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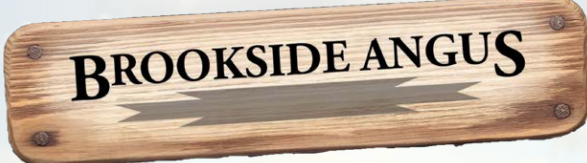
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Gettin' jiggy with it!

By Joshua Jackson
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Last week, the Neepawa Middle School welcomed the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers (IFM) from Winnipeg. Students had the opportunity to experience a part of Red River Métis culture, learning how to dance the Red River Jig. The IFM group is a family of five siblings, who dance in honour of their grandfather. The eldest sibling has over 22 years of dancing experience, as well as boasting competition distinctions. The group have travelled around Canada and abroad to perform, including on Canada's Got Talent, where the group made it to the semi-final round.

The Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers aim to attract youth through the rhythm and style of the hip-hop jig. The group hopes to motivate and inspire people of all ages, while bringing awareness that Red River Métis culture is still thriving.

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PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

Students at Neepawa Middle School got the hands on chance to learn the Red River Jig from some of the best. The the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers from Winnipeg spent the afternoon teaching kids three basic jigging steps, then had the opportunity to showcase their skills for their peers. More photos can be found on Page 2.



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The NMS Student Council was able to offer the talented group, thanks to the Elders and Knowledge Keepers Grant, which supports students, educators, and families to learn First Nations, Métis and Inuit histories, cultures, traditional values, contemporary lifestyles, and traditional knowledge systems. Students from grades 5-8 participated in a workshop where they learned three basic steps of the Red River Jig. Afterwards, a performance with traditional regalia and a hip-hop remix had students in awe.



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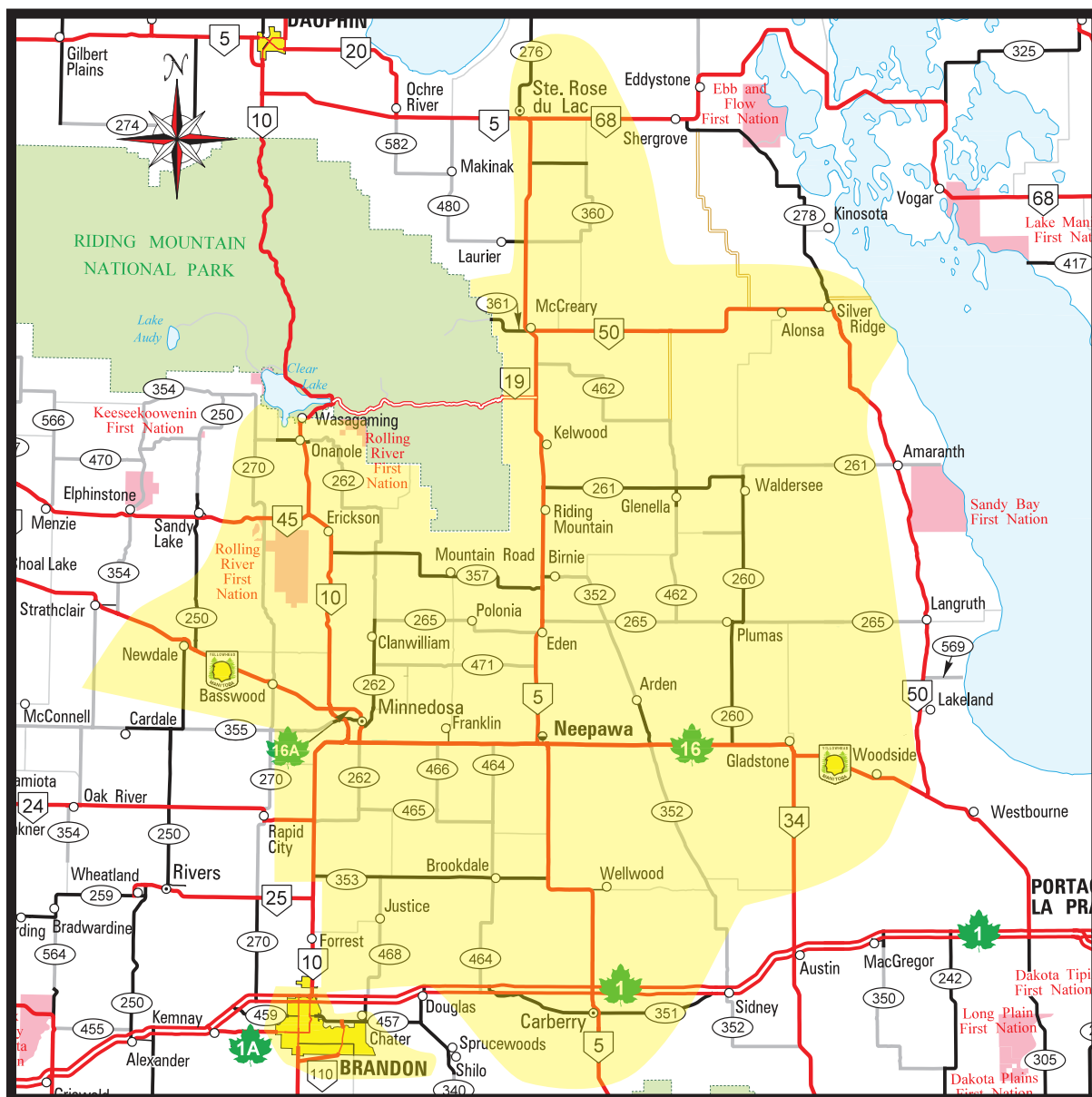
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Looking Back

1976: 500 people view first 'Lassies' opening

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Friday,
February 1, 1901**

Freeland: Jackrabbit hunting after dark seems to be quite a go in Freeland now.

Acton: Let us endeavor in future to arrange all parties so that they do not interfere with church meetings.

The Munroe brothers, of Eden, have engaged the Neepawa opera house for Wednesday, Feb. 6, to give a graphopolyphone concert in aid of the proposed Neepawa hospital. This is a meritorious venture on their part and if public support justifies the venture they will make a tour of the entire district, taking in Arden, Orange Ridge, Springhill, Acton, Franklin and Gordon.

Feb. 5— An important business deal has just been concluded in town. Jno. Smale has sold his grocery fruit and confectionery stock to Walter Green. It is understood that Mr. Green will take possession in about two weeks when he severs his connection with J. Brown & Co.

