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Neepawa gathers to run, remember and support

Community's annual Terry Fox Run built on memories

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Over the years, Neepawa's Terry Fox Run has been about more than simply raising money in the fight against cancer. It has become an annual gathering built on memories, shared stories and a community committed to honouring those affected by the disease.

The 2026 edition of the Terry Fox Run was held on Sunday, Sept. 20, and featured around 100 participants assembled at the NACI track. Among the crowd are cancer survivors, identified by their red shirts. Those participants are also given balloons to release just before the start of the run, to signify their overcoming their battles.

As for the structure of the Terry Fox Run itself, it involves participants beginning their 5K journey at the running track, and then travelling to the Dairy Queen checkpoint, before returning to the track to complete the day.

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PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Each September, members of the community gather at the NACI Track to take part in the Terry Fox Run. As part of the group of runners, are cancer survivors, who are identified by their red shirts and balloons, which are released to the heavens just before the start of the event.

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Historic Gladstone elevator set to close in October

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A Gladstone landmark is about to close. The former Delmar Commodities facility, now owned by Bartlett Grain is scheduled to close in mid-October. The elevator has had several owners over the decades and is reported to have been built in 1920. Various signs have been on the building including Gladstone Cooperative Elevator Association, Manitoba Pool, Viterra and Delmar Commodities. Bartlett Grain, based out of Kansas City, confirmed that the Gladstone facility will be closed and likely be put up for sale. Bartlett has three other locations in Manitoba at Somerset, Manitou and an office in Winkler. They have other locations in the Canadian prairie provinces and many across the United States and Mexico.



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Pictured: The former Delmar Commodities facility in Gladstone, as it appeared in prior years. The facility is now owned by Bartlett Grain.

Their web site said “Bartlett is a trusted supplier of all classes of wheat, feed grains, food grade corn and soybeans. Flour millers, corn processors, feed millers and soybean processors depend on us for timely delivery of quality grains. We also provide merchandising and logistics resources to ethanol plants and end users of distillers’ grains.” The general tone of Bartlett’s web site is that they plan to expand their Canadian operations.

The Neepawa Banner & Press will have an Early Deadline for the October 2nd issue:
12 noon, Monday, September 28th
as our office will be closed Wednesday, September 30th for **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**





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1976: Shrine parade entertains in Neepawa

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**125 years ago,
Friday,
September 20, 1901**

Arden: A good deal is heard about the inconvenient location of the post office here. The public do not like crowding their way through a dark store, their passage being blocked by boxes and barrels to get to the mail wicket. We think it is time there was more consideration shown for the convenience of the people. If the postmaster cannot make arrangements to have his office near the front entrance to the store in which he is now located, perhaps a side entrance to the office could be provided. Something

should be done soon. The present state of things is getting intolerable.

Glenella: We are glad to see that work has commenced on the Glenella road. It is hoped that "Scotty" will have it completed before snow flies or before polling day comes.

D. Bryce has commenced excavation for the Hamilton street drain. It is to be hoped he will make better time and do a better job than was done with the drain on the north side of the street and get through with this contract before the First street drain is finished.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
September 24, 1926**

McCreary: Word has been received of the death



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The beat of the drums by the Khartum Drum Corps was one of the sights and sounds of the colourful Shrine Parade held in Neepawa in September of 1976.

of Mrs. Todd Sr., mother of Mrs. Robt. Douglas. The funeral took place at Neepawa Thursday of last week, where she was laid to rest beside her husband.

Franklin: D. Baskerville reports that he threshed 70 bushels of wheat from 1 1/2 acres, and John Brooker had a yield of 43 bushels per acre, both grading No. 1 Northern. Not so bad for a country which was supposed to be on the road to ruin.

Monster Hallowe'en Carnival to be held under the auspices of Neepawa Lodge No. 29 Knights of Pythias. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Get your costumes ready as this is sure going to be a big thing.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
September 27, 1951**

Weldon Kilburn, well-known local athlete, returned to Winnipeg Tuesday, where he is trying out for a berth with the Winnipeg Monarchs junior hockey club.

Arden: John McCamis passed his geography exams at McGill University with high marks, giving him credits for a university

course in geography.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
September 23, 1976**

Ex-Winnipeg Jet Bobby Ash has been hired as Neepawa's new sports facilities manager.

Another former Kelwood resident, 18 year old Michelle Wood, only daughter of Campbell and Ruth Wood, now of Victoria, B.C., also received the Award of Top Scholar, out of a class of 327, at the Spectrum Community Secondary School, winning the Saanich 70th Anniversary plaque, as well as a \$500 scholarship.

Michelle is entering University of Victoria, Sept. 13, and plans to major in either language or law. To both Lisa and Michelle, we extend our congratulations and best wishes. —A.I. Innes.

McCreary: Wilf Boiteau attended a three-day Labour Force school in Brandon last week, the results of being appointed as a Labour Force census taker. You can expect to see Wilf call at your home some time in the future months.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
September 25, 2006**

In what was called "an historic event", the town of Neepawa and rural municipalities of Langford, Lansdowne, Glenella and Rosedale signed a tax sharing agreement for the new personal care home.

Prolific Gladstone author Lillie Humes passed away last Monday at the age of 97. Known as "Miss Lillie", Lillie Pottinger was born in Orkney, Scotland on May 15, 1909. She came to Manitoba with her parents and grandparents in November 1910.

With her husband Walter, Humes raised three children.

After living in Manitou, Plumas and Keyes, Humes retired to Gladstone in June 1988. She later moved into

the Centennial apartments, and then the care home.

Minnedosa's new Husky ethanol plant could threaten water supplies in the area, according to seven groups who have formed the Friends of the Little Saskatchewan River.

The group is calling on the Clean Environment Commission to hold hearings to make sure water supplies in the region are protected.

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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Bearing down on the facts

It's important to examine the facts surrounding news stories.

Apparently some people in England want to see the famous guards at Buckingham Palace make a change in the very traditional and unmistakable head gear. I am speaking of the high bearskin "hats" that the guards wear. That image is likely one of the most famous symbols in British history. It was reported this past week on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) that a letter was sent to British Defence Minister Luke Pollard from 18 MPs and one member of the House of Lords. The letter urged the government to stop using bear pelts sourced from legal culls in Canada and instead adopt faux-fur alternatives.

To me this seems to be just another case of virtue signalling as it's not as if we're short of bears in Canada. There are places where you can find lots of them, sometimes you can find 10 or 15 all in one spot albeit at a bear-baiting station. If you want to see bears, you can go to many farm yards and rural acreages. They come in the front yard, they walk up on your deck and they look in the window. No, we are not short of bears in Canada.

The people who want to do away with bear hunting simply don't understand the economics and the ecology of bears in countries like Canada. Left unchecked, the bears would become not just a nuisance but dangerous to people and certainly to livestock. I guess it's important to understand they would want to save bears lives but if you save every bear's life there would be no control of the population of bears in the cottage, lake and wild country. Unchecked in Canada you will have lots of problems a lot bigger than a few bears.

