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The annual Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up was held in Neepawa from Aug. 1 to Aug. 3. Cattle arrived that Thursday in preparation for the three day event. The weekend included a variety of activities, such as workshops, youth judging sessions, team grooming and more.

Pictured: This young exhibitor exercised their showmanship skills in the ring following one of the livestock grooming sessions. (See additional photos on Page 2)

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A busy weekend at the 2025 Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up



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Youth cattle owners had a very full and busy weekend from Aug. 1 to Aug. 3 with the 2025 edition of the Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up in Neepawa. The youths took part in judging sessions, sales talk sessions, cattle camps and much more.

Shown here are a variety of scenes from the team grooming portion of the Saturday activities. The cattle had a bit of a spa day as they were cleaned up, brushed and fluffed. Then, they were kept calm, cool and collected for judging in the ring.



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1950: Turning sod at Neepawa four room school site

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
August 8, 1900**

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

North Eden: If South Africa or Australia is any worse for drought or dust than it is here just now, we don't propose to go there.

North Eden: When is the cut in the big hill to be finished? Talk about the "Mills of the Gods grinding slowly". We think the Municipal machinery in this region needs oiling up once in a while.

North Eden: The result of the severe drought is seen in the mountain. The creeks are mostly dry, the soil of vegetable matter is like dry paper, and if this condition continues all fall, very serious results may arise from fire. We think the

Department of the Interior would do well to warn those Galicians up in the bush and let them understand the penalties attached to setting out fire. We believe the experience of Canadians will prevent them running any unnecessary risk.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
August 7, 1925**

Glencairn: Miss Clara Clements, who is teaching at Oakville, is home for a short time, as she is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. L. B. McNichol, Winnipeg.

The Beautiful Plains Horticultural Society will hold its 12th annual exhibition on Aug. 21 and 22 in the central school.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
August 10, 1950**

Rev. W. A. Osborne and Mrs. Osborne left Tuesday for Winnipeg where they

will join the Manitoba delegates who are going to Toronto to attend the World Council of Christian Education.

Mr. Osborne, with two other Manitoba delegates, will present Manitoba's share of the Welcome Book to Lord McIntosh at the Colosseum in Toronto.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Aug. 5, from St. John's Anglican Church, Kelwood for Mrs. Richard Crandall, whose death occurred at Dauphin hospital on Aug. 2. She was 98 years of age. Rev. Hyatt of Bethany conducted the service.

Martha Newell Crandall came to Manitoba 50 years ago, settling at Springhill. The family later moved to Glen Allen in 1901 and to Birch River in 1944. Her husband predeceased her in 1943.

Many veterans may not be aware of the fact, but it's been a Canadian military law for some years that a soldier is not justified in committing a crime even if told to do so by a superior officer.

Arden: Congratulations to George Ross, who celebrated his 80th birthday on Aug. 7.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
August 7, 1975**

It was an ill wind that blew nobody any good. The storm made its debut early Monday morning and gave a repeat performance early Tuesday morning.

Monday's storm dropped



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A turning of sod was conducted for the construction of a four room school and auditorium in Neepawa around this time in 1950. This photo appeared in the Aug. 20 edition of The Press for that year and had been provided by the Winnipeg Tribune.

Pictured: R. D. Young, secretary treasurer of Neepawa schools for the past 41 years at the time, turns the sod for the \$125,000 school. Standing next to Mr. Young on the right is mayor Dr. P. Cleave, Mrs. W. J. Shore, trustee; Audrey Young and C. S. Blackwell, chairman of the school board. Back row, left to right: F. C. Wilcox, councillor; C. Chamberlain, supervisor of Manitoba Power Commission at Neepawa and son Ronnie; George Rey, councillor; J. G. White, trustee; T. Carter and F. Young.

.78 inches of rain and caused some damage around Neepawa...

The winds also picked up one of the new cottages at Lake Irwin.

Another casualty to the wind and rain storm Monday was the new addition to NACI. Wind knocked down some of the walls that had been erected and threw preparations for further construction into disarray. It is not known how much the damage will affect the construction schedule.

The 1975, Manitoba All-Breed Horse Show held in Neepawa Aug. 2 and 3, was

a noted success.

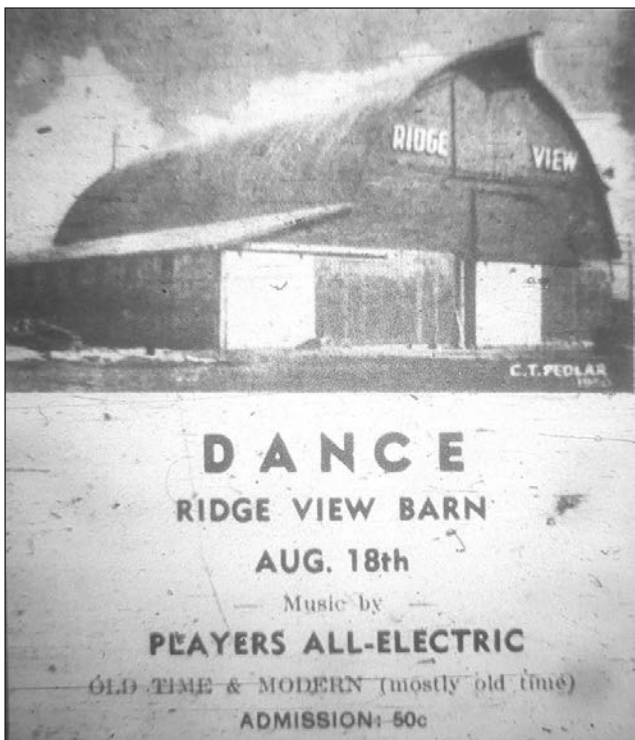
There were 193 horses entered in the 14 different breed classes. This is a substantial increase from last year, according to Aria Gowing, the show secretary.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
August 8, 2005**

Greyhound Canada is cutting the number of daily buses serving Neepawa,

Gladstone and Minnedosa.

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Anyone looking to shake off their stresses in August of 1950 were greeted with an opportunity to do so via this ad for a dance at the Ridge View Barn. The ad appeared in the Aug. 10 edition of The Neepawa Press for that year. Admission only 50¢!

