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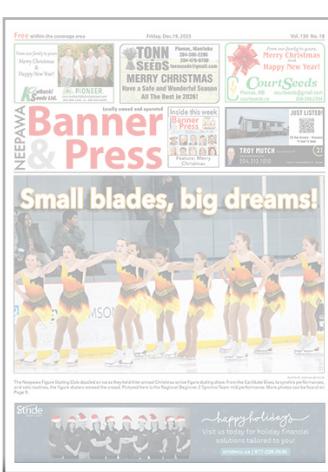
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January: Major renovations to the Kerr Block were underway to turn the building into a new commercial and residential complex.



February: Kinley Thomson Chartered Professional Accountants Inc was named the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.



February: The sixth annual Curling for a Cure was a huge success, raising \$40,060 in support of Candlelighters Childhood Cancer and the Neepawa Community Cancer Program. The Minnedosa-based bonspiel fundraiser also raised \$134,611 over the past six years.



January: On Jan. 14, Judith Parker became the owner of the former Gladstone Bakery and Eatery to launch her own bakery business, Follow the Crumbs.



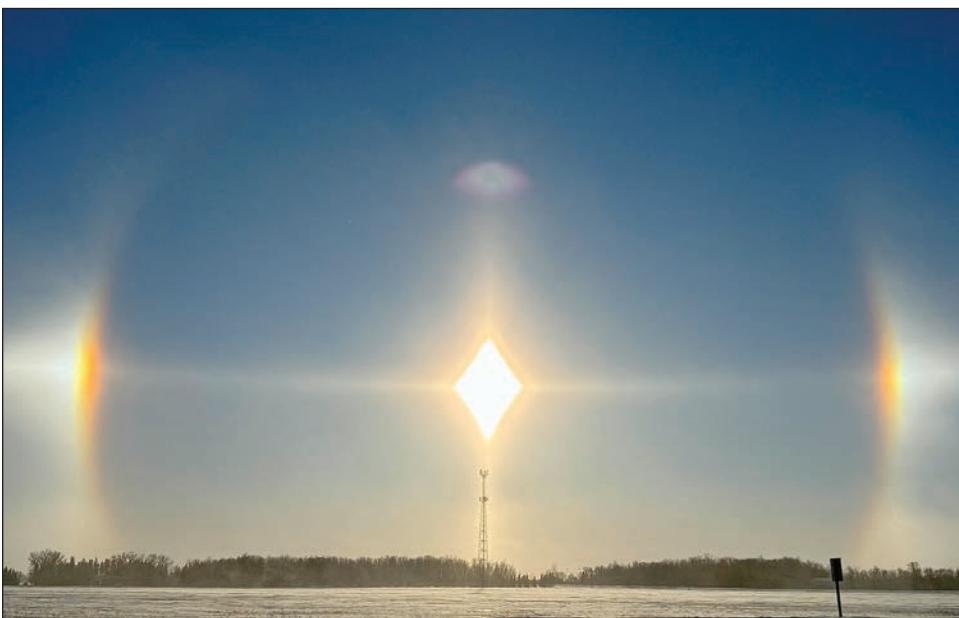
January: Rotor's Bakery & Pizzeria in Neepawa held its official re-opening on Monday, Jan. 13. After plenty of hard work and renovations, the Rotor's Team is now operating at its new location at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Hamilton Street.



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February: Darryl Gerrard of Neepawa has been participating the circuit training for about 14 years. In January, Gerrard competed in his first individual competition at the Fittest in Manitoba event in Winnipeg. He finished second in his category, the Men's Masters (40+).



January: Photographer Rob Waddell captured a photo of the phenomena known as 'sun dogs' in the area recently. Sun dogs are an atmospherical phenomena that appear on either side of the sun. The outside portions are typically white, with the insides closest to the sun appearing in reddish or orange hues. For those who may be unfamiliar, this phenomena can occur when either the sun or the moon shines through a thin cloud of ice crystals.

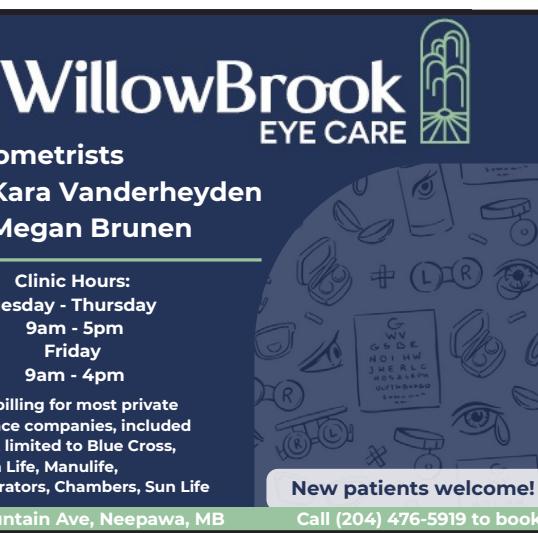


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## 2006: Welcome to the new year, Sébastien!

By Casper Wehrhahn  
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,  
Tuesday,  
January 8, 1901**

On Friday night the rising moon assumed some strange shapes. At one time it was an exact representation of a lemon. Again it looked like a large parlor lamp. Some local scientists may be able to give a reason for this strange phenomenon. Perhaps there is to be a fancy dress ball among the planets and fair Luna was simply trying on costumes.

Samuel Hampton, of Rapid City, has invented a rotary plow, which is expected to greatly reduce the cost of plowing and preparing ground for seed. The plow requires three horses to draw it but will, with this number, prepare ten acres a day. He has his invention patented in Canada and is applying for patent in the United States.

W. Little, of Neepawa, was successful in passing his minor examinations held in Winnipeg.

Miss Ella Smith, teacher of Seneca school, who has been visiting with relatives at Balmoral, came back on Saturday's train to resume her duties.

**100 years ago,  
Tuesday,  
January 12, 1926**

Springhill: Mr. Harris is busy these days flooding the open air rink on his premises. The young people enjoyed many pleasant times together on Mr. Harris' rink last winter and everyone is looking forward to the time when the ice will be ready again.

A team of horses driven by Mrs. Jos. Birch got beyond control while

making deliveries in town yesterday and in the resultant smash-up the driver had her shoulder dislocated.

**75 years ago,  
Thursday,  
January 11, 1951**

A record entry of 86 rinks, 12 more than last year, started play in the 12 annual Neepawa Men's Bonspiel here Monday. Seven draws on 10 sheets of ice are necessary to complete the conspiel on schedule.

Two persons received injuries and one was shaken up when the car in which they were riding went out of control Sunday night and smashed into a bridge just east of Arden on No. 4 Highway.

Still in Neepawa General Hospital Tuesday was Miss Olivia Melnyk, 23-year-old twin sister of Mrs. Mike Brykaluk, wife of the driver Mike Brykaluk.

Miss Melnyk suffered lacerations to the forehead and shock and Tuesday was being detained for X-ray examination.

Her twin sister was discharged Tuesday after treatment for facial and head lacerations.

Mr. Brykaluk escaped with a shaking up.

From information available at Press time it is believed Mr. Brykaluk was blinded by the glare of an oncoming vehicle and swerved too sharply to the right which threw the car headlong into a deep ditch where it crashed against the buttresses of the bridge.

Archie Cathers has been transferred to Portage by the C.N.R.

Arden: James Kerr of the Arden district passed away at his home on Dec. 14 following a short

illness...