**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
February 2, 1926**

McCreary: Scarlet fever is prevalent in our community at present. Two of Mr. Paulin's children have died of this malady. We hope our health officer will take strong steps to make all those who are affected keep in quarantine as it is to the interest of all those in the community to help combat this trouble which has come amongst us. The deepest sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved one.

Those beer deliveries to homes of town councillors last week aroused some anxieties. Few, if any, of the recipients hold permits from the commission; and to have liquor on your premises without holding a permit or a prescription renders one liable to prosecution. What a stir there would have been if a policeman had been tipped off to visit certain premises. Wow! No wonder there was an emergency meeting and concerted action to get rid of the stuff quick. Really, a perfectly dry prohibitionist is not immune from the tricks of those wily brewers.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
February 1, 1951**

Funeral service for John James Oliver, 75, who died in Neepawa hospital on Jan. 24, was held from Oberon United Church Jan. 26 with Rev. G. Daly conducting the service. Burial was in Carberry cemetery...

Mr. Oliver was born at Galt, Ont. in 1878. He came to the Carberry Plains with his parents as a child and resided there until 1903, when he moved to the present farm site at Oberon. He was married to Rose Mae Walroth of Cameron, Ont.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
February 5, 1976**

The Lassies are on. Approximately 500 people were at the Yellowhead Centre Arena in Neepawa to watch as 16 rinks representing the cream of ladies curling in Manitoba paraded into the rink to the strains of 76 Trombones, as played by the Neepawa Lions Club

Band...

This marks the first time that the Lassies have been held outside of Winnipeg. Neepawa's Agnes McDougall is also the first rural president of the MLCA.

Note: 'The Lassies' referred to appears to be a ladies' curling tournament.

Mrs. Jack McFarlane entertained at a Come and Go tea at her home on January 23 to honor her father, Jens Petersen on his 86th birthday.

Brookdale: Brian Owens and his rink of Glen Duncan, Bill McMillan and Don McJannet captured the R. W. Jones trophy over the Bob Drysdale, and Glen Mitchell.

The annual show which has been sponsored by the Neepawa Poultry Association for the past 58 years may not be held this year, said president Don Montgomery this week.

The event, which is normally held in February, has received many setbacks in recent years. Bad weather, lack of finances and shortage of interested persons to carry on the organizational work has sited as cause for terminating the show.

A Red River cart was presented by Sam Fabro to Mayor R. L. Hurrell of Neepawa in commemoration of the efforts made for the Summer Games. Fabro made the presentation on behalf of the Manitoba Games Council to show their appreciation for the work that has already been done. However, both Mr. Fabro and Mr. Hurrell agree that much more work will have to be done before the Games are completed. The presentation will be on display in the window of the Economy Department Store for the next couple

of weeks.

Edrans: Word was received from Rex Eburne expressing his appreciation for all the cards and letters he received on his 90th birthday from friends back at Edrans.

Plumas: The Plumas Memorial Community Centre held their official opening on Jan. 31. The evening began with a buffet-style supper for 43 persons hosted by the directors and ladies group.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
February 6, 2006**

Jeff Stewart won an all-Gladstone final in the annual Neepawa men's bonspiel.

A change in government may serve to help, not hinder, Neepawa's bid for a proposed wastewater plant upgrade.

"We've got strong support moving forward," Mayor Bob Durston said following a meeting with directors of the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure program a week ago Thursday.

Portage-Lisgar Member of Parliament Brian Pallister says he is now considering running for the leadership of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party.

Plumas: Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGregor attended the 50th birthday party of her cousin Morris Drysdale, held in Winnipeg on Jan. 28. On Sunday they visited Jim's sister Margaret Fedorowich returning home Sunday evening.

Amanda Rogers, daughter of Clint and Karen, has recently graduated with distinction at Assiniboine College receiving her LPN Nursing Degree. She is currently starting her career at Seven Regions Health Centre in Gladstone.



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Agnes McDougall was the first ever rural president of the Manitoba Ladies' Curling Association (MLCA). Under her guidance, the MLCA held its first ever ladies' championship, known as the Lassies, outside of Winnipeg in 1976.

Brookdale: Brookdale Curling Club is celebrating 100 years of affiliation with the Manitoba Curling Association this year and marked the special occasion at its annual men's bonspiel.

Commemorative pins were given to each curler on the 34 teams entered in the bonspiel, which ran from Jan. 16-22.

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However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him— 1 Corinthians 2:9 (New International Version)



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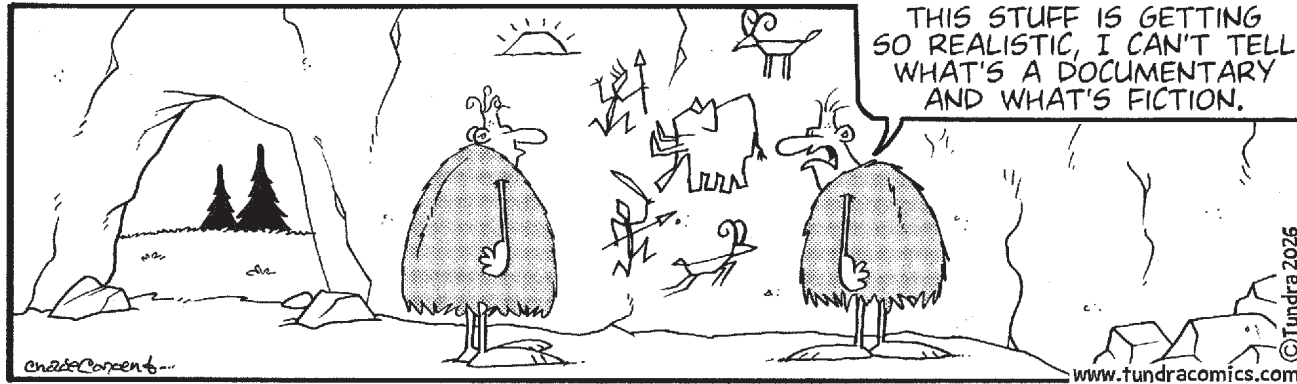
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Binge watching...

Recognizing the truth

After my column last week I received some feedback. A reader took exception, saying the “column should have been more balanced”. I agree, the column should have been better written.

The reader went on to say, “Yes, people need to be careful about where they get their news in the social media, but even moreso from the main steam media. The CBC, Global, and CTV are not only one-sided and biased, but also corrupt in taking it upon themselves to report what people say when they never said it. I believe we are in a position where only God can fix this mess. People need to get their heads out of the sand.”

The reader went on to attach a link that clearly shows that CTV did a very obvious “cut and paste” on a speech by Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition.

