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Almost 200 new homes coming to Neepawa

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Town of Neepawa's long-awaited Project 320 has reached another milestone in efforts to make it a reality. During the Nov. 4 Town Council meeting, a public hearing was held to discuss a proposal to subdivide the Project 320 land and create several new public roads for development.

Once complete, the 58-acre subdivision will add 197 new residential lots in Neepawa, including both single and multi-family housing.

As required under provincial regulations, a public hearing must be held whenever new roads are created through a subdivision. Project 320 will include several new streets: Murphy Way, Cleave Bay, McKay Crescent, Gossell Avenue, Gill Drive (to be expanded), Harris Avenue, Fusee Avenue, and Pollock Crescent.

No new entrances will be added to Highway 5 or Highway 16. Instead, existing accesses will be upgraded. All future lots in Project 320 will be serviced by municipal water and sewer. New drainage work will require proper permitting and is subject to being installed near the Neepawa Airport.

Some parcels of the Land in Project 320 will also require zoning amendments from light industrial to residential.

Neepawa's Town Council unanimously approved the motion following the hearing.

No objections were received from residents, though clarification was provided to one attendee regarding road placement.

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PHOTO BY JOSHUA JACKSON

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. Additional pictures from ceremonies held in Neepawa, Minnedosa and Carberry across the region can be seen on Page 8.

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History preserved for the future

Beautiful Plains Museum hold its' annual general meeting

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A few months ago, it was uncertain whether or not the Beautiful Plains Museum would survive the year...But now it appears as though the building, and the storied history that resides within, will survive for years to come.

The museum board held its' annual general meeting in Neepawa on Tuesday, Nov. 4. This AGM was more than the usual review of the financials, it was a call to action to get more people involved to keep the volunteer run operation open. Fortunately, that call was answered, in the form of five new board members and seven volunteers. The new board members are:

- Gerond Davidson;
- Milia Gomez;
- Brin Henderson;
- William Smith; and
- Brenda Henderson.

Gerond Davidson has been named the board chairperson, taking over the position from Helen Drysdale. Davidson said the Beautiful Plains Museum is an important part of our region's heritage, and that it's good to see so many people step up to ensure its' continued operation.

"I feel very good about the community support we're seeing here tonight.



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The new board members for the Beautiful Plains Museum include Brin Henderson, William Smith, Gerond Davidson, Milvia Gómez and Brenda Henderson. (Pictured here with past president Helen Drysdale.

It shows that people still care about the heritage and value the local history this building shares with the community," noted Davidson.

As for why Davidson decided to come forward in this manner and volunteer as a board member, he said he has always had a great interest in our local history and that it was time to step up.

Davidson replaces Helen Drysdale, who along with the rest of the previous board, have now formally stepped down. Helen will still assist the Museum in some capacity, serving as the past president. She noted to the Banner &

Press that she is feeling a tremendous bit of optimism about the future of this fine facility.

"The new board comes with so many skills and so many new ideas. It was just wonderful," said Drysdale.

The new board for the Beautiful Plains also arrives it seems at just the right time, as 2026 will be the 50th year since the official founding of the museum.

The financials

From an accounting standpoint, the 2024-2025 fiscal year was fine, though it could have been better. The total income from October, 2024 to September 2025 was \$22,834.03. As

for expenses, they totalled \$27,358.73, which contributed to a loss year-over-year of \$4,524.70. The largest contributors to the loss were increase to the cost of insurance and some upgrades to the building and security system. The total assets for the Beautiful Plains Museum remain strong, sitting at \$260,441.71.

Neepawa Rotary preparing for its annual auction

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

An old fundraising favourite is returning this winter with a new online home. Preparations are well underway for the Rotary Club of Neepawa's annual charity auction, with this year's edition scheduled for Dec. 5 to 11.

Rotarian Murray Newton noted that while this will be the sixth year the auction has been offered online, there is a slight change to its setup this time around. A new website has been launched where the listings of all the available items up for bid can be seen. The items can now be found at www.district5550.charity-auctions.ca.

The reason for the change is due to a few technical glitches that were a bit of a minor inconvenience on the old website. This new site should solve that problem for bidders.

Newton also mentioned to the Banner & Press that a few listings for this year's auction are already up on the site and that they plan to have everything online before the end of November. A full listing of items will likely also be published in a

future edition in the Banner & Press.

As for what's up for bid, Rotary members have been busy canvassing the businesses within the community to get donations. Historically, around 180 items have usually been available for bid and the Rotary Club is optimistic they'll be around that number again this year.

The Online Auction is Rotary's biggest annual fundraiser, and sees all of the money raised ending up back into the community supporting other local endeavours. Previous beneficiaries have included the Yellowhead Centre, ArtsForward, NACTV, Touchwood, and Beautiful Plains Community Medical Clinic, just to name a few. This year, their main recipient of support will be Neepawa's new hospital project.

To take part in the auction, bids must be made online on the club's website. All buyers must be registered to be able to place bids. Newton noted that if there are some people who don't have access to the internet, but would like to place bids, they can contact Ron Nordstrom at 204-476-0174.



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1975: Sodding the NACI field for the MB Games

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

**125 years ago,
Wednesday,
November 14, 1900**

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

Franklin: Mr. C. North and family moved into our village last week, where they intend residing for the future.

Harold Ray of Glenella, shot a fine elk the other day, which dressed 494 pounds. It had an elegant pair of antlers and the head has been placed in the hands of T. H. Harrison for mounting.

**100 years ago,
Tuesday,
November 10, 1925**

There was fair demand on Saturday in the K. P. hall for goods made by the blind, principally brooms, basketry and whitewear. Purchasers had their thoughts directed to wonderful work being done by the institute that takes charge of the blind and makes them useful members

of society.

A drowning in Park Lake was narrowly averted on Monday. The ice is thick and safe except in the vicinity of the exhaust from the power house and it was here that the near tragedy occurred. Presence of mind of companions saved the unfortunate boy.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
November 16, 1950**

Now in Toronto to compete with all Canada contestants in swine judging, Calvin Whelpton and Maurice Deveson of Neepawa received their trip by virtue of winning their fourth consecutive provincial championship last October in Brandon. The lads were trained by C. E. G. Bates, district agriculturalist, and have been constantly active in the Union-Inkerman Swine Club, led by W. A. Drysdale.

A Manitoba pioneer woman, Mrs. Emma Rountree, 76, who came to the province in 1888, died

Nov. 6 in the Winnipeg General Hospital with burial rites held in Riding Mountain cemetery.

She married Alex Rountree in 1888 and moved to Riding Mountain in 1915. Her husband predeceased her in 1934.

Mrs. Rountree leaves three sisters to mourn her loss: Mrs. Alice Mason, Porcupine Plains; Mrs. Percy Laudrum and Mrs. Minnie Scott, both of Neepawa.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
November 13, 1975**

More than 175 people, many of whom either lived through the war years or actively participated in one or the other or both global wars, met to remember those who had fallen in the European or Pacific theatres at the semi-annual meeting of Branch 23 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Neepawa.

Advance preparations for the Manitoba Summer Games got underway with the levelling and sodding of one of the necessary soccer and field hockey fields at NACI.

