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Busker organ all the rage in Winnipeg Beach

By Patricia Barrett

Playing the busker organ isn't easy these days judging by all the little boxes you've got to tick before you can crank out a cheery tune and get the punters to toss you a few pennies.

The first thing you need to do is build your busker organ from scratch. Get your hands on a set of schematics so that you know how to hook up the pipes to the hoses.

And you'll need woodworking skills, plywood, bandsaw, belt sander, scroll saw, drill, wood glue, shellac and all sorts of doohickeys like bolts, screws, rods, spring pins, tubes, pipe nipples and so forth.

If you're not up to the challenge, you can shop with confidence on eBay if you've got a few thousand dollars going spare.

Alan Rowles, who emigrated from England and now lives in Winnipeg Beach, did not do eBay. And he's now an authority on homemade hand-cranked busker organs.

"I bought a set of plans that showed me a rough idea of how to build it. They give you dimensions on the size of the pipes and what have you," said Rowles, who made his busking debut at a Winnipeg Beach Residents' Association meet and greet at the community centre a few weeks ago. "The rest of it, you make it up yourself. As you can see there's quite a lot of intricate detail."

There sure is. There are over a dozen little pipes of different widths and heights with red thingies sticking out the top, and thick and thin hoses rigged up to resemble the contraption under your kitchen sink but which do something important with air rather than water. And the organ was constructed with birch and cherry (music aficionados say different woods — known as tonewoods — have specific aural signatures).

Then there's the music itself, hole-

punched on a long sheet of paper the width of toilet tissue. You just plonk the whole thing onto spools inside the organ and presto!

"England. That's the only place you can get them now," said Rowles, referring to Melvyn Wright, a U.K.-based producer of perforated music for street organs.

Playing the music doesn't require an ability to sight read and you don't have to press any pedals to get the air into your pipes.

"You don't have to be a musician," said Rowles, who built the organ over the course of two winters in Arizona. "You just turn the handle."

In days of yore (in this case the mid-19th century, early 20th century), busker organs came with straps, enabling the performer to hoist it up and wear it like an accordion.

"Roundabout 1850 to the 1930s, buskers used to carry it around," said Rowles. "This wouldn't have had a handle, but a leather strap that went around your neck."

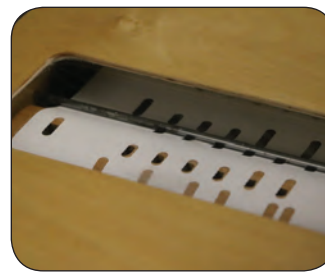
They were a common sight in Europe where most of the busker organs were made, as well as in England, he said. And the people who played them did so not to entertain but to earn a living.

"You would buy one of these organs, you know, you sell a cow or a pig or whatever to buy it and, hopefully, you can make a living for your family. That's what buskin' was all about, yeah?" said Rowles.

Monkeys were also common back then, perhaps for sheer novelty, but primarily for holding the cups into which passersby would drop a few coins.

Rowles promised he'd make his monkey, George, dance if someone put a fiver in his tip jar or gave him bananas.

And he did just that — using a remote to control the stuffed animal's movements (live animals aren't al-



The cartridge containing the music has notches.



The pipes, the hoses and the bellows.



Song selections.

lowed nowadays). Sometimes George "goes on strike," said Rowles, giving the monkey a gentle tap to get him moving.

For their debut, Rowles and George played Beer Barrel Polka and Happy Wanderer.

They were an instant hit with the crowd, and Rowles said he'll consider taking his act to the streets of Winnipeg Beach next summer.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT
Alan Rowles, with George, built the busker organ from scratch and ordered the music cartridges from England.



Loading the music cartridge.

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Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women vigil in Fisher Branch

By Evan Matthews

The original 2013 RCMP Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) report showed staggering numbers, and RCMP have been working to improve relations with Indigenous peoples ever since.

On the morning of Oct. 4 and on the traditional territory of the Métis, Sioux, Cree and Anishinaabe peoples, Fisher Branch RCMP and Cpl. Michael Garton hosted a Sisters in Spirit vigil, in honour of MMIW, and to foster positive community relationships with residents.

"It is important RCMP participate in this initiative, as the health and safety of indigenous communities is one of the (main) RCMP strategic priorities.

"Our detachment has a strong connection to Peguis First Nation, Fisher River Cree Nation and the community of Jackhead. We would like to demonstrate support by inviting community partners to this event and holding a moment of silence," said Garton.

"As police officers, social workers and band councillors we have all had interactions with families of MMIW, and today we have united for a common cause and to draw attention to



Cpl. Mike Garton speaks about the importance of positive community relations and relationship building.

this national issue."

Similar vigils take place at various RCMP detachments throughout the country, though this was the first year Fisher had hosted. Those in attendance included representatives from Peguis Child and Family Services, Peguis Chief and Council, Fisher River Police and the Peguis Justice Committee.

"In my time, we have investigated missing girls (in Fisher). ... Fortunately they've always been found. But we do know of families in Fisher who have lost someone, someone who hasn't been found," said Garton.

"Currently, we have no active investigations in to anything missing (women). ... We take it quite seriously, and I'm thankful nothing has happened in my time here."

According to RCMP numbers, there are 1,750 missing females — of any/all

ethnicities — reported on the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC).

To put MMIW in context, the original 2013 RCMP MMIW report suggested the total number of Indigenous female homicides and unresolved missing Indigenous female investigations was 1,181.

That number — 1,181 MMIW — includes 1,017 Aboriginal female homicide victims between 1980 and 2012, and 164 Aboriginal women currently

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Left to right: Fisher Branch RCMP Cpl. Mike Garton, Peguis First Nation councillor Glenis Sutherland, Fisher River elder John Murdock and Fisher Branch RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Gabe Simard.

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KAP president concerned with Ag minister's comments

By Evan Matthews

Comments from Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture last week have left Interlake farmers lacking faith in the provincial government and in the industry's future.

With a largely anticipated mass exit from the beef and agricultural production industries at season's end, Manitoba Agricultural Minister Ralph Eichler didn't mince words during a recent press teleconference.