There's another area of wildlife management that gets completely

carried away and that is the Canada goose population. There was a time when there was a shortage of geese in southern Manitoba. I can remember when people would get permits to have geese on their property so they could propagate and increase goose population. That was about 50 years ago and now there are geese literally everywhere. By everywhere, I mean parks and golf courses as well as even downtown areas in just about any urban district. I have long said, and I sincerely believe, that geese are a bird that should be harvested. In large numbers they are dangerous and make park areas almost unusable. I am told that Canada geese are not that great for eating but I also understand that there's some good meat on them. They could be harvested in a humane as way as possible and the meat given to the food banks and food shelters across the city or anywhere else where there are food banks. I find it amazing that groups, and it's largely urban groups, have lost touch with reality in regard to wildlife populations and management of wildlife. Many years ago there

was a big move afoot to do away with fur trapping in Canada. The First Nations and Inuit people of Canada had to actually go to Europe and have discussions with the protesting people who were objecting to trapping and let them know this is not only a way of life, it's a source of income, a tradition, a culture and in fact, unless you have some trapping and culling, you're going to have problems with the wildlife population. Believe me, the people of Churchill don't want too many polar bears around their community. It's all fine and dandy to say that you're gonna live in harmony with wildlife but it has to go both ways. Once the population of wildlife is overly abundant, there are problems with disease, with wildlife being predators in the livestock population. In some cases wildlife like bears, wolves and cougars will injure or kill humans out on a hike. It's important that we bear down on identifying realistic practices.

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RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL



“Believe me, the people of Churchill don't want too many polar bears around their community.”

Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



Alas and Alack

The phrase itself is an old one used to show great sadness, regret, or disappointment. AI says that people rarely use this phrase today, except when they want to sound dramatic or funny. Trust me, in this case it is not the latter, but a phrase to indicate great sadness.

Alas and alack, the oven needed cleaning—desperately needed deep cleaning. It is my custom to use the aluminum oven protector sheets, however there comes a time when the spill exceeds that boundary! I had baked a set of apple pies, and planned on baking another set. I turned the oven to the required 425 degrees as I began rolling out the dough (wouldn't it be more fun to be rolling in the dough? But I digress...)

It began with a whiff of smoke puffing out the exhaust vent. I took a peek. First things first—remove the smoke detector cause it's about to whine! I decided that because the process had begun, the die had been cast so to speak, let the crud burn off and go ahead with the baking. Windows wide open, bathroom fans at full howl, and the range hood thingie on high as well, and occasionally opening the oven door and swinging it forth and back—and slowly the air cleared. (You know you can't go back until you have gone forth—right? Again, I digress). Very much aware that with the over abundance of apples I would be baking more, and more, pies, the decision leaned to the cleaning. Not my favourite task. I wondered if I could bypass some of the scraping if the charcoal area was dampened, liberally sprinkled with baking soda, and topped with a damp paper towel and left overnight. The idea proved genius, and if this is a method you have used for generations, I don't need to know about that! The next morning the oven interior wiped ever so clean with only one spot that required a repeat treatment. To say I was satisfied is an understatement.

The oven protector had done a great job, the mess simply exceeded the coverage provided. The hunt was then on for a replacement. After checking several retail outlets and coming up empty, I wondered if it would work if I simply lined the oven with aluminum foil. I won't have to find out, yet, for the last place I looked had the liners in stock.

My least favourite room in my home is the kitchen, which is unfortunate for my most favourite room in my home is the dining room! I fed the first family well; home made meals, baking and cooking. I was pleased to discover that a meal of soup, stew or chilli was welcome as long as there were fresh buns and pies. And I make great buns and pies! I'll admit the second set of children had more fast foods, packaged food, than perhaps was good for them, but they, too, forgave much for buns and pies!

So, alas and alack, the oven needed cleaning. With a minimum of effort and no fowl or eye wiping stench, just good old baking soda, the job is done.

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Municipal Election 2026

The filing deadline for municipal elections in Manitoba was Tuesday Sept. 22, meaning campaigns for mayoral and council seats, as well as for school board trustees are about to begin. As we prepare for the election, scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28, the Banner & Press is curious about what exactly Neepawa voters see as the priorities for their next Mayor and Council.

Listed below are a range of responsibilities the leaders of any community must look after, to ensure a well run community. Please share with us your priorities. Mark within the boxes the numbers between 1-10, with 1 being the most important priority for you, 2 being your second most important priority, and so on. Though there are 20 different choices listed, you don't have to list all 18. If you only have one priority, we want to hear about it. As well, if your priorities are not in the listing, please let us know. Send us your list, either by dropping off a copy of the page to the Banner & Press office, or take a picture of the page and email it to news@neepawabanner.com. All the results will be published in the Oct. 23 edition, just a little ahead of election day.

Infrastructure and Capital planning

- ☐
- Repair of existing municipal streets

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Recreation related services

- ☐
- Construction of new Rec Centre (Arena w/walking track & basketball complex)

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Economic

- ☐
- Streamline permitting/establish competitive tax policies to attract new business

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Community safety

- ☐
- Allocate more budget for law enforcement and fire services

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My priority in voting this year is related to: _____



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Helen Drysdale

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Manitoba pork

Many Canadians, including myself, are concerned about the rising cost of groceries. The affordability factor is important to me when I choose my protein choices, and I have become more creative in the kitchen with protein sources such as lentils. Having also purchased more pork than I have in the past for its excellent source of protein, I value its lower price option.

Our pork is Manitoba grown - a bonus. From the Manitoba's pork site at <https://manitobapork.com>: "Manitoba pork producers are proud to provide consumers at home and abroad with some of the best tasting and highest quality pork in the world." This site has a multitude of recipes to try, and their first recipe is taken from this site.

If using bamboo or wooden skewers, soak in water for about 30 minutes; these can be cooked in the oven under the broiler.

Philippine Pork Kabobs

- 1 pork loin, centre roast, boneless,
about 1 1/2 lb / 0.75 kg, cut into 1-inch /
2.5 cm cubes

1/4 cup / 50 mL light soy sauce

2 Tbsp. / 30 mL unseasoned
rice vinegar

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 Tbsp. / 15 mL grated ginger root
- 2 Tbsp. / 30 mL chopped
fresh cilantro

1/4 tsp. / 1 mL ground black pepper

1 bay leaf

Pinch of each ground cloves
and cayenne pepper

1/4 cup / 50 mL each sweet & sour
barbecue sauce and water

Place pork cubes in a resealable plastic bag. In small bowl, combine soy sauce, vinegar, garlic, ginger, cilantro, black pepper, bay leaf, ground cloves and cayenne pepper; pour over pork cubes. Seal bag; marinate in refrigerator, 4-24 hours. Remove pork from marinade; discard marinade. Pat pork with paper towels to remove excess marinade. Thread pork loosely onto bamboo or metal skewers; set aside. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine barbecue sauce and water.