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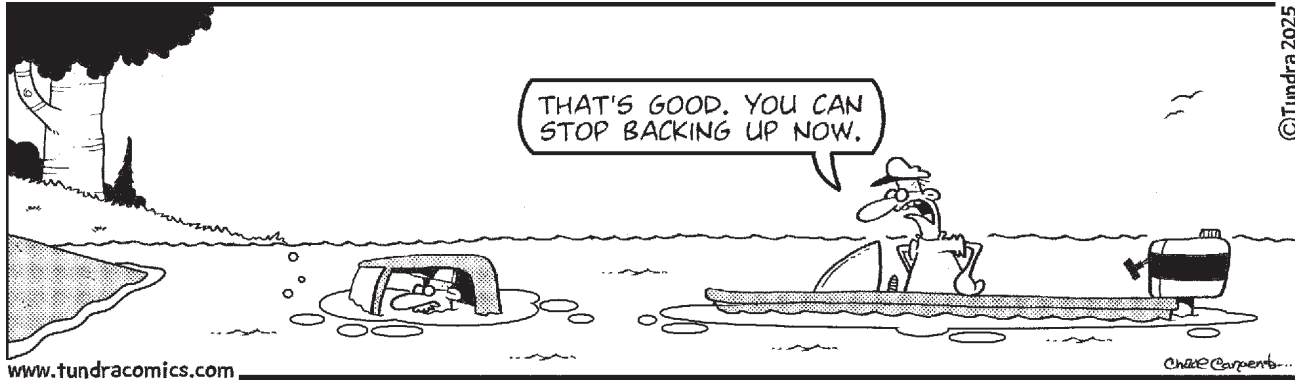
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By Chad Carpenter



Peaceful progress

As I write, this column on a quiet morning after the August long weekend, the day seems very peaceful. There's hardly a breath of wind and the air is clearer than the smoke filled skies of days past.

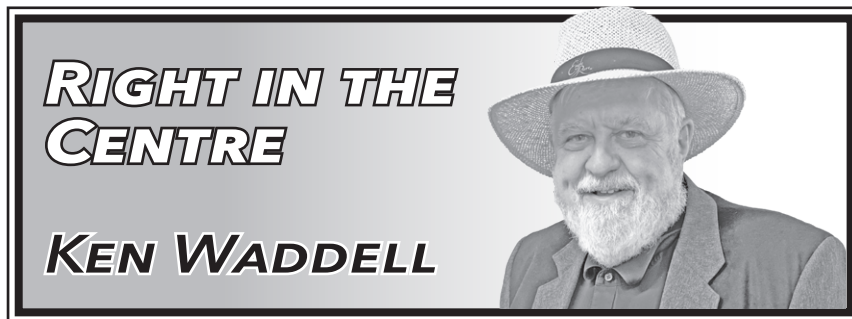
As individuals, we can take time for peaceful reflection, personal time to take in the thought that God is in control. Our personal peace is in our control in that no matter what happens, there's only so much we can do. At the end of the day, we must realize that, yes, there is only so much we can do. Psalm 46:10 reminds us of that:

He says, *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

To me, the beauty of that verse is how it can be and should be a foundation block for our lives.

From that starting point, the rest of the day, the rest of our week, and the rest of our lives should unfold with a bit less stress than it would otherwise.

In my world, our weeks are very repetitive. The world of our three newspapers is full of deadlines, story deadlines, advertising deadlines, print deadlines and delivery deadlines. So far, I am always wanting to get back to work Monday mornings but I am always happy to go home Friday afternoon. In the family owned newspaper business, there isn't much room for holidays. We are blessed to have good staff who can attend events and goodness knows there are many events. Now that my wife Christine and I are in our mid 70s, we must be careful in how much we schedule into our lives. This past weekend included a day at home doing yard work, a day of travelling to a family birthday party with a side trip at the end. We saw some beautiful country and met some very interesting people. Yesterday,



the long weekend Monday, we had a very skilled tradesmen father-son pair of window installers come in a replace the big old windows on the south side of the Neepawa Banner & Press building. This morning's schedule may well involve running a newspaper in and around the window guys installing the last three of nine big windows and yes, they are very big. I guess it was time to replace the windows as the originals dated back to 1932 and the storm windows likely back to the 1960s.

In keeping with the "be still" theme, I will, for today at least, ignore that post-installation there's some paint scraping that needs to be touched up and the front-end of the building needs attention too, and the basement needs rearranging, and, and...! No, not today, maybe not ever, be at peace.

After 59 years of being employed and in business, after seeing children grow up, after four grandchildren, and four great-grand children, after Christine and I both having several hospital stays and major surgeries, it becomes a little bit easier to "be still."

But that doesn't mean stop. There's still much to do and we, all of us, are called to do what we can to make our communities, our country and even our world better and stronger.

My job, I guess is to run three newspapers, at least for now. My job is to

encourage people to do their best, at least do what they can.

If there is one message for people and communities is to press for excellence. Good enough isn't good enough! We are called to excellence and we see the benefits of that all around us. We need to constantly upgrade our streets, our community facilities, our homes, our farms. My wife's motto for her quilt studio is "Done is better than perfect" and I agree with that, it's true. But that still means, you need to get stuff done. We all have stuff to do, get at it, all the while staying "still and peaceful. *Wife's Note: Sometimes we are paralyzed by wanting to get it perfect and nothing gets completed. Only God is perfect; we can only do our best. CMW*

People are designed to work, although I think some bureaucracies do their best to defy that plan. Every day, I see waste of time and resources along with bad planning and it drives me crazy.

Good planning, efficient work and time for rest and reflection makes for a recipe for success be it in our personal lives, business or government.

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Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



What we plant

A quote this week that stuck with me comes from 'The Man who Planted Trees', by Jean Giono. *"Because life, ultimately, is measured not in what we harvest, but in what we plant"*.

It is an allegorical tale of Elzeard Bouffier, a shepherd who singlehandedly planted trees in a reforestation project in the foothills of the Alps. Every day he simply planted more trees and as the story concluded, a forest grew.

With today's climate, social and environmental, it is ever more important to plant; trees, flowers, vegetables, kindness, compassion, and mercy. What we are daily planting, planting daily, will bear fruit.

How many times do we see, and realise, that a quiet, almost non descript person in our community receives an outpouring of tributes when they pass. The individual never sought for recognition, never sought praise, never thought their quiet lives deserves being noted. And yet, the small, simple acts of caring and concern has changed their world. We often see that in tributes to teachers, and to see a homemaker, a community minded person receive wonderful tributes gives me pause to wonder – what impact will my words and actions have on others?...One of my friends is quite obsessed with reading stories about the Holocaust. Story after story contains examples of one person's courage to stand for what they believe is right and just, even in the face of opposition and under the threat of loss of personal life. Would I have that same courage? We know of, and read of others who do without luxuries to help others obtain essentials. It's not just little old widows that give their pennies to good causes. There are families that see and respond to the needs of their family, community, and ultimately, their world. Quietly planting trees, not counting on the harvest, believing in what they are planting.