"Farming is not for the faint of heart. ... Conditions change on a monthly and weekly basis. ... You can't rely on government to bail you out every time something happens," said Eichler to media.

"You have to have the right programs, for the right market, to ensure that producers are (financially) stable," he said via the teleconference, adding he would prefer stabilizing the industry as opposed to one-time emergency payouts.

Last week, Eichler announced the government would not be enacting AgriRecovery programs to provide relief to farmers in financial turmoil, though the government announced loan deferrals on AgriStability payments for (potentially) up to one year, while also looking at program reform.

Though Eichler has acknowledged programs like AgriStability, Crop Insurance, and Livestock Price Insurance need reform, for the short term, nothing has been done to alter those programs.

While in the long-term the review of AgriStability, Crop Insurance and Livestock Price Insurance is a good thing, Keystone Agricultural Producers' president Bill Campbell said in the short-term not much is being done to help, and shifting debt by one year isn't the answer, simply.

"The minister's comments are concerning. I understand where he's coming from, but there are a lot of other sectors that have had issues addressed in trying times," said Campbell, mentioning the enactment of AgriRecovery during this summer's potato production crisis on Prince Edward Island or the 2016 mad cow outbreak in Alberta.

"It's frustrating for Manitoba producers. ... To ignore or to not address these particular concerns with producers under available programs, it's (beyond) concerning.

"The (minister's) comments are concerning to the long-term viability of communities in the Interlake region, and if there is not an economic viable

model, these farms are now in jeopardy," he said.

Campbell said if the federal and provincial governments were willing to "step up" and provide the AgriRecovery to Manitoba farmers, the funding is available, and could save the industry from the anticipated mass exit.

Alternatively, he said the next 60 days will be "scary" for all involved in the industry.

"The mental health struggle associated with being in the situation that many of these farmers are, and then to receive those comments from the Ag Minister, it's concerning," said Campbell.

"(Farmers) are ready to do our part. But when circumstances beyond our control like this year arise, we need programs in place to help us. Government has eroded these programs to the point of not being relevant. They don't provide the help on the right timelines."

While Campbell added he understands where the minister is coming from in his statements, it doesn't change the reality for farmers.

Pulling one's self up by the bootstraps, simply, won't work this time.

Though nothing has been done, Eichler said he understands.



Minister of Agriculture
Ralph Eichler

"Livestock producers are important contributors to our local communities and we recognize many producers are feeling the effects of our dry summer. We are committed to long-term sustainable programs that will keep them whole. What we have currently is not working," said Eichler.

"Again, we are committed to long-term sustainable programs that will support our producers."

Medical charity loses warehouse space, on the brink of closure

Submitted

International Hope Canada (IHC) will be forced to shut down operations this month if a donated warehouse space cannot be found.

IHC is a charitable, non-profit, all-volunteer organization that provides medical supplies and equipment to medical facilities in developing countries. Founded in 1997, IHC collects and shares redundant but usable items donated by hospitals, clinics

and private individuals. IHC has distributed more than 1,000 tonnes of medical supplies and equipment that otherwise would have been relegated to local landfills.

"As surplus and obsolete, these items have no commercial value in Canada but are priceless in resource-poor areas around the world," says Kevin Stewart, IHC's president. "IHC has shipped more than 100 40-foot sea-containers worth of surplus medical

supplies and equipment worldwide, and in the process, we have diverted tonnes of materiel from landfills. We hope to be able to continue our work, but it won't be possible without a warehouse — a donated warehouse. We just can't operate without donated space."

Before closing its doors, IHC has plans to load containers for Guatemala, El Salvador and Nigeria.

For more information, please contact Kevin Stewart, president of International Hope Canada at 204-771-1215 or president@internationalhope.ca or visit www.internationalhope.ca.

Background Information International Hope Canada

Since 1997, IHC has diverted more than 1,000 tonnes of redundant but usable medical supplies and equipment from Manitoba landfills and redistributed those items to hospitals and clinics in over 50 developing countries. The all-volunteer, charitable organization collects donated equipment and supplies from hospitals, nursing homes, dental and doctors' offices, medical supply companies and private individuals; cleans

and makes repairs as needed; then re-packs and, through partnership with other groups, fills and ships containers to clinics and hospitals in-need worldwide.

IHC is run entirely by volunteers, it has no staff or administrative overhead save for a telephone and website and has benefitted from the generous donation of warehouse space since 2001. The cost of shipping loaded containers is borne by partner groups, and recipients are never charged for the contents. Nominal funds are raised through the rental of some select equipment for short-term use on movie sets. Those funds are applied to the cost of supplies for cleaning and the repair of equipment to be shipped.

Over the past 22 years, the range and quantity of equipment and supplies shipped is staggering: hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, incubators, dental suites, operating room equipment, bandages, sterile gloves, scalpels and other small surgical tools, a forest of crutches, even an ambulance. Tens of thousands around the world have been helped — by equipment and supplies that are considered unusable or redundant in Canada.

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Manitoba Public Insurance applies for rate decrease

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Manitoba Public Insurance has requested a rate decrease of 0.6 per cent in an amendment to its 2020-21 General Rate Application filed Oct. 4 with the Public Utilities Board (PUB). If approved, 610,000 Manitoba vehicles will have lower Basic auto insurance premiums.

If approved by the PUB, the average passenger vehicle owner will pay about \$10 less in premiums per year. The PUB hearings began this week and conclude later this month. The board typically issues its order in December.

For background, MPI originally requested a 0.1 rate increase in June, but due to favourable financial results as of the end of September, the corporation filed the amendment Oct. 4, requesting an overall rate decrease for the first time since 2012.

A key contributing factor to the rate amendment was MPI has performed better than budget in the

first half of the year due to its ongoing fiscal prudence and commitment to reducing operating expenses while improving its claims management process. MPI has also achieved its 100 per cent Minimum Capital Test (MCT) target the minimum amount the company should hold in reserves to protect against rate shock and ensure rates remain stable.