Mr. Kerr was born at Newton Stewart, Scotland, on Nov. 22, 1879. He came to Canada with his family in 1925 and farmed in the Arden district since 1933.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Ritchey, of Neepawa; Mrs. Elliott of Toronto; Mrs. Bicknell of Winnipeg and James and Sam of Arden.

Congratulatory messages and numerous gifts were received Saturday by Mrs. Margaret Cruickshank on the occasion of her 90th birthday anniversary...

A pioneer of Manitoba, Mrs. Cruickshank spent most of 61 years in Oakdale and Neepawa districts.

**50 years ago,  
Thursday,  
January 8, 1976**

Unless there is a greater emphasis on fundamentals, the level of Canadian hockey will drop from among the leaders to as low as fifth on the scale of the world's hockey playing nations.

Happy New Year becomes Happy Birthday for Patrick Morgan Kilborn, the first baby born in the Neepawa District Memorial Hospital in 1976. Patrick arrived at 3:51 a.m., Monday, January 5, and weighed in at 8 lbs, 2 1/2 oz. or 3.8 kilograms. He is the second son to be born to Bruce and Cherie Kilborn and will be the recipient of many fine gifts donated by merchants in Neepawa.

The Bennets recently returned from a year spent in Australia where Dave was teaching at a high school in Hamilton in the state of Victoria. They said the family enjoyed their stay in Australia and that they found the change

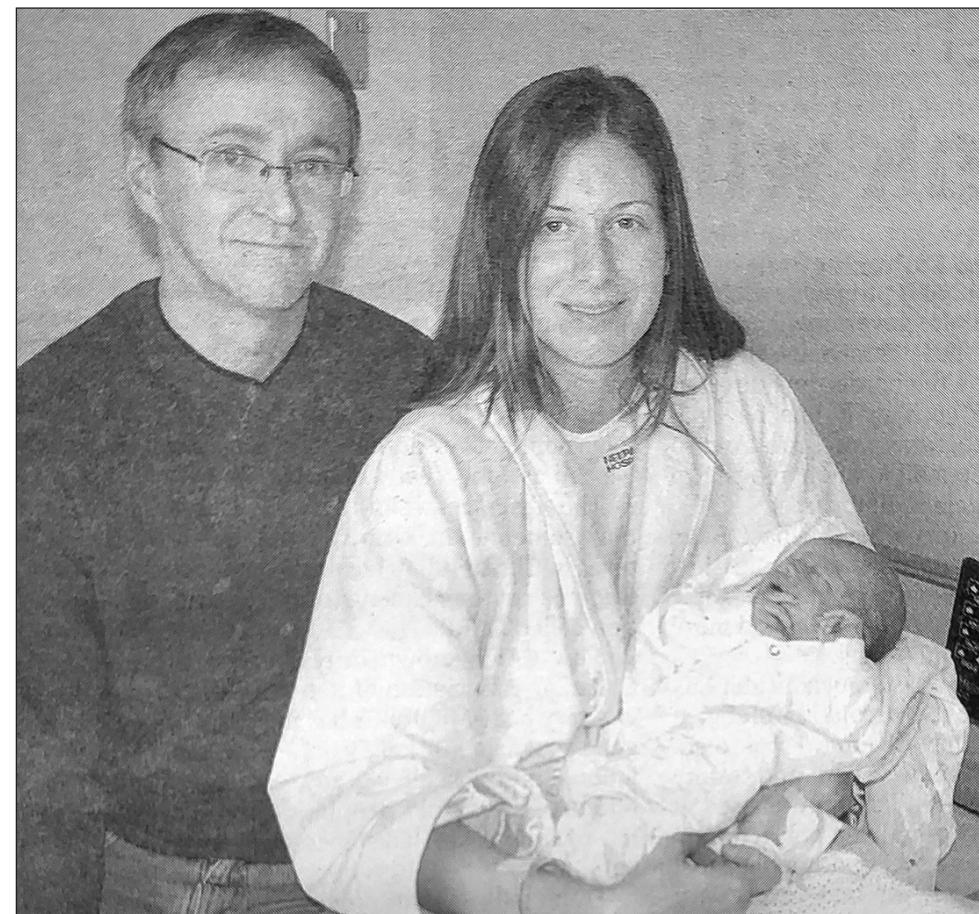


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Renai and Rob Buchanan welcomed little Sébastien to their family in January of 2006. Sébastien was the first baby of the year to be born at the Neepawa General Hospital that year.

between the two countries quite easy to take. Both Dave and Myra said that the people were very friendly and they found many things of interest during their stay there.

**20 years ago,  
Monday,  
January 9, 2006**

Neepawa's first baby of 2006 made his appearance four days into the new year, arriving on Wednesday at 4:22 p.m.

Sébastien Michael Buchanan is the second child for parents Rob and Renai, who were thrilled to welcome the New Year's baby.

Turtle River School Division is asking the Manitoba Labour Board to intervene and settle a strike with its support workers.

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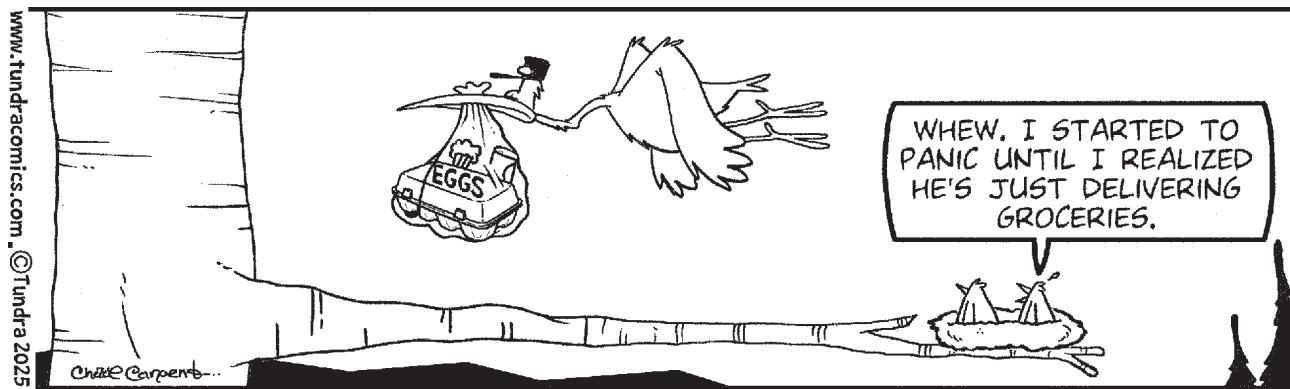
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**By Chad Carpenter**

## We know who holds the future

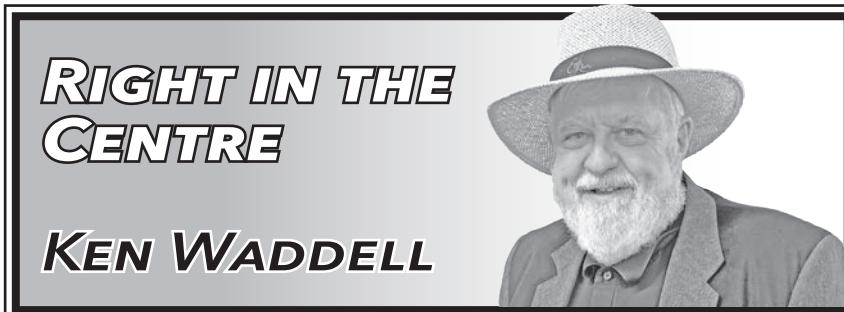
Special dates are important markers as we measure our life and progress.

