their own historical farm data.

Between unstable global markets, rising input costs and unpredictable weather, farm operators are navigating an increasingly complex environment. CropPlan+ gives producers a practical way to compare different crop plans before the season begins, helping them understand how changes in yields, prices and input costs could affect their operation.

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Mohamad Yaghi, FCC Vice-President for Innovation Hub and AgExpert. "CropPlan+ puts world class planning in every operation's hands, turning a farm's own data into sharper, faster, more confident decisions. When producers plan with precision, they compete harder at home and abroad. That is how every producer's data, kept firmly in their own hands, build an advantage the whole sector shares."

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Neepawa Cubs bow out in SCBL playoffs

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Cubs' 2026 Santa Clara Baseball League season has come to a close, as they have fallen to the Portage Padres 2-game-to-0.

The Cubs entered the Santa Clara postseason on Friday, July 24, fresh off a first-round bye, after finishing second overall in the league standings. As for the Padres, they were coming in with a hard-fought two-games-to-one opening-round series victory over the Carberry Royals.

The early stages of this game one were a bit of a struggle for both clubs, as Neepawa appeared to be shaking off some rust following the long layoff, and Portage was just unable to capitalize on any opportunities.

The Cubs finally broke through in the bottom of

the fourth inning, taking a 2-0 lead on RBI hits from Garrett Rempel and Taylor Fletcher. Portage answered immediately in the top of the fifth, scoring twice to even the game at 2-2.

Neepawa regained control in the sixth as Cole Kopytho lined a two-run single to give Neepawa a 4-2 advantage. The Cubs appeared poised to carry that lead into the late innings, but the Padres had other plans.

Ryan Borody led off the top of the seventh with a towering home run that

travelled all the way to the tin shed beyond centre field, punctuated by a loud clang off the roof. Later

in the inning, Portage tied the game when a single brought home a runner from second, making it 4-4

and forcing extra innings after Neepawa was held scoreless in the bottom half.

The Padres took control in the eighth, with Tanner Boyle delivering the decisive blow on a bases-clearing double. Portage would close out with five runs in total to open up a commanding lead. Neepawa managed one run in the bottom of the eighth, but could get no closer, falling 9-5. Portage reliever Kade Maryniuk earned the victory after tossing four shutout innings.

While game one re-

mained uncertain until the final extra inning, game two of the Cubs Padres series turned out to be a forgone conclusion. Portage wasted little time taking total control of the game, scoring nine runs in the first inning. That early onslaught carried them to a 21-5 win on Monday, July 27.

The Padres' offensive attack included home runs from Riley Borody, Tristan Chandler and Carter Walker, while pitcher Chad Melnic collected the win in a four inning effort.



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Pitcher Garrett Rempel and the Neepawa Cubs went to extra innings in their game against the Portage Padres on Friday, July 24. The Padres won the game, as well as the series, and have advanced to the Santa Clara Baseball League Final.

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Plumas Pirates once again advance to SCBL Final

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For the third consecutive year, the Santa Clara Baseball League's two perennial powerhouses, the Plumas Pirates and Portage Padres, will meet in the league's championship series.

The Pirates punched their ticket to the title series by dispatching the Minnedosa Mavericks in two games, with convincing 14-2 and 19-6 victories in their best-of-three semi-final series.

For game one on Friday, July 24, Rylan Denbow led the way on the mound, tossing six innings of two-hit shutout baseball. The right-hander also struck out seven and walked four to earn the victory.

Despite the final score, the game itself did remain relatively close through the early innings, with Plumas just holding a 2-0 advantage after four innings and a 5-0 lead after five. The

Pirates then broke things open with a big nine runs in the sixth inning and never looked back.

Blake Rosling finished 2-for-2 at the plate, while Denbow helped his own cause by going 2-for-3.

Minnedosa starter Luke Gugin absorbed the loss despite keeping his club within striking distance through the first five innings. Austin Taylor and Andrew Richards accounted for the Mavericks' only two hits.

For game two on Tuesday, July 28, the Pirates breezed to victory with a 19-6 decision. Carter Schettler hammered a three run homer in the first, as he and his Pirates would score seven runs in the first and eight more in the second to make this game a runaway. Denbow was 4-for-6, while Riley McBride was 3-for-3. Eric Sigurdson got the win on the mound throwing innings for Plumas.

This series result for

Plumas extends an impressive streak, as the Pirates have now reached the SCBL final in five consecutive seasons. Waiting for them, however, will be a familiar foe. The Portage Padres secured their place in the championship round by sweeping the Neepawa Cubs. The Padres' latest finals appearance is their seventh in the last eight seasons. They will also enter the championship series as the defending Santa Clara champions, having defeated the Pirates in both the 2024 and 2025 finals.

Game one of the best-of-five series was played in Plumas on Wednesday, July 29, immediately after the Banner & Press publication deadline. The Championship will then take a week off as Plumas will head to Winnipeg to compete in the Provincial Championships.

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Retired teacher enthralled Neepawa Rotarians

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Rotary Club meeting on July 22 had a very special guest speaker— Marion Hodgson, mother of Neepawa Rotary President Gwen Jacobsen. Marion gave a very interesting presentation on her life as a farm girl, a student at Wood Bay School, and as a teacher.

Marion spoke of her family growing up on the farm and her love of sports and music. Hodgson regaled the meeting with tales of the school house at Wood Bay and other schools throughout her teaching career.

