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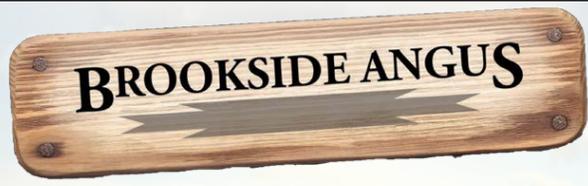
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B.P. Community Foundation launches grant intake

By Joshua Jackson
 NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Beautiful Plains Community Foundation (BPCF) is opening up its grant application intake for the 2026 season.

Melissa Grindheim, Executive Director of the BPCF, noted that submissions are open from Feb. 1 to Mar. 31 at 5:00 p.m., and this intake period is critical for local organizations.

“Many organizations rely on this funding to move forward with projects, programs, and initiatives that directly benefit our communities, she said. “These grants often help turn ideas into action and ensure important services continue to reach residents.”

Many local organizations have benefited from the BPCF’s grants, including Neepawa’s Habitat for Humanity, ArtsForward, The Neepawa Salvation Army, the Roxy Theatre and many more.

The application process itself remains largely the same this year, but the foundation has made a few tweaks.

“We are reinforcing the move away from handwritten applications. All applications must now be submitted using the fillable PDF format,” Grindheim noted. “Having a consistent format is important for the grant committee and administration, as it allows applications to be reviewed fairly, clearly, and efficiently.”

All non-profit organizations operating within the Beautiful Plains Community Foundation service area are eligible to apply through the Community Fund. Grindheim said what excites her the most each year is the range of applications they receive.

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**A hometown journey
 200 games in the
 making**

Cooper Kasprick recently played his 200th MJHL regular season game with the Neepawa Titans. Kasprick is only the seventh player, and the first from Neepawa, to reach this franchise milestone.

PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX



By Eoin Devereux
 NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

In a league as competitive for roster spots as the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, player longevity can be a bit of rarity. But for Neepawa Titans captain Cooper Kasprick, longevity just became history.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, the 20-year-old played his 200th career MJHL

regular season game. This achievement has only been reached by six others players in the Neepawa Titans/Natives 36 year history.

This rare moment in Neepawa likely had just a little bit extra meaning for Cooper, as it was done in the Yellowhead Centre, a venue that he and his family are quite familiar with.

“It’s pretty cool. Not a lot of people make it to 200 games. So to do that, and

doing it at home, it’s special,” Kasprick said. “I don’t take for granted just how lucky I’ve been to be able to do it here. I’m pretty fortunate I’ve gotten this far.”

Hitting the 200 game mark wasn’t even something that Cooper was thinking about this season, as he told the Banner & Press that he didn’t even realize he was close to the milestone until his father told him he was getting close.

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Skate the Lake returns to Minnedosa

By Joshua Jackson
NEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Lake Minnedosa is set to be the centrepiece of some intense curling and hockey action, as the lake has been turned into hockey rinks and curling sheets. As the annual tradition, Skate the Lake/Rock the Lake is returning to the Town of Minnedosa on Feb 14-15.

The event features a 4v4 pond hockey tournament played on Minnedosa Lake, with smaller custom nets which are used to allow the game to be played without goalies. Rock the Lake is two-person curling on the lake, using delivery sticks to play without sliding.

Skate the Lake's Tanis Barrett said they've made one major improvement since last year's event.

"A fourth set of curling rings has been added this year so that the curling draw doesn't have to start as early in the morning," she said.



FILE PHOTOS

Minnedosa's Skate the Lake is returning this weekend, providing fun in the fresh air of the scenic Valley. Shown above and at the bottom left are some scenes from previous event years, at which a good time was had by all.

The initiative has become a popular attraction during the winter months, drawing families, couples, and skating enthusiasts looking to enjoy fresh air and physical activity. Skate the Lake provides an accessible way for people of all ages to stay active and make the most of winter in

the community.

Skate the Lake is a volunteer-run, non-profit pond hockey tournament, and the 2026 edition will be the 18th Skate the Lake event.

"The prep work from the Town of Minnedosa has been a constant that makes our events possible; without the Town clearing the snow and shaping the rinks, it would be very difficult to make Skate the Lake and Rock the Lake happen," said Barrett. "We've seen some of our original hockey players move over to curling, and the unique team names have become a fun tradition."

Skate the Lake has also made a point to give back to the community, and Barrett noted they've been helping Minnedosa Minor Hockey.

"The large digital display/score clock in the new arena is the biggest effort so far (over \$100,000). Skate the Lake 2026 proceeds will see the shared purchase of a new pull-behind ice surfacer with the Town of

Minnedosa that will service the outdoor rink at Tanner's Crossing School, future Skate the Lakes and other community ice surfaces."

Beyond recreation, Skate the Lake highlights Minnedosa's commitment to promoting wellness, tourism, and community spirit. The project encourages people to embrace the colder months rather than retreat from them, showcasing how local landscapes can be used creatively to enhance the quality of life.

"We see lots of reunions of friends and family as people return for Skate the Lake weekend year after year; our organizing committee enjoys the challenge of pulling together the large-scale events to which the weather conditions play a central role; we have very loyal long-term sponsors that support Skate the Lake and Rock the Lake annually," said Barrett.



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FILE PHOTO

Grant winners pose at the 2025 BPCF luncheon.

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"Every organization has its own goals and vision, and it's inspiring to see the many different ways groups are working to strengthen and support our community," she said.

The Beautiful Plains Community Foundation has played a vital role in the community since its formation. To date, BPCF has distributed more than \$1.4 million in Community Fund Grants alone, supporting local projects and programs that make a lasting difference across the Beautiful Plains region.

The Executive Director noted that when applications are submitted, they are reviewed by a five-member grant committee made up of community members.

"The committee evaluates each application and makes funding recommendations to the Board for final approval. Applications that stand out often dem-

onstrate strong community support and clearly show the positive impact the project or program will have on the community," she said.

For organizations applying for the first time, Grindheim advises you to carefully review the grant guidelines and ensure the application is complete before submitting.

"It's also important to confirm that your application has been received before the deadline," she said. "We're always happy to answer questions along the way, and we encourage organizations not to hesitate to reach out to the office."

Organizations can find the grant guidelines, application forms, and additional information on the BPCF's website. They also encourage applicants to reach out directly, and support is always available to help organizations navigate the application process or answer any questions they may have.

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1976: Winners of the Manitoba Lassie Playdown

By Casper Wehrhahn
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**125 years ago,
Friday,
February 8, 1901**

Purple Ridge: A new route is to be established the shipping point to be Glenella. A few have been sending their cream all winter and are highly pleased with the returns.

Feb. 12— Miss Easson, teacher of dancing, returned last night from Birtle, where she had been called by the illness of her brother.

**100 years ago,
Friday,
February 12, 1926**

McCreary: Wolves seem to be quite numerous around this district this year and some have made pretty good catches. The price for wolf pelts is not as good as past years.

Kelwood: Lack of sufficient snow is holding up the wood men, who are ready to haul out and ship their cordwood.

After 65 years of corset making at Worcester, Mass., David H. Fanning

has retired at 95, predicting that women will continue to wear corsets as long as they live.

**75 years ago,
Thursday,
February 15, 1951**

Fred McClain, 74, Neepawa's chief of police for the past 21 years, died suddenly last Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 7, at his residence here. A well-liked and respected citizen of the town for many years. Chief McClain was widely known in Manitoba and Western Canada. His death is a distinct loss to the community.

**50 years ago,
Thursday,
February 12, 1976**

This was a year of firsts for the Manitoba Lassie Curling Playdowns despite the fact that the eventual champions, Joan Mogk and her rink from Souris, captured the title for the second time.

In fact, their victory represented another of the firsts for the '76 playdowns as they became the first rink

ever to win back-to-back Manitoba Championships since the women's provincial championships were inaugurated. The only other two-time winner was the Mabel Mitchell rink from Brandon ('68 and '71).

After two years of discussion, action on a new curling rink for Neepawa may finally be underway.

Fourteen municipalities in the Parkland region have taken the necessary steps to establish the Parkland Library pilot project under the Public Libraries Act.

The Harlem Kings, touring Negro laughmakers, are travelling again this season to entertain fans with their skill in basketball. Billed as the funniest basketball team in America, they will play the Neepawa Tigers at NACI on Monday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

Kelwood: Forty-six enthusiastic skaters started out in the skate-a-thon at the local rink on Friday afternoon.