"With such positive financial results, it would be inappropriate to ask for a rate increase, although it was nominal to request in the first place," said Ben Graham, president and CEO of Manitoba Public Insurance. "As we continue to execute our operational strategy, MPI is dedicated to maintaining stable and predictable rates which remain among the most affordable in Canada while providing exceptional coverage to Manitobans."

"MPI is one of the few auto insurers in Canada to request a rate decrease this year. While other pri-

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Commercial	0.7%
Public	10.4%
Motorcycles	5.1%
Trailers	-5.2%
Off-road Vehicles	-12.5%
Overall (applied for)	-0.6%

Proposed rate reductions would be effective March 1, 2020.

vate auto jurisdictions are looking at double digit increases, Manitoba once again demonstrates the strength of the public auto insurance system. Now that we have established a strong financial foundation — our focus will continue to meet customers changing needs now and also into the future."

The proposed rates would be effective March 1, 2020, but because renewal dates are staggered, some vehicle owners won't pay their new rates until Feb. 28, 2021.

Lundar Agricultural Society finds income source

By Evan Matthews

The Lundar Agricultural Society has been gifted a sustainable income source for years to come, its president hopes.

Just last week, the Ag Society made 310 bales of hay available for purchase, first come first serve, according to president Mike Kostyshyn. The pending hay sales were made possible by a land donation from Donald Thorkelson and family.

"We started looking for ways to raise money, for the operation of our buildings," said Kostyshyn, referring to the Agri-Ed Centre, and the Lundar Ag Society's office and kitchen space.

"The land was unused, basically, so (the family) said we could use it."

The land is located roughly six and a half kilometres north of Lundar, according to Kostyshyn, right on Highway 6.

But rather than have the Thorkelson family sell off

land for a one-time fundraising effort, Kostyshyn said the Ag Society will provide volunteers to the land to work the land, seed it and cultivate a hay or grain crop for harvest over the summers to come.

This year's hay harvest is the Ag Society's first to come off the land for the society, and Kostyshyn said he expects to raise roughly \$100 per bale, though the society could potentially receive more.

That would generate a rough estimate of about \$31,000 to \$45,000 in additional revenue for the Lundar Ag Society, annually, designated for operational costs.

Potential purchasers have the option to buy one-third of the 310-bale crop (roughly 103.3 bales) or Kostyshyn said they could buy the entire crop (a full 310 bales).

Kostyshyn said he hopes they may get a few more crops off the land next year, providing there is more rain next season.

The new land donation and associated crop sales is expected to be the Lundar Ag Society's biggest annual fundraising initiative, according to Kostyshyn, and he said a great deal of thanks is owed to the Thorkelsons for allowing the society to use the land.

Kostyshyn added thanks to Paterson Grains and Mazurgroup, both in Arborg, for acting as sponsors. Paterson donated fertilizer, while Mazurgroup donated a tractor, baler and their salesman ended up being the one to actually bale the hay as well.

He also emphasized important relationships with the communities of Eriksdale, Arborg, Ashern and all the Northern 4H clubs, as Kostyshyn said the Lundar Ag Society is not just about Lundar.

For anyone interested in purchasing the bales, they are encouraged to contact the Lundar Agricultural Society at 204-762-5854.

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considered missing, according to the RCMP numbers.

Of those 1,181 cases, there are 225 unsolved cases of either missing or murdered aboriginal women.

The total numbers, according to the RCMP website, indicates Indigenous women are over-represented among Canada's murdered and missing women.

However, there are similarities across all female homicides, regardless of race. The RCMP website states men commit most homicides, and most of perpetrators knew their victims, whether as an acquaintance or a spouse.

The majority of all female homicides are solved — close

to 90 per cent — and there is little difference in solve-rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous victims, according to RCMP.

"We want people to have confidence in the RCMP if something does come up," said Garton. "They have our support."

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Interlake RCMP impressive

By Evan Matthews

There are so many things to be thankful for in this amazing and beautiful region.

Lets add one more to the list: positive RCMP community relations.

The police in this region do a great job of engaging citizens and showing them there is more to policing than one might understand.

Fisher Branch RCMP did a fantastic job last week hosting a Sisters in Spirit Vigil, in honour of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Is there a more daunting conversation relating to Canadian social, economical, political and historical culture?

RCMP, through their actions, are aiming to be accountable to its role in improving a national conversation. It's inspiring.

By inviting members of the commu-

nity out to a sincere and meaningful event, Cpl. Michael Garton connected with a multitude of people by showing a side of policing not often portrayed in the media.

A human side, as in, police officers are people too.

We, as a society, are all facing human problems and are in this together. That was the feeling.

Often times, whether it be in movies, TV shows or newspapers, society sees police officers in difficult situations, so often related to their line of work.

Subsequently, and undoubtedly, there is often a stigma related to police work.

Yet, we get to hear about stories like Const. Paul Human in Stonewall.

He's been dedicating time over the summer to pulling over Stonewall youth but not for anything negative, — in fact, quite the opposite.

Const. Human has been gifting kids "positive tickets" for doing things the right way. Things like wearing their helmets while riding a bike.

By engaging in positive interactions with youth, kids are learning about the police and building positive experiences and relationships.

It leaves kids with a more positive impression.

When we hear the news stories or see them drive by with the blue and red lights flashing, we tend to forget the officer is someone's family member and friend.

And sometimes they are our neighbours.

A friendly reminder is always appreciated, and the local RCMP have been doing a great job of letting people know they want to build positive relationships.

It shouldn't go unnoticed because it's not the case everywhere.

So, thanks for that, and here's hoping.

Federal election 2019 – Supporting small businesses

By the NDP government

Small businesses are the engine of job creation in Canada and an important part of every community across the country. Small businesses need a government that helps them access the services and infrastructure they need to thrive and expand, while investing in a healthy and talented workforce.

New Democrats believe that small businesses should have access to all the support they need to grow, innovate, and stay competitive in Canada and around the world. That's why we have stood up for lower small business taxes, opposed unfair merchant fees, and fought to make it easier to pass on small businesses to the next generation.