Fifty-five years ago this week, my wife Christine (nee Lobel of Scarth, Manitoba) and I, along with our eight month old son moved out of Winnipeg for the second time in a year. I was raised on a farm north-west of Holland, Manitoba and Christine on a farm at Scarth, just south of Virden. We met, through mutual friends in Winnipeg, I guess that's a common story for many people.

So we attended university, worked at summer and part-time jobs, managed the university newspaper, got married and had a baby. By graduation time in the Spring of 1970, there were a few odd jobs in Winnipeg before moving out to western Manitoba working at a couple of jobs and then back to Winnipeg for a research job at University of Manitoba. In early January, 1971, I started as Assistant Ag-rep in Neepawa, hence the second move out of Winnipeg in one year.

A lot of water has flowed down the Whitemud, Little Saskatchewan and the Assiniboine rivers in those 55 years.

Our family has grown to two sons, a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law and for great grandsons. On the business, community and politics side, our life has included over nine years as an Ag-rep with the Department of Agriculture, several years farming and 20 years of auctioneering. It has also included a few elections, two terms as mayor of Neepawa and now nearly 40 years of accumulated newspaper work. I chuckle inside when I see the look on peoples' faces when I say my first publication was in 1966. By the way, that was 60 years ago.



“ Actually there is one major difference now from 1971 and that is we know that God holds our tomorrow. ”

Fifty-five years is a long time. We have made 1,000s of friends, acquaintances and customers across Manitoba, Canada and some into the United States. We have tried our best to serve wherever we can, be it in our towns, our businesses and churches.

We are thankful for all the people we have met, even the few who aren't sure about whether they like us or not.

This week is also the second anniversary of Christine's very serious cancer surgery. Both Christine and I have had the privilege of receiving very good health care and especially with Christine, it was severe and life threatening. Over the years, the medical system has either improved or saved our lives on a few occasions. I don't want to miss anyone or draw unwanted attention to them, but I

would be happy to state tribute privately about some amazing medical people to anyone.

So as we launch into a New Year, we don't know what the future will bring, in much the same we didn't know what the future would hold in January 1971. Actually there is one major difference now from 1971 and that is we know that God holds our tomorrow. We may have known that somewhat in 1971 but we know it with assurance in 2026.

My God bless you and yours!

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## HOMEBODIES

**RITA FRIESEN**

## Looking back...

As is my custom, at the end of the year I review the highlights; family times, personal growth, adventure...2025 did not disappoint me, for which I give thanks.

So many images crowd into memory review. One that is framed with smiles is the Sunday afternoon I was blessed with the company of three granddaughters, their accumulated flock of eight children ages ten and down, and my favourite daughter-in-law. We had dined with relative ease in a local restaurant and we all had time to play before heading home. Riverbend Park won the vote. It had been a week of heavy rain and lovely puddles called an invitation. After checking with the grands, I invited the great grands to remove shoes and socks and come puddling. That image, barefooted in deep puddles, surrounded by my littles, that image brings such joy and satisfaction. A halo day.

Travels this year included a blessed stay on the Isle of Iona: ten days of raw beauty, deepening faith roots and shared laughter with a close friend. It was my second time to the wee small isle and please, dear God, not my last. My breathing slows, my heart and spirit open, my eyes capture the views, and my spirit captures the presence of the Divine. Time in Belfast and Dublin certainly expanded my world knowledge; the beauty and the history of the country are amazing. One need not travel far to be refreshed. Camp Morton, just outside of Gimli is a hidden gem. I was so moved and inspired by the site that my sister and I returned, out of tourist season, to simply rest our souls and spirits on the shores of the mighty Lake Winnipeg. This longing to return I understand a bit better - my earliest summer camp memories are warm and comforting, filled with the company of cousins - regular time at the Canadian Sunday School Mission camps, now known as One Hope Ministries. Trees, wind, water, sunshine...perfection.

This summer had a family bonus; my nephew and his family from Australia joined the family to celebrate the marriage of one of his cousins, also my nephew. His mother, my sister, joined us and a wonderful custom around her time in the province is the gathering of the cousins and two remaining aunts. Cousins, the ones that played together on the grandparents farm, the ones that share hairlines, and creases, and laughter; we're all old! Our time together is precious, a review of childhood, yes, but an exchange of thoughts, family history and discussions on the reality of aging! Following the gathering of the clan, we spent time with one on one visits with other family members, speaking freely, sharing deeply.

A day trip with my younger sister included a stop at the Rosefarm Cemetery, a well kept, well loved, almost unmarked cemetery, the resting place of so many family and friends. My Uncle Bill, farm accident at the age of 14 or 15...the rascal in the family whose loss took the laughter from our grandmother forever. Maternal grandparents, sets of aunts and uncles, some cousins... Time spent there moves slowly.

I am well. It is well with my soul. No better way to conclude one year and embrace another.

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## Letter to the editor

### Wab's record is not that fab for rural Manitoba

As Manitobans reflect on the state of the Province, it is becoming increasingly difficult to describe Premier Wab Kineew's record as anything but troubling, particularly for families and communities in southwestern and rural Manitoba.

Two years ago, the NDP campaigned on fixing Manitoba's health-care system. That promise resonated strongly in rural Manitoba, where access to care has been eroding for years. Unfortunately, the situation today remains much the same, and in some cases, it has worsened. Emergency room closures, chronic staffing shortages, and long travel times for basic medical services remain a fact of life for many families in the southwest. Doctors Manitoba warned of 25 emergency departments outside of Winnipeg that were reducing hours or closing altogether over the holiday season.

Most concerning is that Manitoba now has two hospitals on a "grey list," meaning nurses are actively recommending to other nurses that they not work at those facilities. This is a clear warning sign about working conditions and staffing pressures, and it should deeply concern anyone who relies on these hospitals.

These safety concerns are not unique to the big hospitals in the city; they have filtered their way into rural Manitoba clinics and facilities.

At the same time, the Kineew government raised income taxes and education

property taxes, increasing the financial burden on Manitobans who are already struggling with the cost of living. The Premier stopped linking income tax brackets to inflation, which means that as inflation goes up, so do your income taxes. This is known as bracket creep and is a sneaky way for the NDP government to increase your taxes without having to tell you that they are doing so. Manitoba is the only province that suffers from bracket creep, especially disappointing considering the PC government got rid of it in 2017.

Adding to these concerns is a projected provincial deficit of \$1.6 billion. After two years in office, Manitobans were expecting prudent management and measurable progress, not deeper deficits and unresolved crises in essential services. Sky-high deficits like this mean we are going to see one of two things - even higher taxes, or cuts to the services that Manitobans rely on.

While the next provincial election is not scheduled until October 2027, the Premier could drop the writ at any time, likely trying to take advantage of his fragile popularity in the City of Winnipeg.

After two years of unmet promises, it's reasonable for Manitobans to consider whether new voices are needed at the table.

**Levi Cottingham**  
**Birtle, Manitoba**

### Thumbs up, thumbs down

Thankfully I've never experienced war and I want sports teams to not describe the game being played as "a war out there".

**Jim Krzyzaniak**  
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This easy carrot salad is the kind of recipe you'll make again and again.