Note: Over \$1,100 was raised by the Skate-a-thon.

**20 years ago,
Monday,
February 13, 2006**

Glenella: our men's and ladies' broomball teams were in Saskatoon the first weekend of February. The men lost in the semi-finals, thus ending in third place. The gals didn't fair as well, ending in sixth place. They report all had a good time.

Portage-Lisgar MP Brian Pallister is brushing aside criticism he should resign from Parliament, as he rallies support for a possible run at the provincial Tory leadership.



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The Winners of the 1976 Manitoba Lassie Provincial Playdown, the Joan Mogk rink from Souris. Mrs. Mogk is pictured at right with third Jean Moffatt, second Betty Devins and lead, Karen Anderson. They downed the Donna Brownridge rink from the Fort Garry Business Girls' play in Winnipeg in an extra game to capture the Manitoba women's championship for a record second straight year. The foursome also won the right to represent the province in the Canadian Ladies' Championship to be held Feb. 29 to Mar. 5 that same year in the Winnipeg Arena.

Arden: The former Arden Agricore elevator has been put up for sale, placing the future of the organic-seed processing Canadian Marketing Commodity Company in jeopardy.

The company's phone has already been disconnected, and project manager Tracy Winthrop-Meyers couldn't be reached for comment.

Taking a page from fellow Tory Brian Pallister's book, Hugh McFadyen is crisscrossing the province, drumming up support for a possible run at the provincial party leadership.

The Neepawa and Area Lily Festival is doctoring with its line-up for the 10th annual event, bringing in some big name entertainment.

Festival president Ken Waddell said the

Yellowhead Centre has already been booked to host country band Doc Walker during the July 21 to 23 festival.

McCreary: The McCreary Legion hosted another successful annual pool tournament and the 2005 results are in.

The Wes Billington Memorial Trophy (A Side) went to Rick Scott. The Steve Ohirko Memorial Trophy (B Side) went to Allan Onyschak. Duane Caumartin had the highest score, and Norman Law had the highest run.

Glenella: Congratulations to Gregory (Harry) Finkewrich who marked his 95th birthday Saturday, Jan. 28 with coffee and cake for all at Laurette's Restaurant.

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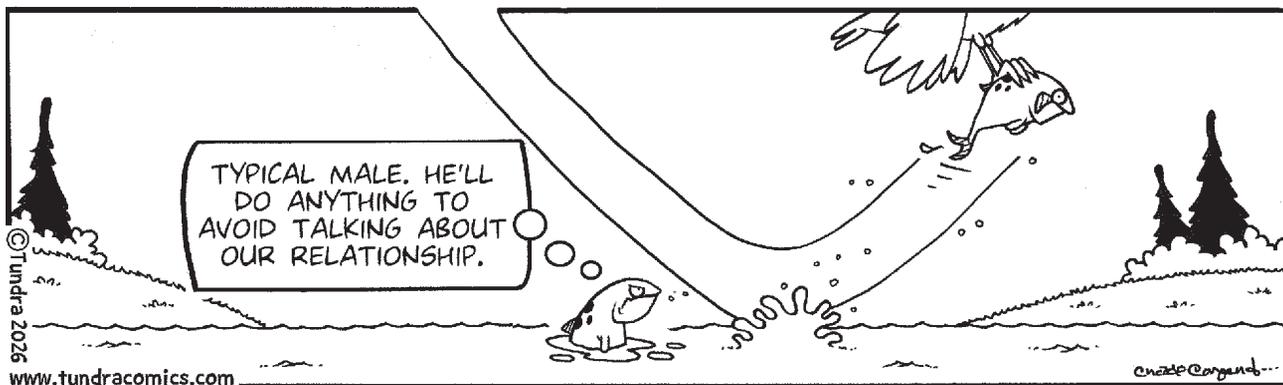
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Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



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And then there were four...

Zippo, a kitten, has been added to the household. It's been a very long time since I have shared my home with a cat. On the farm there usually was at least one house cat, on the acreage we had two — Ed was concerned that with our busy schedules one cat would get lonely, so we got two. Poots and Boots lived long and were great mousers, they had the run of the house and the yard. They played well with children and controlled the moles in the garden. They got old and we quietly released them from this world before I needed to move to town.

Way back in late August this wee little mischief maker, a true tabby, joined our household. (Her name, Zippo, is from the distinct orange flame on her forehead.) And it's never been the same! Actually it's better. Time was taken introducing her to Arie and now to watch them play — wrestle and chase, attack and defend — is absolutely delightful. Zippo will lie in wait and then pounce from the top of the chair. And the chase is on.

There have been a few changes that I have had to make. Do not leave a closet door open or ajar. Put away the sewing needles after every use. She loves the fiber fill for quilts and I solemnly avow she has a stash somewhere that she keeps bringing out in bits and bobs. It truly is easier to keep the fireplace mantle free from any object. It was difficult to reconstruct the beautiful lego flower arrangement that got toppled...and then there was the day that my grand dog stayed for a few hours....Meeka is a beautiful mid size dog, well behaved and gentle, but Zippo didn't know that! A leap from the chair to the cat tree to the chair and across to the couch had the pictures on the wall swinging madly! Nothing fell, but we learned that swaying frame does not safely support a kitten...

Zippo and I have words about my growing plants. I already have the shelving in my room, and the door is mostly closed. There is something about the water in the watering can that is irresistible. I will catch her, paw fully extended, dipping into the water and gently licking it before repeating the process. Now the earth is a different scene. I have become accustomed to walking on pieces of dirt on the mat, on the floor and not quiet out the door. I know how much I enjoy playing in the soil so I can't really blame her. The mini cucumber has just started to bloom and the mini tomatoes just got transplanted into larger pots...I hope she leaves them alone.

Zippo's favourite perch is any windowsill. By the time Arie and I are outside for her morning bathroom break, Zippo has gained her perch and is watching us. So far, she is not an outdoor cat but she has taken to watching for an opportunity to escape.

Would I have gotten a kitten/cat? Not likely. Am I sorry we have one. Not likely. Well, not yet!

Get ready for local elections

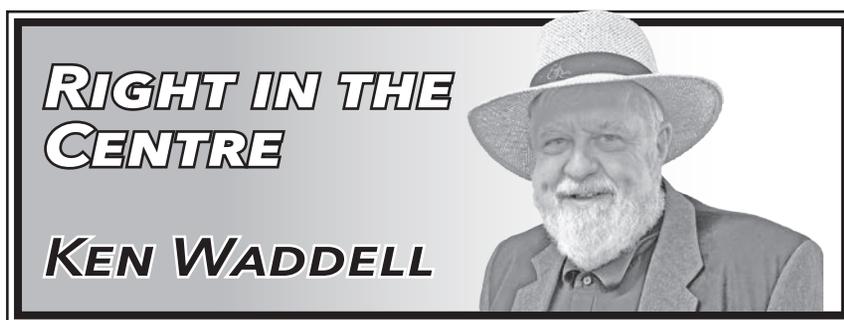
As we are just getting into 2026, it's a good time to review our options about local council elections. Our small group of three family owned newspapers, the Neepawa Banner & Press, the Rivers Banner and the Virden Empire-Advance collectively cover 24 towns and municipalities and seven school divisions.

This fall is election time and the big day will be October 28, 2026. It's time for prospective candidates to start thinking about their candidacy. It's also time for voters to start encouraging good people to run for office. Why is it so important? It's because our local school boards and councils affect our lives more than any other level of government. More than the federal and provincial government and more than the difficulties that may come our way from international affairs. In real estate they say, location, location, location. In politics it's local, local, local?

A person that I often check with about my columns had a good suggestion. He said, "Ask folks to organize a committee, a group or circle of friends who would talk to voters to promote the best or favourite candidate". That way they could get really involved in the political process.

In a recent letter released to the public, Courtney Kostas, CAO for the RM of Gilbert Plains asked all councillors and members of the public to be more civil.

She said, "Many good, experienced CAOs are leaving the profession. Not because they don't care, but because the job has become increasingly difficult to sustain. Ongoing negativity, public hostility, name-calling, and personal attacks — often played out loudly on social media — take a real toll." Kostas



“ Criticize ideas — not people ”

set out eight principles for better results in municipal matters.

1. Criticize ideas — not people
2. Understand roles and limits
3. Pause before posting
4. Ask questions before assuming intent
5. Use proper channels
6. Respect that public servants are human
7. Recognize positive work
8. Model the behaviour you expect

Following those principles would go a long way towards better governance.