In government, New Democrats will keep working hard for small businesses to tackle issues that impact their bottom line, like high credit card merchant fees. Our plan for public, universal pharmacare will also save businesses approximately \$600 per employee with extended health benefits every year — and it means that all small businesses can feel confident knowing that their employees are able to access the prescription drugs they need.

We'll also make it easier for the family business to be passed on to future generations with new legislation to end the unfair tax treatment of family transfers of small businesses.

To help Canadian small business step out on the world stage, a New

Democrat government will streamline access to government export services and make it simpler to break into foreign markets. We'll also provide small- and medium-sized businesses with a single point of contact to help ease regulatory processes and support compliance — freeing up time for entrepreneurs to invest in growing their business.

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Andrew Scheer promises more support for Canada's veterans

Submitted by the Conservatives

Canadian veterans struggling with months-long waits for pensions and benefits can count on a new Conservative government to take immediate action to get them the support they deserve.

Andrew Scheer, leader of Canada's Conservatives, announced a comprehensive plan today to deliver more help to Canada's veterans in a timely and respectful manner.

"To every veteran who has struggled and who continues to struggle without the support and benefits you have earned through your service, my message is this: You deserve better. After Oct. 21, we are going to make things better," Scheer said. "Instead of forcing veterans to work harder for government benefits, it's time the government worked harder for our veterans' benefit. It's time for a government that works harder for you; it's time for

you to get ahead."

Scheer highlighted that a new Conservative government will:

1. Enshrine, in legislation, a Military Covenant between the Government of Canada and all Canada's veterans. This will guarantee that every veteran is treated with respect and is provided services in a timely manner.

2. Clear the current backlog of veterans' benefit applications within 24 months.

3. Create a reliable, dependable pension system that, unlike the Liberal status quo, is fair to Canada's most disabled veterans.

4. Strengthen transition services to support discharged or retired Canadian Armed Forces members.

5. Strike an independent inquiry to provide answers about Canadian Armed Forces members who were administered mefloquine.

6. Provide more service dogs to Ca-

nadian veterans in their communities.

7. Put vital commemoration projects, like the National Memorial for Canada's War in Afghanistan, back on track.

"These actions are simple, straightforward and practical," said Scheer. "They require new investment from a new government, but even more importantly, they require new priorities. Our military heroes are deserving. Our military heroes are worth it."

In 2015, Justin Trudeau promised that no Veteran would have to "fight the government for the support and compensation they have earned." Yet under the Trudeau Liberals, the number of veterans left stranded on government waitlists had ballooned to 40,000 – a growth of over 33 per cent. Worst of all, Trudeau continues to fight veterans in court and has dismissed their concerns, saying, "They're asking for more than we are able to give."

"Justin Trudeau never turned back SNC-Lavalin's lobbyists or claimed they were 'asking for more than he was able give.' When corporate lobbyists get the red carpet while veterans get left out in the cold, it's proof that Justin Trudeau is not as advertised," said Scheer.

"To our veterans, whether you are among the vanishing generations of heroes who served in World War II and the Korean War, or whether you are one of the heroes of Afghanistan or conflict zones around the world, you deserve our gratitude.

"When we look out for our veterans, we are looking out for the people who dedicated their lives to looking out for us. It's time for government that will stand up for our veterans. It's time for a Conservative government that will help you get ahead."

Liberals move forward to legislate net-zero emissions by 2050

By the Liberal government

A re-elected Liberal government will immediately commit Canada to net-zero emissions by 2050 and will help workers prepare for the clean energy transition.

Liberal candidates Catherine McKenna, Jonathan Wilkinson and Steven Guilbeault announced that a re-elected Liberal government would immediately commit Canada to achieving net-zero emissions by mid-century, joining 65 other countries and the European Union that made the pledge at the United Nations Climate Summit on Monday. Net-zero means some sectors could still emit carbon pollution, but these emissions would be offset by other actions — such as planting trees.

"The planet is burning and people are taking to the streets to demand stronger action to fight climate change," said Liberal candidate from Laurier-Sainte-Marie, Steven Guil-

beault. "The science is clear, the evidence is clear and Canadians are clear — we must step up and do even more to protect our environment. Our kids and grandkids are counting on us."

That's why a re-elected Liberal government will take concrete steps to lower emissions and make life more affordable for Canadians.

We will set legally binding, five-year milestones, based on the advice of the experts and consultations with Canadians, to reach net-zero emissions by 2050;

We will appoint a group of scientists, economists, and experts to recommend the best path to get to net-zero;

We will exceed Canada's 2030 emissions goal; and

We will ensure energy workers and communities can shape their own futures by introducing a Just Transition Act, giving workers access to the training, support and new opportuni-

ties needed to succeed in the future economy.

"It is time for Canada to join governments and leading businesses around the world that have committed to net zero emissions by 2050 in order to further tackle the worsening climate crisis," said Liberal candidate from Ottawa-Centre, Catherine McKenna. "We know that the strongest economies and businesses in the future will be those that embrace clean technologies. We will ensure that all Canadian workers are part of this transition to a cleaner, more prosperous and more sustainable future."

These commitments build on the Liberals' climate record that already includes over 50 measures to cut pollution and protect our environment. These include:

Banning harmful single-use plastics and microbeads;

Phasing out coal power by 2030 and

investing in renewables like wind and solar;

Putting a price on carbon pollution so it's no longer free to pollute anywhere in Canada, while putting more money back into Canadians' pockets;

Building 1,200 public transit projects across the country;

Making zero-emission vehicles more accessible and affordable; and

Investing in energy efficiency to help families and businesses save money.

"Climate change represents an existential threat, but also an economic opportunity for countries that foster technologies that address greenhouse gas emissions," said Jonathan Wilkinson, the Liberal candidate for North Vancouver. "We are committed to addressing this threat. Andrew Scheer, on the other hand, will do less and cost Canadians more in a plan that experts say will increase carbon pollution. We must do better."

Berens River RCMP respond to fatal pedestrian-vehicle collision

Submitted

On Oct. 3, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Berens River RCMP received a call that two individuals were blocking traffic on a roadway in the community, and the caller was worried about

their safety.