The book has become a bible for the conservation of the environment movement. Each one of us has the ability to be a better caretaker of this earth. I happen to believe in planting actual trees, and I have run out of space to plant more! I did try not raking up the leaves in my back yard to allow winter hibernation for wee critters and crawlies but found I could not happily combat the slugs in the strawberry patch! And climbing up the sides of the raised beds!! So I rake the back yard. I acknowledge that the bees need the dandelions. I have succumbed to the temptation to spray my front yard for appearances sake, leaving the middle yard well populated with too many bright yellow pollen producers. It's a balancing act, and I don't always win or look noble...I read of those who see their life work as cleaning up shorelines, drainage ditches and waterways. Others take on invasive vegetation species, most that have been introduced by settlers. Bird houses dot my back yard and are no competition for the birds of prey that infest my neighbourhood. But I'm trying.

"Because life, ultimately, is measured not in what we harvest, but in what we plant." Plant kindness, plant generosity, plant justice and mercy. May it be so.

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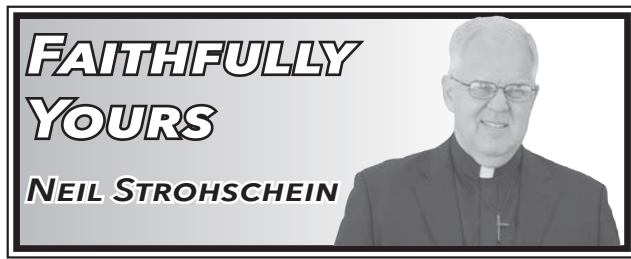
Starting over—some lessons learned

For me, Jan. 1, 2000 was the first day of the second chapter in my ministerial career. On that day, I stepped out of my role as a paid minister attached to a local church, and began working as a minister-at-large to congregations located in small communities throughout south west Manitoba; a post I still hold today.

It was also the beginning of major transitions in my personal life—letting go of one immediate family; forming another and dealing with the hurt, heartache, heartbreak, and tragedies from which no family is immune.

Along the way, I have learned four valuable lessons.

First, leaving the only life you have ever known is never easy. We grieve what we've left behind. That is normal. We face steep learning curves as we start new jobs, begin new relationships or move to new communities. That is to be expected. Settling into a new role or relation-



ship takes time. Go easy on yourself and on those around you. They need to get to know you just as you need to get to know them.

Second, don't treat your past life as though it never happened. The people you met, the work you did, the good times you enjoyed and the mistakes you made all helped to make you the person you are today. There are many things about your past life that are worth remembering. Carry those memories with you. Treasure them and let them guide you as you choose the path you will take in your new role or relationship.

Third, resolve painful memories from your past. This may be the most difficult thing you will ever be asked to do. But if this step

is ignored, the attitudes that created stress in your past will soon surface and will create stress in your new role or relationship.

I have personally experienced the consequences of ignoring this step. They turned me into a person I didn't know and people didn't like. I have found the freedom God gives to those who acknowledge the sins of their past and find his forgiveness. And I know the unspeakable joy that comes when, by God's grace and with his help, we can forgive those who hurt us, forgive ourselves for harm we inflicted on ourselves and others and finally break free of the harmful habits and attitudes that troubled us in the past.

Fourth, embrace uncer-

tainty because nothing in this life is ever guaranteed. A sudden illness, an accident, a business failure, a financial loss, a job loss, a failed relationship—one (or more) of these things can happen to any one of us at any time. The ancient king Solomon was right when he wrote: "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." (Proverbs 27:1)

We don't know what the future holds for any one of us. But God does; and he asks that we learn to live life one day at a time. Jesus addressed this topic in his Sermon on the Mount. "Do not worry about tomorrow," he said. "For tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34)

Living one day at a time won't be easy for any of us. It will require us to develop two character traits that are rarely seen together. The first is faith. The second is flexibility. These qualities and the relationship they share will be dealt with next week.

Letters

I wouldn't pay out of pocket

Dear Editor: I had read Don Kinsley's recent letter (*July 25 edition - Another bureautatic mess that we pay for.*) regarding peeling license plates with interest. I was surprised to read that Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is charging \$15.00 for replacement plates.

As a Nova Scotia resident, I had experienced the same issue and was advised by Access NS that, occasionally, there is a bad batch of plates; as it is of no fault of the vehicle owner, Access NS replaced my faulty plate for free.

If I had a faulty plate from MPI, I would keep it in place and wouldn't pay out of pocket to replace it.

Pam Pahl

Visiting from Halifax, NS

Thumbs up, thumbs down

A thumbs up to Randy Martin and the guys that helped get the new rope on our flag pole. Many thanks to all four of you.

**Gladstone District
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Neepawa Titans year in review: Team President Jamie Denbow's report

Well, this marks the end of the 35th year of on-ice action for the Neepawa Titans Junior 'A' Hockey Club. We are proud of where we have got to today, given the road bumps that were in our way. Where we are, quite frankly is a vast improvement over where we were five years ago. We have grown our fan base, grown our local content and started to chip away at the debt- the biggest limiting factor that the club has. We now have a solid pipeline of future players, consistency and capability in our coaching and operations and a stable group of volunteers. We now offer a quality of product and cost consistent with the rest of the league, something that we couldn't say before.

Performance on the ice- We just completed an above 500 year, we had a playoff spot secured early and ultimately lost to the team that won the league and went on to represent MJHL very well in the national championship. Of the losses that we

had, only 10 of them had more than a two goal differential meaning that fans got to see a heck of a game. We were a peppy, scrappy, and very frustrating team to play against.

Performance off the ice- financials overall were as expected given challenges- we had to cancel our hockey school and conduct most of our pre-season games on the road due to the ice plant failure at the Yellowhead. This increased our costs and lost a significant fundraiser for the team, a difference in the financials of approximately 24K. Despite this, we were so close to turning a profit, quite frankly if we met any other team in the league in the playoffs, we would've still turned a profit- but extra bus, hotel and food costs competing in The Pas for three extra games chewed that up.

We continue to seek feedback from our returning and departing players for what we can do to make Neepawa a better place to play and continue to act on what we

learn. Major improvements have been made with the biggest challenge continuing to be the place we play. We have made some initial steps and will continue to work with the YHC to improve what we can. We are glad to see discussions progressing about a future new home that will make it easier to attract all available players.

We are a small market, we right size our budget at \$535K accordingly and run a very different program than what is found around the league, with the Titans being a significant acting part of our community. We look forward to another year of having the Titans very engaged in events throughout Neepawa and surrounding communities, with last year having Titan players commit over 1,700 hours of volunteer time at community events.

Major fundraising Ag Expo- the Titans are very grateful for the diligent work done by Matt Lowry and his Ag Expo committee.

This year's event was once again held fully on-line and was very successful providing a big boost to the team from the Ag community.

Cash draw lotto- Also a special thank-you to Kay De'Ath who works tirelessly to support the team running financials and volunteering at so many of our events.

Sports Dinner- Thank you to our board members who donate their time and talents at making this event successful and the Team a success.