In one way or another, I have observed or been involved with municipal politics for over 50 years and I believe that local politics is both more complicated and more difficult than I have ever seen it. Many years ago, a municipal reeve said all that the RMs had to worry about was gravelling and upgrading the roads in the summer and plowing the roads in the winter. I don't think it was ever that simple in the past but it is far beyond that today. Senior levels of government have off-loaded responsibilities for

everything from roads and drainage to health care. And every off-load brings its own costs and trouble.

While there is a lot of stress and even conflict in municipal and school administration, well run councils and boards are essential.

There's an old rural adage about voting-If you don't vote, don't complain. As voting percentages fall, and they are dropping, it seems that the non-voters are in two categories. The first group don't vote but they still complain a lot. The second group don't vote and don't say much. Quite frankly, neither group is much use to the functioning of our democracy. It is amazing to me that people don't vote. Possibly we are way too comfortable, maybe there are other reasons.

We have a number of months to bring changes or improvements to our communities, don't miss that chance

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Fairness for Clear Lake withdrawing Judicial Review and ramping up advocacy

Media Release

FAIRNESS FOR CLEAR LAKE

We want to share a transparent update on Fairness for Clear Lake's decision to withdraw the judicial review related to the May 2025 watercraft ban on Clear Lake.

Put simply, in our view, the judicial review has already accomplished what it needed to. The judicial review was never about litigation for its own sake. It was about speaking up for transparency and accountability, pushing for more collaboration and engagement from park management, and forcing clarity around how and why a major decision affecting Clear Lake was made without public or stakeholder consultation.

Through the judicial review, we achieved full document disclosure. For the first time, the community was able to see how Parks Canada's decision unfolded internally. This transparency fundamentally changed the conversation and confirmed concerns many in the community had raised from the start.

In that sense, we believe we've already won. The landscape has shifted in other meaningful ways as a result of our community's advocacy:

- A new RMNP superintendent is in place, actively engaging with the community and working to rebuild trust.
- A draft Terms of Reference now exists, outlining a framework for community consultation. This is something we have long been calling for.
- RMNP's engagement, governance, and decision-making processes are more structured and defensible than they were at the time of the May 2025 ban.
- Most importantly, we believe the current superintendent has laid the groundwork for a future decision that could see boats return to Clear Lake in a way that is fair, defensible, and durable even in the face of a potential legal challenge. For that work to succeed, the RMNP superintendent will need space, political backing, and support from Parks Canada.

Another factor in our de-

cision was that the original scheduled hearing date of Jan. 28 was moved due to factors out of our control, with the next available date for the hearing being May 21. Since Parks Canada is expected to have made a watercraft management decision for the 2026 season well before May, the court likely would have declined to decide the case.

We believe that continuing the judicial review would be costly — not just financially, but relationally. At this stage, further litigation risks undermining the trust and working relationships that are beginning to rebuild. Those relationships are essential if we are going to move forward in a meaningful and collaborative way.

Ramping up advocacy

You will hear more from us in the coming days as we ramp up our advocacy, calling on Parks Canada to find a viable, balanced path forward to a defensible decision and a One Boat One Lake policy on Clear Lake.

HELEN DRYSDALE

OUT OF HELEN'S KITCHEN

Onions

The honourable onion. Onions are the most important single cooking ingredient in main dishes. When cooking most casseroles, stews, soups and other main or side dishes the recipe almost always starts with "chop an onion." They are the flavour cornerstone of just about every cuisine on this planet. An onion's pungency results from the level of sulfur-rich oils the onion contains. During slicing, the oil is released. The released oil is what causes eyes to water and burn when chopping an onion. I have never found a "magic way" to alleviate this problem and just suck it up and get the job done through my tears.

In Caesars's day, athletes were fed a breakfast of nothing but onions before they went into any competitive games. In the bible onions are mentioned in several places. One such place is when the Israelites, led by Moses, were tired of eating the manna God had provided and complained of their desert diet. "We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic." The Greek armies were fed on onions to develop martial stamina and strength. It was said when the Greek army was advancing on their enemies the smell of onions preceded the troops! Native American Indians used wild onions in a variety of ways, eating them raw or cooked, as a seasoning or as a vegetable. Such onions were also used medicinally in syrups and poultices and as an ingredient in dyes.

Several years ago a "myth" appeared on the internet that stated once an onion was sliced, the remaining unused onion was hotbed for bacteria and should be discarded and not used later. This is not true as onions aren't vulnerable to bacterial compounds; the sulfur compounds in them are a repellent to bacteria. As well, bacteria like to grow on food with a high protein content and onions have a low protein content. When you handle onions, wash your hands first, use clean utensils and cutting boards, and avoid cross contamination with raw meats or eggs. Immediately wrap leftovers in plastic wrap or containers to prevent moisture loss and store in the refrigerator.

Baked, not fried! Much healthier than the fried version! They are a perfect party appetizer or side dish for a meal.

Oven baked onion rings

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| 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil | 2 eggs |
| 1 cup bread crumbs | 2 Tbsp. milk |
| 1/4 cup flour | 1 large onion, cut into 1/4 inch slices, separated |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | |
| 1/2 tsp. garlic powder | |

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with foil. Brush foil with oil. Stir bread crumbs, flour, salt and garlic powder together and spread on large plate. In a bowl, beat the eggs and milk together. Dip onion slice in egg mix and press into bread crumb mixture, turning to coat both sides. Place breaded onion rings in a single layer on the pan and bake for 15 minutes. Turn the onion rings over and bake for another 10-15 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

This is wonderful as an accompaniment with roasts, steaks, pork chops or any barbecue meats.

Onion delight

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| 2 lbs. onions, thickly sliced | 1 Tbsp. honey |
| 2 Tbsp. water | 1 Tbsp. butter |
| 2 Tbsp. ketchup | 1 tsp. prepared mustard |

In lightly salted boiling water cook onions for 10 minutes. Drain and transfer to a lightly greased 6 cup casserole dish. Mix together the remaining ingredients and pour over the onions in the dish. Cover and bake at 350°F for about one hour until onions are tender and glazed.

These yummy savory biscuits are perfect with soups or salads.

Onion pinwheels

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| 1 Tbsp. butter | 3/4 tsp. salt |
| 1 1/2 cups diced onion | 1/2 cup butter |
| 1 cup whole wheat flour | 3/4 to 1 cup buttermilk or milk |
| 1 cup white flour | 1/2 cup grated cheese |
| 3 tsp. baking powder | Salt and pepper |

Preheat oven to 375°. In a frying pan melt the one tablespoon of butter, add the onions and cook stirring for about 10-12 minutes or until onions are tender. Set aside. In a bowl mix together flours, baking powder and salt. With a pastry blender cut in the butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 3/4 cup of the milk to form a soft dough. Add more milk as needed. Turn out dough onto a floured surface and gently knead 8-10 times to form a ball. Roll out dough to form a 10 by 15 inch rectangle. Mix together onion and cheese and spread over dough. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. At the long ends roll up tightly like a jelly roll. Cut into around 15 slices. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Thumbs up, thumbs down

Sidewalks in town, they are brutal, full of ice. You have to slip and fall everywhere here. Why doesn't town sand them down. Plus empty garbages, they are always overflowing. Town needs to do some work about these issues now, not later.

P.S. always looking forward to pothole season where very little ever gets done.

Colin Whelan
Neepawa, MB



Thumbs down to the Town of Neepawa for not sanding the sidewalks. Every year, it's safer to dodge traffic than risk walking on a side walk.

Jacqueline Rose
Neepawa, MB



Parents would trade places with their sick or ill young children in a "heart beat". I don't understand the logic of not giving the measles vaccine and then watching them get measles. Please, can somebody "google" and then explain to me the logic.

Jim Krzyzaniak
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Neepawa Town Council hold first meeting of February

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It's a relatively quiet start to February for Neepawa Town Council, as there were not many items of note on the agenda for the first meeting of the month. There was some activity, however, including:

Councillor Reports

• **Councillor Yvonne Sisley** provided details on the 'Love Where You Live' Campaign. This new initiative kicked off during the Hearts in the Park event on Sunday, Feb. 1. The campaign is looking to promote Neepawa by highlighting community opportunities. Over the next few weeks, it will involve the participation of several local organizations, such as the Neepawa Public Library, Yellowhead Centre, ArtsForward Cultural Centre and many more.