When officers arrived, medical personnel from the Berens River nursing station were already at the location, trying to revive one of the pedestrians who had been struck by a vehicle. The

29-year-old female pedestrian, from Berens River, was later pronounced deceased on scene.

It is believed that a truck, driven by a 62-year-old male, was turning at an intersection in the community when

he struck the 29-year-old female.

An autopsy is being scheduled and RCMP continue to investigate.

Modernization of Manitoba's agricultural Crown lands leasing program

Submitted

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) is engaging with the provincial government about the effects of its recently announced changes to the Agricultural Crown Lands (ACL) Leasing Program on beef producers and it is seeking desirable outcomes for the industry.

"Many producers rely on predictable and affordable access to Crown land leases as a major part of their operations, particularly in areas of the province where there is limited access to deeded land," said MBP president Tom Teichroeb. "During the consultative process, we identified key producer and industry priorities when it comes to the future direction of the ACL program and we are continuing to advance those priorities."

Among the changes being made to the ACL program MBP believes will be beneficial to the beef industry include:

- Allocating ACL leases via an auction system, which is a less complicated and more transparent process;
- A commitment to promoting compliance and using enforcement where needed to ensure the lands are being utilized for the intended purpose; and,
- The removal of the 4,800 Animal Unit Month cap per leaseholder for forage leases, a practice that has been restrictive and which did not necessarily take into account the increasing size of operations overall.

MBP has firm positions on several matters raised during the consultative process around the modernization of the ACL Program and it is continuing

to pursue their inclusion in the government's policies. They include:

- The continued ability for producers to be able to utilize family transfers and unit transfers;
- Allowing existing lease holders to have the first right of renewal upon expiry of their lease if they can demonstrate that they still meet the program terms and conditions. Access and predictability are essential to long-term planning related to livestock operations;
- Having a rental rate formula that is fair, easily understood, recognizes market conditions and does not place an undue financial burden on the producers during the transition to the new formula; and,
- The right to informed access whereby those wishing to access ACL

would need to notify the lease or permit holder prior to entry. This is important to address concerns related to potential biosecurity issues, and also to help protect livestock, people and the environment.

MBP believes that if the beef cattle sector is to grow it is essential agricultural Crown lands be allocated, priced and managed in the most predictable and transparent manner possible. This will help ensure their use is both effective and efficient for producers, and also help meet the stated objectives of the ACL program which include supporting the sustainable expansion of the livestock herd in Manitoba, contributing to ecological goods and services, and providing mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

A new Conservative government will work with provinces and territories to protect waters

By the Conservative government

James Bezan, Conservative candidate in Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman, and Raquel Dancho, Conservative candidate in Kildonan-St. Paul, highlighted the Conservative Party of Canada's plan to protect our waters. A new Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer will work with the provinces and municipalities to put an end to raw sewage being dumped in waterways across Manitoba.

"Our waterways should not be used as a toxic dumping ground and it's our responsibility to protect these vital natural assets for future generations to enjoy," said Bezan. "In one of her first acts as environment minister, Catherine McKenna gave the go-ahead to the City of Montreal to dump eight billion litres of raw sewage into one of Canada's most iconic waterways, the Saint Lawrence River. It's disgusting and it's wrong. We will help put an end to it."

Eight billion litres is the equivalent

of 3,200 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

In 2017 alone, municipalities dumped 215 billion litres of raw sewage untreated into lakes and rivers across the country. Between 2013 and 2017, raw sewage from the City of Winnipeg was dumped into the Red River on average 87 days a year. This dumping of raw sewage into the Lake Winnipeg Basin not only degrades water quality and safety, but also impacts on a number of key economic drivers in the Province of Manitoba such as fisheries, tourism and agriculture.

"The Red River runs straight through our Kildonan-St. Paul community and I'm hearing on the doors every day that residents have serious concerns of the negative impact raw sewage has on the Red River and Lake Winnipeg. This cannot be allowed to continue," said Dancho. "All three levels of government must come to the table to find a solution. As the Member of

Parliament for Kildonan-St. Paul, I will work hard to end this harmful practice and protect Manitoba's biodiversity for future generations."

Canada's Conservatives have a proud legacy when it comes to managing Canada's natural environment and improving Canada's environmental performance. A Real Plan to Protect Our Environment builds on this proud legacy and will further lower Canada's greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen environmental protections, with the core Conservative promise to put more money in Canadians' pockets so they can get ahead.

Andrew Scheer's plan for you to get ahead:

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• Introduce the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, allowing parents to claim up to \$1,000 for sports activities.

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• Introduce the Green Home Renovation Tax Credit, putting up to \$3,800 back in the pockets of Canadians for green home improvements.

RM of Fisher council tables proposed library discussion

By Evan Matthews

The RM of Fisher will wait another month before making a decision about a proposed library.

At its Oct. 2 meeting, the Fisher Library ad hoc committee presented a business plan to council, as it relates to the proposed library.

Council suggested reaching out to the Fisher Branch LUD and coming back for another delegation in November, according to CAO Kelly Marykuca.

Some of the things the ad hoc presented at the council meeting included the potential location(s) and own-

ership of the proposed library.

The ad hoc library committee suggested the municipality to purchase the building for the project, according to Marykuca, and the committee has narrowed its search down to one location from originally 14 potential locations.

The search narrowing came as the result of a facility consultation of the unnamed building, performed by Community Places consultant Ralph Mueller. The ad hoc committee's early thought is that the organization would join the Evergreen Regional Library (Group), and would require a levy of

\$18,726.75 from the RM annually, according to Marykuca.

The ad hoc committee, which now consists of 12 members, sees the library as a potential gathering place in the community, according to member Lynda Baker.

A place for people to take out books, e-books or provide language kits for new Canadians. Other community events could be hosted such as art displays, local author visits, book clubs, summer programs and a pre-school program, Baker said.

Oct. 2 was not the first time the committee had presented to council, ac-

cording to Baker, as after the first presentation council had asked the committee to have a petition signed. After the second presentation, council asked for a business plan.

Oct. 2 was the committee's the third presentation, and Baker said the committee has acquired a petition with over 300 signatures and developed a business plan with the help of Community Futures.