Attorney General Howard Pawley has announced the appointment of Leonard Elfenson as district registrar for the Neepawa Land Titles District, effective Nov. 6. He succeeds E. R. Goossen, who resigned last April.

On Sunday, Oct. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Emery held open house to honor his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Emery on their 50th wedding anniversary. A beautifully decorated cake, made by Mrs. Bob Emery, centered the tea table.

During this past week Padre Wilton Fraser, representing the Neepawa Legion Branch 23, presented a child's wheelchair to the Neepawa and District Memorial Hospital.



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Pictured here is an NACI student lending a hand with the advance preparations for the Manitoba Summer Games. This photo was in the Nov. 13, 1975 edition of The Neepawa Press and shows the student aiding with the sodding of the soccer fields at NACI- a large feat undertaken by many staff, groups and volunteers.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
November 14, 2005**

Two people were injured in accidents as the second major snowfall of the season reduced visibility and made driving treacherous throughout southern Manitoba early last week.

Planning and Economic Development Committee and NADCO chairman Terry Volden said the town is looking into partnering with area RMs to establish a biodiesel plant.

Former Neepawa councillor Arnold "Bud" Birch is being made an honorary life member of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

Birch served on Neepawa town council from 1995 to 2002. Prior to moving to Neepawa, Birch farmed in the RM of Rosedale. He was elected to represent Ward 5 in 1975. Birch went on to serve as reeve of the RM from 1980 to 1992.

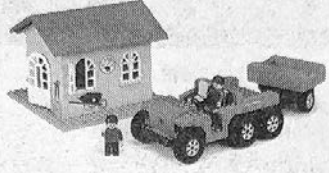
Birch also sat on the board of the former Union of Manitoba Municipalities. He was elevated in 1988 and represented the Central district until 1992.

The National Farmers Union is calling for environmental hearings on the proposed expansion of Minnedosa's ethanol plant.

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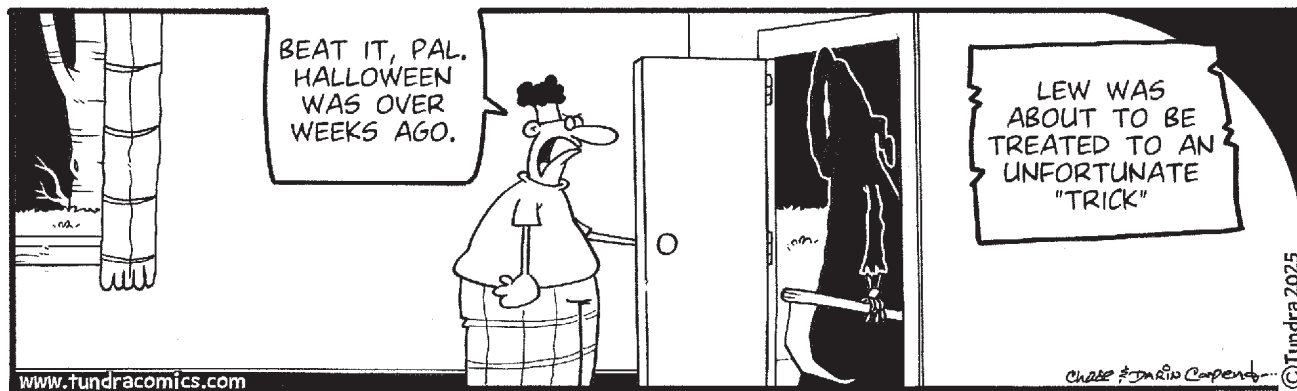
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By Chad Carpenter



Reading is essential

I read with interest, an excerpt from a story in the Winnipeg Free Press on the weekend.

"The Manitoba Human Rights Commission published the long-awaited results of a probe into how schools are teaching children to read—or failing to do so—at the end of October.

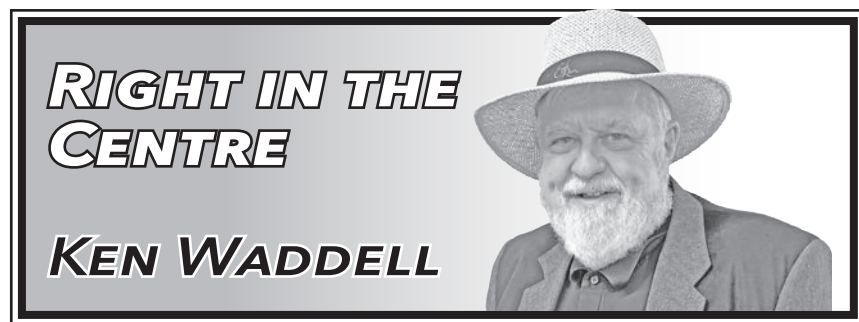
The 70-page report represents Phase 1 of a special project that's become known as "Manitoba's Right to Read." A followup on the implementation of investigators' recommendations is expected in 2026-27.

Local investigators concluded many teachers do not have training in structured literacy, a neuroscience-backed philosophy founded on explicit instruction in phonics, which stresses recognizing the connection between sounds and letters/letter combinations."

Nothing in those three paragraphs surprised me but one phrase really caught my attention, namely "explicit instruction in phonics". Actually, the part about a followup in 2026-27 doesn't actually surprise me but it greatly disappoints me. The phonics part only outlines what many of us have known for years. Phonics is very important. I know that our kids didn't get as good an education as we did over all 12 years, our grandkids didn't either.

It's now 71 years since I started school and trust me, back in those days it was "Old School".

Talking out in class without being asked was frowned upon. Reading out loud, standing by your desk was both common and demanded. So was printing and cursive writing. Fast forward to a time a couple of decades ago and, many students were not taught how to write or read cursive. Apparently, many students are not taught how to



read well at all.

Don't get me wrong, it was a long time ago, but our version of school was also fun back in those days, seven decades ago. And yeah, I knew you would ask, did students get the "strap" for misbehaving. Yes, they did but it didn't happen often and I never got the strap. If I had, I would have been in more trouble when I got home from school.

Let me reminisce for a minute. I took all twelve grades in a two story brick school that was built in 1913, just one year before WWI. It had a big old coal furnace and huge electric lights, large windows and the biggest doors ever. If you slammed one of those doors it reverberated through the whole school. We had baseball and soccer at recess and noon. We had curling, hockey, football and baseball teams. There was an annual Christmas concert and a Christmas, Valentine's and Halloween party. We had school dances with live bands. There was an annual track meet or field day.

It was a pretty darned good school AND, we learned how to read, write and do arithmetic. We studied European and world history as well as Canadian history. And yes, we memorized poems and plays, math tables and historically significant dates. I hope I am wrong, but I doubt that many students can rattle off the dates that each Canadian province joined

Confederation. I think I still can.

If kids today are having trouble reading, I fail to understand why seven decades ago Manitoba schools could teach kids how to read but not now. I have some suspicions. I suspect that somewhere along the line that discipline slipped a bit. Students didn't mouth off to their teachers back in the day or at least they were smart enough to do it quietly. That said, I think discipline, and I don't mean yelling and screaming teachers who might haul off and hit a kid, needs to be pursued a bit harder.

It takes discipline to memorize, it takes discipline to study and it takes discipline to encourage students to carry through and finish their work.