Preheat barbecue on high; reduce heat to medium. Grill kabobs 5-6 minutes per side, turning occasionally. During the last few minutes of grilling, baste kabobs with sauce, turning a few times until pork is nicely browned.

From my collection comes the following recipe. This pineapple pork recipe delivers juicy, tender pork bites in a savory-sweet sauce.

Pineapple Pork

- 1 lb. cubed boneless pork stew meat, or
pork tenderloin, cubed into 1-inch pieces

2 Tbsp. oil

1 cup sliced celery

1 small red pepper, slivered

1 small onion, diced

1 small can pineapple tidbits,
undrained
- 3/4 cup ketchup

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 Tbsp. mustard

1 Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 Tbsp. corn starch

Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add pork and cook until golden brown, about 8 minutes. Add the celery, pepper, onion and pineapple pieces with the juice. Cover with lid; simmer for a few minutes while combining the remaining ingredients. Pour sauce over the meat and vegetables. Cover and simmer on stove top for 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender and sauce has thickened. Enjoy over rice.

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New graphic novel unveils Gladstone's most mysterious resident

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A captivating new graphic novel takes readers on an unforgettable adventure into the heart of a small Canadian frontier town, where history and mystery collide in the most entertaining way. The story follows Melissa Langston's determined quest to reveal the true identity of a stern stranger in a grey suit, whom she suspects is none other than Felix Paul Greve, a disgraced European translator hiding in plain sight.

"I write theatre shows which we perform at the Gladstone Museum as a fundraiser," said author, Kelvin Bueckert. "I discovered the true story of this former Gladstone resident one day, and it was the sort of story that was almost unbelievable. As it happens, odd and dramatic stories are the best kind to act out. So, I wrote the theatre script, and we performed it at the museum on Canada Day in 2025."

This graphic novel blends historical fiction



Pictured: "The Man From Radomno" author Kelvin Bueckert.

with lighthearted storytelling, inviting readers of all ages to explore one of Gladstone's most famous and enigmatic figures. The dynamic between the sisters adds warmth and wit, making this an engaging read that breathes new life into local history.

"After the show at the museum, I started thinking to myself that this kind of script would be interesting

to see as a comic book. I thought about it for awhile, and long story short, I eventually was able to convert the script into a graphic novel. I don't know what people will think of it, but I think it's kind of cool to see the theatre script get another life."

The Man From Radomno is available locally as well as the usual places where books are sold.

Calls made for e-scooter regulations in Neepawa

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa Town Council is being asked to introduce new regulations when it comes to the local operation of e-scooters and other personal electric vehicles (PEVs).

During a council meeting on Tuesday Sept. 15, RCMP Staff Sgt. Andrew Cohen presented a proposal, requesting amendments to existing bylaws. Among the regulations he suggested is a minimum operator age of 16-year-old, along with mandatory helmet use for riders of all ages. Other proposed rules would address sidewalk use, establishing a speed limit in the range of 20 to 25 kilometres an hour and use of appropriate lighting during low-light conditions. Cohen also suggested fines of approximately \$50, along with the possibility of impounding vehicles in cases involving flagrant violations.

Cohen said the goal is to make local streets safer for motorists, pedestrians and PEV users, noting that he regularly witnesses children operating these vehicles in what he considers unsafe ways.

"A vehicle versus a personal electric vehicle...It's always the smaller vehicle that's going to lose," Cohen told council.

While Manitoba is working on Bill 43, a piece

of legislation that would deal with PEVs, it has not yet been enacted. Cohen encouraged council to establish their own regulations rather than wait.

"I know that law enforcement is typically reactive instead of proactive," Cohen said. "I have concerns with that, in that it's not just [the riders] that lose, it's the parents, it's the families that is going to be an absolute wreck."

Cohen said he has witnessed scooters travelling through stop signs, raising concerns about potential collisions.

"The number of times that I've witnessed scooters go zooming through stop signs is part of what raises that fear in me for some poor driver of a vehicle that's going to be at the wrong spot at the wrong time," he shared.

Council responded positively to the presentation and acknowledged that they had discussed this issue many times. They have stated they will work with the detachment on a proposed bylaw, with a focus on education, particularly for youth and parents.

Cattle market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We sold 590 head on Tuesday, Sept. 22 here in Happy Rock.

I'd call the market fairly steady to a bit higher than last week.

We had about 100 butcher cattle to start the day. Here's how they sold:

- D1-D2 Cows: \$1.90-\$2.15.
- D3 Older Cows: \$1.20-\$1.89.
- Feeding-Type Cows: \$2.10-\$2.30.
- Bulls: \$2.20-2.40.

Plainer-type cattle, cattle with horns, and bulls continue to see discounts.

Here are a couple market highlights from yesterday's sale:

- Twenty-five black yearling steers weighing 858

pounds and cashed there ticket in at \$5.01 a pound \$4,299 a head

- Twenty-seven smaller brothers come in the ring weighing 787 pounds and brought \$5.26 a pound \$4,140 a head.
- Seventeen black and red yearling heifers weigh 945 and stamp in at \$4.16 a

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Hopefully that gives you a good idea of how the market shaped up.

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Project Insulate aims to bring new life to the old barn

Raffle launched to support planned Gladstone & District Arena upgrades

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

For generations, the Norma Moore Memorial Arena in Gladstone has been a beloved ‘old hockey barn’. But even the most treasured of buildings need a little work to keep it going, and the District Arena is definitely in need of an important upgrade.

Project Insulate is looking to improve the facility’s energy efficiency and indoor conditions, by insulating the exterior walls surrounding the ice surface. Arena Board Member Tanya Speiss explained to the Banner & Press that the upgrades would involve the addition of three inches of spray-foam insulation, followed by the installation



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Effort are well underway in Gladstone to raise \$120,000, to assist the Norma Moore Memorial Gladstone & District Arena, through Project Insulate.

of 2” x 4” strapping along the insulated walls. Speiss expanded on the point, noting that the need for these improvements became particularly apparent last year.

“Project Insulate started in October 2025 at the be-

ginning of our season. We were fighting condensation buildup over our ice surface, temperatures were on the warmer side and we had large bumps forming every day on our ice surface.”

The arena’s uninsulated tin walls allow outdoor temperatures to have a huge impact on conditions inside. During warmer weather, the ice plant must also work harder to maintain the ice, increasing the hydro costs and placing additional strain on aging equipment. Speiss said the insulation would help stabilize temperatures, reduce condensation and lower the workload on the ice plant.

“Our dedicated caretaker was having to put countless extra hours in to keep the ice skatable. [As well], we rented fans to combat the condensation, but the rental was expensive and hard on our budget. Our old ice plant works over time in those warmer months trying to keep the ice frozen.”

Project Insulate has set a fundraising goal of \$120,000, with completion targeted for Aug. 31, 2027, depending on how well the fundraising efforts go.