The committee had also acquired 12 letters of support from community groups, which Baker said should be an indication to the RM that there is a strong community desire.

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The practised ritual of fishing sturgeon

Welcome, friends.

It's been a while since I was over at Norris Lake to visit with anglers. A few weeks ago, I finally made it. As I drove slowly along the main camping lane, RVs were parked side by side with folks sitting beside them chatting and barbecuing while children played, chasing each other about. I pulled up to the dock where a tall chap was in the process of taking a jackfish off his hook. I got out of my car and called out, "How about holding that fish up so I can take a picture and put you in the newspaper?"

"Sure," our new friend agreed. After I took the picture, we struck up a conversation just as a lady angler walked up holding a fishing rod, its end high in the air. The line had two perch dangling from the double hooks of her pickerel rig.

"This is Tracy Noga and I'm Mark Heber," our tall friend offered. "We've moved into the Interlake and wanted to try fishing Norris Lake."

"Well, you guys seem to have caught enough for a meal," I observed.

"This is nothing," Mark said. "Off to the north of us, we watched in envy as a group of fishers hit a school of perch. As soon as their hooks hit the water, they had another one on!"

I laughed as I shook their hands upon leaving, saying, "Yeah, Norris is a great little lake for jack and big perch."

On a damp overcast day last week, I met an upbeat, very enthusiastic fellow at the Breezy Point landing who totally dispelled the dulling mood of the afternoon. Ray Blackmore was his name, and after a short talk, he gave us a vibrant description of his once-in-a-lifetime fight with a seven-and-a-half-foot sturgeon on the Fraser River. Standing beside his boat, Ray,

a man of average size sporting thick, grey hair under a well-used cap and an even thicker handlebar moustache, recalled hiring a guide with a boat who took him onto the river and handed him a very long, thick fishing rod.

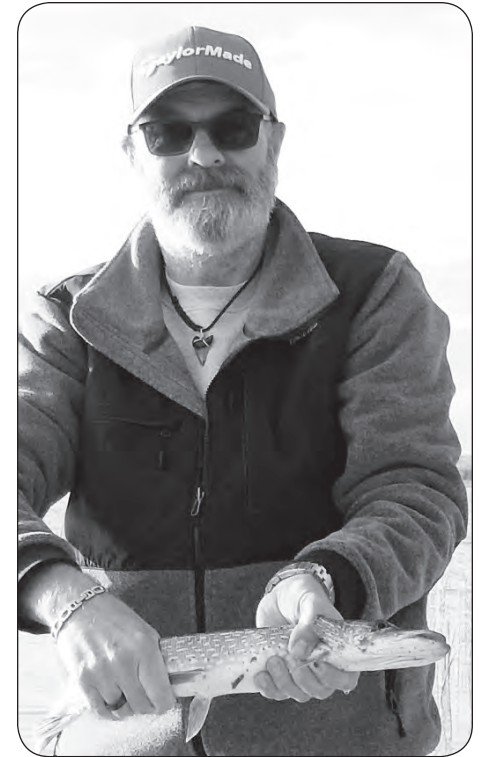
Once in the middle of the river, the guide turned his boat into the current and tossed out an anchor. Ray cast off the end of the boat so that his baited hook would be presented face first to any sturgeon since they almost always swim against the current. It didn't take long before he felt the telltale soft tug of a sturgeon scooping up his hook with its sucker-like mouth. Ray hauled up hard, setting the hook. Instantly he was pulled forward, his chest slamming against the top edge of the boat's gunwale by a giant hooked sturgeon, which rocketed skyward completely out of the water. The 150-pound test line ripped from the waves, snapping straight and tight between Ray and the fish.

The guide sprang to Ray, slinging and locking a tethered safety belt around his waist. Ray quickly widened his stance and flipped off his rod's drag. The reel sang as the line spun from it. Ray could now see the fish's bony, pointy backbone as it arced just above the water then dove slapping its double delta shaped tail against the chalky grey water. So the ritual practised by anglers began as Ray hauled up on the rod then lowered it as he reeled in. Again and again, the fish would be pulled to the surface only to defiantly lash out and dive for the river rock bed. An hour and a half

passed as fish and man battled each other. Ray's body burned with fatigue.

"I don't think I can go on any longer!" Ray cried out, his hands and wrists having lost their strength. Just then, thankfully, the fish rose to the surface, docile, played out. The guide manoeuvred the boat and fish to the shore where Ray jumped out and turned the fish over, knowing they become still when upside down. He measured it and took pictures of his catch before holding it by the tail directing its head into the current. Soon it revived, and with a wave from Ray, swam away.

You may remember some time ago I shared a story of a brother angler slipping on the slimy rocks along the Winnipeg River by Pine Falls and falling into the water. Lately, I met a young, six-foot-plus tall Winnipegger shore fishing on the Red by Selkirk. His name is Devin Morissette and he had just come back from riverbank fishing at Pine Falls where a scream began an event. He told how his eyes shot in the direction of the cry only to see two bare feet flying in the air and then a splashing sound. He, along with others, scrambled over the rocks to see a young blond lady angler crawling soaking wet out of the cold water. When she regained firm ground, Devin witnessed a very heartwarming



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Mark Heber with his catch from Norris Lake.

angler's gesture. The women close by collected dry clothes from themselves or their vehicles and gave them to the girl. Now warm, she settled amongst them and kept right on fishing!

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Little Elska grand opening sees over 200 people come through the door

By Patricia Barrett

Little Elska in Arborg opened to great success last Saturday with over 200 people flooding into the store to check out the wide variety of speciality and custom-made gift items.

Owner Jackie Horvat said she was amazed and overwhelmed by the response she received.

"We have been in business for over

five years online, and having our customers now be able to come into our store and see our products in person is exciting for us all," said Horvat, who treated customers to lemonade and cupcakes.

Little Elska specializes in baby items such as personalized minky blankets, bibs, onesies and stuffed animals, but also offers custom mugs, 3D wood



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Deanna Sewell, left, Courtney Johannesson, middle, and Little Elska owner-operator Jackie Horvat at the grand opening last Saturday.

signs, engraved cutting boards, beard products, hats, personalized necklaces, pillows, car seat covers and backpacks, to name a few.