Generally speaking, I am greatly encouraged by what I see in today's students. They know about a lot more stuff than I do but if they can't read well, they can get sucked in by every bit of false news and information out there. Because it's on the internet is no guarantee it's the truth.

Reading is the pathway to knowledge and wisdom so you can know the truth and the truth sets you free. That's pretty important.

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Homebodies

RITA FRIESEN



'What can I do?'

There is a simple offertory song that has become my favourite. I do appreciate the strong, resounding words and music of the doxology - "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known Creator, Word and Spirit, One." Sung with the repeating amens gives me shivers, (the good kind!) and knowing that the words were written way back in 1674 by Thomas Kent, adds weight and importance to the message. 'What Can I Do?' is much newer, written in 2005 by Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy, and it is a joyful song of offering and dedication - "What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share." So joyful, so up beat, so encompassing.

I'm certainly not the first to remind you that Christmas is but five weeks away! The neighbourhood is already blessed with fantastic holiday lights, and an evening walk reveals that many homes have their trees up and decorated. The festive music has begun as has the planning and the stressing. When we can see that there are so many ways we can give to our families and communities it can take some of the pressure off. Close friends and family members have heard my stories many times and I'll tell some of them again. It is the little things we unconsciously do that can be a gift, a blessing, to others, known and unknown. A few years ago I met with a family in the morning, planning a farewell. My schedule included another such visit in the afternoon. A heavy day. For a change of mind set, I stopped at a local fast food restaurant. The young lad, swabbing the floor, was quietly singing Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. The threads of that song, offered without a thought or intention, brought my frayed edges together. What can I sing? There is a quiet (well... not always quiet!) friend that bakes the best ever tea biscuits. Finding a tray of these warm from the oven delicacies is a gift beyond measure. She has some idea of how much I appreciate her culinary skills. What can I bring?

I know how I used to stress over gift giving. It was a combination of finding the perfect gift and balancing a budget. At my stage of life, these are not pressing problems. When the grandchildren were young I explained to their parents that there were no or minimum gifts all year round, but we would all enjoy a summer vacation. No Christmas, Easter, Valentine, birthday, or any other cause for celebration gifts but one fine experience in summer.

Before too long we will be offered gift catalogues from faith and community organisations. Several of my cousins have already decided that they are gifting a third world family with chickens. There are so many ways we can share that are meaningful, here at home and around the world. What can I do? I'll say a prayer, I'll bring my love, I'll do my share.

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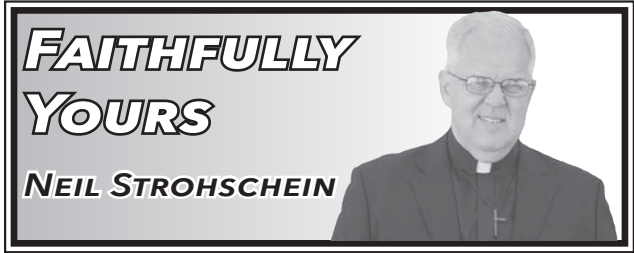
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I'm tired



From the moment I first heard one of his recorded sermons, I have been greatly blessed by the teaching and writing of Pastor Charles Swindoll. Swindoll (91), has retired from active ministry, but still guides the Insight for Living radio ministry that airs on over 2,000 radio stations around the world. He is a prolific author, having written or co-written 39 books. Several of them were in my library until recently, when I downsized and donated many of them, hoping that they would bless others as they have blessed me. One of his books, written in 1992, was a study on the book of Philippians, St.

Paul's epistle of joy, and was entitled "Maybe it's time to laugh again." In the opening chapter, he includes a piece by an anonymous author which begins with the words "I'm tired." I've lost the piece included in Swindoll's book; but what follows is a similar version of it. "Yes, I'm tired. For several years I've been blaming it on getting older, lack of sleep, weekend projects, stale office air, poor nutrition, carrying extra pounds, raising a family, recent colds, and a dozen other reasons that make you wonder why life is getting rough. But now I found out

what's really happening! I'm tired because I'm overworked. The population of the USA reached 300 million last October. Seventy-nine million of the population are retired. That leaves 221 million to do the work. There are 19 million toddlers and 76 million students in schools, which leaves 126 million to do the work. Of that total, 21 million are unemployed leaving 105 million to do the work. Then take away 34 million in hospitals. That leaves 71 million to do the work. Forty-three million are in prisons and that's 28 million left to do the work. Subtract the 14,683,468 federal, 5,344,722 state and 5,370,743 city workers who run our government and you're left with 2,601,067 to do the work. Finally, remove the 2,601,065 people in the armed forces. That leaves just two people to do the work— you and me! And you're sitting there reading this! No wonder I'm so tired!!!" Okay—that is supposed to make you laugh, and I

hope it did. But I hope it also exposes you to an ugly truth. Our society is producing a generation of people who feel just like the writer who wrote the above piece. They are well educated and highly skilled. They do good work. They work hard. Now after years of juggling work with community and family responsibilities, they are tired. And they have reached the age where they need to make some serious choices about retirement and life after retirement. Can you identify with what you've just read? Are you reading these words and thinking "Yes, that's me?" Well, you are not alone. There are many others just like you. I am one of them. We are all in this together. And we have an invisible ally. The God who created us knows just how tired we are. He will give us the strength we need to cope with today's challenges. And if we ask, he will help us decide how we can best spend the remaining years of our lives, however many or few they may be. More on this next week.

Gladstone market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

The market was steady to higher than what we saw last week. We sold 1,548 head on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Here are some market highlights from the Nov. 11 sale:
•Three red steers weighing 525 pounds bring \$7.03 a pound (\$3690 a head).
•Black steer calves come in the ring weighing 675 pounds and cash in at \$5.6750 a pound (\$3,830 per head).
•Five red and black calves weighing 734 pounds stamp there ticket at \$5.37 a pound (\$3,942 a head).
On the heifer side of things:
•Nineteen red and black exotic heifers weighing 548 pounds bring \$6.22 per pound (\$3,408 per head).

•Seven red exotic heifers weigh 609 pounds and fetch \$5.71 per pound (\$3,476 per head).
•Five Red and black heifers weighing 888 pounds bring \$4.20 a pound (\$3,730 a head).
Plainer type cattle are still seeing some discounts.

Gladstone Auction Mart Cattle Market Report Nov. 11, 2025

Steers	
3-400 lbs.	\$8.30 to 9.50
4-500 lbs.	\$7.10 to 8.12
5-600 lbs.	\$6.05 to 7.09
6-700 lbs.	\$4.90 to 6.18
7-800 lbs.	\$4.40 to 5.48
8-900 lbs.	\$4.00 to 4.89
Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$7.10 to 8.20
4-500 lbs.	\$6.00 to 6.97
5-600 lbs.	\$5.05 to 6.24
6-700 lbs.	\$4.40 to 5.71
7-800 lbs.	\$4.10 to 4.69
8-900 lbs.	\$3.40 to 4.30

1,548 head sold

Beautiful Plains Museum history: Clarksville class of 1945



Back row: Norma Clark, Shirley Kolesar, Mary Parayeski, Velma Kolear, Murray Kolesar, Alice Kolesar, Helen Kolear, Grace Kolesar, Catherine Popien, Annie Duscecina, and Maureen White.
Middle row: Shirley White, Gerald Minkus, Clareme Minkus, Gwen Flegler, and Geneneive Parayeski.
Front row: Bobbie Yakiwchuk, Mike Duscecina, Robert Minkus, Tony Popien, Jack Burton, Murray Minkus, and Theresa Andrusiak.
The teacher of the class was Sibyl Yerex. Another student, Elwood Clark, was noted as missing from the photo.