• **Councillor Jason Nadeau** recently attended a Westlake Employment Skills and Services meeting. An update was provided on efforts to secure further government funding. As well, Nadeau offered an update on the Neepawa Public Library. He cited the circulation numbers for the Library, noting 1,701 items were accessed in November and 1,595 in December. About 65 per cent of that borrowing came from non-resident members. Future plans for the purchase of new computers and applying for a Green Team summer student were also mentioned. Finally, Nadeau attended a meeting of the Rossburn Subdivision Trail Association (RSTA). Preparations are on the go for their upcoming Annual General Meeting on Mar. 2 in Sandy Lake. As well, efforts are ongoing to secure a tractor for trail cutting, applying for grants and adopting revised bylaws to incorporate digital communication. Trails safety and the use of different materials

for trail sections were also covered.

• **Councillor Marijka Kostenchuk** shared details from a meeting of the County Court Building Committee. The majority of discussions revolved around the 2026 budget, the building's financial position and the interior/exterior condition of the facility. The lack of accessibility in the building was also highlighted as a future concern.

Manager of Operations

Denis Saquet reported to Council on the recent public works activities, including snow clearing efforts, interior shop work, replenishing barricade stock and the current progress on Project 320's first phase.

Miscellaneous

Westlake Employment Skills and Services Funding has sent a correspondence to council. The communication noted that the province has frozen their funding for 2026. While this will make the year ahead more challenging, Westlake is not requesting further assistance due to remaining partnership funds.

A request for fireworks displays for the Winter Festival, set for Feb. 15, and Canada Day on July 1 at Riverbend Park were approved.

A resolution was passed to authorize specific individuals to discharge firearms within town limits to dispose of nuisance birds and vermin this year. 2026. These actions will take place in consultation with the local RCMP.

MB Government warns of measles exposure at Ag Days

Banner Staff
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The Government of Manitoba is urging people who attended Manitoba Ag Days to monitor themselves for measles symptoms after a measles exposure during the event.

In a press release, the government advised anyone who attended Ag Days in Brandon, visited hotels, restaurants, and shops, should be monitoring for symptoms due to possible exposures which may have occurred in the city on the event days, the days leading up to it, and

the days following it.

According to the Manitoba Government, measles is a highly infectious communicable disease that is spread through droplets in the air formed when coughing or sneezing. An infected person can spread the virus from four days before the rash appears until four days after. The disease tends to be more severe in infants and young children and can be life-threatening.

When and where

Specific dates and locations that the government advised you to monitor for

symptoms included:

• **Manitoba Ag Days, Keystone Centre, Brandon:** Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• **Great Western Roadhouse,** inside the Canad Inns Destination Centre, 1125 18th St., Brandon, on Jan. 20 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• **Manitoba Ag Days, Agriculture in the Classroom** event at the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba Dome Building on Jan. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Jan. 22 from 9:30

a.m. to 5 p.m.

What to watch for

Symptoms of measles generally appear seven to 21 days after exposure. Initial symptoms may include fever, runny nose, drowsiness, irritability and red eyes. Small white spots may also develop on the inside of the mouth or throat. Several days after the initial symptoms, a red blotchy rash appears on the face and progresses down the body. Measles can lead to complications, including ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia, and encephalitis (brain inflammation).

Sing sing sing: Choraliers dazzle in concert



PHOTO BY RRAIN PRIOR

Members of the Neepawa Choraliers took a trip to the 70s' in an afternoon of great music and nostalgia. The Choraliers brought the sounds of the 1970s to life in a fun, feel-good concert featuring well-loved songs from the decade. pictured here is the group decked out in their gear from the 70s' after performing their concert at ArtsForward.

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Community ArtFest returns to Neepawa

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Neepawa ArtsForward has announced the return of its popular ArtFest alongside the 2026 ArtFest Plein Air Experience.

Plein air is a French term meaning “in the open air,” referring to the practice of painting outdoors, directly in the landscape, to capture the immediate effects of natural light, atmosphere, and colour.

ArtsForward is touting a bigger and better event in 2026. The fest is bringing in British Columbia’s Perry Haddock, a Senior Signature Member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, known for his expressive brushwork and joyful painting style.

Haddock will be leading a three-day plein air workshop, including two days of painting in Riding Mountain National Park, departing from Elkhorn Resort. The third day consists of painting in Neepawa as part of the ArtFest celebrations.

During ArtFest, the popular event which started last year, The Amazing Race Neepawa, will also be returning, alongside many new surprises which ArtsForward plans to reveal in the future.

The 2026 edition of ArtFest takes place in Neepawa on July 18. Those who wish to sign up for the Plein Air Experience are encouraged to contact ArtsForward.



FILE PHOTOS

Preparations for the 2026 edition of ArtsForward’s ArtFest are underway. This community event, which added an ‘Amazing Race’ spin last year, has been enjoyed by many over the years since its initial implementation under the name ‘R.A.F.T.’. Shown above are some scenes from the 2025 event, with live art, refreshments, and tours around town for Amazing Race Neepawa.

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Sports

MJHL Standings

Western Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Virden Oil Capitals	42	30	10	2	0	62
Dauphin Kings	46	25	20	1	0	51
Waywayseecappo Wolverines	46	22	20	2	2	48
Neepawa Titans	43	23	19	0	1	47
Swan Valley Stampeders	43	15	24	3	1	34
Northern Manitoba Blizzard	43	6	33	2	2	16
Eastern Division	G	W	L	OTL	SOL	Pts
Niverville Nighthawks	44	39	4	1	0	79
Steinbach Pistons	45	35	8	2	0	72
Portage Terriers	46	27	16	1	0	57
Winkler Flyers	44	27	16	1	2	55
Selkirk Steelers	43	18	22	2	1	39
Winnipeg Blues	43	12	28	3	0	27
Winnipeg Monarchs	46	8	36	2	0	18

Bombers best Farmers on last weekend of THHL regular season

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

It was a must win weekend for the Minnedosa Bombers in the Tiger Hills Hockey League (THHL). If the team was successful in both their scheduled games, they had a chance to finish second overall in the league standings.

If they were to lose, however, they could end up finishing in fourth place and facing a much more difficult seeding in the post-season.

The first hurdle was a familiar rival, in the form of the Neepawa Farmers. While Neepawa was locked into seventh place, no matter the game's result, the chance to play spoiler was still something they likely hoped to achieve.

As for the game itself, Minnedosa wasted no time setting the tone on Friday night, scoring just 10 seconds into the contest. Tyler Jury surprised everyone with a goal before many of the fans even had the chance to settle into the Yellowhead Centre stands.

The Farmers answered midway through the first on a goal by Cohen Kulbacki, assisted by brother Jory Kulbacki.

But, the Bombers responded quickly, with Shane Jury restoring the lead and Josh Gerelus adding another to make it 3-1.

Neepawa showed some resilience late, as Connor Braun and Jory Kulbacki each scored for the home team to tie the game 3-3 at intermission.

Momentum swung back

to Minnedosa early in the second, with Owen Riffel capitalizing on a short-handed chance, giving the Bombers a 4-3 edge.

What would end up being the game winning goal was later scored by Shane Jury, his second of the night, on the power-play opportunity.

The Bombers struck again early in the third, once again while down a man. Ryan Heino convert a shorthanded chance at 56 seconds.

Neepawa briefly clawed back into it when Kyle McDonald scored on the power play.

Braeden Beernaerts iced the game with a goal with just under three minutes remaining, to make it a 7-4 final.

This result, along with a 4-3 overtime win over the Boissevain Border Kings on Saturday, Feb. 7, had the Bombers' record to close



PHOTO BY EOIN DEVEREUX

The Neepawa Farmers concluded their regular season with a home game against the Minnedosa Bombers on Friday, Feb. 6.

out the regular season at 16-3-0. With these results, Minnedosa is guaranteed a first round play-off bye, along with Killarney, Hartney and Rivers.