"We sold out of some stock, but have more arriving soon," said Horvat.

Little Elska is located at 365 Main St. and is open Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Dr. George Johnson Middle School giving free rein to innovation in IDEAS room



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Dr. George Johnson Middle School Students have access to a checklist of skills that can help students explore new ideas for the sake of innovation.

By Patricia Barrett

Dr. George Johnson Middle School in Gimli has set aside a room where students in grades 5 to 8 can explore any idea they want with total freedom and distraction from school work.

The Innovation, Design EngAge-ment Space, or IDEAS room for short, was modelled after the concept of a Skunk Works, a term used in technology and engineering to describe a group of people given complete autonomy to explore new ideas for the sake of innovation.

"Students can come in here and do things that are completely [self-generated] and it allows them to explore critical thinking," said Dr. George principal James Gibbs. "It has nothing to do with the curriculum."

The creation of the Macintosh personal computer is probably the best example of what can happen in a Skunks Works-type environment, he said.

The IDEAS room has everything

from building materials to battery-operated electronics to fabrics. The freedom to explore pays off in terms of kids learning how to become risk-takers without having to feel pressured to come up with something concrete, said Gibbs.

For students who like a highly structured learning environment and certainty about how to go about a task, the IDEAS room can be a bit strange, said Gibbs, but it can help them break away from a preferred style of learning and try something completely different.

Grades 5 and 6 teacher Richard Truscott said the IDEAS room is a way to "get kids to become more resilient, creative and collaborative."

He said students could make a bridge, create a drama or choreograph a dance, all of which would entail problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

There is checklist of skills posted on the wall of the IDEAS room that



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Skills Manitoba had Grade 7 students at Dr. George undertake a project in the IDEAS room.

serves as an overall guide to innovation. It includes critical thinking skills such as identifying problems and exploring different solutions that might solve them, communication skills such as sharing ideas and encouraging others to expand their ideas, creativity skills such as brainstorming, and collaboration skills that entail sharing responsibility for tasks and being willing to compromise.

Counsellor and resource teacher Kelly Croy said Skills Manitoba had the school's Grade 7 students undertake a hands-on activity in the IDEAS room to help prepare them for competitions that highlight skills needed in technology and the trades.

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Eriksdale hosts 23rd annual Boyz N Bullz rodeo



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The 23rd Boneyard General Repair Boyz N' Bullz bull riding event was held in Eriksdale last weekend. The annual event was held at the Eriksdale Rec Centre and included a steak and Mr. Perogie supper. The riders entertained the crowd before everyone enjoyed the cowboy social.

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Winnipeg Beach Cross-country Ski Club making additional trails

By Patricia Barrett

Cross-country skiers in Winnipeg Beach will be sliding along an extended network of trails this winter thanks to the efforts of the local ski club.

The club created trails through Mr. Moore Park last winter and is planning on making additional trails through town and the provincial park. It's also looking at setting up trails in Dunnottar.

"We'll be expanding trails throughout the town [Winnipeg Beach]," said club president Jim Bennett, who along with other club members took part in a Get to Know your Community event a few weeks ago at the Winnipeg Beach Community Centre. "The provincial park has agreed to let us be on their space. We stay off private land, but the trails will be expanded, hopefully, south and north of town."

The club held an inaugural ski event and barbecue last winter to help with costs and is currently fundraising for a snowmobile and a tracker, which grades the snow and makes the grooves. The cost of fuel and equipment repairs are covered by membership fees.

The club's fundraiser this year is a December Cash Calendar draw that will give ticket holders 31 chances to

win.

"If we sell out all 500 cash calendars, we'll get a \$5,000 grant from Building Sustainable Communities for our sled and groomer," said club member Jennifer Heinrichs.

Tickets for the cash calendar are \$10 and can be purchased from town businesses and club members.

Heinrichs said the club already received a \$2,000 grant from the Healthy Together Now program (Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority and provincial government) for equipment, and it will be offering free ski lessons this winter.

The club is also in the process of extending its reach to Dunnottar. It has already spoken with Dunnottar's council, scoped out possible locations and just needs to get land-use permission.

Town of Winnipeg Beach Deputy Mayor Pat Green, who attended the community event, congratulated the club for their fundraising efforts and for taking the initiative to encourage residents to participate in a fun outdoor winter activity and stay healthy.

"Kudos to them. They've gone ahead and built ski trails in Mr. Moore Park and they're raising funds for the equipment they need," said Green.



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT

Members of the Winnipeg Beach Cross-country Ski Club.

"And this was accomplished by a community group of a few people who had an idea of what they wanted to do and just went out and did it."

Ski club memberships are \$60 for families, \$30 for adults and \$25 for

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Evergreen Foundation of Manitoba supports post-secondary youth

By Patricia Barrett

The Evergreen Foundation of Manitoba (EFM) presented four \$1,000 scholarships to high school graduates of the Evergreen School Division to help them with the costs of post-secondary education.

Kaly Devlin, Ryan Crave, Mycailah Einarson and Darren Sewell were this year's scholarship recipients.

The EFM awards took place in conjunction with the Westshore Community Foundation's awards night Oct. 4 at the Lakeview Resort.

Every year the EFM's board of directors selects students who demonstrate exemplary scholastic achievement, the pursuit of lifelong learning and are involved in student and/or community activities. The scholarships help students cover the costs of either university or college studies.

"This year's recipients are all well-rounded students who are actively involved in their communities," said Evergreen School Division trustee Ruth Ann Furgala, who co-hosted the EFM awards with trustee Robert Arnason and provided a brief biography of each recipient.

Devlin, who has a kinesiology and recreation management degree, is the recipient of a new grant EFM will be administering over the next 10 years — the Dr. R. C. Patel & Mrs. Shakuntala Patel Scholarship.

"Dr. Patel retired after 45 years of dedicated service to Gimli and the surrounding area," said Furgala. "He began his practice in 1973 and is well-known by his colleagues and patients for his conscientious, sincere and empathetic care of his patients."