And now some thank you's

Thanks to coaches, Kenny, Zak, Landon, Devon and trainer Darby for preparing these young men for play but more importantly to help guide them to be responsible citizens- which is one of the key deliverables of our Titans program.

Thanks to volunteers, we have a stable and growing group of volunteers from all ages. Without your commitment to serve as volunteers, we would not be able to do

this.

Thanks to our billets, you guys provide such a vital service to the team, it is hard to describe how much you are appreciated by the team but also the players and their families. It is great to see each year how you start off with your billet as a guest and end up with an extended family.

Thanks to our loyal fans, thanks for being there. Your cheers and support make the team and means so much to those young guys on the ice. Your cheers and well wishes become their fuel. It is awesome to hear comments from players not originally from here that they just feel at home here, like its where they belong. We look forward to seeing you next year- bring a friend that hasn't been to the game in a while and let them see the awesome entertainment that is now the Neepawa Titans.

Thanks to all our partners and sponsors, we try to say thanks as often as possible but please note that your support is very very appreciated and without you this team would not be possible. Special thanks to Chase and KTI for their support in preparing our financial state-

ment while maintaining their sponsorship.

Thank you also to our board members and volunteers, you donate your time and talents with a smile on your face, your efforts are very appreciate and you make my job so much easier.

The year in a nutshell: Our attendance was up, our performance was up and our financials were okay, given our unexpected challenges and not so great selection of 1st round opponent.

Looking forward, our debt load is still high and our cost to carry it is an impediment to our operations- costing us approx. \$20K/year. We must continue to reduce this through our operations or kind donations.

We look forward to your continued support. Come out to a game, buy a 50/50 every game, give cash draw tickets for Christmas presents, buy one of specialty jerseys at the auction (or at least bid someone else up) and make sure to attend the Sports Dinner as these all are important ways to raise funds for the team. Thank you for your time and attention and support throughout the previous season, see you at the rink.

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN’S KITCHEN

New potatoes

One potato, two potatoes, three potatoes and more. I am picking and eating my new potatoes. New potatoes are in a class all of their own. My grandson keeps asking me why I call them new potatoes. I tell him new potatoes taste so much better! It is only recently in America that new little potatoes have been sold at a premium instead of being rejected as unsaleable. They are now harvested early and sold immediately as they do not have a long shelf life.

When cooking new or old potatoes select a pot that is large enough to accommodate the potatoes without overcrowding. This will allow for even cooking. Ideally, use a pot that is deep enough to hold enough water to cover the potatoes by at least an inch. Do not boil potatoes too furiously as they tend to fall apart. On average, new potatoes take around 15 minutes to boil until they are tender but the precise time may vary depending on the size of the potatoes and your desired level of tenderness.

Potatoes, a staple enjoyed worldwide, offer a blank canvas for flavor exploration. While their taste is naturally sufficient, the addition of herbs elevates them from simple to extra special. Herbs to try with potatoes are fresh or dried herbs like rosemary, oregano, thyme, dill or parsley to add a savory flavor. I like a sprinkle of garlic and onion powder to give the potatoes an aromatic flavor. Spices like paprika, cumin, and coriander add warmth and a bit of exotic flavour.

Greek roasted potatoes

- 1/2 cup lemon juice

1/4 cup oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tsp. fresh oregano leaves, minced

1/2 tsp. pepper

2 lbs. new washed potatoes, cut into
- equal sized pieces

1 onion, cut into chunks

1/4 cup sliced black olives

1/4 cup Feta cheese, crumbled

2 Tbsp. parsley

In a large bowl combine the lemon juice, oil, garlic, oregano and pepper. Add the potatoes and onion and toss to coat. Place in a roasting pan and bake at 400°F for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° and bake for 30-40 minutes more or until potatoes are fork tender. Add to a bowl and sprinkle with the olives, Feta and parsley. Serve immediately.

Garlicy new potatoes

- 12 small red potatoes

1/2 tsp. salt

3 garlic cloves, minced

2 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

2 Tbsp. oil (divided)

salt and pepper

Scrub potatoes well. Pare a 3/4” strip around the middle of each potato. (This is just too fancy it up.) Place potatoes in a pot, cover with water, add salt and bring to a boil. Simmer covered for approximately 15 to 20 minutes or until tender. Drain potatoes and place them in a bowl. Add two teaspoons of oil and toss. Stir remaining oil in a nonstick frying pan over medium heat. Add garlic and onion, cook for 1-2 minutes. Add potatoes, reduce heat to low and cook stirring occasionally for 4-5 minutes. Mix in parsley, salt and pepper. Serve.

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By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

There was a wave of frustration that washed across Wasagamung on Tuesday, July 29, related to the summer ban on motorized boats on Clear Lake. Nearly 600 cottage and business owners crammed into the Clear Lake Danceland Hall for a meeting to discuss the issue, and what many locals say is the broken trust between Parks Canada and the community.

How did it all begin?

The trouble started with the discovery of zebra mussels in the water, back in 2023. The arrival of this invasive species forced the complete closure of the lake to motorized watercraft for the past two years.

Earlier this year, Parks Canada had announced a 'one boat, one lake' policy to open things up a bit for the 2025 season. But in May, that policy was unexpectedly reversed and done so without any local consultation on the matter. Because of that lack of communication, the group Fairness for Clear Lake (FFCL), has been formed to advocate for more from transparency from the federal government on what they're trying to do to solve the problem.

The FFCL were also responsible for hosting the town hall, and presented its findings of an independent study of the zebra mussel's spread in Clear Lake.

The policy isn't working

Independent science presented by fisheries biologist



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF DAN MAZIER

Over 600 people packed the Clear Lake Dance Hall on Tuesday, July 29 for a meeting discussing not only the Zebra Mussel issue with the lake, but also the issue of communication... or lack thereof, between Parks Canada and the local residents and businesses.

Mark Lowdon confirmed that zebra mussels will disperse naturally within Clear Lake regardless of the boating activity.

As well, Parks Canada's own testing has confirmed that zebra mussels have already spread to the west end of Clear Lake, indicating that the boating ban has not prevented mussel dispersal within the lake.

A trust damaged

As well as the impacts of the reversal of the 'one boat, one lake' policy, residents were upset over a lack of communication regarding that decision.

"Parks Canada should be a symbol of unity and national pride, not division and mistrust," said Trevor Boquist, spokesperson for Fairness for Clear Lake (FFCL). "Parks Canada had an opportunity to bring Indigenous communities, local residents, and businesses together to find a balanced solution but instead made decisions behind closed doors. The result is frustration for all stakeholder groups and a loss of confidence in how Riding Mountain National Park is managed."

Parks Canada is also facing backlash after confirming that its summer

ban on motorized boats was prompted by a potential legal challenge, and not environmental science.