This past week, the Conservative Party of Canada held their convention.

Pierre Poilievre made his convention speech, the party had the leadership review vote. Pierre came out of that vote with over 87 per cent approval.

In the run-up to the vote, mainstream media such as the CBC, bent over backwards to weave as much doom and gloom into the narrative. It was quite funny to watch actually. Their predictions were all over the map and included conjecture that more CPC MPs might cross to the Liberals. That may happen, but polls show that 51 percent of Canadians believe it is unethical. At the CPC convention, a young woman named Jasmin Laine spoke. It was an intriguing speech and I would encourage everyone to listen to it. You can find her speech online by simply typing

RIGHT IN THE CENTRE

KEN WADDELL



her name in the search engine.

Laine said politics isn't about Right and Left, it's about right and wrong. Perhaps her pun is intended, but she is correct in the number of ways she points out that current left-wing policies are wrong. She went on to explain that in truth there is freedom. I think we heard that somewhere before. It's in the Bible and it was often quoted by Gary Doer when he was Premier of Manitoba. Laine maintains that current liberal policies in Canada today are designed to keep our citizens fearful and hopeless. Much of what we are fed in the media is full of fear, anxiety and hopelessness.

Government policies have built up so many regulations that it's tough to build anything from streets and highways to houses to pipelines and manufacturing facilities. Pierre Poilievre is correct on many points but there's one that ranks highest in my mind and that the government needs to get out of the way. Government permit processes are ridiculous. It takes five years to get all the government agencies to approve a simple housing sub-division. I know this because I have watched it happen in my hometown of Neepawa.

On another front, government doesn't need to control guns, they need to control criminals. Governments shouldn't be handing out drugs, they need to take addicts off the streets

and place them in proper institutions. If they can't, or won't get off drugs, let them stay in an institution where they are less likely to harm themselves or others. I would also suggest that there are many government programs that need to be phased out. Industries such as dairy, poultry, gas and oil, many manufacturing pieces and yes, even news media organizations, are subsidized. That needs to be phased out gradually as dependency has been built into the systems and it would be jarring to cut off programs immediately. Grants are now just a way of life and subsidies simply increase costs.

It's a small majority of Canadians that feel we need high levels of government regulation and subsidies. That majority is just enough to eke out yet another Liberal government. That means that every business, every movement and every idea has to be hidebound in dependency on the government. Just look around and ask yourself how beneficial it is to be dependent on the government. It doesn't work for welfare recipients, businesses or First Nations communities. In fact, it isn't really working well for anyone. To recognize that truth is the pathway to freedom and prosperity.

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

Some time ago I cancelled any television connections. I do have a smart set so there are literally hundreds of channels available for watching. Most old series, but current news is there. ‘The Antiques Road Show’, the one from Great Britain is my go to. I love seeing the places I have been privileged to visit being featured as host sites—cathedrals and castles and museums. The items brought for analysis are fascinating and there are times I wonder if any of my treasures are valuable! They're not...

Much of my leisure watching is on my laptop, youtubeing my way through the hours. Here are two series that I spend much time with; ‘Who do you think you are’, and ‘DNA Detectives’. Folks searching for their family history, trying to enlarge their definition of who they are, and what in the past may be shaping them. I think I get that. My family has done a remarkable job of detailing our past. There is a modest collection of the Toews, Groening, Born and Friesen family history. I have a bit on the Martin side, my maternal grandmother's starting point. I recognize how very fortunate I am to have known two complete sets of grandparents and one complete set of great grandparents. They were not distant beings, but story tellers and history keepers. More the grands than the great grands, but that's pretty natural. Great grandpa Born was an intuitive gardener. At one point working in the Morden Experimental Farm, and known for embarrassing great gran when he would casually pick weeds in other's gardens... as natural as breathing. Great gran I knew as a sitter... after carrying and bearing fifteen children, raising thirteen to adulthood, she earned the right to sit! A lot of descendants there... I heard the stories of the trauma and despair of the Russian Revolution, the murders and starvations, the immigration, the life saving work of the Mennonite Central Committee (a school program provided half a cup of powdered milk and a bun; the bun often saved for home where it could be shared). Little wonder that the MCC still plays an important role in Mennonite life.

I came from a line of teachers and seekers, musicians and artists, homemakers of exceptional standards. Workers of land, survivors and make doers. Those early ancestors were mostly farmers with the occasional teacher/preacher. My childhood included bits of all of that. I chose not to learn how to knit or crochet, sewing was a necessary skill. We worked wool from shearing the fleece to washing, carding and creating the batting for quilts. Gardening was from planting to weeding to processing, canning before we had a freezer. And there was always books, and music.

I acknowledge that I am blessed with a fairly thorough genealogy. And yes, there are a few rascals in the batch. I have a clear understanding of my inherent values, characteristic traits and physical likeness. Much as, as a youth I prayed to be adopted, there is my face on my great aunt on my mothers side... Now to maintain these records for the next generations...

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Letter: Hog industry designed to be dependent on low wages

Manitoba Hog industry spokesperson Cam Dahl's Nov. 21, 2025 editorial "Labour and immigration" focused upon the difficulty Manitoba's Hog industry has in retaining a labour force. Mr Dahl reports "There are current cases where farmers have shuttered barn sites due to the labour shortages. He then advocated "To ensure ongoing sustainable hog production and port processing, Manitoba producers and processors rely on immigration programs like the Provincial Nominee Program".

What I found missing in Mr Dahl's editorial was any indication that he had any understanding as to why Manitoba's hog industry has for the past 30 years been unable to retain a stable domestic work force. He has chosen to ignore that Manitoba's hog industries domestic labour shortage was designed back in 1995 when Maple Leaf forced a 40 per cent cut in packing plant workers wages. This wage reduction guaranteed the on going domestic labour shortage requiring Manitoba's hog industry to gain permanent access to indentured immigrant replacement workers. Extending the Provincial Nominee and similar pro-

grams will not provide a solution to the hog industries domestic labour shortage but will only serve to extend the problem for another 30 years.

Manitoba's hog industry is designed to be a low wage industry totally dependent upon the continuing existence of the Provincial Nominee and similar programs. These programs do not offer a solution to the hog industries labour shortages, these programs are the source of the problem. The hog industry has displayed little interest in improving wages to a level needed to maintain a stable labour force while being guaranteed access to continuing supply of indentured immigrant labour. The hog industry has even gone on record, in order to sustain its low wage industry it would rather "shatter barn sites" than provide the wages needed to attract workers that would keep the barn operational. Mr Dahl describes this system of production as "sustainable hog production and pork processing". With an ongoing stream of indentured labour that is.