As for Neepawa, they concluded their schedule with 9-9-1 record, an impressive six win improvement from the previous year. With their seventh place finish in the THHL standings, they will play the

Deloraine Royals (6-12-1) in a first round best-of-three matchup. Game one is set for Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Deloraine. Game two, and if necessary, game three will be played at the Yellowed Centre in Neepawa. Game two will be on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:45 p.m. If a third game is required, it will be on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Game results

Wednesday, Feb. 4 Neepawa 6-1 Selkirk

First Period
11:06 SEL C. Haney (6)
ASST: J. Delepouille (15), P. Legg-Cote (4)

Second Period
08:40 NPA L. Paquette (15)
ASST: K. Weisgarber (25)
10:57 NPA C. Kasprick (15)
ASST: T. Lewis (12)
11:09 NPA G. Slaney (6)
ASST: R. Harris (5), J. Kohut (8)
13:10 NPA A. McIntosh (4)
ASST: J. Kohut (9), T. Wamboldt (5)

Third Period
00:34 NPA A. McIntosh (5)
ASST: T. Wamboldt (6), G. Slaney (5)
15:32 NPA C. Kasprick (16)
ASST: R. Harris (6), J. Clark (19)

Scoring	1	2	3	Total	PP
SEL	1	0	0	1	0/2
NPA	0	4	2	6	1/4

Goaltender
SEL - H. Hunnie - (L) 24/30 saves
NPA - A. Myers - (W) 24/25 saves
Attendance: 245 - Yellowhead Centre

MJHL Player Stats

Leading scorers (MJHL)

G	A	Pts	
1. Hayden Wheddon (NIV)	24	47	71
2. Nik Gudmundson (WKR)	28	40	68
3. Bryce Bryant (VDN)	24	38	62
4. Sebastian Hicks (WAY)	27	32	59
5. Rhett Platt (POR)	21	38	59

Leading scorers (Titans)

G	A	Pts	
1. Logan Paquette	15	28	43
2. Jack Clark	23	19	42
3. Cooper Kasprick	16	26	42
4. Kyle Weisgarber	12	25	37
5. Talen Wallis	17	17	34

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den 159; Carmen Barten 152; Judy Gabler 150, 206, 176; Eleanor Scott 160; Russ Taylor 150; Carole LeBoutillier 164, 156.



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NACI dominate middle frame to defeat Minnedosa/Erickson

By Eoin Devereux
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

The Neepawa Tigers exploded for five goals in the second period to secure a convincing 6-2 win over the Minnedosa/Erickson Chancellors. The Tigers set the tone early in the opening frame, on Friday, Feb. 6, capitalizing on a power play. Zach Plett wired home his eighth goal of the season for the 1-0 lead.

What followed in the second period was domination from the Tigers. Luke Nicholson opened it up with a goal. Just over a minute later, Ethan Bray scored on the power play, making it 3-0. Neepawa continued to press, as Ben Richard scored his second of the season. Then just nine seconds later, Ian Foster made it 5-0, converting a setup from Nicholson. Foster wasn't done yet, as he added another power-play

goal, pushing the Tigers' lead to 6-0 advantage.

The Chancellors did show resilience late in the period, finally breaking through on a power play with just two seconds remaining in the second. It was Aiden McGorman scoring on the play. Colton McCaughan scored late in the game for the Chancellors, but Neepawa held steady for a well-earned win.

This result improves NACI's record to 15-6-0 on the year, and tied for fourth place in the Westman High School Hockey League standings. Minnedosa/Erickson, meanwhile, 8-17-0 in the season, and are in 11th place overall.

The Tigers next home games are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12 against Sandy Bay, at 2:30 p.m., and Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. versus Minnedosa/Erickson.

Titans and Tigers set to fight cancer



On Sunday Feb. 22, players from the Neepawa Titans will be wearing special uniforms (pictured) for their game against the Virden Oil Capitals. The special themed jerseys will be auctioned off after the game, with the funds going toward local cancer initiatives

Meanwhile, NACI students, along with parents and teachers have joined together once again for the 6th Annual Tigers Fight Cancer Fundraiser. The team will wear special pink jerseys in their game on Friday, Feb. 13 versus the Minnedosa-Erickson Chancellors, as part of the awareness efforts. The festivities will also feature a game-day 50/50, with all of those proceeds also going toward fundraising efforts.

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Kasprick committed to Neepawa on and off the ice

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Kasprick is a hometown player who grew up around the Yellowhead, watching the Neepawa Natives through the years. His family also forged a strong bond with the junior 'A' hockey club, as they would serve as a billet family. That close connection to the team and to those who wore the jersey, motivated Cooper to pursue his dreams.

His on-ice path with Neepawa began early as well, as his game evolved through Neepawa Minor Hockey and the Yellowhead Chiefs program.

Over the years, Cooper developed from a prospect to a player to a leader, who now wears the captain's "C" with pride. What he had once watched and aspired to be, he has become: One of the faces of the Neepawa Titans' modern era.

A great accomplishment

Kasprick's MJHL resume has been remarkable. He debuted with the

Titans in 2022-23, playing 52 games and scoring 19 points. Kasprick followed with a breakout 2023-24 campaign, contributing 41 points. But perhaps more importantly, he started to take a leadership role with the team, both in the locker room and outside in the community. That role is something he takes seriously, and he hopes inspires others.

"Coming here as a rookie, you look up to the 20-year-olds. [And] you just build on every year, get a little bit better. To now be a leader of this team is pretty cool and hopefully when I'm gone, those younger guys can kind of do the same thing."

Despite missing a portion of the 2024-25 season, Cooper still added 36 points in 47 games. For this, his final year of eligibility in junior 'A', he's on a near point-per-game pace, with 42 points (16 goals - 26 assists) in 43 games. That includes scoring a pair of goals against the Selkirk Steelers during his 200th game, a great way to cele-



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE NEEPAWA TITANS

The images released by the Neepawa Titans back 2022, when Cooper Kasprick signed with the Neepawa Titans.

brate a major milestone.

Titans head coach and general manager Ken Pearson said this achievement is a reflection of Kasprick's commitment both on and off the ice.

"I think it's a great accomplishment for him," Pearson said. "He's very dedicated to the game and to the club. He's someone a

lot of the young kids really look up to, and he takes pride in giving back as best he can with the time that he has. To do 200 games, and to do it in your hometown, makes it that much more special."

Recognized on and off the ice

Kasprick's impact hasn't

been limited to the score-sheet. His contributions off the ice are well documented, as the MJHL announced in January that Kasprick would be recognized as the Titans' RBC Community Ambassador, an honour tied to citizenship, sportsmanship, and volunteerism in the team's community.

As for what moments stand out most from his junior career, Kasprick didn't hesitate.

"Honestly, just the playoffs. There's lots of regular season games throughout the years that you forget, but you remember every game in the playoffs, almost every shift. The sound inside [the Yellowhead Centre] with the crowd behind you, cheering the team on. It's pretty cool. I'd do anything to play in the playoffs. I think that's what most guys would say."

Neepawa Natives/Titans that have played 200+ games

- Shane Jury 241 (2004-2009)
- Reigan Buchanan 234 (2012-2017)
- Brad Marshall 225 (2016-2020)
- Griffin Chwaliboga 210 (2014-2018)
- Jordan Martin 206 (2014-2018)
- Ashton Anderson 205 (2013-2018)
- Cooper Kasprick 200* (2022-present)

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Obituary



Thelma Burton

Thelma passed away peacefully in the early morning of February 1, 2026, at the age of 91, in the Country Meadows Care Home.

Thelma was born on September 25, 1934, in Neepawa, MB. She lived in Glencairn & Kelwood. She married Glen Burton on July 25, 1953. In 1956 they moved to Lynn Lake where they raised the family. Thelma worked at "the Bay" where many long lasting friendships were made, moving to Leaf Rapids where they worked until retirement in 1991. Then it was back to Kelwood.

Mom enjoyed curling, spending time with friends and her many crafts (pottery, copper etching, paper toulng, knitting, sewing and arts & crafts. Mom was involved with the Legion Ladies in Lynn Lake & Kelwood, as well as on the board of the Legion. Mom won many awards and ribbons at the country fairs for her craft work. Mom also wrote articles about community events in the local paper.

Thelma leaves to mourn her sons Ed of Marathon, ON, Dennis (Lana) of Saskatoon, SK, Sydney (Sui) of Kelwood, MB, daughter Lori of Whitewood, SK, her brother Charles (Lois) Werhan of Forest Lake, MN. Grandchildren Candice Burton (Chris McMahon) of Kamloops, BC, Jason (Kristen) Burton of Marathon, ON, Dennis (Kaarina) Kelly of North Bay, On, Joey Major of Whitewood, SK and Matthew Major of Saltcoats, SK. Great grandchildren: Julian Burton, Bristol Kelly and Ryder Kelly. As well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded by her husband Glen Burton, her parents Charles and Jean Werhan, brother Gerald and Orinne Werhan, and her in-laws Sidney and Ruth Burton.

We would like to extend thanks to the staff of Yellowhead Manor and Country Meadows Care Home for the care given to mom over the past several years.