CTV News Winnipeg, who attended the Town Hall, have reported that Parks Canada spokesperson Andrew Campbell spoke at the meeting. Campbell explained that shortly before the May long weekend, they were notified that it was going to face a judicial review for the 'one boat-one lake' policy. He did not disclose who instigated this threat of a judicial review, but added it would have forced the 'one boat-one' lake plan to be put on hold. So, hitting the pause button on this at the start of summer seemed 'prudent' in Parks Canada's eyes.

This admission sparked immediate criticism from local residents and business operators, who say the decision has harmed community trust and local economies.

Miscommunication and mismanagement

Member of Parliament for Riding Mountain, Dan Mazier, was on hand for the Town Hall, and spoke to those in attendance. He noted that the biggest problem with Parks Canada in Clear Lake right now is "Miscommunication and mismanagement from Parks Canada itself."

Moving ahead, FFCL is calling on Parks Canada to:

- Commit to an open, inclusive dialogue process that brings all voices together;

- Engage in collaborative management planning to rebuild trust with Indigenous leadership, local residents, and businesses.

"Our shared vision for Clear Lake is one of collaborative management, open and inclusive dialogue, and solutions that stop the cycle of mistrust," Boquist said. "We are inviting Parks Canada to work with us to restore trust in the agency and in local leadership at Riding Mountain National Park. We can—and must—move forward together."



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Due the rise in zebra mussels (inset picture) in Clear Lake, motorized vehicles have been prohibited from operation, a decision that has frustrated and angered many residents in the area.

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Polonia celebrating its 140th birthday next week

By Casper Wehrhahn
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A major birthday is coming up quickly in the Rural Municipality of Rosedale. On Aug. 16 and 17, the unincorporated community of Polonia, formerly known as Huns Valley, will mark 140 years since it was first established. To celebrate, a committee of dedicated individuals have been hard at work organizing a series of events that all members of the public are welcome to attend. This celebration has been formally titled Huns Valley 140.

“It looks like we got all our ducks in a row,” committee member Will Smith said of the preparations thus far. “The two biggest hurdles were finding parking for everyone and [getting enough perogies to feed] hundreds of people. It looks like we’ve got these last two issues solved. The other is the uncertainty of the weather, and we’re all praying for sunny skies.”

Smith also shared that the early response to the event has been overwhelming. While the committee anticipated 300 people to attend and planned accordingly, but the interest grew well beyond that number.

“In fact, we shut down registration six months ago and wondered what we should do. We just can’t turn people away from our heritage event,” said Smith. “So our committee made an executive decision and decided to increase our venues, which included renting a second tent. We now have hit our second capacity of 600 people.”

For those who may be unfamiliar with Polonia’s history, the community was first settled in 1885 on Aug. 16 and 17. This was part of what was known as the Hungarian Colonization—a movement which included individuals immigrating from Hungary, as well as those from countries that

were under Austro-Hungarian rule at the time. The area settled was christened as New Hungary, and the post office named Huns Valley.

To honour the dates Polonia was settled, Huns Valley 140 will take place on Aug. 16 and 17. The Saturday event date will see the gates open at 9:00 a.m., with activities running until 11:30 p.m. On Sunday, the day will be kicked off with breakfast at 10:00 a.m. and additional events following.

Some of the events Smith said people can expect from the Huns Valley 140 celebration include heritage tours, kids activities, musical entertainment, homestead tours, dancing, displays and pictures, a mass dedicated to family ancestors and Our Lady of Czestochowa, and more.

“I think the biggest hit is going to be the music. We have musicians coming from Alberta,” said Smith. “I can’t wait to hear the tsymbaly again—it’s a harp type instrument played with sticks.”

Smith added, “The highlight of the second day is Mass in our beautiful St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. We even had our first miracle and the Archbishop of Winnipeg will be performing the service. Some things are priceless!”

Harvest Sun Music Festival to be held in Kelwood

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Next week will bring a time of reminiscing and making new memories in Kelwood. From Aug. 15 to 17, the community will mark its 20th annual Harvest Sun Music Festival. From its humble (and well received) beginnings, to the grand rural music festival it is now, there is certainly plenty to remember!

These memories include family entertainment from James Culleton, the Moody Manitoba Workshop with Rick Neufeld, and performances from Rob Waddell, Jimmie Kilpatrick and Daniel Hopfner during the inaugural edition of the festival. Additionally, did you know that the first Harvest Sun poster was hand drawn?

As the organizers and festival regulars reminisce about these memories, and more, they and new arrivals alike will have plenty of fresh experiences to look forward to next weekend.

This year, the festival is threaded throughout the heart of the community. Ticket holders can look forward to entertainment within the whimsical Prairie Portal—a transformed Kelwood Community Hall—during the day and the Legion come evening. Per festival tradition, family fun open for all the public to attend, will also be available at the Kelwood Campground.

Attendees of the 2025 festival can expect a roaring good time with The



FILE PHOTO

The 20th annual Harvest Sun Music Festival, will likely be a time of reminiscing, as well as making new memories next weekend. Pictured here is Rick Neufeld during the Moody Manitoba Workshop he provided during a previous year.

Porteous Family Band, Superfun with James Culleton, Red Moon Road and much more!

For full details on what you can expect from the 2025 edition of Kelwood’s Harvest Sun Music Festival,

visit the festival’s website (www.harvestsunmusicfest.com).

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11:00 - 2:00 Kids Fun Zone (Tanner's Park) *FREE for all ages*
11:00 - 2:00 Kids Art Tent (Tanner's Park) *FREE for all ages*
11:00 Weiming Zhao - Art in the park - live painting (Tanner's Park)
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11:00 - 2:00 Henna Tattoos and Artist Showcase - Chylisse Marchand
11:30 - 1:00 Heritage Co-op BBQ (Tanner's Park)
4:00 - 9:00 Minnedosa Bowl (15 & under Two Free games/shoe rental 16+ \$3 each + \$1 shoe rental - To reserve lane: minnedosabowl.ca)
5:00 - 7:00 Minnedosa Farmers Market (101 4th Ave SW)
5:00pm Minnedosa Legion - Meat Draw/Chase The Ace (34 2nd Ave SW)
5:00pm Minnedosa Golf - Happy Hour on the patio
6:00pm Minnedosa Golf - Fun Fest Scramble \$30/person includes golf/prizes
7:00 - 8:30 Live music in the Park (Tanner's Park) *Weather permitting