Fred Tait
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Thumbs up, thumbs down

A huge Thumbs up to the Recreation Committee of the R.M. of North Cypress-Langford for their continual support of the Langford-Neepawa Winter Park. Their involvement has helped with the ongoing expenses and with the purchase of grooming equipment. This has enabled individuals and families locally, and from a large surrounding area, to enjoy outdoor activity.

Muriel Gamey
Neepawa, MB

Thumbs down to individuals who attack and malign our public servants and workers. Capable individuals will cease serving if you cannot approach them in a rational manner. Please consider what Bambi said to Thumper!. Let's try and conduct ourselves at a level higher than animals.

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Meatless Mondays

I am not sure I could be a full time vegetarian. I do practice meat-free days and have vegetables play a starring role in my meals. Dishes that emphasize the use of grains and legumes are high in protein, rich in fibre, low on fat and easier on the budget. Creating meat free meals for your family that they will actually want to eat doesn't have to be difficult. Here are a few ideas.

Crustless Tex-Mex Quiche

- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
- 2 tsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 3-4 cups sweet potatoes, cut into 1/2 inch pieces

- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1-540 mL can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 5 eggs

Heat the oven to 375° F. Spray a deep 10-inch pie plate (or casserole dish) with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine the lime juice, brown sugar, coriander, cumin, chili powder, salt and oil. Add sweet potato and toss. Transfer to a cookie sheet and roast until just barely tender, about 20 minutes. While sweet potatoes are cooking heat the one tablespoon of oil in a frying pan. Add the onion and sauté for several minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for one minute more. Set aside. Remove the sweet potatoes from oven and lower oven temp to 350° F. Transfer sweet potato to pie plate. Sprinkle the onions and garlic over the potatoes. Sprinkle beans over sweet potatoes, sprinkle cheese over beans. In a large bowl, whisk milk and eggs. Pour over sweet potatoes, beans and cheese. Bake until top is browned and eggs are set, about 35-40 minutes.

Lentil pasta soup.

It's a simple one-pot soup meal you can throw together in about 45 minutes.

- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 7 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 1/4 cups dried red lentils
- 1 tsp. dried rosemary

- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 540 mL can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup pasta shells like macaroni or rotini
- salt and pepper, to taste

In a large pot over medium heat add the oil. Then add the onion and celery. Sauté for about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for one minute more. Stir in the broth, carrots, lentils, rosemary, thyme, oregano, and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil. Turn the heat down and let the soup to simmer for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the lentils start to soften but are still firm at their centers. Stir in the tomatoes and pasta. Bring the soup back to a boil, then lower the heat and allow it to simmer for about 15 minutes longer, until the lentils and pasta are tender, stirring occasionally. Remove the pot from heat and then season the soup with salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy.

Rice and bean casserole

Aahhh, beans and rice, a favourite of mine. Not only is rice with beans eaten the world over, this basic dish has been filling hungry people on a limited budget for centuries. This recipe cooks in the oven and makes a family sized amount. This simple recipe yields an inexpensive entree or filling side dish all made in one dish!

- 2 cups basmati or long grain rice
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 1 dried oregano
- 1 tsp. each salt and pepper
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)

- 1/4 cup oil
- 2- 540 mL cans black or kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 650 mL jar tomato salsa
- 2 cups water

Preheat the oven to 350°. Pour rice into a large casserole dish; season with chili powder, cumin, oregano, salt, pepper and cayenne pepper. Add in the oil and stir until rice is thoroughly coated. Add the beans, salsa, and water and stir until evenly combined. Cover tightly with heavy-duty aluminum foil. (You can use a casserole dish with a lid instead of the foil.) Bake in the oven until rice is tender, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. If the rice is not fully cooked return to oven for a few more minutes. If the rice is too dry add a bit more liquid. Fluff with a fork and serve hot.

When politics become identity

Managing your mental health in changing times

We all see what's happening in the world right now, in fact, we are inundated with information about it every day. It hurts, hurts to see what is happening because we are empathizing with human beings. To hurt in response to watching others suffer is the most human thing that we can experience. Let me be clear, we SHOULD have strong feelings about our world right now because what is happening is a human rights issue that is very serious. Having said this, we also need to control our exposure to media because there is a rise in chronic stress, anxiety and burnout that is linked to non-stop political news. People are reporting that they are feeling powerless, angry and emotionally exhausted, which are all very acceptable ways to be feeling right now. It's important for us to stay informed but we also need to balance this with protecting our energies (because what we have is so limited). Consume your media at times of day when you feel your best, don't be afraid to stop that doomscrolling as soon as you start to feel symptoms of anxiety creep up for you and do not, I repeat, do not, read the news before bed. That just leaves your subconscious with fuel and leaves you unable to process what you just saw/read properly.

Political polarization is another effect that we are seeing in these times. People are swinging to be more

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DELSIE MARTIN

liberal or more conservative than they ever were because of the emotions that are coming up from reading the news. This is a normal human reaction. Therapists are reporting increased cases of political estrangement; this is what happens when political differences stop being a disagreement about issues and start feeling like a threat to "who I am". It's not just about voting differently, it's about identity, values and belonging. When someone we care about holds political views that feel opposite to our deeply held values, the brain can register that not as "different opinion," but as "this person supports harm". Once that emotional shift happens, conversations stop feeling like dialogue and start feeling like danger. People become tense, defensive, or angry faster. The mental health impact can be significant. People experiencing political estrangement often report grief, guilt, anger, and loneliness — similar to family rifts over other major value conflicts. We are seeing people avoiding family gatherings to prevent conflict, couples avoiding political conversations altogether, friendships and relationships ending. Approaching political dif-

ferences with curiosity instead of a goal to change someone's mind can lower defensiveness and protect the relationship, reminding everyone at the table that connection doesn't require agreement. Having said this, it's also important for you to recognize when you need to draw that line in the sand of, this conversation is unproductive.

In moments of intense political tension, it can feel like we are pulling apart from one another. History has shown that this tension brings to light what people need to feel safe, heard and represented in this world. Pay attention to the emotional impact of what we are living right now, your nervous system is trying to make sense of this changing world and that is hard work. Use this time to get to know yourself better, asking yourself what is truly important to you and pay close attention to what is happening, we are living a significant historical moment right now.