While the campaign has already received support in the form of a \$30,000 donation from Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op and \$1,000 from Soper Farms, there is still a ways to go... That’s exactly where you and I can play a hand in helping.

Raffle launched

Speiss said they have launched a licensed raffle

to help move the project forward. The prize is \$10,000 in cash, with the draw planned for Feb. 1, 2027. The goal is to generate between \$40,000 and \$50,000. A dozen local businesses and gathering places in Gladstone have agreed to help sell the raffle tickets, but Speiss added this is not just for locals. Anyone interested in help-

ing, or purchasing a ticket can contact 841-3213 or e-transfer to gladstonearena@gmail.com. Additional information can be located online at the Norma Moore Gladstone & District Arena Facebook page



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Although the Gladstone & District Arena does have its charms, the chill of a cold January night can be felt in the stands. That’s what Project Insulate hopes to solve.

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A tapestry of heartwarming stories

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This year's local Run had a special guest, as Carissa Robb, the Terry Fox Foundation's Director of community development for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, was in attendance. Robb commented that communities like Neepawa play an important role in the success of the event.

"The smaller communities bring in a lot of money because it is the sense of community," said Robb. "Everybody comes out to the runs and we end up with much higher per capita's in the smaller communities."

Robb also highlighted something she found unique to the Neepawa event, that she also found quite inspiring. It was the collection of photographs displayed each year showing past participants and generations of families who have taken part.

"What I love about Neepawa, that not too many others do, is putting up all of the photos that they have around and showing year after year who's been here," she said. "Those photos have helped create opportunities for people to share their stories. People are pointing out to me and saying, 'Look, here's where I was 20 years ago, here's my kids, they're grown now.' We can hear these



FILE PHOTO AND PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Pictured above: A few of Neepawa's Terry Fox Run attendees browsing through the photograph collection that is posted at the event each year.



Pictured left: A closer look at one of the photo displays. This collection from the 1999 edition of the event is just a small sample of the stories that have been carefully kept over the years.

Pictured bottom left: Each year, there is a tradition of releasing balloons while everyone in attendance is gathered at the starting line. This photo shows just a fraction of the people who came out to support this year's event.

stories and relate it and it's so heartwarming."

Dr. Kelly Krzyzaniak, the co-ordinator for Neepawa Terry Fox Run, echoed similar sentiments to Robb, regarding those pictures. She herself pointed out to

the Banner & Press images of her family's involvement through the years. She added that there are many similar stories, which inspire locals to continued their support. For Dr. Krzyzaniak, the strength of Neepawa

comes from those types of connections built within the community.

"Because we know each other, it makes a big difference and we can see that it has a really beneficial effect. That's what's most impressive."

One of the most meaningful sights at the event, she added, is the group of cancer survivors who continue to return each and every year.

"As you can see at the front of the row of the run, everybody with the red shirt and some people even who do not have a red shirt are all cancer survivors," she said. "We see them year after year, which is the whole reason that we do this."

The official amount raised from 2026's event was not yet finalized before the Banner & Press publication deadline. It will appear in a future edition.



At the grill with the Neepawa Titans



PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Titans, in partnership with Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op, hosted a community BBQ on Thursday, Sept. 18. The event served as a kickoff to the MJHL regular season, as well as a thank you from the Titans organization to the community.



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An open fall may offer opportunity for farmers

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For Manitoba farmers looking for ways to get more from every acre, late fall can be the right time to tackle fields that consistently struggle to produce a profitable crop.

Floodprone, weedy, saline areas can quietly eat into farm profitability year after year. Rather than continuing to apply crop inputs and fight with wet, saline acres that simply don't pay, farmers can consider perennial forages as a longer-term solution.

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is encouraging farmers to take advantage of the fall window for dormant seeding as part of its Marginal Areas Program.

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Ducks Unlimited Canada says that farmers may still be able to make use of their marginal acres.

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'Every marginal acre has its own challenges'

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"Some acres aren't as well suited to growing annual crops year after year," says Daphne Appleyard, a marginal areas specialist with DUC. "Fall is a good opportunity to start changing that equation by establishing perennial forages. Perennials reduce the need for annual crop inputs, provide ground cover to reduce erosion and weed pressure, and deep roots use moisture more efficiently than annual crops while mitigating nutrient losses from runoff."

Marginal acres are widespread across the Prairies. Research by DUC partners estimates that about 13 acres in every quarter section are marginal farmland—millions of acres across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta that remain persistently unproductive despite fertilizer, crop protection products and careful management.

For farmers, those areas can represent a significant

financial loss. Perennial forages provide another option, putting those acres to work while protecting the soil and building a productive forage stand.

Get the timing right

Dormant seeding is designed to put seed in the ground late enough in the fall that it remains dormant until spring.

Although field margins may be currently saturated in some areas, Manitoba soils have a natural ability to infiltrate surface water. And field conditions can change quickly. If long-range weather forecasts hold, prairie farmers could expect to see an open fall with time post-harvest to reclaim challenging acres before freeze up.

Soil temperatures and field conditions should be closely monitored and Appleyard recommends waiting until soil temperatures are below 5C. "You want to seed late enough that the seed stays dormant, while still ensuring



PHOTO COURTESY OF METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Farmers have been busy harvesting their flourishing crops, but Ducks Unlimited Canada has advice that may help with their marginal acres, too!

good seed to soil contact. Planting too early can allow seed to germinate prematurely during a warm spell, increasing the risk of winterkill."

A diverse forage mix that incorporates both salinity and moisture tolerance will improve establishment, particularly on field edges or wetland margins.

DUC recommends using both grasses and legumes and increasing the seeding rate to mitigate potential establishment losses.

Farmers should also keep expectations realistic. Saline-tolerant perennial forages can take two to three years to fully establish and some areas may need touch-up seeding.

"Rehabilitating marginal acres is a process," says Appleyard. "The goal is to establish a competitive perennial stand that fills in bare areas and gradually outcompetes weeds. It may take some patience, but the long-term payoff can be worthwhile."

Rebates and ag support available

DUC offers rebates to farmland owners looking to address marginal acres, including areas affected by excess moisture and salinity. A bonus discount is available when sourcing seed through Nutrien, and additional incentives may apply to land financed through Farm Credit Canada.

In Manitoba, the Marginal Areas Program is supported in part by funding from Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) through the Conservation Trust. Established by the Province of Manitoba, the Conservation Trust is an innovative way to fund

nature-based approaches to climate change mitigation and habitat conservation.

Beyond rebates, DUC provides one-on-one agricultural extension support tailored to each farm's specific needs including seed blend, establishment logistics, and ongoing management recommendations.

"Whether you're dealing with flooding, salinity, or field compaction issues, every marginal acre has its own challenges," says Appleyard. "We can work with farmers to look at the conditions they're dealing with and find a forage and management approach that makes sense for their operation."