Irene Suski

Aug 31, 1935 - Jan 18, 2026

Surrounded by family, Irene passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026. She was born at home in the RM of Rosedale August 31, 1935 to Nellie and Lawrence Spiss and is predeceased by her husband (Donald) brother (Melvin), sister (Violet) and Son-in law (Nestor Kostenchuk). She is survived by her children Marlene, Harvey (Kim) Ted (Christine) Norma (Barry), 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Irene was raised on the family farm located northeast of Polonia where she attended school and commented how growing up in a Polish family had to learn English when she started school. She left home at an early age to work for a family in Neepawa and shortly thereafter met Donald at a dance where that introduction quickly blossomed into a romance and they were married on April 18th, 1953 and took over the family farm located 2 miles west of Polonia.

Irene worked hard on the farm assisting with the many farm operations such as milking cows, feeding pigs and calves, chickens, separating the milk into cream for sale and hauling grain at harvest time. She also prepared all the meals for the family, planted a large garden, did a lot of canning and preserving of fruit and vegetables for the family. Irene loved to knit and crochet in front of the TV with her family, and was very involved with the Church and helped with many Polonia community activities such as dances, bingos and pilgrimages. She worked with a group of ladies and was a leader in providing food catering services for large events such as weddings.

In her later years Irene's life involved retiring off the farm with Donald and moving to a house in Neepawa in 1992. After Donald's passing she transitioned to Kinsmen Kourts in 2019 where she enjoyed the company of other retirement people she knew and took pleasure in playing bingo, cards and building puzzles. Due to deteriorating health, her last move was to Country Meadows in October 2025.

She was known as a master perogy maker and made dozens and dozens of perogies for family and friends. Some of her most favorite activities included dancing, playing bingo and cards, and going to the casino. Her greatest joy was being with family, attending family events, and whenever she was with them she always wore a smile and had this sparkle in her eye.

Irene was truly the matriarch of the family in every sense of the word. She provided advice, assistance, support, leadership. She often commented on how proud she was of her family and this was only made possible by her example and demonstration of what a life of service and love can accomplish.

Funeral Mass was held January 23, 2026 at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church, Neepawa. Fr. John Okosun officiating, White's Funeral Home was in care of funeral arrangements.

May She Now Rest in Peace. Forever loved and remembered.

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Notice

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

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Obituary

John Alexander (Jack) Robertson



John Alexander (Jack) Robertson, 87, of Amaranth, MB, died peacefully at home on February 4th with his family.

Jack was born December 7th, 1938 in Winnipeg. He spent the early years of his life on the family farm at Lynches Point before moving to Harcus in

1953 where the Robertson family continued to ranch beef cattle and raised mink and fox for fur.

Horses were always a part of Jack's life, both for farm work and for pleasure. He was one of the first breeders of Paint horses in the 1950's and showed them successfully both in Canada and the U.S.. Jack trained and competed with western pleasure horses before transitioning to training thoroughbreds' in the early 70's. He continued as an Owner/Trainer at Assiniboia Downs for 43 years winning more than 600 races and earning such achievements as Trainer of the year and Horse of the year. He was highly respected as a horseman and his advice was always sought after.

It was through the horse world that he met the love of his life Gloria (Kirtan) and they married in 1964 and bought their farm at Harcus. They started their herd of Angus cattle at that time. Jack would spend the summer months at the track with the horses while Gloria held down the fort at home and cared for the livestock. In the fall Jack was a cattle order buyer as well. In 1969 Jack bought his first Charolais bull and in 1973 added his first Registered Charolais females and the Bar -J Charolais herd continues as a family operation today. Jack had a passion and talent for breeding quality livestock.

In the 1990's Jack returned to the hobby from his youth of breeding purebred exhibition bantam ducks and he soon rose to the top winning Grand Champion at shows across Canada and the U.S.. Above all Jack loved his family and the people around him. He loved to tell stories and share memories. He was an honest man who stood by his values and wasn't afraid to tell it like it was. His most lasting legacy will be the young people he mentored and set on the path to success, both family and those who became extended family.

Jack was predeceased by his parents Alec Robertson and Marie Robertson (Anderson), brother James and sister Donna.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gloria (Kirtan), their son Clint (Lynn), three grandsons Justin (Hayley), Max & Ty (Desiree). Great grandchildren James and Jax. Sisters Ruby MacDonald and Peggy Wilson (Stan), many nieces and nephews and his Border Collie "Dolly". In keeping with his wishes Jack will be cremated. A celebration of life will be held at Assiniboia Downs on Wednesday May 27th at 3pm. We will miss you Grandpa Jack!

Clarke's Funeral Home Gladstone ~ MacGregor in care of arrangements

Coming Events

Neepawa Legion Branch No. 23 Legion Ladies is hosting its February Supper in support of Beautiful Plains Archives/ Family History Group on Feb 20. For \$20, you can get a delicious roast beef meal. Please sign up in advance at the Legion Clubroom or phone 204-476-5738.

Anniversary

Happy 50th
Wedding Anniversary
to
Barb and Bruce
Nicoll
Love
Andrea, Lan, Cam,
Pam and Families

Thank You

The family of Russell Newton would like to send thanks to the following who played a role during the recent passing of our father/husband:

Minister Rita Friesen for conducting the funeral service, United Church Women for preparing the lunch after the funeral, all people who gave well wishes and who attended from near and far, Country Meadows Care Home and Neepawa Hospital for their excellent care, Neepawa Cancer Care staff for assisting Russell the past few years, and White's Funeral Home for their professional funeral preparation and services.

Thank you, Eileen Newton, Kevin, Greg, and Terri-Lynn.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your condolences, kind words and reflections of our mom Irene who recently passed away on January 18. Thank you for the cards, messages and words of sympathy, flowers and donations made in memory of her. To St. Dominic's Church and the CWL for their amazing lunch and honor guard provided. To Fr. John Okosun for celebrating mom's funeral Mass. To White's Funeral Home for their kindness and accommodating the family needs. To all the health care professionals that cared for Irene, especially Dr. Kelly Krzyzaniak who over the years greatly and kindly contributed to Irene's quality and quantity of life. We are grateful to all our family and friends, musicians, altar servers and pallbearers at the service, Thank you. It was truly a Celebration of a Life well lived and well Loved.

- Suski Family

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For more information Contact Bev Szymesko (204) 835-2067 Submit letter of application and resume to: bevs@trsd.ca

or Bev Szymesko, Superintendent Turtle River School Division, Box 309, McCreary, MB R0J 1B0 Phone 835-2067, Fax 835-2426

Turtle River welcomes applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations may be available upon request. All applications are appreciated, only candidates who are selected for interviews will be contacted. Successful candidates must complete a Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector and Child Abuse Registry check.



Seasonal labourer Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

Summary: This position performs multiple general labourer duties. The successful candidate will carry out building maintenance, minor plumbing, utility-related tasks (maintenance and repair), park and grounds maintenance, and operate small equipment including zero-turn mowers, tractors with roadside mowers, skid steers, small backhoes, and other equipment as required. Additional duties as directed by the Operations Manager.

Seasonal labourer anticipated start date of April 1, 2026, and end date being October 31, 2026.

The regular workday is 10 consecutive hours, Monday to Friday inclusive.

- Duties and Responsibilities:**
- Ability to perform physically demanding manual work including culvert installation, grass mowing, community beautification.
 - Ability to work in a shop environment, unsupervised.
 - Be able to perform physical duties and lift up to 50lbs.
 - The ability to work in a team environment as well as with the public.
 - The ability to work evenings and weekends when required.

- Skills, Qualifications and Experience Required:**
- Must possess and maintain a Class 5 Manitoba Driver's License.
 - Have or willing to obtain a Class 3 with air endorsement would be considered an asset.
 - Have mechanical aptitude.
 - Be able to lift 50 lbs.
 - Be able to climb, staff and walk for sustained periods of time
 - Be able to lift, push or pull heavy objects
 - Experience operating a tractor and rotary mower equipment would be considered an asset.
 - Knowledge of the Municipality would be considered an asset.

Salary Range Starting \$24.33

COMMENTS: Interested individuals are to specify position being applied for and attached their resume and cover letter listing how they meet the minimum qualifications/requirements of position. Resumes/applications are to be submitted to: info@westlake-gladstone.ca, Box 150, Gladstone MB R0J 0T0 or in person at 14 Dennis St E, Gladstone MB.