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By David Taggart
SPRUCE PLAINS RCMP

In the month of January the Spruce Plains RCMP had 286 occurrences. We investigated three frauds, five thefts, seven Assaults, three Threats, four break and enters and many provincial statute and Criminal Code offences. Two people were found to be driving impaired and were issued roadside suspensions. A truck was stolen from Glenella and recovered in Brandon. The suspect was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property.

Speeder of the Month: A 46 year old driver from St. Anne going 159 km/hr

in the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone. At that speed you get a licence review and a Fine of \$822.

Anti-Fraud Tip: Mystery Shopper – You receive a Notice that you have been selected to be a Mystery Shopper, Quality Control Officer, Client Service Strategist or a Personal Assistant. The notice includes a cheque and some instructions. The scammer asks you to deposit the money into your personal bank account and to transfer a large part of the money back into their account. The cheque they sent would bounce and you would be defrauded in the amount you sent back to the fraudster.

Old Canada: Gladstone

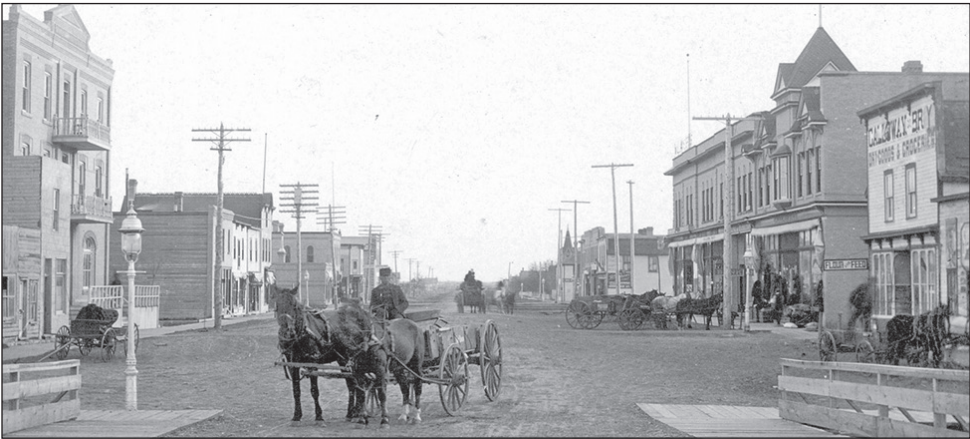


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Shown here is a look back at the town of Gladstone. It is estimated by the Old Canada Series that this picture was taken sometime around 1910. A note accompanying the photo also appears to mark "Morris Ave" as the specific location of the photo.

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Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. proposes to build a 20.2 kilometre-long and 6-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline in the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford that will run between two control points located approximately 3.5 and 22.5 kilometres south of the Town of Neepawa. The proposed route generally parallels Provincial Trunk Highway 5. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in the winter of 2027 and take up to a year to complete.

This proposal can be viewed at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries

Anyone affected by the proposal who wishes to provide feedback should submit their comments using the online form at www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries by March 09, 2026.

Information submitted in response to this proposal will be available to the proponent and placed on the public registry per Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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Cattle market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We sold 1,602 head on Feb. 3 on very strong market in Happy Rock.

We had 267 butcher cattle to start the day, and here's how they sold.

- D1-D2 cows \$2.15-2.35.
- D3 older cows \$1.70-2.00.
- Young feeding type cows \$2.20-2.50.
- Bulls \$2.30-2.5450.

Here are some market

highlights from yesterday's sale:

- We had a big package of 31 red and black exotic steers weighing 1010 pounds bring \$4.41 a pound (\$4454 a head).
- Twenty-nine Black and red steers come in the ring weighing 886 pounds and cash in at \$4.72 a pound (\$4,182 per head).
- Fourteen Red and Black steers weighing 666 pounds stamp there ticket at \$6.0050

a pound (\$3,994 a head).

On the Hiefer side of things:

- Twenty black exotic heifers weighing 766 pounds bring \$4.90 per pound (\$3753 per head)
- Six Charolais heifers weigh 661 pounds and fetch \$5.3850 per pound (\$3560 per head)
- Three red exotic heifers come in the ring weighing 464 pounds and bring \$7.29 a pound (\$3,383 per head).

Gladstone Auction Mart

Cattle Market Report
Feb. 3, 2026

Steers	
3-400 lbs.	\$8.00 to 9.00
4-500 lbs.	\$7.50 to 8.58
5-600 lbs.	\$6.50 to 7.50
6-700 lbs.	\$5.35 to 6.50
7-800 lbs.	\$4.75 to 5.70
8-900 lbs.	\$4.25 to 5.27
900+ lbs.	\$4.00 to 4.67
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$6.80 to 7.72
4-500 lbs.	\$6.85 to 8.05
5-600 lbs.	\$5.60 to 6.70
6-700 lbs.	\$4.75 to 5.85
7-800 lbs.	\$4.15 to 5.15
8-900 lbs.	\$3.90 to 4.67
900+ lbs.	\$3.50 to 4.48
1,602 head sold	

Rotarians in Neepawa District conference set to come to town

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Rotarians from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario will gather in Neepawa for the annual Rotary District 5550 Conference on May 8-9, 2026.

Neepawa Rotary President Rrain Prior noted this is the first time Neepawa has held this conference.

"The conference brings Rotarians together from the clubs throughout the district, sometimes people from outside the district, for fellowship and for learning opportunities," she said.

The conference gives the town a chance to promote many activities, from playing a round of golf, to checking out Neepawa's shopping centre, to exploring the many historic sites and recreations we have available.

Prior added, It's an opportunity for people throughout the district to get together once a year.

"We have a lot to show off right now. We're able to bring people up in the new hotel. Most places, a hotel, maybe, is not exciting, but it's thrilling for our community to have the new hotel here to share with people and these venues to share," she said. "The entertainment comes locally as well, and we've set up tours for people because a lot of Rotarians will come with their spouse who maybe doesn't want to participate in formal activities, but will have plenty to offer. So, it really is a great opportunity to bring people into town," said the Rotary President.

Guest speakers set to shine

The event is set to bring some thought-provoking keynote speakers to our town, including the chairman of True North Sports & Entertainment, Mark Chipman; Winnipeg Free Press Editor, Paul Samyn; Ramesh Ferris, a polio survivor who hand-cycled 7,140 kilometres across Canada in support of Polio eradication, education, and rehabilitation; as well as Niigan Sinclair, an award-winning writer, editor, and professor of Indigenous Studies at the University of Manitoba.

"We hope to make it so that local people

who are not in the Rotary Club will have the opportunity to hear the speakers, to be able to do that," she mentioned.