### Carrot salad

1 lb. (454 g) carrots, peeled

1 stalk celery, diced

1 apple, diced

1/2 cup drained crushed pineapple or pineapple pieces-optional

1/2 cup raisins

2-3 Tbsp. pumpkin seeds or nuts of choice

### Dressing:

1/4 cup mayo

3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

3 Tbsp. honey or 2 Tbsp. sugar

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1/2 tsp. ginger

1/2 tsp cinnamon

Whisk the dressing ingredients together until smooth. Gently stir in the prepared carrots, celery, apple, pineapple, raisins and pumpkin seeds in. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

For a quick and delicious sandwich don't underestimate carrots for a change of pace.

### Carrot, cheese and raisin sandwich

1/2 cup grated cheese

1 cup grated carrots

2 Tbsp. mayonnaise

2 Tbsp. chopped raisins

4 slices of buttered whole grain bread

salt and pepper if desired

lettuce

Combine cheese, carrots, raisins and mayo. Spread on your buttered bread and top with lettuce. Salt and pepper if desired. Enjoy.

This carrot cake bars recipe is easy to make, chewy like brownies, lightly spiced and full of healthy carrots. They are easy to pack in lunches for a treat.

### Carrot raisin bars

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup butter

2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup white flour

1/2 cup whole wheat flour

1 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1 1/2 cup grated carrots

1/2 cup toasted nuts or

sun flower seeds

Beat together sugar and butter. Add the eggs and vanilla and mix well. In a small bowl stir the flours, baking powder, baking soda, and the spices together. Mix the flour into the butter mixture. Add the carrots and raisins. Spread evenly in greased 9X9 inch square pan. Sprinkle desired nuts or sunflower seeds over. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for approximately 35 minutes or until set in the middle.

## Grab a meal to support local television!

**By The NAC TV Board**  
**NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS**

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**'I was blown away'**

Gladstone community provides major support for band program

**By Cooper Waddell  
Neepawa Banner & Press**

The band program at Gladstone Secondary School has received a major boost from the Gladstone community. The band has been given a new set of instruments, and the band room has been updated with new equipment. The band room is now a more comfortable and functional space for the band to practice and perform.

"I started at the school about 10 years ago," says Dan Mazier, Member of Parliament for Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa. "Since then, the program has grown and improved. The band room has been updated, and the instruments have been replaced. This is a great example of a community coming together to support a local band program."

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**March:** The band program at William Morton Collegiate Institute received quite the boost in the form of approximately \$16,000 in donations. These funds were used to acquiring additional instruments for the program.

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**Building a house, making it a home**

Neepawa Habitat for Humanity picks its partner for 2025

**By Erin Denehy  
Neepawa Banner & Press**

For the fourth year, Neepawa Habitat for Humanity has chosen its partner for the year. This year, the organization has chosen Ritchel Quezon as its partner. Ritchel Quezon is a local entrepreneur who is in charge of the Neepawa Habitat for Humanity steering committee. The steering committee has been working on finding a partner for the past few years, and they are excited to have found someone who is willing to help them with their project.

Ritchel Quezon, Age 30, is a local entrepreneur. He is the owner of Ritchel Quezon, a local business that focuses on the construction of houses. He has been involved in the construction of houses for many years, and he is currently working on a new project. He is a hard working man. A single father, he has many jobs. He is dedicated to his work, and he is always looking for ways to improve his business.

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**March:** 100+ people from Carberry and area attended a meeting on Mar. 24, which featured an update on the proposed changes to be made to the highway intersection just north of the community.



**April:** In the span of just two hours on Thursday, Apr. 10, the international service club not only introduced itself to the people of Neepawa, but also established a brand new local chapter, with a fully stocked board and several enthusiastic members. The new club is known as the Kiwanis Club of Neepawa & Area. The main goal of Kiwanis International is to give community members the opportunity to help children, both locally and abroad, and to foster a positive influence in communities worldwide.



**January:** Dan Mazier (right), Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa Member of Parliament, read out a Statement of Recognition in Parliament in Ottawa. Mazier said, "I want to thank them for being pillars in their community and for giving a voice to rural Canadians for so many years." On Jan. 31, Mazier came to the Neepawa Banner & Press office to present a framed copy of the parliamentary statement to Chris and Ken Waddell.



**March:** Minnedosa bowlers Owen Robinson (Bantam Singles), Kadence Madden (Senior Girls Singles), and Junior Boys duo Tyler Dyck and Daniel Dalgarno were selected to represent Manitoba at the Youth Bowl Canada Nationals.



**April:** On Monday, Apr. 14, Rev. Chad McCharles was recognized in the Legislature by Agassiz Constituency MLA Jodie Byram. Rev. McCharles had long served Neepawa and the surrounding area and in the spring was elected Bishop for Saskatoon.



**May:** Neepawa Transitional Shotokan Karate (Neepawa Karate Club) was at the 2025 nationals held in Winnipeg in May. The age 14 to 17 female group secured a gold, silver and bronze; and the adults yellow-green group (pictured) took gold and bronze.



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# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

# April / May

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YEAR IN REVIEW



March: Plumas Shop & Stop store burned down on Sunday, Mar. 2. The fire was first noticed by a community member who was at the curling rink. It was only a matter of minutes until the firemen got to the scene, but by then the back end of the building was fully engaged by the flames. The store carried everything including some combustible material.



April: Spring was truly in the air at Mad Dog Produce, located in Plumas. Owner Janelle Lach, pictured here with goat Queenie, was busy welcoming new life, such as calves (pictured below), goats and early green growths.



April: The Riding Mountain district, along with the rest of the nation, went to the polls to elect members of the House of Commons for the 45th Canadian Parliament.



May: Around 200 people assembled near the Trans-Canada intersection on Thursday May 22, to express their concern for the potential selection of the R-CUT option for the renovation of the highway.



April: On Thursday, Apr. 17, the easter bunny took a ride through Minnedosa on a trusty steed by the name of Blueberry. The Easter Bunny was accompanied by the crew of KS Hunter's Barbershop and made various stops throughout the town to spread some easter joy.



May: Dan Mazier won re-election in the Riding Mountain district on Monday, Apr. 28, amassing 28,165 votes. While Mazier was one of the 144 Conservative candidates to win in the Federal Election, the Liberal Party of Canada, won a minority government, with 169 elected.



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# May / June



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**Reaching out across the aisle**

**May: Across the region, greenhouses are getting into full swing with gardeners hitting the road in search of the perfect flower, shrub or tree for their yards and gardens.**

**May: Neepawa Area Collegiate Institute students gave the show of a lifetime as months of hard work, practice, and preparation ended when students hit the stage put on the major production of "Disney's Aladdin Jr."**

**May: Dr. Nichelle Desilets, a physician at the Beautiful Plains Medical Clinic in Neepawa, ascended to the presidency in the organization known as Doctors Manitoba.**



May: People turned up en-masse to Neepawa's Rotary Park on the morning of May 24 for Rotary: The New Wave Neepawa's Colour Run. Scenes from this event are shown here, with plenty of colour and miles to go around.



May: The board members and supporters of Habitat for Humanity Neepawa, along with first project partner Ritchel Quezon (at centre), broke ground at the location for the community's first Habitat house, on Monday, May 26.



June: The recently completed redesign around the Veterans Memorial at Riverside Cemetery in Neepawa. This was the overhaul of the Neepawa Legion Ladies Auxiliary monument, which is a tribute to honour all veterans who served their country. Enhancements were also made to the area surrounding it.