The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone supports the goals of Manitoba's Accessibility Standard for Employment. We welcome applications from all qualified applicants. Applicants may request reasonable accommodations related to the materials or activities used throughout the selection process.

The Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone is an equal opportunity employer, committed to providing an inclusive work environment. Applicants who require accommodation during the hiring process are encouraged to contact the Municipality Office via the information provided. Thank you to all who apply, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Industrial Plant Cleaner (NOC 65312)

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 - 2500+ employees worldwide
 - We Care about our employees, communities, customers, animals, and our environment

- What we can offer you:**
- Competitive Wage
 - Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation as per our collective bargaining agreement
 - Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
 - Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
 - PM Shift
 - Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
 - Employee Referral program - \$500!
 - Free parking
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- Your duties may include:**
- Cleaning and sanitizing butcher and slaughter production areas and everything in between to ensure top-quality food safety standards.
 - Operating cleaning equipment like high-pressure hoses to clean production equipment.
 - Using cleaning chemicals with respect and following Material Safety Data Sheets.
 - Ensuring all Quality Assurance checks are performed.
 - Maintaining a safe, clean, and organized work area throughout the facility.
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- We are looking for people who are:**
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and climbing.
 - Available to work an 8-hour Night Shift from Monday-Friday, between 11:15 PM to 9:00 AM
 - Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
 - Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
 - Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in sanitation, or industrial cleaning, or heavy-duty cleaning
 - Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
 - Able to effectively communicate in English
 - At least 18 years old to meet the minimum age requirement

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- Competitive Wage
 - Vacation: 10 working days of paid vacation
 - Comprehensive Benefits package – health coverage, dental plan, vision care, long-term disability, and pension plan
 - Permanent full-time employment (74-80 hours per bi-weekly)
 - PM Shift Premium
 - Full training, with genuine opportunities for career progression
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- Your duties may involve:**
- Receiving and unloading hog deliveries.
 - Sorting hogs into appropriate receiving pens.
 - Ensuring humane and safe handling of hogs in our facility.
 - Completing hog receiving documents to CFIA standards.
 - Scraping trailers.
 - Working outdoors and in a barn environment.

- To excel in this role, you should possess:**
- Respect for animal welfare, food safety, and workplace safety. Understanding of animal behavior
 - Capable of working in diverse environments, including exposure to varying temperatures, humidity, and odors
 - Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience working with livestock
 - Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role. Capable of bending, lifting, and crawling
 - Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
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- Your duties may include:**
- Slaughter, eviscerate, and mark hogs for further processing;
 - Debone edible parts and remove inedible organs for parts;
 - Cut pork carcasses into primal cuts for further processing, cutting, or packaging for local, national, and international premium markets.

- We are looking for people who are:**
- Fit and capable of working in a physically demanding role
 - Capable of repetitive manual tasks and standing for long periods of time
 - Open to working in colder/warmer environments
 - Minimum of one (1) to seven (7) months experience in meat cutting or slaughter or completed a program in Industrial Meat cutting
 - Completion of Secondary school or equivalent experience
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History lessons with Helen: Barn raising

By Helen Drysdale
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

As I drive around the prairies I see old abandoned barns, silently telling a story. It is the story of the importance of farm families to the development of the prairies where, for many years, two-thirds of Canadians lived on farms. It is a story fading from sight due to changing times in agriculture. But in their "hay days" a barn was perhaps the most amazing place a farm child could play.

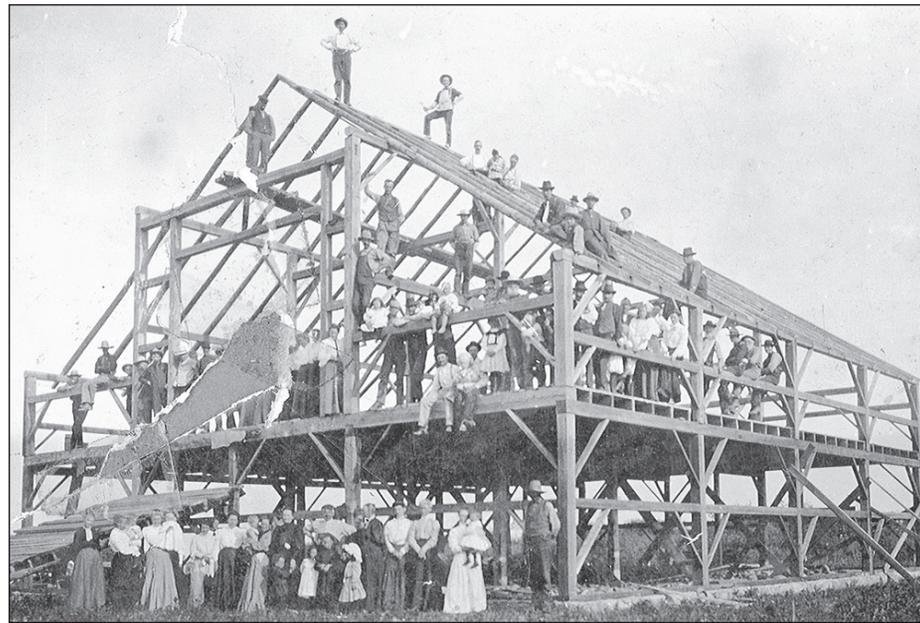
One of the first things that early settlers had to do when they

arrived at their homestead was to build a house and barn. Barns were important structures. The barn was the first place the farmer went in the morning, the last place he went before bed. Their livestock was their livelihood. When a family needed a barn, the assembly of which required more labor than a typical family could provide, barn raisings came into play. It was an era when community meant you would roll up your sleeves and get to work to help your neighbors. The entire community came together to help as building a large frame barn

skeleton required as many as 60 to 100 men to lift the walls into place.

There was a lot of preparation before the barn was to be raised. The ground was leveled, stones hauled for the foundation, a foundation constructed, sill plates installed, and any other necessary building materials were acquired. Early in the morning of the day of the raising the framework was constructed on the ground. The various pieces of timber were assembled into

bents. A bent is a section of the framework fastened together with wooden pins. Ropes were tied around both sides of the top beam. When around 40 men were in place with the ropes, the head



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Barn raisings are rare now, but were a common, community-backed occurrence back in the old days!

carpenter gave the command to "LIFT" and the walls were heaved up as high as the men could lift.

Then, pike poles were used to push on one side while men pulled on the ropes of the other side to

raise the wall perpendicular to the floors. The pike poles varied in length from 10 to 30 feet with seven or eight men on each pike pole.

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History with Helen: Barn raising (cont.)

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When the second bent was up the two could be connected by girts, braced and pinned. All four walls were heaved up in this manner.

After all the bents were in place there still remained the job of placing the top timbers (plates) on the side walls and the purlin plates to support the rafters. The rafters were positioned by the men on the ground. They were passed up, placed and fastened securely. This work was done by the high workers. These men had to have agility, nerve, no fear of heights and possibly be a bit of a show man to impress the other men and the admiring females. The construction could be strenuous and

absolutely impossible without the help of many to join together to raise the walls and roof. It's a wonder how they built these massive structures without any kind of modern machinery we take for granted today. When the barn raising bee was over the farmer still had to shingle and side the barn, a project his family could help with.

The event was a major social occasion, for the members of the community. The women of the community visited as they prepared large meals for all the workers and spectators during and after the hard work. They spent several days before the event baking pies, cakes and cookies. After supper there was often a time of singing and dancing. It was always a good courting opportunity for the young people of the community. Today these once important buildings are now simply a reminder of what once was and the life these barns represented will be seen only in history books.



Notice

Invitation to Attend



Virtual Public Presentation
Rolling River School Division
2026-2027 Proposed Budget

6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Access the presentation via a link on the
Rolling River School Division
(RRSD) website homepage
<https://www.rrsd.mb.ca/>

A summary of the proposed budget will be
available on the RRSD website on
February 27, 2026
links as follows

Governance – Budget/Finance- Upcoming Budget

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Shown here are some barn raisings from the region. The top photograph was specifically noted to be from the Glendale area.

As can be seen from the sheer volume of people in these photos, these truly were quite the community endeavor!