The local flair

The Rotary District 5550 Conference will also highlight Neepawa-based charities. Participants will hear about the work that Neepawa Coat Closet has done. The Neepawa club encouraged visiting Rotarians to host a coat drive in their own community or bring some used coats to donate. Also set to speak is The Dream Ride Organization, which was founded locally to support Manitoba children battling life-threatening illnesses. As well, the community-owned Roxy Theatre will be hosting a presentation.

Conference goers also have the opportunity to create and submit a video promoting a club activity, project, fundraising event, or to promote their club for a chance to win \$500 for their club. To wrap up the event, Rotarians are invited to a banquet where the District Governor Awards are handed out to deserving service members and their clubs.

Prior said the club is fortunate that Neepawa gets the opportunity to host the District Conference. She noted it is thanks to Neepawa local, Wayne Jacobsen, who is the District 5550 Governor.

"The District Governor spends a lot of his year travelling around from club to club, inspiring people and talking to them about the work that Rotary does and encouraging them to come to the District conference to get all together at once," she said. "It's an important thing that someone in our community has taken that leadership role in the work that Rotary does throughout the region, with community projects, youth services, and stuff like that."

Full information on the conference can be found at <https://d5550conference26.weebly.com/>

NACI alumni earn University of Manitoba athlete of the week honours



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Two Neepawa athletes are making a splash after Lara Denbow and Daxx Turner have both been named athletes of the week for the University of Manitoba. Both athletes were lauded after hitting personal bests in the high jump and triple jump over the weekend. Both are ranked No. 1 in the nation (1.80m, 16.05m, respectively). Denbow is pursuing an education in Pharmacy, while Turner is enrolled in Kinesiology & Recreation Management.

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A mixture of medias at Neepawa's ArtsForward



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A variety of area talents are currently on display at ArtsForward. This is for the new Members Showcases, an exhibit which highlights the works of creatives who hold a membership with the Neepawa arts and culture organization. The exhibit is remaining on display until Feb. 27, and features a variety of artistic medias.

Shown at the far left is: The Quiet Strength, by Melissa Parayeski.
Top right, from left to right: Wolf Head, by Jim Filipchuk; Ramping Up, by John Williams; and All Dried Up, by Glenda MacPhee. The wolf head was painted with acrylics on birch bark, and the flowers used by MacPhee were sourced from her garden and business, Gardenview Farms.
Bottom right: Passing (Like Ships in the Night), by Kennedy Baker.

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FARMING WINS.

NACI hosts Junior Varsity basketball tourney



The NACI Junior Varsity Boys basketball team hosted a tournament on Jan. 30 and 31. The Tigers opened with a game against the Virden Golden Bears. Despite a strong end to the game, Neepawa fell to Virden 74-60. The defeat dropped NACI into the Consolation bracket, where they would face the Dauphin Clippers. In the semi-final, Neepawa would best the Clippers 93-46, and move on to the Consolation Final against the Neelin Spartans. In this game, Neelin prevailed 63-52. As for the Championship bracket, the Vincent Massey [Brandon] Vikings beat Virden 90-61. Congratulations to Vincent Massey on the win and NACI for hosting a terrific event.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX



Neepawa J.V. Girls clash with G/C/B



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Tigers JV Girls Basketball Team was recently in action against the Glenboro/Carberry/Baldur (Co-op) Panthers. Despite the valiant effort by the girls, they ended up falling 41-19.

Neepawa Tigers win two of three in WHSHL

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It was a busy weekend for the Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute (NACI) Tigers in the Westman High School Hockey League, as they played three games in four nights. The first of these was a dramatic clash against the Major Pratt Trojans on

Thursday, Jan 29, which saw the Tigers win 4-3 in a shootout. Major Pratt struck first and carried a 1-0 lead into the intermission, scoring the lone goal of the opening frame with 6:27 remaining in the period. Neepawa responded in the second, as just three minutes into play, Kellen Hockin buried his seventh


goal of the season to tie things at 1-1. The Tigers weren't finished, however, as only 31 seconds later, Tyson Terin capitalized for his first of the year. That gave Neepawa a 2-1 advantage, which they'd bring with them into the second intermission. For the third period, Major Pratt came out early and knotted the game at 2-2. Neepawa regained control thanks to special teams, as Jude Carr found the back of the net on a



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

power-play chance, restoring the lead to one. That didn't last, however, as with just under nine minutes left in regulation, the Trojans answered once again to tie it 3-3, and force overtime. Neither team could break through in the extra period, sending it to a shootout. In the shootout, Neepawa was perfect, scoring on both of its attempts, while Major Pratt couldn't solve Tigers goaltender Harley Smith-Bellis, who turned aside both Trojan attempts, to seal the win.

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NACI Tigers take to the court



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA JACKSON

The Neepawa Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams were out in full force as they hit the court against the visiting Rivers Rams. The Neepawa Varsity Girls put on a defensive clinic en route to a 55-6 victory. The Varsity Boys piled on the offence against the Rams, mustering up an impressive 108-24 victory.

Local skaters place at regionals



PHOTOS BY NEEPAWA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Members of the Neepawa Skating Club, alongside Carberry, Minnedosa, and Rivers, celebrated a successful weekend at the Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Competition in Winkler, where Prairie Fusion Star 4 Synchro earned a gold medal and the Blades United Star 8 Synchro captured bronze.

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MJHL Standings

Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Virden Oil Capitals	38	26	10	2	0	54
Dauphin Kings	43	23	19	1	0	47
Neepawa Titans	42	22	19	0	1	45
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	44	20	20	2	2	44
Swan Valley Stampede	41	14	23	3	1	32
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	38	6	28	2	2	16
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Niverville Nighthawks	42	39	2	1	0	79
Steinbach Pistons	42	32	8	2	0	66
Portage Terriers	40	27	12	1	0	55
Winkler Flyers	43	24	16	1	2	49
Selkirk Steelers	41	18	20	2	1	39
Winnipeg Blues	41	10	28	3	0	23
Winnipeg Monarchs	43	8	33	2	0	18

Game results

Friday, Jan. 30
Wpg Monarchs 4-2 Neepawa

First Period
00:32 WPM T. Gale (8)
ASST: W. Kelman (3), C. Alt (11)
05:33 WPM E. Hulme (5)
ASST: C. Alt (12), W. Kelman (4)
07:16 WPM E. Hulme (5)
ASST: I. Felix (4), I. Alameddine (6)