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Manitoba chicken

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Chicken is easy to cook, versatile and can be paired with so many different herbs and spices. You can't have too many chicken recipes! These two recipes are perfect for a busy weeknight or weekend company.

Chicken curry in a hurry

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| 2 Tbsp. oil | 1 tsp. fresh ginger or 1/2 tsp. ground |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | 1/2 tsp. dry crushed chilies |
| 2 cloves garlic | (optional, only if you like heat) |
| 2 tsp. coriander | 1 frying chicken, cut into pieces |
| 2 tsp. ground cumin | 2 cups coconut milk |
| 1 tsp. curry | 1 Tbsp. lemon or lime juice |

In a large frying pan sauté the onion and garlic in the oil until golden. Add the coriander, cumin, curry and fresh ginger and if desired chili peppers. Sauté for one minute. Add the chicken and lightly brown. Add the coconut milk, cover and simmer gently until chicken is cooked through, about 30 minutes. (165°F/74°C) Add the lemon juice and serve over cooked rice.

Baked chicken rosemary

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| 1 frying chicken, cut in pieces | 1/4 cup lemon juice |
| 1 clove of garlic minced | 1/2 cup water |
| 1 small onion, diced | 1 Tbsp. prepared mustard |
| 1/2 cup tomato paste | 2 Tbsp. honey or brown sugar |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1 1/2 tsp. dried rosemary |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper | or 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh |

Arrange the chicken pieces in one layer in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Mix the onion and garlic together and sprinkle over the chicken pieces. Mix all the remaining ingredients together and pour over the chicken. Bake at 350°F until the chicken temperature reaches 165°F/74°C which will take about one hour. Enjoy with your favourite sides.

The best free

show in town

It's been a couple of years now since I went to work every day with a tool belt in the back of the vehicle. The daily grind of driving a skid steer, shoveling concrete, and cursing at rebar tie guns and paslode nailers is a memory. But as any parent knows, time has a funny way of polishing the past. To my two-and-a-half-year-old son, my old career isn't a memory—it's a source of pure magic.

This was made perfectly clear on Monday morning as I wrote this. We had dropped mom off at work, and as we drove, my son spotted a blue concrete truck. Now, this wasn't just any truck. The day before, I'd told him that if you see a blue concrete truck, dad's friend is probably driving it. So, when he saw it, he started bouncing in his car seat, begging, "Dad, see it! See the truck!"

What's a dad to do? We followed it.

We ended up parked outside the Gill and Schmall building in Neepawa, where the crew from Chisel Construction was pouring a new curb. For the next thirty glorious minutes, we were front-row spectators to the best free show in Neepawa. The rumble of the mixer, the smooth pour of the concrete, the skilled work of the finishers. It was better than any cartoon. It was a perfect, unplanned half-hour of wonder before I had to drop him off at daycare.

And it got me thinking. We're always looking for expensive, time-consuming entertainment for our kids. We drive to bigger cities for attractions and splash pads, which are great, but we're overlooking the spectacular theatre happening right on our doorstep.

Some of my son's best memories already have been forged right here, just by watching things get built. The mesmerizing roar of Stella Jones load-ing trains. The meticulous work of landscapers out by the hospital. The mighty tractors working in the



fields that surround us. The awe-inspiring sight of a crane setting roof trusses, the beautiful roar of mechanical energy building something great, small and everything in between.

What we need isn't another expensive play structure, though those are nice too, what we need is a construction calendar.

Imagine a simple, community-run schedule, online or posted at the library, listing the days and locations where crews were working on significant projects around Neepawa. A heads-up that the curb is being poured on Mountain, or a roof is being repaired on Hamilton.

I can't speak for every family, but I know for a fact that if such a calendar existed, there would be at least one little boy, probably many more, begging his dad to go watch. It's a simple pleasure, a connection to the real, working world that built this town and continues to shape it. It's a chance to plant a seed

of curiosity, to show our kids the pride and power in a good day's work.

And who knows? Maybe we're not just raising spectators, but the next generation of operators, drivers, and builders. It all starts with a bounce in the car seat and the sight of a now famous blue concrete truck.

Joel Asselstine is a resident of Neepawa who is passionate about old books and theology. In the words of Mike Winger, "I'm charismatic with a seatbelt". Disclaimer: The views expressed in this column are the writer's personal views and is not to be taken as being the view of the Banner & Press staff.

Time to wrap it up!

As a young adult I was very curious about how eyes worked.

How a lens worked and how the eye doctor got those numbers.

I have been very fortunate to be able to help so many of you with your vision and eye health. It has been a pleasure.

I am also very pleased to announce that Dr. Kara Vanderheyden and Dr. Megan Brunen will be taking over your care starting November 18th, 2025

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One of Neepawa and area's veterans

By William Smith
Submitted

This summer I had the great pleasure of interviewing John Kuharski and what a privilege that was. On my return trip from Vancouver I stopped in to see John in Kamloops BC and it was the day before his 105th birthday! He explained they already had a birthday party for him at the care home the week before. I asked if he had anything planned for tomorrow which was officially his birthday. He replied in his very strong voice that he's going to take his scooter and tear up the town! Many of us are no stranger to the Kuharski name with people like Eddie Kuharski who played in his own band and volunteered countless hours in Neepawa, to Ernie Kuharski that ran the bus depot and now you can hear his contagious laugh at the curling rink.

'Respect your fellow man'

I spent the rest of my visit going over John's secret to life and his collection of war memorabilia. Although I never really found out his secret, I got to know a very strong and assertive individual. So, instead of finding a secret to his longevity, he gave me his secret to what everybody should pursue in life. You would think he would hold animosity to the enemy he fought in World War II, but he gained respect for the soldiers that were on



Pictured left: World War II Veteran John Kuharski (left) with William Smith (right) raise a fist together as a sign of strength and resilience. Previously from the Neepawa area, Kuharski currently resides in B.C. Pictured right: A medal presented to Kuharski by the Republic of France in 2017. He was awarded the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour.



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the other side. He deals with that today by saying they're no different than me and were human as well.

"Respect your fellow man," was the way he put it, "and this world would be a better place."

One impressionable statement I remember well is that he recalls seeing the German soldiers throwing their guns in a pile and surrendering and being very happy that it's over.

As I concluded a very memorable and rewarding visit, I promised him I'd want to preserve his story. He said he would appreciate it if I put his story in the Neepawa Press, as he knew it in his days, so this wish is

the promise I want to keep.

Family history brief

John was born in 1920 to his parents Frank Kuharski and Veronica Piasecka and raised with his two brothers, Frank and Phillip. Their farm was in the Neepawa area near Eden. Later he signed up for the army in Winnipeg in 1940 and left his future wife Adeline Zinger behind. He spent tense weeks in Manitoba before moving to Borden, Ontario for tank training. John returned to Toronto in 1945, Adeline met him there and they were married before returning to Manitoba.