Notice

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Conditional Use Application 2025-04

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to receive representation from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE under the RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA ZONING BY-LAW 1502 AND AMENDMENTS 1540 THERETO

HEARING: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office
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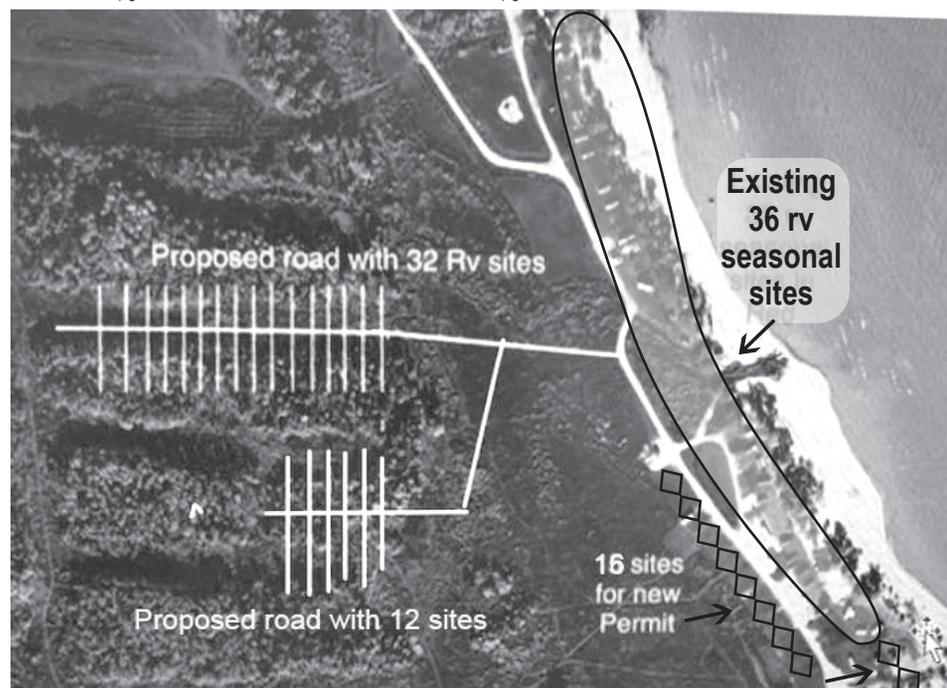
DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 1:15 PM

APPLICANT: Chris Thorstensein on behalf of West Lake Music Ltd

SITE LOCATION: SL3-21-10 WPM

PROPOSAL: To increase the number of campsites at Vakker Beach Seasonal Campground.

SUBJECT PROVISION: Application has been made to allow a Conditional Use in order to increase the number of seasonal campground sites at the Vakker Beach Seasonal Campground to a total of 96 lots.



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Carberry student named Dairy Farmers Athlete of the Week

By Joshua Jackson
NEEPAWA BANNER & PRESS

Carberry's Owen Unrau has been named one of the Manitoba High School Athletics Association's athletes of the week for Feb. 4.

The grade 12 student from Carberry Collegiate has had an exceptional start to the basketball season and has played a key role in leading the Cougars to the top of the rankings. Unrau currently leads the team in scoring, rebounds, and blocks, while posting multiple 40+ point performances this season.

The athlete earned All-Star honours at the BSSI Tournament in Brandon in December, guiding Carberry to a second-place finish. Unrau continued his run in January with three more 40+ point games, including a stand-out performance against the top-ranked AA team in the province.



PHOTO FROM MHSAA

Owen Unrau, of Carberry.

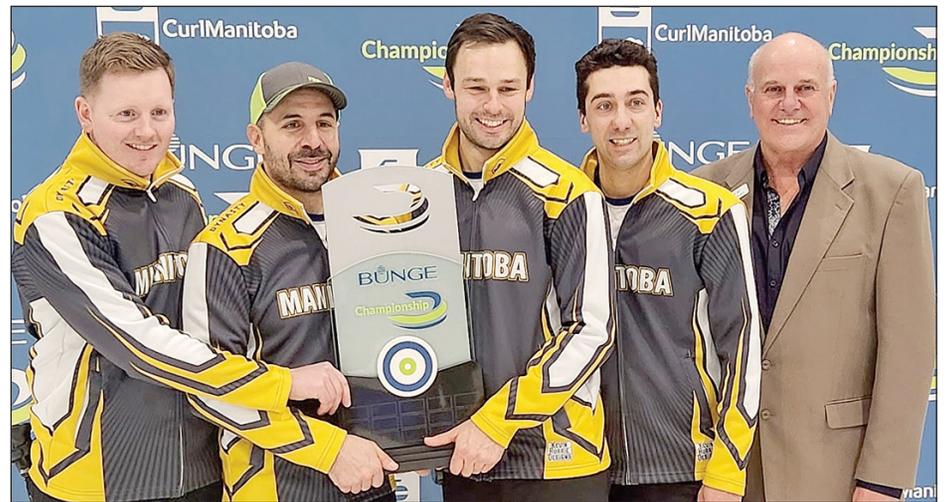
Unrau maintains an 87 per cent grade average in school. He also referees middle school sports at the school, and is coaching the grade 7&8 boys basketball team.

The Carberry athlete was a part of the volleyball team that captured the AA provincial championship in November, and he also plans to compete in track this spring. He was also a member of the Carberry Cougars.

Team Calvert to represent Manitoba at the Montana's Brier

PHOTO FROM CURL MANITOBA

Pictured: Braden Calvert (skip), who has connections to Carberry, with teammates Corey Chamber (third), Kyle Kurz (second), Brendan Bilawka (lead), with Ray Baloun at the conclusion of the 2026 Bunge Championship. Not pictured is Rob Gordon, Team Calvert's alternate. The team will represent Manitoba at the Montana's Brier in St. John's Newfoundland/Labrador Feb. 28 to Mar. 7.



Gladstone Auction Mart

Cattle Market Report
Feb. 10, 2026

Steers	
3-400 lbs.	\$8.25 to 9.25
4-500 lbs.	\$7.40 to 8.39
5-600 lbs.	\$6.50 to 7.45
6-700 lbs.	\$5.35 to 6.42
7-800 lbs.	\$4.65 to 5.61
8-900 lbs.	\$4.25 to 5.18
900+ lbs.	\$4.20 to 4.67

Heifers	
3-400 lbs.	\$6.80 to 8.02
4-500 lbs.	\$6.85 to 7.83
5-600 lbs.	\$5.70 to 6.76
6-700 lbs.	\$4.95 to 5.86
7-800 lbs.	\$4.30 to 5.07
8-900 lbs.	\$3.95 to 4.59
900+ lbs.	\$3.60 to 4.40

1,483 head sold

Gladstone cattle market report

By Blaine Huston
GLADSTONE AUCTION

We sold 1,483 head on Feb. 10 on very strong market in Happy Rock.

We had 215 butcher cattle to start the day, and here's how they sold:

- D1-D2 cows \$2.20-2.48.
- D3 older cows \$1.70-2.00.
- Young feeding type cows

\$2.25-2.53.

- Bulls \$2.30-2.6050.

Here are some market highlights from the sale:

- We had a big package of 22 black steers weighing 944 pounds bring \$4.6750 a pound (\$4,411 a head).
- Twenty-four Black and red exotic steers come in the ring weighing 772 pounds and cash in at \$5.33 a pound

(\$4,112 per head).

- Eleven Red and Black steers weighing 567 pounds stamp there ticket at \$6.8550 a pound (\$3,888 a head).
- Forty-five red exotic heifers weighing 873 pounds bring \$4.28 per pound (\$3,737 per head).

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2025-2026 Neepawa Farmers



Back row (from left to right): Tom Coutts, Brody Pollock, Cohen Kulbacki, Dustin Cook, Lincoln Murray, Ward Brister, Rylan Bray, Riley Davey, Tarek Lapointe, Connor Braun,, Jory Kulbacki, Ethen Winters, Ryan Miller (coach).

Front row (from left to right): Brad Roncin, Shane Byram, Kyle McDonald , Garrett Rempel, Bret Levandoski, Hayden Kolesar, Nate Braun.

Missing from picture: Tyler Cook, Myles Willerton, Callan Denbow, Zak Hicks.



Farmers leading goal scorer(s): Garrett Rempel 16 GP 13 Goals 12 assists 25 points, Cohen Kulbacki 19 GP 13 goals 12 assists 25 points

Farmers leading points: Kyle McDonald 18 GP 12 goals 18 assists 30 points, Bret Levandoski: 18 GP 12 goals 17 assists 29 points

Farmers playoff schedule: Neepawa @ Deloraine - Wed, Feb 11- 8:00 p.m., Deloraine @ Neepawa Thur Feb 12 -8:00 p.m. Deloraine @ Neepawa Sat. Feb 14 -7:30 p.m. *if necessary

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