Second Period
00:48 NPA T. Wallis (17)
ASST: J. Faith (6), G. Slaney (5)
Third Period
18:24 NPA G. Slaney (5) PP
ASST: K. Weisgarber (23), C. Kasprick (24)
19:31 WPM A. Cho (4) EN
ASST: C. Alt (13), J. Marshall (5)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
WPM	3	0	1	4	0/3
NPA	0	1	1	2	1/2

Goaltender
WPM - A. Ball - (W) 33/35 saves
NPA - KC. Couckuyt - (L) 24/27 saves
Attendance: 293 - Yellowhead Centre

Saturday, Jan. 31
Dauphin 3-1 Neepawa

First Period
02:06 DAU W. Dyck (10)
ASST: A. Mitchelmore (9), A. Malone (1)
Second Period
13:30 NPA J. Clark (22)
ASST: T. Lewis (11), C. Kasprick (25)

Third Period
05:56 DAU K. Pratte (9)
ASST: A. Mitchelmore (10), W. Dyck (7)
19:46 DAU D. Helary (15) EN
ASST: J. Schmidt (9)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
NPA	0	1	0	1	0/2
DAU	1	0	2	3	0/1

Goaltender
NPA - Z. Burleigh - (L) 35/37 saves
DAU - H. Bauer - (W) 30/31 saves
Attendance: 642 - Credit Union Place

Club 55 Bowling Minnedosa

Jan. 29, 2026: Ladies' High Single & High Triple: Laurie Kohinski 209 & 508. Men's High Single & Triple: Chuck Morden 207 & 523. Other Good Scores: Laurie Kohinski 160; Muriel Porada 169; Caroline Harding 177; Vivian Oswald 167, 197; Chuck Morden 152, 164; Carmen Barten 157; Judy Gabler 154; Frank Porada 175, 157; Russ Taylor 157. January Bowlers of the Month: Carmen Barten & Frank Porada.

Sports

Farmers win over Wild in THHL

By Eoin Devereux
Neepawa Banner & Press

Special teams proved to be the difference for the Neepawa Farmers, on the way to a 6-2 win over the MacGregor Wild on Saturday, Jan. 31. The Farmers capitalized on both of their power-play opportunities (2-for-2), while holding the Wild scoreless on their three chances (0-for-3). Neepawa also picked up a short-handed goal, which turned out to be the game winner.

Cohen Kulbacki led the way offensively with a hat trick. Kulbacki also opened up the scoring, with a pair of his goals late in the first period.

One of those goals came off a power-play, and sent

the Farmers into the first intermission with a 2-0 lead.

Five minutes into the second, Kyle McDonald scored a short-handed goal for Neepawa, which would stand up as the game-winner.

The Farmers kept pouring it on when Callan Denbow and Shane Byram also scored, with Byram's on the man advantage.

MacGregor finally broke through with a goal with just three minutes left in regulation. The Wild added another a minute later.

Cohen Kulbacki would complete his three-goal night, however, scoring on an empty-net chance, to make the final score 6-2.

With the win, the Farmers improved their record to 9-8-1 on the year, with one regular season game left to



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Farmers and the Wild of the Tiger Hills Hockey League had a fierce game this past Saturday.

play. Neepawa concludes the schedule with a home game against the Minnedosa Bombers (14-3-0. 28 points) on Friday, Feb. 6. Start time at the Yellowhead Centre is set for 7:30 p.m.

Titans start to falter at worst possible time

By Joshua Jackson
Neepawa Banner & Press

The Neepawa Titans are hoping hard work and perseverance can take them out of a slump and back into the win column in Manitoba Junior Hockey League action.

With only 15 regular-season games left in the MJHL, the Titans have slid to third place, with 45 points, and a surging Waywayseecappo Wolverines are looking to gain ground. Over the last 10 games, the Titans have a modest 5-5-0-0 record.

The Titans started their week with a battle against the Winnipeg Monarchs on Jan. 30.

It was a welcome sight for fans as fan-favourite K.C. Couckuyt dressed up for the first time this

season in MJHL action. The 20-year-old product from Brandon has been sidelined with injury for the majority of the season. The Monarchs played like they had a vendetta against the Titans, scoring three goals within 10 minutes of the first period.

The Titans started to mount a comeback in the second period, courtesy of Talen Wallis collecting his 17th goal of the season, assisted by Jackson Kohut and Kyle Weisgarber. In the third period, the Titans would score one on the powerplay goal with under two minutes to play. Grayson Slaney would take the Titans within one point, with assists by Kyle Weisgarber and Captain Cooper Kasprick. The Titans would pull their goalie and put a

barrage of shots on net, but the Monarchs would find the back of the empty net and fall 4-2.

Titans bested by Dauphin

The Neepawa Titans found themselves in a back-to-back situation as on Jan. 31, the Titans would travel to Dauphin for a key West Division tilt. The Kings currently hold second place with 47 points.

Neepawa Titans' Jack Clark would score the lone goal for the team in the second period with help from Cooper Kasprick and Dylan McCann. The Kings would put up three

goals to secure the victory. Neepawa netminder Zach Burleigh would stop 34/37, and the Titans' power play would go 0/2.

Wavering against Wayway

The room for error for the Titans got even smaller on Tuesday, Feb. 3, as they were beaten by the Waywayseecappo Wolverines a 4-2.

This result moves the Wolverines within one point of Neepawa for third place in the MJHL's West Division. While the Titans still have two games in hand, they'll need to start actually winning again for that to matter.

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Sharon Lynne Oliver

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Sharon Lynne Oliver of Neepawa on January 21, 2026 at the age of 84 years.

Sharon was born on Feb 6, 1941 in Neepawa, Manitoba to Olive and Frank Pasquill. Through the school years, the family lived in Neepawa, Minnedosa, and Kenora.

Sharon met the love of her life, Stanley Mack Oliver in high school at Neepawa. They married in 1962 and moved onto the family farm near Oberon. Sharon graduated from Brandon University as a Registered Nurse in 1962 and worked at Carberry General Hospital.

They raised a family with son Doug and daughter Corinne and lived on the family farm until moving into Neepawa in the fall of 2011. Sharon and Stan loved to have grandchildren, nieces and nephews visit them at the farm during summer holidays.

Sharon is predeceased by husband Stan, brother Richard, parents Olive and Frank. Surviving are son, Doug (Michelle), daughter Corinne (Jamie), grandchildren Brett Oliver (Hayley), Bryce Oliver (Madison), and Jenna Campbell (Mitch), great-grandson Brax Oliver and brother Frank (Myra) and many nieces and nephews.