They farmed at Franklin for 13 years and then moved to a small acreage at Hilltop for five years. After that he took up a job in Riding Mountain National Park looking after the buffalo herd. He then took up a posting at the south entrance gate of the park. After retiring, they moved to Kamloops, B.C. where he now lives in a retirement home. John and Adeline raised two daughters and two sons and unfortunately Adeline passed away.

He then remarried to Orlo North (Fleger) who has also passed away. John celebrated his 105th birthday on August 25, 2025.

'I can't help but remember'

Veteran John Kuharski shares his story of bravery and sacrifice fighting through Europe after landing at Juno Beach, courtesy

of CFJC Today, Sept. 27, 2024.

The Fort Garry Horse out of Winnipeg, Manitoba was a Calvary unit during the First World War, before being renamed the 10th Armoured Regiment in 1941.

The regiment was instrumental in the Normandy invasion landing 69 tanks and 418 troops on D-Day along Juno Beach.

"One of the men tasked

with bringing ashore the Sherman tanks was a 24 year old by the name of John Kuharski. Eighty years later, Kuharski now calls Kamloops home and is one of Canada's oldest living veterans at 104 years old.

June 6, 1944, at 7:20 a.m. 80 years ago and yet seemingly just yesterday for Kuharski who remembers the minute he reached the shores of Juno Beach on D-Day.

Twenty after seven in the morning. Bright, daylight and there was nothing but aircraft all over, gun ships were firing, there was a lot of noise," Kuharski recalls. "I remember that day, I can't help but remember. I can just see it too, the way guys were just running in the water, going."

D-Day was the first time Kuharski saw action in the war. The Fort Garry Horse suffered 14 killed and 11 wounded, part of more than 1,000 Canadians wounded or killed that day.

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Neepawa area veteran John Kuharski as pictured during his service. The date and location were not available prior to the paper's print deadline.

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Stride Credit Union Expands into Carberry, Purchasing Former Bank of Montreal Building

Carberry, MB - November 13, 2025:

Stride Credit Union is pleased to announce the purchase of the former Bank of Montreal building located on Main Street in Carberry, Manitoba. The acquisition marks Stride's first physical location in the community and represents a long-term investment in Carberry's continued growth and prosperity.

"Stride has a strong member base in and around Carberry, and when we learned that a major bank would be stepping back from personal banking services, we recognized a clear opportunity – not only to better serve those we already call members, but to expand our exceptional service to more residents in the Carberry area," said Brent Budz, CEO, Stride Credit Union.

The purchase of the building follows Stride's ongoing commitment to strengthen access to modern, community-focused financial services throughout rural Manitoba. Planning and design work for the new Carberry branch will begin immediately, with updates on timelines and renovation details to follow in the months ahead. The building will also include space dedicated to enhanced financial planning and wealth management services, courtesy of Journey Wealth.

"Journey Wealth is excited to be expanding into Carberry and we look forward to welcoming new and existing clients to the new office in the summer of 2026. Our team is always ready to help set you up with insurance, investments, succession planning and more to assist with your financial journey," said Kris Lee, VP, Wealth Management, Journey Wealth.

Mayor Ray Muirhead welcomed the announcement, noting the significance of continued investment in Carberry's downtown. "On behalf of the Town of Carberry, I'm thrilled to see Stride Credit Union investing in our community," said Mayor Muirhead. "Carberry is growing and evolving, and the addition of a new financial institution on Main Street demonstrates confidence in our future. We look forward to working together to ensure this project benefits residents, businesses, and the broader region."

Stride Credit Union currently serves more than 20,000 members across Southern Manitoba with a strong focus on personalized service, community investment, and cooperative values. The Carberry location will mark Stride's sixth branch, complementing its existing footprint in Neepawa, Austin, MacGregor, Portage la Prairie, and Gladstone.

For updates on the Carberry branch development, visit stridecu.ca/carberry.

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Remembrance Day

November 11



The Remembrance Day Ceremonies held in Neepawa, Minnedosa and Carberry were well attended, as local citizens paid their respects to those who have, and those who continue to serve our nation. As the photos show, all three communities had large crowds attending. It seemed as if the crowds were larger than average and it was common to hear comments that the services were very moving. It's been 80 years since the end of World War II, 107 since World War I and 72 since the Korean War. Unfortunately, there have been many wars since and are some are still ongoing.

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Showcasing the Tengnamoe style

By Casper Wehrhahn
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

A Carberry Filipino artist has returned to Neepawa for an encore. For the month of November, ArtsForward is home to the exhibit 'Shanties' by Clemente Villamayor Jr.— also known as Akosi Tengnamoe.

"This exhibition was planned a year before. I started collecting themed artworks from my last exhibit here, and I was looking through the journey of my art," said Villamayor. "My last exhibition, it was chaotic. I had different kinds of spray paint and mixed media and everything. I think my journey is done. I found the style that I wanted, and this (what's on display here) is the Tengnamoe style."

Faithful readers of the Neepawa Banner & Press may recognize Clemente's name, and artwork, from the June 16, 2023 article 'Art is for everybody'. His

artistic focus is mixed media, utilizing a variety of recycled materials.

Shanties is a collection of these works, and highlights the Pasig River and Bay of Manila areas. There, more than 650,000 people reside in informal stilt communities built from reclaimed materials.

"The houses, the shanties that I'm depicting in the artworks, it's sad when you see it, personally. In my artist's point of view, the layeredness and the materials of the houses there in the Philippines, as you can see on the sculptures, the different textures and

layered-ness is what I like. I wanted to put it in art form—to create it as an art," said Villamayor. "Someone who lives in those houses, if they see this, they'll appreciate this and maybe seeing it will make them smile."

Noting that the exhibit is a showcase of both hard-

ship and resilience, he added, "My goal is also to tell people how important houses are to people, and that we are so fortunate—I am so fortunate, having a nice life here. Letting people know how life there in the Philippines is not so good."

Much has happened for

at ArtsForward this month were also part of the Brandon-based exhibit.

Villamayor's passion also lead him to pursuing furthering his skills at Brandon University.

"I went to BU last semester and I stopped this semester, because of personal reasons, but I took

Clemente in the past two years. In addition to finding his style last year, he was also featured at a three month exhibit this year at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba in Brandon. Some of the works on display

up fine arts there for a semester," said Villamayor. "Most of my classmates were younger, and they were amazed at me doing exhibitions already. They thought that I didn't need to go to school anymore, and I said 'I want to learn more'. That was something amazing that happened to me last year—going back to school. Even though I was overwhelmed with the readings and everything, it was really amazing the experience I had at BU."

Providing a final comment, Villamayor wished to urge everyone—especially youths—to create.

"Create. If you're not creating, there won't be any art. People won't see," said Villamayor. "Everybody could be an artist. Creating would make them great. Create and create, practice and practice, you'll learn from it. You'll learn from your mistakes, too. That's what I was doing before, too—experimenting until I found what I like."



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Pictured: Clemente Villamayor Jr. (also known as Akosi Tengnamoe), pictured in front of some of his art pieces at ArtsForward.