SATURDAY - 16TH

7:30 - 10:30 Lions Pancake Breakfast MCCC (63 Main St N)
10:00 - 3:00 Street Market (1st Ave SE - by the Tank)
10:00 - 3:00 UCT BBQ (by Street Market)
11:00 - 11:45 Chamber Fun Fest Parade (Main Street)
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11:00 - 2:00 Cotton Candy Tent (Tanner's Park)
11:00 - 3:00 Valley Cruizers Car Show (1st St SE)
11:00 - 2:00 Glitter Tattoos/Face Painting/cotton candy (Tanner's Park)
11:30 - 1:00 United Church Luncheon (48 Main St. South)
11:00 - 1:00 Minnedosa Covenant Church BBQ (101 4th Ave SW)
11:30 - 1:00 Legion Ladies Auxiliary Lunch (Club room 34 2nd Ave SW)
12:00 Clanwilliam Hall Beer Gardens (By Minnedosa Library)
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4:00 - 6:00 Splish Splash (ages 6-11) *ages 6+7 includes 1 parent (Beach)
6:00 - 8:00 Splish Splash (ages 12+ only) *Please read below (Beach)
6:45 - 9:30 Legion Fun Fest Cash Bingo (34 2nd Ave SW)

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Sports

Midwest wins Tier 2 Baseball Provincials

Trio of Neepawa players help secure weekend win

Banner Staff

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

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.

In total, 12 teams from across Manitoba competed over the weekend. Midwest was placed in the Tier 2 division, and paired up against teams from Brandon, Interlake, Oildome and North and West Winnipeg.

For the round-robin, Midwest swept through the field, winning a pair of games on Friday, Aug. 1. First, they defeated Oildome 11-4, and then held off

Brandon by a score of 11-9. Then on Saturday, Aug. 2, Midwest won 12-10 over Interlake, and 15-7 against North Winnipeg. The final round robin game was played early on Sunday, and was a tight 10-9 decision over West Winnipeg. Due to their perfect 5-0 record, Midwest earned a spot in the final against the team representing North Winnipeg. For this game, Midwest rolled to an relatively easy 7-1 win, to claim the gold medal and the provincial banner.

Congratulations to the entire team, as well as Carr, Hockin and Ford. Best of luck, as well to Jude Carr, who has been selected to the roster for Team Manitoba U15, and will compete at the Western Canadian Championship in St. Albert, AB later this month.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

From left to right: Jayden Ford, Kellen Hockin, and Jude Carr of Neepawa celebrate winning the Provincial 15U Baseball Championship this past weekend in Winnipeg. The trio were members of the Midwest regional team, who went a perfect 6-0 at the tournament, including a 7-1 win over North Winnipeg in the final.

Hole-in-one hit at the Neepawa Golf & Country Club



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Congratulations to Neepawa Golf & Country Club member Greg Fleck, who shot a hole in one on Sunday, Aug. 3. This is just the second official hole-in-one registered this year, as four weeks ago, Jessica Bell hit one on #4.



Portage Padres take commanding 2-0 lead in Santa Clara Baseball Final

By Eoin Devereux

NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Portage Padres are on the cusp of making history in the Santa Clara Baseball League. The Padres have jumped out to a 2-games-to-0 lead in the Santa Clara's Baseball League Championship, over the Plumas Pirates. If Portage wins the next game, it will sweep the series, and win its' sixth league championship in the last nine seasons. That impressive run will warrant comparison to the decade of dominance from the Minnedosa Mavericks,

between 2006 and 2015.

But back to this year's league final, this is the second straight year these two teams have met in the championship. Last season, the Padres bested Plumas in a hard fought five game series to claim the SCBL crown.

For this year, the Portage Padres got off to a near perfect start, earning a game one victory by the score of 13-5. The Padres were powered by a seven-run second inning, and a complete game effort from pitcher Chad Melnic on Wednesday, July 30.

Game two was played in

Plumas on Tuesday, Aug. 5, and saw Portage come away with a 9-3 victory. Portage's Rory Manns pitched into the 7th inning, while Riley Borody came in to collect the final two outs. Tanner Jago and Tanner Boyle went yard, with back-to-back homers in the sixth, to secure the win.

Game three was played on Wednesday, Aug. 6 back in Portage la Prairie. The final result was official just after the Banner & Press publication deadline. Should the series go the distance, Game 4 would be Aug. 14 in Plumas, and a decisive Game 5 back in

Portage on Aug. 15, following the Padres' appearance at the Senior AA Provincial Championships between Aug. 8 to 10.

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Several strong performances in Hamiota for Blue Dolphins

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Swim meet three of the season for the Neepawa Blue Dolphins Swim Club splashed out at the Hamiota Aquatic Center on July 27. Neepawa swimmers captured a number of firsts.

9/10 year old girls
Charlize Macsymic: Second 100m bk, 50m breast. Fourth 25m breast. Fifth 50m bk.

Julia Pollock: 100m IM improved by approximately three seconds. 100 free improved by about two seconds. Julia swims in Brandon with the winter swim team, so she cannot place, but continues to perform very well.

Novalee Menzies: Second 25m breast. Third 50m breast. Fifth 25m free and 50m free.

Juli Smith: Seventh 25m breast. Tenth 25m free.

Natalie Levandoski: Fourth 25m free. Fifth 25m breast. Seventh 50m free.

11/12 girls
Abby Konsorada: Second 25m free. Third 25m breast and 25m fly.

Madalyn Wahoski: Fifth 25m free, 100m breast, 25m breast, 50m breast. Eighth 50m free.

Norah-Grace Reid: First 100m IM. 2nd 25m fly. Fourth 25m breast, 100m breast. Fifth 50m free.

13/14 girls
Anne Crosson: First 50m bk, 50m breast, 50m free, 50m fly, 50m breast, and 100m IM.

Carlee Strelczik: Second 25m breast. Fourth 50m bk and 25m free.

Mya Gingras: First 25m free, 100m free, 100m fly. Second 50m fly, 50m free.

Sydney Wolfe: First 25m breast, 25m fly. Second 25m free. Third 50m free 50m breast.

15-17 girls
Aliyah Jacobsen: First 25m free, 25m breast. Second 25m fly.

Clar Ann Howe: Second 25m free, 25m breast, 50m

free. Third 25m fly

9/10 boys
Benjamin Wahoski: First 50m breast. Second 25m breast, 25m free.

11/12 boys
Joey Smith: First 50m bk 50m fly, 25m fly. Second 25m free, 100m IM.

Tanner Gingras: Second 25m breast. Third 25m free.

Austin Nadeau: First 50m free. Second 25m fly, 100m bk, 50m bk and 100m free.

15-17 boys
Jacey Smith: First 25m free, 100m IM, 25m fly, 50m fly, and 200m IM.

Relays
25 meter free style relay: First Carlee Strelczik, Sydney Wolfe, May Gingras, and Clar Ann Houle-Howe; Third Aliyah Jacobsen, Austin Nadeau, Jacey Smith, and Joey Smith; Seventh Ben Wahoski, Madalyn Wahoski, Anne Crosson, and Tanner Gingras.