For more information about DUC's Marginal Areas Program, available funding and agronomic support, visit <https://ag.ducks.ca/program/marginal-areas-mb/> or contact DUC's Brandon office at 204-285-9779.

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Regen Ag Conference features an all-star cast

By Duncan Morrison

MANITOBA FORAGE AND GRASSLAND ASSOCIATION

Note: Duncan Morrison is the Executive Director of the Manitoba Forage and Grasslands Association.

The Manitoba Regenerative Agriculture Conference is coming to Brandon on Nov. 9-10 at the Victorian Inn and Conference Centre. The opportunity of bringing in cover and relay cropper extraordinaire and "Farm Weird" champion Jason Mauck from Indiana is a big score. Jason's social media presence is staggering. What Jason is doing interests a lot of farmers and Jason's ability to tell his farm story runs through all his posts and presentations.

It is fabulous to have Harold Perry, the dude standing by the llama in the Lays Potato Chip television commercials, of Perry Farms near Taber,

Alberta. Harold is far from the family llama handler though. In fact, the Perry's-Harold and brother Chris, were named 2026 Global Farmer of the Year by PepsiCo for their advanced soil-building techniques. Harold is a Nuffield scholar with a ton of insight and innovation that has attended our conference as a delegate. Manitoba potato, forage, and crop growers and Regen Ag focused soil builders might take note.

And when it comes to soil builders, Manitoba's own Alex Boersch is well respected for the work he is doing on the family farm near Elie, and we are pleased to have Alex at our 2026 conference podium. Alex works in Red River Gumbo, his farm advancements, challenges, and

learnings will balance an excellent presentation.

On the food and health front, Dr. Jayden Dobson, ND, will highlight the intersection of Regen Ag and healthy communities. Jayden knocked a panel appearance out of the park at last year's conference, causing us to want to hear more and learn more from the Manitou-based naturopathic doctor.

We asked Brenda Tjaden to organize a stage full of financial experts for a provocative and insightful financial panel, focusing on Regen Ag for farmers in our crowd. Brenda brought forward a group that could all probably keynote on their own merit. We expect Brenda, a farmer, direct farm marketer, and an agriculture financial consultant, to get the best out of the panel discussion featuring farm and finance

stalwarts Anna Hunter, Karel Stroebel and Adam Pukalo.

As a rule, we never forget our grassland and grazing roots; Colombia's Antonio Pinero will highlight the synergies and similarities grazing in our two far apart countries. Antonio is internationally renowned as a cattle guru and handler, to the point that two of our MFGA connected farmers Peter Tokar and Arron Nerbas spent time with him last February touring on his farms and brought back the suggestion to bring him in to share his experience and knowledge.

And finally, Ross MacDonald, a well-known conservation-minded agrologist from Lake Alma, Sask will share his stories, triumphs and tribulations around grazing and biodiversity on his family farm. No one asked me,

but I believe wholeheartedly that Ross's grassland appreciation, savvy and love for family and farm on one of the first A&W commercials around grass-fed beef was as effective and poignant as anything I have seen produced on the importance of grasslands to urban audiences. For sure, I completely agree, take out the city-focused guerrilla marketing around hormones and steroids that Ross had no control over and what you are left with is a stunning visual of a farmer working herd and grasslands the way he wants to work it.

There will be more 2026 MFGA conference news in times ahead.

What we can tell you is that:

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And, finally, we will not say much more about the dinner we have planned on MFGA Night, but we do plan to feed you well... or medium rare... stay tuned!! Register now at MFGA.net



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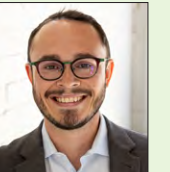
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What's the beef?: Beef Pad Thai

So you've bought some beef from the store (thanks, cattle producers!), but you're not sure what to do with it. Well, here's a recipe from the Manitoba Beef Producers Association for a beef Pad Thai to spice things up! It was curated by chef Ann Borys for season 34 of Great Tastes of Manitoba.

The recipe makes four servings, and takes approximately 40 minutes to make (25 to prep, 15 to cook).

Pad Thai sauce:

- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Sesame Oil
- ¼ Cup (60mL) Tamarind Paste
- ½ Cup (125 mL) Peanut Butter, smooth
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Fish Sauce
- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) Soy Sauce
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Brown Sugar
- 1 ½ Cups (375 mL) Hot Water
- 2 Thai Chili Peppers, thinly sliced (as desired)

Remaining Ingredients:

- 250 g Pad Thai (wide) Rice Noodles, prepared as per package directions

- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Canola Oil
- 1lb (454 g) Ground Beef, lean
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Ginger, minced
- 1 Medium Carrot, matchsticks
- ½ Medium Red Bell Pepper, julienne
- 1 Cup Bean Sprouts
- ½ Cup (125 mL) Green onion, chopped

Garnish:

- Cilantro, finely chopped
- Roasted Peanuts, chopped
- Bean Sprouts
- Green Onion, chopped

Instructions:

Place all ingredients for Pad Thai Sauce in a small pot and bring to a simmer, whisking periodically. Adjust seasoning as required.

In a large non-stick skillet over medium high heat add oil and beef. Once the beef is about 75 per cent cooked, drain excess fat then add garlic, ginger, carrots, peppers,

bean sprouts and green onion.

When vegetables are cooked, but retain a slight crunch add Pad Thai Sauce and noodles. Toss to combine and coat evenly with sauce. Adjust seasoning and add additional water as required. (Noodles should be well sauced)

Plate Pad Thai and garnish with desired toppings such as fresh bean sprouts, slivered green onion, crushed peanuts, chopped cilantro and lime wedges.

Notes: may also use striploin sliced thinly instead of ground beef and can also substitute low sodium beef stock for water for added flavour.

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2. Wayway	1	1	0	1	3
3. Neepawa	1	1	1	0	3
4. Virden	1	1	0	0	2
5. Norman	1	2	0	0	2
6. Norman	0	1	1	0	1

West Division	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
1. Selkirk	3	0	0	0	6
2. Steinbach	2	0	0	0	4
3. Portage	1	0	1	0	3
4. Niverville	1	0	0	0	2
5. Wpg Blues	1	0	0	0	2
6. Wpg Monarchs	0	1	1	0	1
7. Winkler	0	2	0	0	0

MJHL player stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Noah Paulsen (SEL)	5	1	6
2. Dylan Ruff (SVS)	4	2	5
3. Kade Stringer (NMB)	2	4	6
4. Tristen Bailey (WB)	3	2	5
5. Liam Carlone	2	3	5

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Addison McIntosh	4	0	4
2. Talen Wallis	1	2	3
3. Jack Polasek	0	3	3
4. Grayson Slaney	1	1	2
5. Kole Beard	1	1	1

Game results

Sept. 19: Portage 5-2 Neepawa
Sept. 20: Neepawa 4-3 OT Portage
Sept. 22: Selkirk 3-2 OT Neepawa



Addison McIntosh named an MJHL Star of the Week

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A four goal effort from Addison McIntosh not only earned he and the Neepawa Titans their first win of the regular season, but also impressive accolades from the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. On Monday, Sept. 21, McIntosh was named one of the MJHL Stars of the Week.