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Nov. 16 to 22 is Restorative Justice Week in Neepawa

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Town of Neepawa is joining communities across Canada in recognizing the power of reconciliation and accountability as the Town Council proclaimed November 16–22 as Restorative Justice Week.

During last week’s Town Council meeting, a motion was brought forward by the Spruce Plains Justice Committee (SPJC) to make the proclamation.

The committee covers the areas of Minnedosa, Neepawa, and Gladstone and is comprised of community volunteers.

Restorative Justice Week has been recognized by the Government of Canada since 1996. The week is an opportunity to highlight and discuss the most recent achievements of restorative justice in Canada.

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done

to people and relationships. Restorative justice is a non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice that emphasizes healing for victims, accountability for offenders, and the involvement of citizens in creating healthier, safer communities.

In Manitoba, a restorative justice approach can be used at any stage of a case by police or Crown prosecutions, and is frequently used to address the offending behaviour of individuals outside of the formal criminal justice system.

Spruce Plains Justice Committee in action

The SPJC does plenty of work in the coverage area, from aiding with alternative justice measures to providing a forum for education, disposition and reconciliation of offenders within a community. The committee also provides Neepawa and the area with information and education concerning crime and crime prevention.

The SPJC recently launched a bursary for local graduating students. In 2024, the SPJC initiated a liaison program with NACI to develop awareness and participation in restorative justice locally. The bursary, awarded to graduating student Anastasiia Artiukh, was established to assist students with post-secondary education.

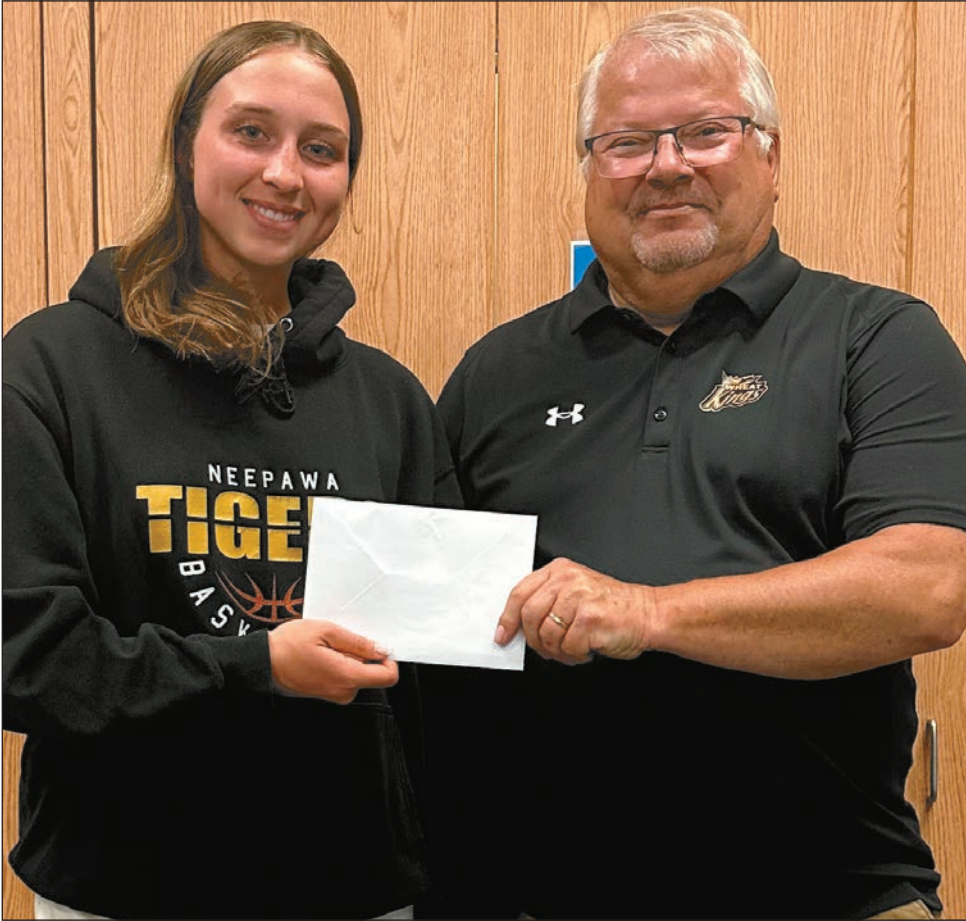
Manitoba’s Restorative Justice Act was Canada’s first provincial/territorial restorative justice legislation, which came into effect on Nov. 18, 2015.

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Anastasiia Artiukh, a 2024 NACI graduate, receives the SPJC bursary from Loren Huck, Chair of the Spruce Plains Justice Committee.

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Dr. Vanderheyden will begin seeing patients on November 21st, 2025.
Dr. Megan Brunen will be available for appointments on November 27th and 28th, 2025.
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We look forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces to WillowBrook Eye Care!



MJHL Standings

Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Dauphin Kings	17	10	6	1	0	21
Virden Oil Capitals	16	10	6	0	0	20
Neepawa Titans	17	8	8	0	1	17
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	18	7	10	1	0	15
Swan Valley Stampeders	18	6	12	0	0	12
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	16	3	11	1	1	8

Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Niverville Nighthawks	18	17	1	0	0	34
Steinbach Pistons	18	13	4	1	0	27
Portage Terriers	19	13	5	1	0	25
Selkirk Steelers	20	12	7	1	0	25
Winnipeg Blues	15	6	7	2	0	14
Winkler Flyers	17	6	9	1	1	14
Winnipeg Monarchs	21	4	17	0	0	4

Game results

Friday, Nov. 14
Virden 7-2 Neepawa

First Period
08:32 VDN L. Goertzen (2)
ASST: T. Plaisier (10)
09:32 VDN C. Wright (4)
ASST: B. Bryant (13)
16:10 VDN B. Laing (3)
ASST: Unassited
17:47 VDN L. Hoilett (11) PP
ASST: B. Bryant (14), J. Deschamps (4)
18:53 VDN C. Wright (5)
ASST: T. Ulmer (1), B. Bryant (15)
19:45 NPA E. Walters (1)
ASST: L. Paquette (7)
Second Period
No scoring
Third Period
07:04 NPA K. Skrupa (4) PP
ASST: T. Kirk (3)
11:43 VDN C. Wright (6)
ASST: T. Ulmer (2), B. Garchinski (2)
13:38 VDN B. Garchinski
ASST: Unassisted
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 1 0 1 2 0/0
VDN 5 0 2 7 0/0
Goaltender
NPA - Z. Burleigh (L) - 35/42 saves
VDN - M. Gross (W) - 31/33 saves
Attendance: 713 - Tundra Centre

Saturday, Nov. 15
Neepawa 6-2 Selkirk

First Period
04:24 NPA K. Weisgarber (4) PP
ASST: L. Paquette (8)
08:55 NPA E. Walters (2)
ASST: C. Kasprick (6)
19:20 NPA T. Kirk (3)
ASST: T. Wallis (8), T. Lewis (1)
Second Period
10:05 NPA R. Harris (1)
ASST: A. McIntosh (4), G. Slaney (3)
Third Period
00:46 NPA T. Wallis (7)
ASST: T. Lewis (2), T. Kirk (4)
02:22 NPA A. McIntosh (2)
ASST: C. Kasprick (7)
04:44 SEL E. Mayer (4)
ASST: D. Madden (8), L. Pue (9)
15:04 SEL L. Jamieson (2)
ASST: N. Wytrykusz (5), R. Hlady (11)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
SEL 0 0 2 2 0/6
NPA 3 1 2 6 1/4
Goaltender
NPA - A. Myers (W) - 37/39 saves
NPA - E. Sawyer (L) - 18/24 saves
Attendance: 287 - Yellowhead Centre