Sharon passed away peacefully after a valiant fight with Alzheimer's.

She will be remembered for her bright smile, welcoming nature and endless energy and determination for a hard day's work.

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Harry Braun

With his children at his side, Harry Braun of Neepawa, Manitoba passed away peacefully on Friday, January 23, at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

Harry was the youngest of nine siblings, the last-born child of John L. and Anna Braun.

He was raised on a farm near Plum Coulee, Manitoba, where he developed a strong work ethic and a quiet determination that stayed with him throughout his life.

On August 14, 1971, Harry married Ella Loepky of Halbstadt, Manitoba in Altona. Their first child, Lisa, was born in Altona in 1975, followed by their second child, Jeffrey, in 1976. Not long after, Harry and Ella chose to make Neepawa their home, where they lived, worked, and raised their family.

Harry spent over 40 years working as a carpenter and contractor. His work included residential homes and renovations, as well as managing larger construction projects across both Northern and Southern Manitoba, and even a project at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. He took pride in his work and was respected for his skill and reliability.

Harry was predeceased by his beloved wife of 43 years, Ella (née Loepky), in July 2015, as well as his grandchildren Nicholas Schouten, Olivia Schouten, and Wyatt Braun.

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- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
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- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

To excel in this role, you should possess:

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- Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
- Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience working with livestock
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
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Trade disruptions, economic uncertainty weighing heavily on Manitoba businesses

Media Release

MANITOBA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Trade disruptions and economic uncertainty are making it increasingly difficult for Manitoba businesses to plan, invest, and grow, according to the 2025 Manitoba Business Outlook Survey released today by the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce.

Four out of five Manitoba businesses (80 per cent) say they are concerned about the impact of trade disruptions, tariffs, and shifting global trade dynamics over the next year, and that concern is already translating into real operational impacts. Nearly two-thirds of businesses (62 per cent) report that U.S. trade tensions and tariffs have negatively affected their operations.

Growing uncertainty

The impact is being felt most acutely outside Winnipeg. Nearly nine out of ten businesses in rural Manitoba (87 per cent) report concern about trade disruptions, compared with roughly three out of four businesses in Winnipeg (74 per cent).

Among businesses affected by trade tensions, rising input costs are the most common challenge. Seventy-six per cent report increased costs for materials, components, and equipment. Businesses also cited supply chain disruptions and growing uncertainty around hiring, financial planning, and investment decisions.

Economic uncertainty is now shaping business behaviour more broadly. More than three-quarters of Manitoba businesses (76 per cent) say uncertainty is affecting their

hiring, financial planning, or investment decisions. In response, many businesses report delaying hiring, investment, or expansion decisions, adjusting pricing, or sourcing more inputs domestically to mitigate risk.

While overall growth expectations remain cautious, they are holding steady. Fifty-five per cent of businesses expect their workforce to remain about the same over the next 12 months, while 30 per cent anticipate growth, reflecting continued uncertainty rather than confidence in the economic outlook. Rising costs remain the single largest barrier to growth. The cost of doing business was cited by 57 per cent of respondents as the top constraint on growth, followed by labour availability and trade-related uncertainty.

Reduced access to skilled workers

Labour shortages are further adding to cost pressures. Nearly half of businesses (47 per cent) report having to increase wages or offer additional incentives to attract and retain workers, driving up operating costs and limiting expansion opportunities. Many employers say access

to skilled labour is just as difficult—or more difficult—than it was two years ago.

Changes to federal immigration policy are also affecting Manitoba employers. More than one in four businesses (27 per cent) say they have already experienced negative impacts, primarily due to reduced access to skilled workers and longer staffing timelines, with many indicating the full effects have yet to be felt.

When asked how governments can support competitiveness and reduce uncertainty, more than three-quarters of businesses (76 per cent) said eliminating interprovincial trade barriers should be a top priority. Half of respondents (50 per cent) do not believe Manitoba is currently competitive with other provinces.

Businesses also identified expansion of the Port of Churchill and investment in new clean energy projects as the top strategic priorities to support long-term provincial economic growth.

Safety, community well-being should be top priority

Beyond economic policy, quality-of-life factors emerged as critical to Manitoba's competitiveness. More than half of businesses (54 per cent) said

improving public safety and community well-being should be a top priority to attract and retain workers, alongside access to health care and infrastructure investment.

"Manitoba businesses are navigating a period of sustained uncertainty that is making it harder to plan for the future," said Chuck Davidson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. "Trade disruptions, rising costs, and labour constraints are compounding pressures across sectors, particularly for rural and export-dependent businesses."

The 2025 Manitoba Business Outlook Survey was conducted by Leger on behalf of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce between Nov. 17 and Dec. 17, 2025. The survey included responses from 157 Manitoba business decision-makers across sectors and regions.

NACI Tigers win in Boissevain, but fall at home to Raiders

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The next night, Neepawa travelled south to Boissevain for a showdown against the Broncos (8-11-0). For this game, the Tigers rallied back from a 4-1 deficit, to win in regulation, by a 5-4 margin.

Ian Foster scored the early goal for Neepawa, before the Broncos replied with three of their own in the first period. They'd add another mid-way through the second to take a commanding 4-1 lead.

At this point, the Tigers were finally able to shake off the rigours of a long bus ride, and started playing to their potential. Luke Nicholson, Ian Foster and Kane Lapointe all scored for NACI, to make it 4-4. Then just six minutes into the third, Brooklyn Boersma put away the game winner for Neepawa. Jase

Eros was credited with the win in goal for NACI.

Raiders pull off minor upset in Neepawa

The Tigers' final game of the weekend was at home on Sunday, Feb. 1, versus the Roblin/Grandview/Gilbert Plains (RGG) Raiders. This gruelling stretch of games may have finally caught up to Neepawa, as the Raiders stole one at the Yellowhead, winning 4-3. Ian Foster, Brooklyn Boersma and Brock Pasloski all scored for the Tigers. These results have Neepawa's record at 14-5-0 on the year, and in fourth place in the WSHSL standings.

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Hearts in the Park

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Neepawa's Arts Forward hosted its first Hearts in the Park event at the Gill and Schmall Dream Ride Park.

The event kicked off Love Where You Live, where February in Neepawa is all about connection, community, and supporting the people and places that make our hometown special!

Attendees of Hearts in the Park were treated to hot chocolate with all the fixings, while photographer Jody Baker captured portraits in front of the snowglobe.

Whether it's affection for your community, friends, or family, share a little love this Valentine's Day! Pictured: Judy and Lyle Watson, of Neepawa.



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