50 meter free style relay: Fifth Julia Pollack, Novalee Menzies, Natalie Levandoski, and Abby Konsorada.

25 meter Medley relay: First Mya Gingras, Sydney Wolfe, Carlee Strelczik, and Julia Pollack. 2nd Anne Crosson, Abby Konsorada, Austin Nadeau, and Tanner Gingras. Third Aliyah Jacobsen, Charlize Macsymic, Clar Ann Houle-Howe, and Joey Smith. Fourth Jacey Smith, Natalie Levandoski, Novalee Menzies, and Juli Smith.

Next action is Aug. 10 when the Blue Dolphins splash on over to Pilot Mound. Races start at 9:00 a.m. If your child(ren) would like to come out and try the practices then please do.

Practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Contact manager Dave at Neepawa Dolphins neepawadolphins@outlook.com.

For results check out the following: <https://swim-manitoba.mb.ca/swimmers/programs/>

Showcasing their athletic skills on the world stage

Denbow and Turner compete for Canada at World University Games

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A pair of track and field athletes with well established roots in Neepawa, recently represented Canada at the FISU World University Games. Lara Denbow and Daxx Turner were amongst the 9,500 participants from more than 100 countries that were a part of the 2025 competition in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany. The FISU Summer World University Games are staged every two years and are the largest global multi-sports event for student-athletes in the world.

Lara Denbow earned her way at the World Games as a back-to-back national champion for the University of Manitoba in the high jump, while Daxx Turner is the U of M's record

holder in the triple jump, and has never lost at the Canada West Championships in four seasons. After years of dominance on a national level, they would each finally receive their shot against the best in the world.

For Lara Denbow, she was placed in the Group One Qualifiers, and would finish in eighth place for her bracket, after a best jump of 1.71 metres. While that result was not enough to advance to the final. It was still good enough to be a top-15 result in the world for the University Games.

As for Daxx Turner, he competed in the Triple Jump. His best attempt in the qualification round was 15.91 metres, which had him in fourth place for his group and was enough to advance him to the Finals. For the final, Turner landed



FILE PHOTOS

Neepawa's Lara Denbow and Daxx Turner, who recently competed for Canada at the FISU World University Games in Germany.

a jump of 15.68 metres. While that result did not reach the podium, it was still the ninth best result in this global competition.

Congratulations to both Denbow and Turner on

representing not only their community, their nation, but perhaps most importantly, themselves in such an impressive and positive way at the World University Games.

MJHL exhibition schedule announced for Neepawa Titans

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) believes it's never too early to start thinking about hockey, which is why it has unveiled its exhibition schedule for the 2025-2026 season. The exhibition season for all 13 clubs will begin on Sunday, Aug. 31, and conclude on Sunday, Sept. 14.

For the Neepawa Titans, they will play six games in total over the course of 12 days, with three of those on the road and three at home...sort of.

This year, the first two scheduled home games for Neepawa will be played at the J&G Homes Arena in Brandon. The reason for these home games being away from home is due to the Yellowhead plan-

ning a late August/early September installation of the ice surface, due to the amount of time necessary to properly prepare the ice, events within the arena cannot proceed until mid-September. The first official home game is currently planned for Sept. 13, when the Titans host the Portage Terriers.

As for the Titan's venture into Brandon, Head Coach and General Manager Ken Pearson said the hockey team has been working closely with the management of J&G Homes Arena to ensure everything runs smoothly.

"Jason Roblin has been great to work with at the J&G Homes Arena and was able to move some things to accommodate our

full camp and pre season games," explained Pearson. "I think that besides the inconvenience of loading all things necessary to hold camp in Brandon and we look past the financial loss, everyone is excited about camp being held in Brandon."

The J&G Homes Arena was built in 2021 and is home to the Western Canadian Hockey Academy, as

well as the Brandon AAA Wheat Kings. The main arena has a capacity of 800 people.

The two 'home' games for Neepawa in Brandon, will be played on Tuesday, Sept. 2 versus the Virden Oil Capitals, and Tuesday, Sept. 9 against the Dauphin Kings. Start time for both those games is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

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Obituary



Velma Beatrice Clayton

With family by her side, we announce the peaceful passing of Velma on July 24, 2025 at the age of 94.

A photo biography honoring Velma's life is accessible at <https://www.ethicaldeathcare.com/obits/clayton-velma>

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Gerald Knight inducted into Canadian Sheep Breeders Association Hall of Fame

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Initially planning to raise sheep for the commercial lamb market, Gerald Knight's interest turned to breeding purebred Suffolk sheep. He was an avid promoter of using purebred rams to improve genetics in the industry. Gerald and his wife Carol farmed near Decker, Manitoba and raised their sons Craig and Scott on their sheep farm.

Gerald was the Manitoba representative on the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association (CSBA) Board in the late 1970's and early 1980's, eventually serving as President. He was also a member of the Canadian Wool Growers Association.

In 1980, while on the Board of the Brandon Winter Fair, he along with other board members came up with the idea of a national show and sale.



Gerald was the Manitoba representative on the CSBA Board in the late 1970's and early 1980's,

Gerald heavily supported the idea of having the event in Brandon, MB. as it was near the centre of Canada and easily accessible from Highway #1. The first two Classics were held in Brandon in 1980 and 1981. Since then the event has been rotated across Canada.

As a founding member of the Classic Sheep Show and Sale, Gerald would be deeply gratified to see how

it has grown into what it is today.

On July 11, 2025, at a banquet held in Brandon, he was inducted into the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association Hall of Fame for his contributions to the Sheep Breeders industry.

The presentation plaque reads, "Hall of Fame-Gerald Knight-In recognition of your outstanding contributions towards the Purebred Sheep Industry in Canada-2025 Brandon, Manitoba. The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association was founded on June 14, 1900. The CSBA has over 1000 members who breed purebred sheep across Canada, spanning more than 50 breeds of sheep. The association is committed to working in the interests of sheep breeders across the country, regardless of the breed they represent."



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

At the Canadian Sheep Breeder Association banquet on July 11, 2025 in Brandon, a representative of the Association presented a Hall of Fame plaque to honour the late Gerald Knight. Accepting the award were Scott, Craig, and Carol Knight.

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Antique Canadian military motorcycle on a mission to challenge American records at Utah Salt Flats

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A couple of Manitoba motorcycle enthusiasts are on their way to the Bonneville Salt Flats this August with an ex-Canadian military 1942 WLC Harley-Davidson. Ted Hector, of Alonsa, and Gary MacDonald of McCreary, who compete as "Thunder Road Racing" expect the heavily modified machine to reach speeds in excess of 140 mph. The Bonneville Salt Flats are the Mecca for land speed racers from all over the world. Teams range from backyard enthusiasts to multimillion dollar outfits, all with the goal of beating an existing speed record and getting their names in the record book. This is the fourteenth trip to the salt flats for Hector and MacDonald, currently hold five AMA National Records,

all in Vintage Class.