On Sunday night in Portage la Prairie, McIntosh put the team on his back, scoring all four goals for the Titans, including the

overtime winner.

McIntosh opened the scoring in the first two minutes, scoring twice in a span of just 25 seconds to give Neepawa an early 2-0 lead. He also scored a goal shorthanded for Neepawa in the third period. In the extra frame, McIntosh whistled a one-timer into the back of the Portage net, to secure the win.

The other MJHL Stars of the Week included Dylan Ruff of the Swan Valley Stampede (4 goals - 2 assists) and Noah Paulsen of the Selkirk Steelers (4G-1A)

Titans, Terriers trade wins on MJHL's opening weekend

McIntosh's four goal night lifts Neepawa to OT victory

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neither the Portage Terriers or the Neepawa Titans proved to be very hospitable guests in the other's home rink over the weekend. First, the Terriers would ruin Neepawa's regular season home opener on Saturday, Sept. 19, defeating the Titans 5-2 at the Yellowhead Centre. Neepawa ended up returning the favour... or insult, if you prefer, the very next night in Portage la Prairie, beating the Terriers in overtime 4-3.

For the Titans' home game, Portage would opened the scoring on the powerplay chance midway through the first period, with Justin Deschenes finding the back of the net. Former Titan Tyler Wamboldt added another before the intermission, giving the Terriers a 2-0 lead after 20 minutes.

After a scoreless second, Neepawa answered back with a pair in the third period, with Grayson Slaney scoring on a shorthanded chance early, and Kole Beard added one more a few minutes later.

Portage responded, however, with three goals of its own to close out the night, making it a 5-2 final. Goaltender Mitch Kathler collected the win for the Terriers, off of a 25-save performance, while Neepawa goaltender Conner Nicolson stopped 35 shots in the loss.

McIntosh powers Titans past Terriers

Addison McIntosh had the best game in his MJHL career, scoring all four goals for Neepawa, including the OT winner, lifting the Titans to a 4-3 victory at Stride Place.

Neepawa jumped out to a quick lead, scoring twice in the opening two minutes, with McIntosh scoring at 1:26 and again just 25

seconds later. Both those goals were assisted by Talen Wallis. The Terriers responded midway through the second period to cut the deficit to 2-1. Then in the third, Portage added one more, before McIntosh completed his hat trick with a shorthanded goal. With less than a minute remaining in regulation and the Terriers' net empty, former Titan Tyler Wamboldt tied things up, and ensured overtime.

Less than two minutes in extra time, McIntosh put away his fourth goal of the night, sending Terriers fans home unhappy. Wyatt Nelson made 38 saves for Neepawa to earn the win.

This amazing four goal night already doubles Addison's goal totals from the last season. In a post-

game interview with the Titans' social media team, Macintosh said while the results are huge, it couldn't have happened without the team.

Neepawa fall in OT to Selkirk

The final game of the first week for Neepawa was a road trek to Selkirk on Tuesday, Sept. 22 to take on the Steelers.

The Titans jumped out to an early lead, as Talen Wallis and Jack Hefferan each scored early in the opening period. The Steelers, however, would climb back into the action, with a late first period goal, and one more in the second. After a scoreless third, the Steelers picked up the win off a Teagan Wrolstad shot early in overtime.

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Former Titans forward signs agreement with Manitoba Moose

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Briley Wood has earned an opportunity with the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League (AHL). The former Neepawa Titans forward was among 14 players added to the Moose training camp roster on tryout agreements as the Winnipeg Jets' AHL affiliate prepares to open its 2026 camp.

Wood made his mark with the Titans during the

2022-23 Manitoba Junior Hockey League season, recording 19 goals and 38 assists in 39 games. He later advanced to the Western Hockey League with the Wenatchee Wild, where he put up 28 goals and 34 assists in 60 games during the 2023-24 season.

The Rivers product has already spent time in the profession ranks, as he previously played with the ECHL's Utah Grizzlies and the Rapid City Rush.

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Neepawa Council election to see a race for council seats

By Ken Waddell
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

There was lot of discussion in Neepawa about the upcoming council election. After all was said and done, the Mayor's chair has been acclaimed and there will be a seven person race for six councillor seats.

The election preparation began early with Darryl Gerrard checking around the community for support. After weeks of people asking what was going to happen, Gerrard emerged as the only registered candidate for the

mayor's chair.

There was even more discussion around the councillors race and for several weeks there weren't many names in the hat. Then in the last couple of weeks, the hat filled up and so there are seven candidates vying for six council positions.

Present council members who are not running for councillor positions are, of course, Gerrard who is acclaimed for mayor, Marijka Kostenchuk is not running after completing two terms, Yvonne Sisley is running for school board.

The nomination list is shown below:

There is a provision whereby candidates could withdraw up until 4:00 p.m. Sept. 23 which was a few hours after the print deadline for the Neepawa Banner & Press.

To see a finalized list for Neepawa and other election information see next week's issue of the paper.

Candidate Name	Nominated Position
GERRARD, Darryl	Mayor
CLARK, Dave	Councillor
FLORES, Raphael, Jr.	Councillor
MARQUEZ-HUNSTAD, Mary Ann	Councillor
MINER, Jeffrey	Councillor
NADEAU, Jason	Councillor
PAGUIDOPON, Zaldy	Councillor
PARROTT, Murray	Councillor

HyLife makes major donation to Neepawa Community Ministries Centre



PHOTO COURTESY OF NACTV

HyLife made a very generous donation of \$31,000 to the Neepawa Community Ministries Centre this past weekend. A full story on this donation will appear in a future edition of the Neepawa Banner & Press.

Tigers fall short vs Golden Bears

By Austin Lewis
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

With one of the RMFL teams dropping from the league two weeks ago, the schedules had changed to week one which started on Saturday, Sept. 19. The Neepawa Tigers, however, began their first game on Sunday, Sept. 20 in Virden to take on the Virden Golden Bears.

The 2026 season for the Neepawa Tigers football season is officially underway. However it was not the start they were hoping for as late in the first quarter they gave up a 56-yard passing touchdown on their second defensive drive for 6-0 deficit. Towards the second quarter, the Golden Bears offense continued to roll with two more touchdowns with a tush push early on and a six yard passing touchdown later on to make the score 20-0 in favor of the Golden Bears.

The Tigers were struggling on both sides of the ball throughout the first half up until a one-yard QB Keep rushing touchdown scored by Quarterback E.J. Clark got the tigers on the board down 20-6.



PHOTO BY AUSTIN LEWIS

The Tigers and Bears at the two yard line in the second quarter.