June: Neepawa Economic Development Officer Marilyn Crewe was recognized for her hard work within the Town of Neepawa with the Economic Development Association of Manitoba's (EDAM) Award of Distinction.



June: Water safety is important for everyone. This water loving pup, Roxy, helped highlight some water safety rules while having a fabulous time in the pool with the supervision of her "pawrents". Roxy says to never swim alone, wear bright colours, use a life jacket!

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# July / August



July: There was plenty of action at the Carberry Fair & Races. This annual summer tradition has been organized by the Carberry Agricultural Society since 1883. Activities at the Fair included chuckwagon and chariot races as well as fat stock shows and sales petting zoo, home craft exhibition and trade show.



July: Katy Martin and Meaghan Peters installing an array of student created art across downtown Neepawa. In total, about 20 of this art pieces were distributed across the community.



August: Three baseball players with strong ties to Neepawa Minor Ball, helped power their team to a perfect weekend at Provincials. Jude Carr, Kellen Hockin and Jayden Ford were all selected to play for Midwest, the regional all-star team that participated in the Baseball Manitoba 15U Provincials. The Midwest regional team, who went a perfect 6-0 at the tournament, including a 7-1 win over North Winnipeg in the final.



July: A labour of love from passionate volunteers reached a new peak recently. After years of dedication and hard work, Minnedosa's Valley Life Recreation held the official grand opening of the Squirrel Hills Trail Park on Saturday, July 12.

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July: July 26 and 27 marked the annual McCreary Ag Society Fair. The two days were bustling with activity featuring a multi-day rodeo, children's activities, a parade, a vendors market, and live entertainment.

August: The annual Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up was held in Neepawa from Aug. 1 to Aug. 3.

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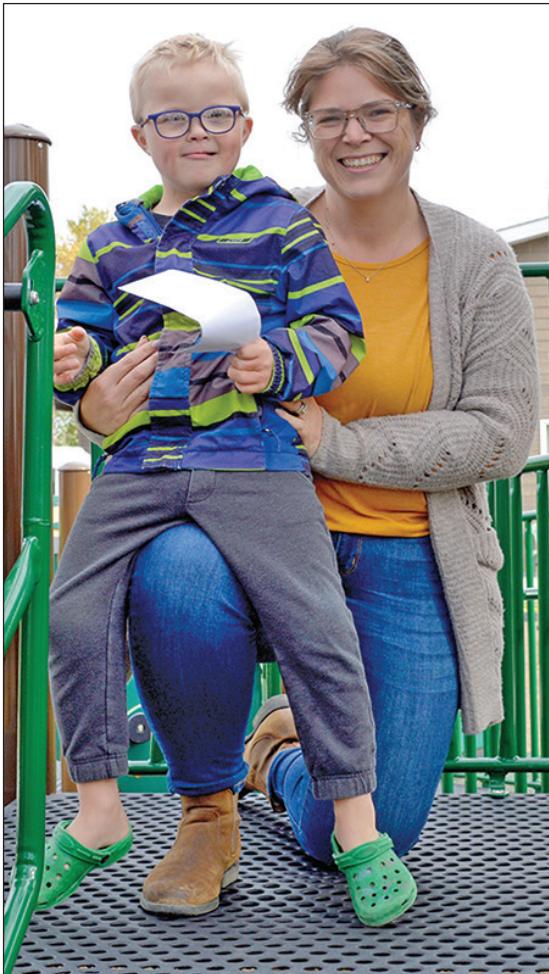
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September/October: Logan's Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness. Formerly known as the Walk With Us Campaign, was attended by approximately 85 people on Sept. 21. This mass of individuals gathered just outside of Neepawa at the Langford Walking Trails, where they not only enjoyed the great outdoors, but also raised a total of \$6,060. These funds benefited Touchwood Park's accessible playground, which is open for all to use. Logan Cox and Holly Pankratz pictured together at the Accessible Playground on Oct. 6 for the donation presentation

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A meaningful partnership

Curling for a Cure donates \$20,030 to Neepawa Cancer Care program

By Caren Whitham

Representatives of Minnedosa's Curling for a Cure were here in Neepawa on Aug. 29 for its first official presentation in a major 10 year commitment. These funds were raised during the 2025 Curling for a Cure event, which raised a total of \$40,060. This monetary support was split 50/50 between The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Group and the Neepawa Community Cancer Care program.

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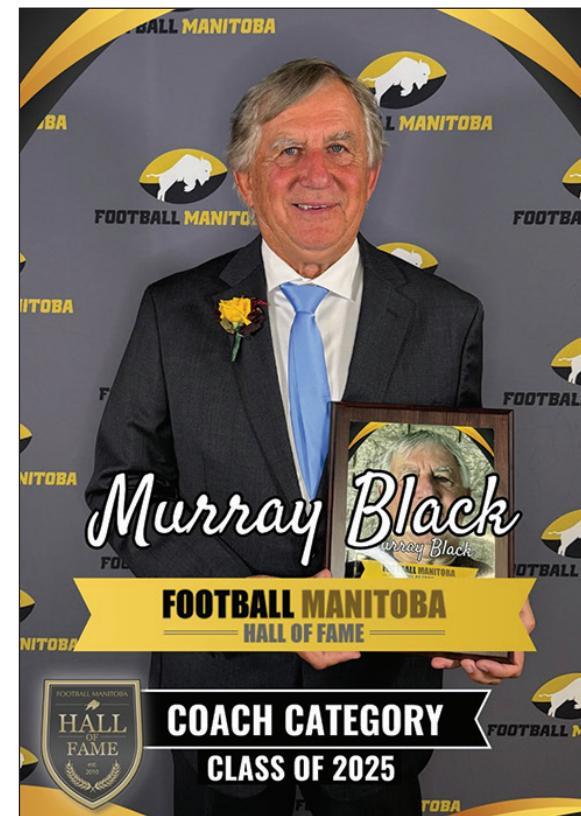
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September: A new memorial commemorating the sacrifices of the area's fallen soldiers has been unveiled in Gladstone. The tribute is located at the Cemetery and, in a similar fashion to the community's existing Cenotaph, featuring the names of those killed in action in the Great War, World War II, and the Korean War. A special ceremony was held on Wednesday, Sept. 24 to reveal the brand new black granite memorial, as well as a pair of nearby stone benches and a six foot tall silhouette casting of a piper. The site also includes six heavy duty metal wreaths, constructed by students with the William Morton Collegiate industries arts program.



September: While Murray Black's football legacy was already established here in Neepawa, his contributions to the game are now forever enshrined across Manitoba. Black, a former coach of the Neepawa Tigers, was officially inducted into the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame on Sept. 25. Murray coached the Tigers for 23 seasons. In that time, he earned three Rural Manitoba Football League (RMFL) Coach of the Year awards. As well, Black lead the team to seven league championships and two provincial titles.



September: The second annual Neepawa's Got Pride provided a warm welcome to all in attendance on Sunday, Sept. 14. Attendees enjoyed a selection of informational booths, booths from a pair of area vendors, music and performances, button making, kid's story time and more. Some activities were moved indoors due to the weather, but conversation, laughter and cheers abounded.