Game results

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Neepawa 4-1 Wpg Monarchs

First Period
12:48 NPA L. Paquette (7)
ASST: D. McCann (1), K. Weisgarber (8)
Second Period
06:33 NPA J. Clark (6)
ASST: K. Weisgarber (9), L. Paquette (9)
18:23 NPA T. Lewis (2)
ASST: T. Kirk (5), T. Wallis (9)
Third Period
08:01 WPM T. Gale (2) PP
ASST: A. Cho (4), B. Lund (2)
18:39 NPA K. Skrupa (5) EN
ASST: O. Durigan (7)
Scoring 1 2 3 Total PP
NPA 1 2 1 4 0/0
SEL 0 0 1 1 1/6
Goaltender
NPA - A. Myers (W) - 34/35 saves
WPM - A. Ball (L) - 27/30 saves
Attendance: 114 - Hockey For All Centre



MJHL Player Stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)	G	A	Pts
1. Sebastien Hicks (WAY)	12	18	30
2. Trevor Hill (POR)	17	12	29
3. Rhett Platt (POR)	11	17	28
4. Ben Roulette (WAY)	9	19	28
5. Hayden Wheddon (NIV)	9	18	27

Leading scorers (Titans)	G	A	Pts
1. Logan Paquette	7	9	16
2. Talen Wallis	7	9	16
3. Kyle Weisgarber	4	9	13
4. Cooper Kasprick	4	7	11
5. Jack Clark	6	4	10

Club 55 Bowling Minnedosa

Nov. 6, 2025: Men's High Single & Triple: Merv Bohn 260 & 610. **Ladies' High Single:** Vivian Oswald 176. **Ladies' High Triple:** Laurie Kohinski 480. **Other Good Scores:** Laurie Kohinski 164, 169; Darrell Gablor 160, 163; Vivian Oswald 160; Chuck Morden 198, 176, 188; Eleanor Scott 154; Russ Taylor 193, 152, 150; Carole LeBoutillier 153; Iain Greig 169, 171; Merv Bohn 217.

A reason to celebrate

NACI Tigers win two of three in Westman Hockey

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers came out of a hectic week with a pair of important wins in the Westman High School Hockey League. It all started with a huge 4-1 win over the Virden Golden Bears on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Kellen Hockin helped secure the victory with a pair of goals. Jude Carr and Ian Foster also scored for the Tigers. Goaltender Harley Smith-Bellisle faced 38 shots to earn the win. Going into the weekend, Neepawa travelled north to Dauphin to challenge the Clippers. Despite putting an impressive 51 shot on goal, the Tigers were stonewalled by Dauphin goalie Ben Miller, and lost 2-1. Ben Richard collected the only goal of the game

for NACI. This would be Neepawa's first regular season loss. The Tigers bounced back on Sunday, Nov. 9, with a 4-3 win in over-time against the RMSH Renegades. After jumping out to an early lead off of goals from Luke Nicholson, Ethan Bray and Kellen Hockin, the Renegades stormed back in the third. The comeback was capped off the tying goal with just 18 seconds left in regulation. Fortunately, Neepawa reclaimed the win, with Carter Cruickshanks scoring in OT. The win improved Neepawa's record to 3-1-0. The Tiger's next home game, excluding the Nov. 12 tilt versus Hamiota, played just after the Banner & Press publication deadline, is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7 against the



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

Neepawa's Kellen Hockin (#6) and his linemates celebrates his first of two goals on the night, in the Tigers' 4-1 win over Virden on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Vincent Massey Vikings. Start time at the Yellow-head Centre is set for 6:30 p.m.

Neepawa Farmers win in Wawanesa

Results from around the Tiger Hills Hockey League

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

While it took a little bit of time for the Neepawa Farmers to get going, once they started, it was impos- sible for the Wawanesa Jets

to stop them in the latest ac- tion around the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL). Neepawa travelled to Wawanesa on Friday, Nov. 7, and a little bit of road lag may have followed the Farmers out there, as the Jets scored the first three goals of the night. It wouldn't be until the mid point of the second per- iod when Neepawa would reply, as Bret Levandoski scored on the power-play. A few minutes later, Gar- ret Rempel scored as well, cutting the Jets lead down to one. That lead was soon nothing more than a mem- ory, as Kyle McDonald tied things up at 3-3. Then with only nine seconds left in the period, Rempel scored his second of the night, on a shorthanded opportun- ity, making it 4-3 for the Farmers. Levandoski and McDonald each contributed one more apiece in the third, to secure a 6-3 win for the vis- iting Farmers. Levandoski and McDonald both had four-point efforts (two goals - two assists), while Rempel (2G - 1A) and Cohen Kul- backi (3A) had three points

on the evening. Austin Mi- chaluk made 25 save in goal for Neepawa. This result improves Neepawa's record to 2-1-0, in this early portion of the regular season.

goaltender Jayson Argue made 23 saves and picked up the shutout victory. With this result, the Bombers improve to 2-0-0.

Minnedosa win home opener

The Minnedosa Bom- bers' home opener saw them cruise to a 5-0 win over the Deloraine Royals. After a scoreless first period, the Bombers put away four goals in the middle frame, Wes Lewis, Zac Lamb, Tyler Jury and Matt Saler each scoring. Michael Birch added one more in the third, while

Carberry fall in overtime

A massive five point effort from Tavish Quinn (two goals - three assists) wasn't enough for the Carberry Plainsmen, as they lost the Melita Bison in overtime 7-6. Trey Dickson also added a hat-trick for Carberry on the night. This defeat drops the Plainsmen regular sea- son record to 0-2-1 on the year.

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Rose-Marie McLennan passed away peacefully at Third Crossing Manor in Gladstone, MB on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the age of 94. Rose-Marie was predeceased by her husband Jim and sons Ken and Keith. She will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Kathy (Kim) Kerr and grandchildren Jaison, Jaimie and Amanda as well as several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held at Rosewood Memorial Gardens on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Arrangements are in care of Brockie Donovan Funeral & Cremation Services, 204-727-0694.

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Complete details are available at www.neepawa.ca or can be picked up at the Town Office.