The current racer will be competing in the 750cc category and is supercharged.

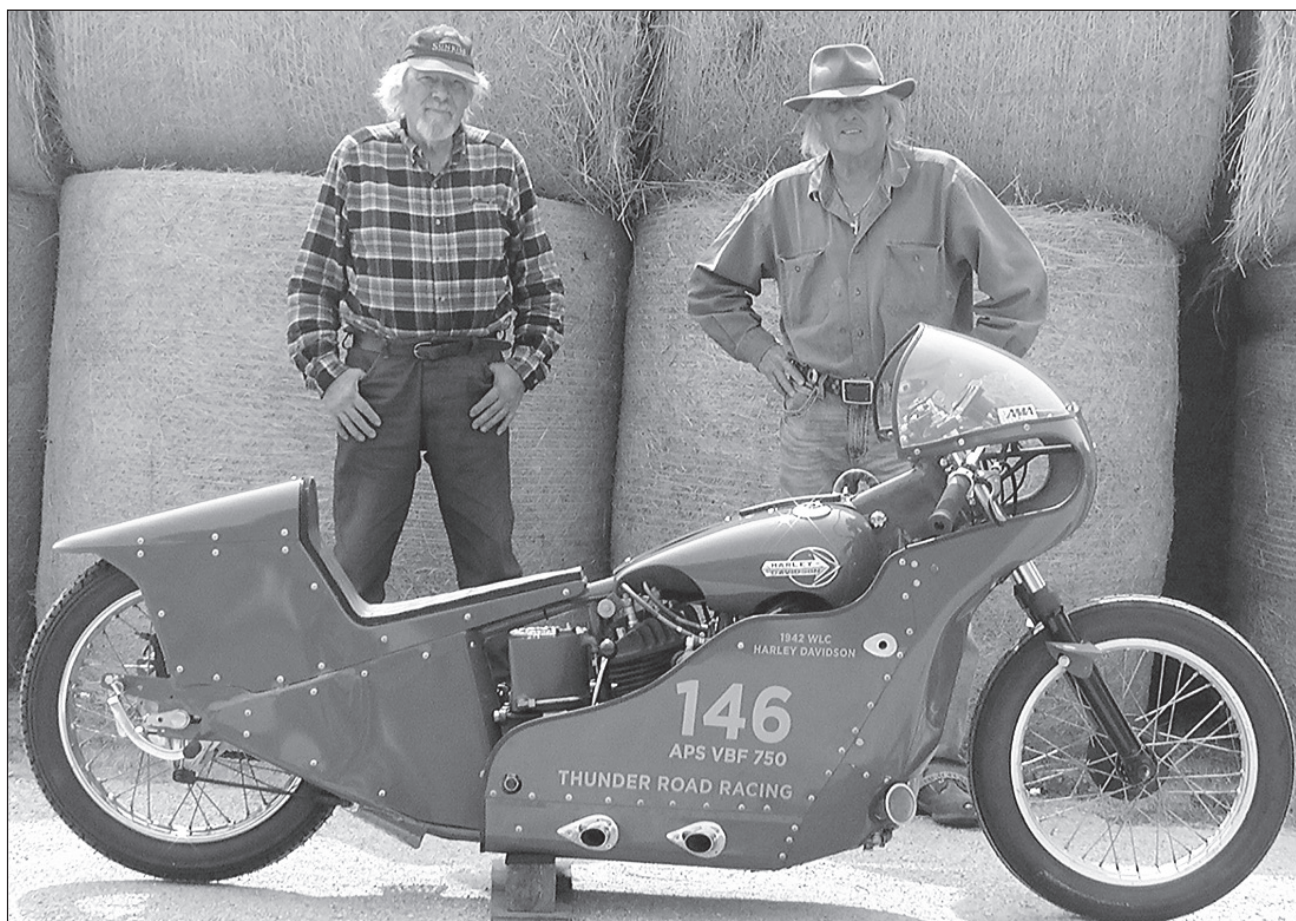
A truly vintage effort

Hector was inducted into the Manitoba Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2013, and has been riding motorcycles since he was eight years old.

MacDonald has been riding antique Harleys for over 40 years.

Hector is 76 years old, MacDonald is 72, and the Harley racer is 83, so it is a truly "vintage" effort all around.

They are sponsored by Capp Transport of Alonsa, Manitoba, Zdan Farms of Alonsa, Mb, Hillside Cycle and Machine of Dauphin, Mb and The Antique Motorcycle Club of Manitoba.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Gary MacDonald (left) and Ted Hector (right) with the 1942 Harley WLC.

Going away? The Neepawa Banner & Press is also available online, in full, at www.neepawabanner.com!

Arden hosts first annual Brent Hunter Memorial Party



PHOTOS BY DIANE WARNER

On July 19, 2025 the first annual Brent Hunter Memorial Party in the Park Fun Golf & Chili Cook Off was held at the Lansdowne Centennial Park in Arden, MB. Competitors played a round of Golf in which some of the holes you had to tee off wearing oven mitts, sitting on a toilet, balance on a tire tube or hit your ball off a t-ball stand. There were over 50 competitors participating in the Fun Golf event. Many laughs could be heard across the course.

Pictured above: The events attendees as they were seen standing in front of the Brent Hunter Memorial Flowerbed.

Pictured far left: One of the many laughter inducing portions of the Fun Golf involved, as stated above, ye ol' porcelain throne. Golfers took a seat and made their best swings!

Pictured left: Batter- sorry, golfer- up! While this would be highly unusual in ordinary golf, it was par for the course in Arden's Fun Golf. Can we get a home run for a hole-in-one?



Fire rescue exercises held in Neepawa



PHOTOS BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Members of the Neepawa Fire Department took part in a vehicle extrication training course on Friday, July 22 at the Best Choice Auto Sales & Service building. The focus of the evening was to provide a hands-on Jaws of Life training session. This type of training helps to improve the firefighters' rescue techniques and ensure they are always ready to provide the best service to community, during an emergency.

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Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede fun for all



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The Manitoba Agriculture Museum was alive and thriving from July 24 to 27, 2025, as the annual Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede took place. One of this year's main attractions featured a John Deere Expo, with over 100 tractors on display from past to present. The three-day event also featured a visit from the Grey Cup, horse plowing and threshing demonstrations, kids' activities, the popular Pioneer Power Parade showcasing agriculture's past, and a rodeo. The event takes over 700 volunteers to run, with countless months of planning. The reunion will return next year from July 23-26, 2026.

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