Her goal was to be a teacher, and that she achieved by attending one year of Normal School. Hodgson then went to summer school and there were many courses to choose from. "Guess what I majored in for courses? Music and sports!"

Marion taught for four years at Roland, Manitoba.

Hodgson repeatedly said during her presentation that whenever she was



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Marion Hodgson, a retired teacher from Carman (formerly Roland), Manitoba spoke at the Neepawa Rotary Club meeting on July 22. Hodgson (97 years young) spoke out strong and clear as she described her life of many decades as teacher and musician.

faced with new challenges her response was, "I don't know how to do that, but you won't know until you try". But whether it was

a student, teacher, or in general life situations, she always learned how to meet the challenge.



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Wood Bay School No. 307 was established formally in 1883. A school building was erected on the north-east quarter of 6-4-10 West 1 in what is now the Municipality of Louise. It closed in 1966 and its remaining students went to Pilot Mound Consolidated School No. 105. The school building is no longer present at the site but a metal sign commemorates it.

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Movement matters at every age

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For Neepawa Rhythm co-owner and operator Tara McCarty, who shared with the Banner & Press the accomplishment, Ellie represents much more than a number on a leaderboard, but an example we should all be following.

"Ellie is a beautiful reminder that age is never a limit to living fully," said McCarty. "At 85 years old, she continues to show up to every class with a smile, the kindest heart and a work ethic that doesn't quit. Ellie amplifies everything Rhythm is about. She embodies strength, resilience, connection and the belief that movement is for everyone."

McCarty also noted that while cycling may be Taylor's favourite activity, her commitment extends throughout the studio's programming.

"Ellie has attended all modalities of class, [but] I am convinced a good sweat session on a bike is her absolute favourite. As long as Ellie is moving, I don't think she cares. You can catch her in an early morning strength class or a late-night Pilates class."

McCarthy believes that attitude is exactly why Taylor has become such an important part of the Rhythm community.

"To know Ellie is to be inspired by her. She doesn't just attend Rhythm, she represents its heart."

Keeping active for life

Despite surpassing the 500 mark, Taylor insists the milestone itself isn't what motivates her. What keeps bringing her back is the atmosphere inside the Neepawa Rhythm studio.

"You know what? I don't put any emphasis on the numbers. For me, it's continuing to come here three or four times a week, to ride hard, to do weights, and being surrounded by all the members," explained Taylor. "There are over 100 members at Rhythm Spin & Yoga. They're all younger. They're positive. They're happy. They're enthused, and they fill my heart up with happy. I'm filled up every single time I come here."

Taylor credits the club's

coaches for helping her continue to push herself while respecting her own pace. Because for Ellie, fitness has never been about chasing records or setting personal bests. Instead, it's about preserving something much more valuable.

"It's about maintaining good health, maintaining good fitness and being stronger. I'm an older lady, and it's so important to be stronger. The risk of falls as we get older is big, and I don't want that happening to me."

That message is one she hopes resonates well beyond the walls of the cycling studio.

"It's about keeping moving as we grow older. It's so important just to keep moving at whatever level people can maintain."

After 500 rides, Taylor isn't talking about slowing down. If anything, she's as excited as ever to clip into the bike for another class.

"I just love coming here," she said with a smile. "I'm enthused about coming every ride. It's wonderful."



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Ellie Taylor (front row centre) poses with some of the trainers, as well a classmates at the Neepawa Rhythm Spin and Yoga.

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Façade renovations help freshen up for the future



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'The kids had a blast' -Prestyn Phinney

Fundraiser support contributed to Day Camp trip to Minnedosa

By Casper Wehrhahn
Neepawa Banner & Press

Community generosity played a major part in providing a day full of fun for the kids enrolled in the Neepawa Day Camp last week. On Thursday, July 23, the day camp hosted a fundraiser barbecue and entrepreneurship sale. Between the barbecue and the sale of products prepared by the youth, a grand total of \$900 was raised. These funds subsequently aided in covering costs for a field trip to Minnedosa the following Friday (July 24).

"The kids got to spend the day," said Neepawa Day Camp coordinator Prestyn Phinney. "We left here around 9:30 a.m., we went to Minnedosa, we played at the park, we got to go to the Splish Splash blow-up, and we also spent the day at the free [Florence Bold Memorial Spray Park] for the afternoon. Then we came back to Neepawa."

In addition to aiding



PHOTOS SOURCED FROM THE TOWN OF NEEPAWA
Pictured: Neepawa Day Camp youth had plenty of fun during their recent fundraiser sale, and even more fun on their field trip to the Minnedosa! Funds from the sale helped cover costs.

with the field trip costs, Phinney noted that any left-over proceeds go towards the day camp's fund for new supplies, toys, and more.

"[It also helped] with any cost for the kids' products [for the sale] and any supplies that way," Phinney explained.

Regarding the support the fundraiser received, Phinney stated, "I want to say this is probably one of our biggest ones yet, because this is our third year doing this. The community does a very good job of supporting us, which we are

very grateful for. The kids had a blast."

In her final comments, Phinney wished to re-emphasize her gratitude to the community, and also give a heartfelt shoutout to the fundraiser event's volunteers, and the kids themselves.

"We're super grateful to the community for coming forward and supporting our kids, showing



support through both the barbecue and the products that [the kids] made. They took lots of time and effort throughout the week to put them together and make sure everything was ready

to go," Phinney enthused. "So a huge thank you to the community for all their support, and kudos to all the kids and volunteers that helped make everything come together."

What's the scoop?



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