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- PM Shift
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HyLIFE FOODS **Hog Receiving Barn Worker (NOC85100)**

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- Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

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- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
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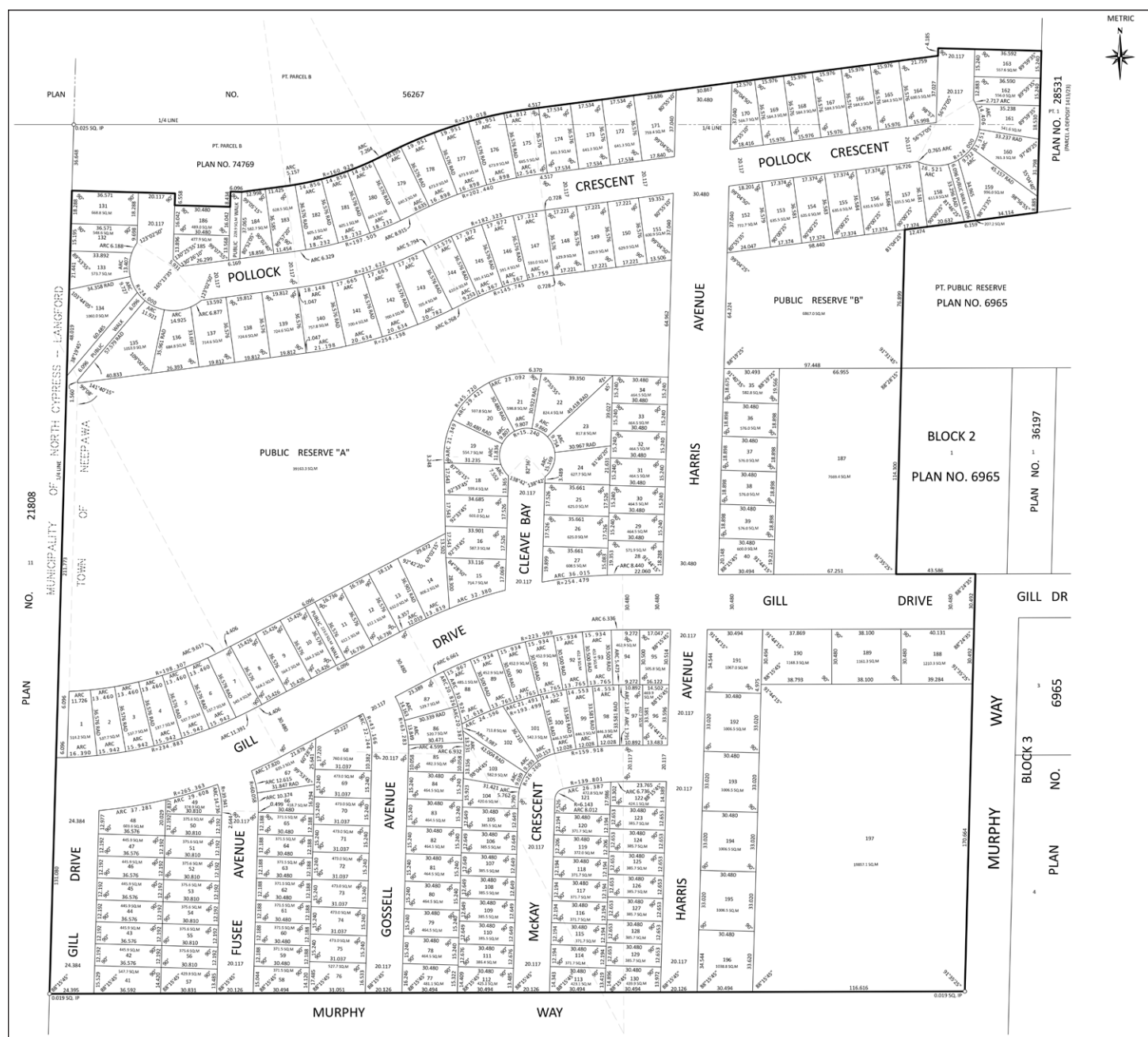
New street names commemorate former mayors

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No provincial or federal agencies raised concerns, though several requested additional documentation, including drainage and wetland reports. A traffic study and Heritage Resource Impact Assessment have already been submitted.

In a tribute to the community's history, each new street will bear the name of a former mayor of Neepawa:

- **William G. Pollock** (served 1928–1931, 1933–1947);
- **William H. Gossell** (served 1908–1911);
- **Robert Hezekiah Fusee** (served 1912–1913, 1931–1933);
- **Thomas Gerow Murphy** (served 1924–1925, 1927–1928);
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'When I got up in the morning, there it was...'

John Kuharski shares multiple near-death experiences

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Kuharski was a target of German troops, driving a fuel truck at night to fill up his squadrons 19 Sherman tanks as they pushed through Europe helping liberate towns along the way.

"I drove a fuel truck, and Jimmy Chalmers from Hamiota drove an ammunition truck for 'A' squadron. And our work was done always at night," Kuharski says. "There was a little light underneath the back of the jeep, that light just shined out. You could see it and you would follow that light. You never travelled with the lights on."

Born to Polish immigrants, Kuharski was a first generation Canadian who didn't balk at being the first member of his family to serve his country.

"Everybody else was going and you know how it was, at that time work was kind of hard to get," Kuharski told CFJC News. "So, I figured I might as

well volunteer, go in the army and go with the boys."

Leaving for war, however, meant leaving behind his pregnant wife, not meeting his first-born daughter until she was already four and half years old.

"I had a photo of her and then she sent me a photo of my little girl. I had that in my wallet all the time too," Kuharski says. "I had a daughter; she was four and a half years old before I saw her for the first time. She was sort of going away from me, so I started playing with her as another kid you know, out in the yard, jumping around in the grass with her and one thing or another. So in time she got used to it. And she's gone now."

That moment nearly never happened, with Kuharski escaping death more than once while in combat.

"One day I came back, and I left the camouflage net on the ground, and when we come back, I picked up the camouflage net and threw it in the back



World War II veteran John Kuharski (pictured left and right), formerly from the Neepawa area. As of 2025, Kuharski is 105.

of the truck. When I got up in the morning, there it was, one of the anti-personnel bombs laying on top of that soft net, it didn't explode," Kuharski says. "If that would have exploded, we were sleeping right behind, that would have been... gone."

Sharing his story was not always easy for the Lance Corporal as memories of grandeur, celebration and camaraderie often mix with those of sorrow.

"Sgt. Finch was our transport Sergeant, and he



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said Jimmy Chalmers and I were the two truck drivers. He drove the ammunition truck and I drove the fuel truck. He said when we get back, we are going to start a transport company in Winnipeg, about a week later the poor guy got killed, blew the bloody tank right up," Kuharski remembers.

When word came of the allied victory, Kuharski was in Oldenburg in the north

of Germany. Celebrations and slight shenanigans ensued with Kuharski crossing a canal in a canoe to fetch some drinks.

"He got out of the front of the canoe, and I was sitting in the back (and it almost tipped over) and I yelled 'for god's sake get a hold of that thing,' he pulled it down again, and I would have drowned because I can't swim," Kuharski says. "When we got back into camp, Sgt. Major. Tuff his name was, he was pretty mad when we left,

but pulled out a bottle. We knew he liked to drink. He just smiled and nothing more was said."

Kuharski was recently awarded the King Charles III Coronation medal on Sept. 2024, a fitting honour for the 104-year-old soldier who is one of the few remaining veterans who can say they fought for peace on the world stage in the service of King and country. He has a large collection of medals. He is among the few veterans of WWII still alive in Canada.

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Manitobans were treated to an amazing light show on Wednesday night in the form of the aurora borealis. The Northern Lights were so bright that many people, including Jaela Parsons of Gladstone, took time to enjoy the night sky and capture these stunning images on Nov. 5 at 9:26 p.m.

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