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## Obituary



### Alice Peech

Alice Peech, age 96, passed away in Country Meadows Personal Care Home Neepawa, MB on December 28, 2025 with family at her side. Born on July 26, 1929, in Oakburn, MB to Alex and Maria Hrytsak. She was the youngest daughter of thirteen siblings. Alice attended school at Oakburn until age 17, at which time she accepted a permit teaching position in a country school at Seech, MB. It was there that she met John Peech. They were married on July 17, 1948. Together they started their life on the Peech homestead at Seech. Four years later, after the death of her father, they moved to the Hrytsak homestead at Oakburn, where they farmed and also cared for her mother and sister Teklia. They would reside at Oakburn until retirement in 1987. After retirement, they moved to Neepawa, MB. Her husband John of 71 years passed away 2019. After the sale of her home, she lived with her daughter Glennis and son in law Murray Black until she moved to the Shoal Lake Morley House Care Home, followed by Country Meadows Personal Care Home Neepawa. With age and health declining, her final years of life were challenging. She was always a woman with vitality and drive and this period of her life was not always "Golden". She bravely endured the challenges with some understanding but also sadness.

She dedicated her life to her husband, family, church and friends. Her children were her pride and joy. They were blessed with four children; Olia (Ron Jesson), Glennis (Murray Black), David (Jo-anne Kalechyn) and Darlene (Robert Zurbyk); Grandchildren Terah (Mike McClain), Alicia (Trevor Dowd), Leah (Glenn Miller), Tom and Carisa (Parker), Jonathon (Erin Smith), Kayla (Tyson Gillis), Braden and Reiss Zurbyk. She was very fortunate to have developed a relationship with her ten great-grandchildren; Jaidyn, Evan, Jasper McClain; Cole, Greg, Miles Miller, Brielle Dowd, Jase, Barrett Peech and Ivy Zurbyk.

Alice was small but mighty. There was never an "I can't" in her vocabulary. She would tackle any task she would encounter. She was tenacious and determined to do whatever task was at her hand. She could cook, sew, garden, remodel. The standing family joke was her annual house painting project. She was teased that the house was insulated by paint. After retirement, she self taught herself to play an organ. She could not read music but played by ear. She enjoyed being the church organist at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Neepawa. She had an alto voice that enhanced any choral she was part of. She created intricate "korovail" (braided bread), enhanced by tiny perfectly made doves. They were proudly displayed at the grandchildrens' weddings. Her garden had dual purpose. It was a life long hobby but also provided her with bountiful vegetables which were canned and frozen.

She took great pride in her Ukrainian heritage. She celebrated the customs, holidays, music and traditions of her culture and proudly shared it with her children. She loved to host family celebrations. You were always welcome at her home and you never left hungry. The smell of fresh baking in her house was the norm. As customary, you had to always enjoy "a shot" before you left. Music played an important role in their home. Ukrainian music or Andre Rieu was always played in the background.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her but her legacy of love, kindness, generosity and strength will live on through her children and grandchildren. We will carry her memory in our hearts forever.

Funeral service for her will be January 8, 2026; 1 pm at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Neepawa, MB with Fr Jay Korban presiding. Internment to follow in the Riverside Cemetery, Neepawa, MB. Donations can be made to Country Meadows Personal Care Home (Activities) P.O. Box 1240, Neepawa, MB; R0J 1H0

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## Obituary



### Mervin John Dagg

Mervin John Dagg was a friend to all that knew him. You may have known him as Mervin or Mervyn- there has always been a discrepancy in how to spell it. But he was affectionately known to those who loved him as MJD The Boss.

Merv passed away at the age of 93 at the Country Meadows Personal Carehome in Neepawa on December 27th, 2025.

Merv was Born October 15th 1932 in Clanwilliam to Merle & John Dagg. He was the oldest of the six children, followed by Rebecca, Nelson, Bruce, Lionel & Sharon. His dad worked for the CN Railway. The family moved a lot to follow the work on the railway, and his mom kept busy raising the kids.

Merv quit school in grade 8 and entered the work force. Over the years he worked with CN Railway, Murray's Garage, The Town of Neepawa and as a bus driver. Merv also taught driver's ed for Highschool students and adults-including women who were learning to drive later in their lives! In his later years, he enjoyed his time working at the local dump. Merv was a collector of treasures and was always bringing things home!

Mervin married Mildred Hilton on February 2nd, 1953 in Neepawa and together they had nine children, however; their oldest baby was born sleeping. They raised their eight kids in their two bedroom farmhouse, filling the basement and upstairs with kids!

They built their home on their farm from the ground up. Mervin would comment on how when he bought the land, it was all overgrown and surrounded by barb wired fence. He moved in a small old farm house that consisted of the upstairs and a couple small rooms downstairs, he built the rest on himself. Together they created what is affectionately known to all as "The Farm." Where their kids have fond memories of piling into the old station wagon for road trips, fall butchering days always made for a family gathering, never being surprised by a baby pig or calf living in the house and an occasional Dagg party.

With the loss of Mervin comes the end of an era. Mervin and Mildred worked their whole lives to create their little corner of the world into something truly magical & they did it. The farm was home to many. Kids, grandkids, great grandkids, friends, animals- everyone was welcome. And once you sat at their table, you became part of something bigger. A place where the backyard and farmyard were full of imagination and adventure. Mildred always had treats and coffee available in the house. Mervin's many sheds and outbuildings were very DIY but filled with tools and

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From Monica, Jerica, Norm and Pearl and family.

## Obituary

**Velda Marie Barron (nee Guillas)**  
Velda Marie Barron (nee Guillas) passed away on January 3rd 2026 at the age of 72 at the Neepawa Regional Health Centre with her family by her side. She is survived by her daughters Tanya Hjelmeland (Robert Pilloud) of Regina, SK, and Tammy (Clifford) Bruyere of Thunder Bay, ON, sons Michael (Tiffany) Barron of Souris MB, and Mitchell (Cornelia) Barron of Switzerland, siblings Danny (Kathleen), Yves (Sylvia), Jackie Spicer, Chris (Krissy), Valerie Poole, brother-in-law Bob Hockin, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will also be missed by many nieces and nephews, and dear friends Rene Page and Roz Eason. She was predeceased by her parents Alban and Dorothy, her sister Diane and her grandson Andrew.

Velda and her twin Valerie were born in Ste. Rose du lac, MB on Oct 16, 1953, and grew up in Neepawa. She graduated from NACI and worked numerous jobs in Neepawa at East View Lodge, Neepawa Hospital, Neepawa Legion and Schwans Foods. Velda took great pride in her work and made fast friends of any co-workers she met along the way. She later moved to Brandon where she managed a multi-unit apartment complex until retirement. She enjoyed crocheting, her specialty was producing blankets upon request with a person's favorite team logo or other custom images. Velda made literally hundreds of these blankets. Other interests included watching curling, gardening, shopping and playing her favorite dice game. No visit was complete until you played three games of dice, and a record book was kept recording who triumphed.

Velda met her diagnosis of lung cancer head on and seldom complained. She looked forward to company, always had coffee on and a treat ready. Then a dice game could commence, or you could just sit and visit. She loved everyone's stories but always had the best ones herself, and she never forgot a detail.

Velda's family would like to thank all who helped in her cancer journey, Palliative Care in both Brandon and Neepawa and especially the wonderful nurses and aides that were so caring in her last days.

As per Velda's wishes, there will be no memorial service.

## Obituary

### IN LOVING MEMORY

CAWSTON, LETITIA JOYCE

BORN: APRIL 21ST, 1926, IN BROOKDALE, MANITOBA.  
DIED: DECEMBER 1ST, 2025, IN CALGARY, ALBERTA.