At the second half of the game, with the Tigers down by two touchdowns, they looked to come back stronger and take their first lead of the game, and early on in the third quarter the Tigers cut the deficit to 20-13 on a 27 yard touchdown catch by Jesse Whitlaw and a converted extra point. Shortly after its the Golden Bears on a one yard touchdown run scored by runningback Ryder Kotylak to bring their lead back to two touchdowns.

At the fourth quarter, in a tight battle in the VCI Bears Den, the Tigers were not done fighting just yet as they were now back with a touchdown from a 25-yard touchdown run by Jesse Whitlaw, who scored his second of the game for a 26-20 deficit.

The Virden Golden Bears scored the game winning touchdown late in the final two minutes of the game to win their season opener 32-20 over the Neepawa Tigers. This is Virden's third straight win against the Tigers in the last two years, and for the Tigers, this is their fourth loss in their last six season openers. Quarterback E.J. Clark with two touchdowns of the day including his rushing touchdown in the second quarter for a total of 117 rushing yards and 87 passing yards. Jesse Whitlaw also with a pair of touchdowns for a total of 160 rushing yard and 28 receiving yards. Congrats to Seth Minkus, Jesse Whitlaw, and Kyson Lapointe for winning the players of the game award sponsored by DQ. Up next its the Tigers home opener against the Moosomin Generals Sunday, Sept. 27 in Neepawa at 1:00p.m.

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Obituary

George Reynold Burnett

George Reynold Burnett of Neepawa passed away Saturday September 12th at home at the age of 78. Born in Neepawa, George completed all his early education there then went to Brandon ACC for auto body training. He had a passion for the automotive industry and had a lengthy auto body career in Neepawa. George was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Neepawa Golf & Country Club. He was a huge Green Bay Packer fan, but when he wasn't watching football, he helped maintain and care for the birds at Rotary Park and spent time there watching the deer. George often helped others without asking for anything in return. At 3 years of age, Kerry came into George's life and besides the role of surrogate father, he became Grandpa Hodie to Kerry's son, Kain. They gave Hodie purpose, companionship and helped him around the yard and house, while Hodie made sure they were cared for and not missing out on anything. As puppy sitter, George made a great friend in their dog Tessa as well. Per George's wishes, there was a small private gathering graveside at Neepawa cemetery.

He was predeceased by his parents Jean and Alex, sister-in-law Darlene and nephew Jody. Surviving are brothers Don, Ken (Judy), Robert (Aren), nieces Jacquie, Callie, Kelsi, Jenn, nephew Sean, great nephews Remy, Dylan, Mason, stepdaughter Kerry and grandson Kain.



Kenneth Frederick Thom

February 6, 1932 – September 11, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kenneth Frederick Thom, who passed away peacefully on September 11, 2026, at the age of 94, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 6, 1932, Ken eventually made his way to Duncan, where he built a life filled with family, friendships, and wonderful memories.

A projectionist by trade, Ken and his wife Fay ran the Duncan Drive-In Theatre from 1968 to 1977. After four years in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where they operated theatres, Ken and Fay returned to Duncan in 1981, where they ran the Caprice Theatre together until their retirement.

Predeceased by his wife, Fay, on December 10, 2019, his high school sweetheart and the love of his life. Ken is survived by his daughters, Allison (Terry) Renner, Lilis Hall, and granddaughter Madalyn Hall, who will carry his love, his wisdom, and his memory with them always.

Ken will be deeply missed by his family and his many longtime friends, who were a constant presence in his life and became like family to him. To those friends who stood by Ken throughout the years, our family is deeply grateful for your friendship, love, and support.

Ken's kindness, generosity, and willingness to help touched the lives of so many. He was the kind of person who always made sure everyone around him was taken care of, often putting the needs of others before his own. His family meant everything to him, and caring for them was something he did with love and devotion throughout his life.

Whether you knew Ken for a lifetime or had only met him for a moment, he always seemed to have a story to tell. His humour, his kindness, and his gentle spirit will be remembered by all who had the chance to know him.

His presence may no longer be beside us, but the love he gave and the memories he created will remain with us forever.

We will miss you, Grandpa.

At Ken's request, no service will be held.

Notice

A Bible Quote - Ephesians - 6:12-13 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 So put on God's armor now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground.

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

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R.M. of Minto-Odanah Seasonal Grounds Maintenance 2027/2028

The R.M. of Minto-Odanah is looking for a person with their own equipment to trim and mow on a regular basis, the grounds of certain sites located within the R.M. of Minto-Odanah for a two year period.

For more information and site locations please contact the R.M. of Minto-Odanah office.

Apply in writing with COST PER SITE for the 2027 and 2028 seasons. Deadline for submission is October 6th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Lowest or any submission not necessarily accepted. Submit sealed quotes to:

R.M. of Minto-Odanah
SEASONAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE
Box 1197, Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0
Phone: (204) 867-3282
admin@mintoadanah.ca

R.M. of Minto-Odanah Proposal for Gravel on Municipal Roads 2027/2028

Proposals are requested for a two year period for the loading, hauling and spreading of crushed gravel for municipal purposes.

Contact the municipal office to obtain proposal forms.

Inquiries can be made by calling the municipal office, at (204) 867-3282 or Operations Foreman, Rodney Robinson at (204) 867-7603.

**Deadline for proposals is
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Responsibilities:

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- Working outside regular hours and on weekends on a casual/on-call basis
- Adhere to safe and efficient operation practices of a motor grader

Qualifications:

- Minimum 5 years' experience operating and maintaining a grader
- Knowledge of Workplace Safety and Health and the capacity to adhere to the regulations and acts
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision

Wage and benefits will be in accordance with the Operating Engineers 987 Collective Agreement.

Applications will be accepted no later than October 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Rural Municipality of Rosedale

Box 100 Neepawa, Manitoba R0J 1H0

Fax - 204-476-5431

E-mail: cao@rmrosedale.com

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Shirley McConnell

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- Responsible for the maintenance of equipment, including the maintenance of accurate records
- Assist in maintenance work of the Public Works department
- Adhere to safe and efficient operation practices of equipment
- Completion of general labour and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 5 years' experience working in a public works environment or equivalent workplace
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- Knowledge of Workplace Safety and Health and the capacity to adhere to the regulations and acts
- Have a general willingness to serve the public
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Work 40 hours per week, 50 hours during construction season (April 1 - October 31)
- \$1.00 Premium for possession of a valid Class 1 license with air brake certification.

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APPLICATION FOR REVISION

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'...time to be seen and share in the joy we all have'

A retrospective of the third annual Neepawa's Got Pride

Banner Staff
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

An afternoon of fun and fellowship is being reflected on positively by Neepawa and Area Community Pride. With the event come and past, president Rhian Beever (she/her) took some time to speak with the Neepawa Banner & Press and provide a look back on the third annual Neepawa's Got Pride, which was held on Sunday, Sept. 15 at Neepawa's ArtsForward.