Joyce passed away peacefully at her home in Cambridge Manor. She remained feisty until the end with no apparent health issues except her struggle with dementia.

Joyce was born to William and Stella McDonald (née Armstrong) and grew up on the family farm near the village of Brookdale. She attended grade school in Brookdale and reminisced often about her trips to town for school in the horse drawn wagon pulled by her beloved pony Scotty.

Joyce, the youngest of twins, was born to much fanfare on the same day as Queen Elizabeth II, was predeceased by her twin brother Stewart, brother Eldon and Sister Bernice.

Growing up, Joyce enjoyed summers at Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park, where she developed her socializing skills working at the Old Chalet Lodge. These formative years solidified a lifelong love of "the Park" and a yearly anticipation of when it would be time to "go to the cottage".

Joyce took her Teaching Certificate in Brandon following graduation from high school in Brookdale. Her first teaching assignment was the Osprey School, a "country school" in the RM of North Cypress from 1944-1945, at the age of 18.

Joyce met Clare Cawston unofficially at a Davidson family dinner shortly after Clare returned from his military service in 1946. Their relationship became official when Joyce accepted a teaching position in Kelwood, Manitoba following her graduation from the Central Normal School in Winnipeg.

Joyce and Clare were married in Neepawa, October 20, 1951, and began their life together in Kelwood where Joyce taught school and Clare ran the family Ford – International Harvester garage and dealership.

Joyce and Clare moved to Winnipeg in the fall of 1955 so Clare could attend the University of Manitoba. Joyce took an elementary school teaching position in Fort Gary while Clare attended classes in Geology.

Joyce and Clare spent two summers in Virden, Manitoba and moved there permanently in 1959, after Clare's graduation. This is where they would spend the next 60 years, raising a daughter (Katherine) and two sons (Bruce and Ronald) in their house on Seymour Street, engaging in the community and developing many lifelong friendships.

Joyce began teaching in Virden in 1966, starting with a kindergarten class in the basement of their house on Seymour. In 1967, kindergarten classes were started in the Virden School Division, with an enrollment of 52, and Joyce was hired as the first teacher. Later that school year she was appointed principal of Goulter School.

Joyce enjoyed a 35-year teaching career, 22 of those years as Principal. Joyce led by example with energy, determination, and commitment. This included her work with Frank Eastman, chief at Canupawakpa, developing opportunities at Goulter School for students from the reserve and created many meaningful and lifelong relationships.

Joyce advocated for students experiencing physical and mental challenges to access resources from a school assistant to a Braille typewriter and other necessary equipment for the life skills room that aided and supported special needs students.

Exposure to the arts was important to Joyce and each teacher at Goulter was expected to have a class entry in a minimum of one discipline in the Virden Music and Arts Festival. Joyce also arranged for yearly presentations from various Artists in the local Schools. These ranged from week-long workshops in pottery and drum making to performances by puppeteers and ballet dancers. This exposure was noticeable when Goulter students attended concerts at the Auditorium Theatre.

Core subjects were always a priority and under her guidance, students were encouraged to engage in the annual Science Fair to encourage those with a passion for science research and experimentation. Students were also involved in the planting of trees around the perimeter of the school grounds and helping with Manitoba Native Plants Garden as Joyce believed environmental education was an imperative.

Joyce cared for others and to help families needing support, food items were collected at Thanksgiving and Christmas and donated to the Food Cupboard. A mitten tree collected warm items as an expression of charity.

Academic achievement and character development were priorities for Joyce. During her time working at Goulter, she enrolled in Brandon University to obtain her Bachelor of Education degree. This was done while working a full-time job, raising 3 children and driving an hour each way into Brandon to attend classes!

Joyce encouraged staff members to pursue similar career growth and to take advantage of professional development opportunities. If you were hired to teach at Goulter during Joyce's principalship, you knew there would be hard work, the presumption of contribution, and a high expectation of being the best educator you could be. Each person had different opinions, experiences, and talents, Joyce had the unique ability to solidify these differences into one strong, connected unit. Joyce insisted on teacher participation in local and Provincial MTS, and later the Retired Teachers chapter of RTAM. She helped guide each organization and held executive positions. Joyce supported students, their families, and staff and never took the easy path.

Joyce retired in 1989, to a lovely retirement party which filled the Virden Curling Rink with her many friends and colleagues. Before and after retirement Joyce remained active in the community and if she identified a need she acted. Joyce tutored English as a Second Language (ESL) Students, and with Doug Braybrook, initiated the forming of APPLE ... the Association of Parents and Professionals for Literacy Education. The organization is a local Virden non-profit that still operates today, mandated to help adults complete their General Educational Development (GED) certificate for high school equivalency. Joyce was a founding member of the local Retired Teachers. She served as first President of Virden's Millennium History Book Committee and was a member of the Advisory Committee of Westbran Employment Development Centre.

As long-standing members of St Paul's United Church, Joyce and Clare both sang in the choir and served on committees. When St. Paul's women held their inaugural meeting with 70 women present, Joyce was elected the recording secretary. Later she served as Sunday school superintendent and member of the church council.

Joyce had a lifelong love for the Arts and was a strong promoter of their importance in the community. She was a member of the Red Hatters, played Piano, sang in various Choirs and helped form the Virden Area Arts Council bringing first class entertainment to Virden's Auditorium Theater. A "concert series" ticket gave area residents the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of talents.

Joyce was recognized for her efforts as the recipient of several awards including; the Lescarbot Award in 1992, for her contribution to Arts in the community, a result of her work with the Virden Music and Arts Festival, the Auditorium theatre Board, the Thomas Board, The Library Board and the Virden Community Arts Council; the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 for outstanding service to her community, the Medal of Distinction and the Fort la Bosse School Division's 1st Merit Award in 2012.

Aside from her work and community, Joyce liked to travel enjoying trips to Ireland, England, Russia and Hawaii as well as cruises in the Mediterranean, to the Bahamas and many trips with Clare to South Florida in the winter to visit her daughter Kathy.

A surprise Party held in 2006, at Clear Lake to celebrate Joyce's 80th birthday was attended by family, friends and colleagues from near and far. Joyce's 90th Birthday was celebrated in Virden in 2016, also attended by family and a large community contingent. Joyce loved to socialize, thoroughly enjoying such events. Her weekly trips to the grocery store, in retirement, were a literal social event!

In 2019, Joyce and Clare made the difficult decision to leave their home in Virden and move to Brandon (Riverheights Terrace). While not far away, it was a tearful goodbye to the Virden community they loved and their many dear friends. Joyce and Clare moved west to Calgary and closer to family in 2020. Clare passed away in Calgary in November of 2020. Joyce's last visit to Virden was an uplifting event in 2022 for an impromptu tea, planned by generous members of the Virden community.

A dedicated educator, tireless volunteer and supporter of the Arts, always having time to talk with friends and neighbors. Time with Joyce will be cherished by all who knew her. Joyce will be dearly missed by her daughter Katherine Corey, (Mitch Feldman), Son Bruce Cawston (Larissa) and grandchildren Natasha (Sam) and Benjamin (Jennifer, great-grandchildren Isaiah and Sahalie), Son Ronald Cawston (Tari) and grandchildren Benjamin, Nicholas and Zachary.

Thank you to the staff of the Brenda Strafford Foundation Cambridge Manor for the care and attention that Joyce received while there from March of 2024.

A Memorial will be planned for the summer of 2026.

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#### What we can offer you:

- Competitive Wage
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#### Your duties may involve:

- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
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### PUBLIC NOTICE MUNICIPALITY OF MCCREARY 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Section 194 of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that the 2024 Audited Financial Report of the Municipality of McCreary together with the related Financial Statements have been deposited in the Municipal Office, 432 First Avenue, McCreary and are available for inspection by any person during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Dated at McCreary, Manitoba this 6th day of January, A.D. 2026

Rick Sonnenberg, Reeve  
Municipality of McCreary  
Box 338, 432 First Avenue  
McCreary, Manitoba R0J 1B0

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### of Municipal Pesticide use Permit

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# Neepawa man gets two years for luring, sexually touching underage co-worker

By Skye Anderson

THE BRANDON SUN

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A Neepawa man who was found guilty of luring and sexually touching one of his underage co-workers was sentenced to two years in custody on Wednesday [Dec. 17].

The man, 45, was found guilty of child luring, sexual interference and sexual assault after standing trial in Brandon's Court of King's Bench in April.

The sexual assault charge was stayed

under the Kienapple Principle, which prevents multiple convictions that stem from the same criminal act.

A publication ban on information that could identify the victim prevents the Sun from naming the accused.

In a written sentencing decision, Justice Scott Abel outlined the circumstances of the man's offending.

Over the summer of 2019, the man and the victim worked together. The victim was 15 years old.

While working at the Neepawa business, the man hugged and touched the victim in a sexual manner on several occasions. He touched her buttocks, lower back and upper thigh.

## Notice

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL BY ELECTION TOWN OF CARBERRY

Please be advised that a general municipal election will be held on March 17, 2026.

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To obtain a registration form contact the SEO at 44 Main Street, Carberry, Manitoba, 204-834-6628.

Dated January 5, 2026

Callie Sudak SEO  
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All changes to the voters list must be completed on or before February 9, 2026.

Dated at Carberry in the Province of Manitoba, on January 5, 2026.

Callie Sudak, Senior Election Official  
Town of Carberry  
Box 130 Carberry, Manitoba, R0K0H0  
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Jason Patrick Beyette  
Solicitor for the Executors



### Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Regarding General Borrowing By-Law No. 2025-20

#### To pay for the purchase of a motor grader

The Council of the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone at its regular meeting in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 14 Dennis Street East, Gladstone, MB on the 21st day of January, 2026 at 10:30am will consider the following proposal to borrow \$431,310 (borrowing by-law No. 2025-20) to pay for:

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Dated this 5th day of January, A.D. 2026

Koren Braun  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

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The man and the victim messaged each other over Facebook Messenger during this time. The man's texts included messages stating, "Get back in here and love me" and "I need you."

"The offender, in committing the luring offence, was using psychological manipulation to gain the trust of the victim. His communication was designed to develop a rapport with the victim," Abel wrote.

"Luring invades a child's personal autonomy, sexual integrity and gravely wounds their identity. Using any person as a means to an end is unethical, but an adult's manipulation of a child to satisfy their sexual urges is highly blameworthy conduct."

Abel said the harm associated with luring and the harm associated with sexual interference are distinct, and so the sentences should be served consecutively.

He called the sexual interference deliberate and said the offender was "aware that his acts were wrong."

While Abel acknowledged that the harm to the victim is unknown since she didn't write a victim impact statement, the victim will, in some way, be impacted

by the man's actions, he said.

Abel also said the offender showed "little insight into his offending behaviour."

"The (pre-sentence report) notes that he felt left in the dark by the police, his focus being on himself, rather than the harm, or potential harm, to the victim," Abel wrote.

He also noted that although the man apologized to the victim and her family when he had a chance to speak in court during his last hearing, he also talked about how difficult the situation has been for him and his family, turning the focus onto himself again.

Abel said the Crown's recommendation of a total sentence of six and a half years was not proportionate to the gravity of the offences. He decided on a total sentence of two years — 10 months for the luring and 14 months for the sexual interference.

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Those selected for further consideration will be contacted.



# 2025

# YEAR IN REVIEW

# October / November

# 2025

# YEAR IN REVIEW



October: The Neepawa Tigers concluded its 2025 season with an impressive 27-20 win over the Transcona Nationals, to win the Rural Manitoba Football League's Murray Black Cup. The Tigers went 5-1 in the regular season and 2-0 for the post season.



October: The Beautiful Plains Museum has been home to the history on Neepawa and the surrounding rural municipalities for generations. But in 2025, it was in danger of closing forever, due to a lack of new volunteers. Fortunately, about three dozen people who attended a meeting at the Beautiful Plains Museum in Neepawa on Oct. 9. The gathering was to discuss the need for more people to get involved to ensure the facility can remain open. Before the end of year, that new group of board members and volunteers stepped forward to save the Museum.



October: 2025 marked the 10th anniversary of Neepawa's "What's the Big Idea?" event. Shown here are the participating business owners for the landmark event, who each secured some support for their new and/or growing businesses. Pictured from left to right, starting in the back row, are: Roman and Veronica Zhuniak (Happy Clover), and Gregory Bykov (Relax & Enjoy Cleaning Service). Front row: Roderick Pernicious and Thea Krystobel Duke (Chroma Films), Natalia Zhuniak (Happy Clover), Shelby Gillies and Martina Villa (A Better Connection), and Pardeep Singh (Northern Taxi).

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



October: On Saturday, Oct. 18, Alan and Debbie Tarn, the owners of Minnedosa Bowl hosted a special birthday celebration for bowling alley's 65th year of operation.



October: Assiniboine College students Presley Kuharski (right) and Alicia Decosse (left) were selected to take part in taste Canada's Cook the Books competition. Kuharski has connections to Neepawa and area. The pair went on to be named the champions.

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Neepawa's Remembrance Day service at the Yellowhead Centre.

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November: The Colour Party, Led by the RCMP, paraded around the room to open Neepawa's Remembrance Day service at the Yellowhead Centre, where hundreds of residents gathered to pay tribute to Canada's veterans.



December: The Canadian Pacific Kansas Southern (CPKC) Holiday Train rolled through Manitoba, making a stop in Neepawa, Minnedosa, and Shoal Lake on Friday, Dec. 5. The Holiday train helps to raise money, food donations, and awareness for local food banks.

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December: Spectators lined Mountain Avenue as brightly lit floats made their way through downtown during Neepawa's annual Parade of Lights, kicking off the community's festive season.



December: Members of the Neepawa Habitat for Humanity chapter celebrate the completion of building the first home project on Thursday, Dec. 11. Neepawa EDO Marilyn Crewe and Habitat for Humanity Steering Chair John Lavich hand over a ceremonial key to Ritchel Quezon and her daughter as part of the house warming ceremony for the new Habitat Home.



December: The Town of Minnedosa and three neighbouring rural municipalities have received provincial funding to support the expansion of veterinary services in the region. Within the announcement, the government is providing \$671,664 toward a Veterinary Clinic Expansion through a joint application involving the Rural Municipalities of Minto-Odanah, Harrison Park and Clanwilliam-Erickson, along with the Town of Minnedosa. Pictured are Members of the RM's of Minto-Odanah, Harrison Park and Clanwilliam-Erickson, along with the Town of Minnedosa pose for a photo with Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard.

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