"We are overwhelmed by the support shown from within and outside our community. There were many familiar and new faces. Each year we grow and change a little bit and that



Pictured left: A group of Neepawa's Got Pride attendees and drag performers engaging in conversation with each other. Pictured right: This year's guest speaker, Casper Wehrhahn, posing with a doodle of their face on the interactive "Faces of Pride" feature.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ARTSFORWARD AND CASPER WEHRHAHN

has been well received," said Beever. "Many people came to us with gratitude and their hearts over-

flowing to see the support from the community. The past year has been tough for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and this event allows some time to be seen and share in the joy we all have."

'A huge honour'

This year's event included some return attractions, such as the interactive Faces of Pride Canvas, information and vendor booths, live music and choreographic performances from drag artists, and more.

As has been tradition in prior years, a special guest speaker was also invited to give some remarks. This year's special guest was

Neepawa local Casper Wehrhahn (they/them), who is also LGBTQ+.

"It was a huge honour to be invited and present that day," said Wehrhahn. "There were some nerves—and some emotions that bubbled to the surface at the end, but everyone was so supportive. That's just the kind of people you can expect to turn up there, though. It's touching."

Wehrhahn added, "While I kept things fairly brief, it felt good to share some of my experience with everyone there. I hope that it helps people too, as much as I also hope the event itself helps people. There are many ways in which I

could have really benefitted from an event like this while growing up in Neepawa."

A 'significant' addition

There was also a new addition to the third annual Neepawa's Got Pride—its first Pride March. The march had a shorter route to test the waters and make it easy for people of all abilities to participate.

"We figured that a march was the next step as we grow in the community. The Pride March holds significant historical significance and is still relevant today with the challenges that continue to be faced by the 2SLGBTQIA+ commun-

ity," said Beever. "It was an amazing moment to see everyone march together with flags flying through the streets of Neepawa."

In her final comments, Beever extended a final word of thanks to all involved, and some enthusiasm for 2027.

"We are grateful for the support of everyone who attended and to the community groups and vendors who were a part of Neepawa Got's Pride," said Beever. "We were thoroughly entertained by all the performers and we feel honoured to get to show off the amazing talent in rural Manitoba! We cannot wait to do it again next year!"



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Pictured: A scene from Neepawa's first Pride March.

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'I wouldn't change the experience for anything'

A Homestay Program spotlight with Makenna Sumner – Part 2

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Last week, Makenna Sumner introduced readers to the York-Benimaru 4-H Manitoba Homestay Program, and the joy and fulfillment she gained as a host family participant.

This week, the story shifts to the Far East.

As a member of the Neepawa Belles, Beaux, and Builders 4-H Club, Sumner had the unique opportunity to travel to Japan as an exchange student this summer.

"From hosting, I gained a general understanding of the history of the program, but it was not until I experienced this rare travel opportunity that I fully understood how significant and meaningful it is," said Sumner.

Sumner was one of 10 delegates, accompanied by two chaperones, to stay in Japan for two weeks (July 4 to 20). While there, the group had a "perfectly planned itinerary" which gave them a mixture of modern Japan experiences, traditional culture, education, agriculture, and everyday life with a host family.

The first few days were spent in Tokyo Prefecture. This included seeing major attractions such as the Tokyo Skytree, Sensoji Temple, Edo-Tokyo Museum, Meiji Shrin, and the Shibuya Scramble Crossing.

"Some very special things on our itinerary that created a unique connection to home, while being across the globe, were our dinner at the HyLife Pork Table restaurant and our visit to the Embassy of Canada to Japan," Sumner divulged. "The dinner was exceptionally special to me, given that the courses we ate all would have gone through the Neepawa HyLife plant."

According to Sumner, those first few days in Tokyo also quickly showed her "what is most important to people in Japan".

"It is one of the largest urban areas in the world, yet I never once saw litter on the street," Sumner explained. "In all public spaces, the priority was to respect others, such as by keeping quiet on trains, maintaining cleanliness and order, and removing shoes when entering traditional buildings to keep indoor spaces clean."

Off to Fukushima

From Tokyo, Sumner's group rode the bullet train to Fukushima Prefecture—an administrative district located approximately 240km from Tokyo Prefecture; and the base of operations for the Homestay Program.

"We learned about Fukushima's rich culture and history by visiting a traditional school that opened in 1803 to educate the sons of high-ranking samurai,



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Makenna Sumner (right) and her host sister (left) at a summer festival in Japan, in July of 2026. They are wearing traditional clothing known as Yukatas. From their hands hang balloons filled with water that are used in a game called yo-yo tsuri.

a castle established in the 1300's that now stands as a museum with authentic historical items, and a traditional old village," said Sumner. "We got to learn about Japanese traditions by practicing them first-hand through a tea ceremony, zazen meditation, and Japanese archery."

While at the traditional village, Sumner was treated to "a very traditional meal, served in several distinct, small, individual bowls and plates".

"At the start of a meal, we would clasp our hands and say 'Itadakimasu' (I humbly receive) and end with 'Gochisousama deshita' (thank you for the meal)," said Sumner. "This highlighted the organization, gratitude, and value of nutritional balance that Japanese meals have."

Sumner added, "We also slept in traditional Japanese rooms, with a rice straw floor, walls of sliding panels, and a futon mattress. I later slept in this same kind of room with my host family, so these experiences helped me appreciate how much history and tradition are still valued and incorporated into everyday life in

Japan."

For the second week of the trip, Sumner and the others stayed with their host families. This also included attending school with the host student.

"Staying with a Japanese host family and attending high school gave me the

opportunity to experience authentic everyday life rather than simply seeing Japan as a tourist," Sumner expressed.

She added, "Every delegate went to a different family and school, so it was a way to step entirely out of my comfort zone. Our families generously cooked Japanese meals for us every day, and made bento boxes to bring for school lunches, and I can confidently say that I never once went hungry on this trip."

One of the challenges Sumner experienced was that it became "very apparent" that the Japanese vocabulary she studied ahead of time was quite limited. However, her host sister was able to assist.

"My host sister could speak English very well, and I am forever grateful to her for helping me interact with my host family and understand high school classes. I learned that even though there can be significant differences in language, culture, and daily routines,

meaningful connections don't require us to have everything in common," said Sumner. "It was still so easy to bond with them by sharing meals, spending time together, learning about each other's families and countries, and understanding each other's humour with ease."

Later on, she added, "Looking back, I wouldn't change the experience for anything. It taught me that simply putting yourself in an unfamiliar situation, being willing to learn, and finding other ways to connect with people can teach you more than you expected. I also gained so much respect for all the students trying to learn English."

In her closing statement, Sumner emphasized that the experience as a whole is one she will never forget.

"I will always be thankful for this amazing experience and will take all the lessons I have learned from it with me through life," said Sumner.



Above picture: Makenna Sumner and her fellow Manitoba exchange students posing for a photograph at the HyLife Pork Table in Japan. The group had a dinner there, which created a unique connection to home.

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