The scholarship was implemented this year for Gimli High School graduates specializing in medical studies.

Devlin will be pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy. She was recognized for taking



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY PATRICIA BARRETT
Darren Sewell received a \$1,000 Evergreen Foundation Scholarship from trustee Robert Arnason.



Evergreen School Division trustee Robert Arnason presents Kaly Devlin with a \$1,000 Dr. R.C. Patel Scholarship.

a leadership role in social justice, community and school activities.

Crave is a graduate of Gimli High School and is currently pursuing a degree in education with the goal of becoming a high school physical education teacher. He's known for his kind disposition, strong work ethic and conscientiousness.

Einarson graduated from Riverton Collegiate and

is a certified health-care aide. She wants to further her education in nursing. She's a team player with solid communication skills and empathy for others.

Described as hard-working, personable and supportive, Sewell, who graduated from Gimli High School, is pursuing Red Seal certification in the electrician program at Red River College.

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Westshore Community Foundation invests in youth and the community

By Patricia Barrett

The Westshore Community Foundation (WCF) held an awards night Oct. 4 at the Lakeview Resort to celebrate local youth pursuing post-secondary studies and to recognize organizations improving the overall quality of life in the community.

WCF president Tim Arnason said 54 (28 per cent) of Canada's 191 community foundations operate in Manitoba.

"This speaks to the philanthropic nature of our province," said Arnason. "Westshore sees philanthropy as critical to helping our communities."

In 2019 Westshore provided \$40,000 in grants to 15 projects, said board member Tristin Tergesen. Projects included dementia therapy at Betel Home, lighting upgrades at the Riverton Memorial Arena, structural repairs at the Gimli Children's Centre, kitchen modernization at the Gimli Lutheran Church and gymnasium upgrades at the Winnipeg Beach Community Centre.

WCF has been offering post-secondary scholarships since 2005, providing \$26,473 this year. It also administers a number of scholarships on behalf of individual donors, including Larry and Helen Kristjanson, Tim and Delphine Arnason, Carole Ann Clark and Alison Olson.

"I have been with the scholarship committee since its inception and continue to feel so rewarded, along with our board of directors, to assist very deserving young people pursue their dreams," said WCF director Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski, who hosted the presentation and provided a biography of each recipient.

2019 Westshore scholarship recipients:

- Mackayla McPherson-Chambers (Matlock). Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family Scholarship, \$5,473

- Ive-Mayia Dalman (Gimli). Carole Ann Clark Memorial Scholarship, \$2,726

- Jasmine Henry (Arnes). Tim & Delphine Arnason Scholarship, \$1,000

-Alanna Mohan (Gimli) and Lauren MacVicar (Gimli). Alison Olson Memorial Scholarship, \$2,300 each.

- Melissa Porteous (Gimli), Denali Sigurdson (Riverton), Skyelar Iliencko (Winnipeg Beach) and Emily Pemkowski (Gimli). Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship (High School), \$500 each.

- Cameron Adams (Gimli). Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship, \$2,300

- Caleb Plett (Riverton). Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship, \$1,500

- Samantha Ward (Gimli) and Saveja Ellison (Gimli). Westshore Commu-

nity Foundation Scholarship, \$1,400 each.

-Jillian Henry (Arnes), Brina Erenberg (Matlock) and Emma Zdebiak (Gimli). Westshore Community Foundation Scholarship, \$1,358 each.



Ive-Mayia Dalman received \$2,726 from the Carol Ann Clark Memorial Scholarship to further her studies in education.



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WCF director Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski (right) with scholarship recipients.



Brina Erenberg received a \$1,358 WCF Scholarship for studies in biological science. Brina intends to further her studies in medicine with the goal of becoming a doctor.



Delphine and Tim Arnason presented Jasmine Henry with a \$1,000 Tim & Delphine Arnason Scholarship to help her pursue music education.



Emily Pemkowski received a \$500 WCF High School Scholarship. Jason Porteous accepted a \$500 WCF scholarship on behalf of daughter Melissa Porteous.



Emma Zdebiak received a \$1,358 WCF Scholarship to help her with a fine arts degree.



Helen Kristjanson presented Mickayla McPherson-Chambers with a \$5,473 bursary from the Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family Fund to help with education studies.



Ruby Tretiak presented Cameron Adams with a \$2,300 WCF Scholarship for Indigenous Studies. Adams plans to teach Cree language in northern Manitoba.



Lauren MacVicar received a \$2,300 Alison Olson Memorial Scholarship award. Ruby Tretiak presented the award.



Caleb Plett's dad picked up a \$1,500 WCF Scholarship on his behalf. Caleb is in his fourth year of university and plans to become a communications officer.



Samantha Ward received a \$1,400 WCF Scholarship for education studies.



Saveja Ellison received a \$1,400 WCF Scholarship for her clinical psychologist degree.



Wes Henry accepted a \$1,358 WCF Scholarship on behalf of his daughter Jillian Henry, who is studying nursing with a speciality in geriatrics.



Ruby Tretiak presents Alanna Mohan with a \$2,300 Alison Olson Memorial Scholarship.

50 years of Viking Pharmacy (Pharmasave) down to Icelandic stubbornness

By Patricia Barrett

Imagine opening your own pharmacy a few years before roughly half your town's population leaves.

That's exactly what happened to Gimli pharmacist Ernest Stefanson after making his dream of owning his own pharmacy a reality.

But what Icelander — who put the word Viking in the name of his pharmacy — would fold in the face of hardship?

"It was called Icelandic stubbornness," said Stefanson, referring to his determination to succeed in a former grocery store he and fellow pharmacist Russ Keeler christened Viking Pharmacy in 1969.

And over the course of the next 50 years, Stefanson turned his store into one of the largest pharmacies in rural Manitoba despite a difficult beginning that started with the closure of the Royal Canadian Air Force flying school in 1971.

"It was a huge blow. The feeling in Gimli was very negative because nobody knew what tomorrow would bring," said Stefanson, who graduated from the University of Manitoba's pharmacy program. "When the base closed, all those people moved out. I always say I ate an awful lot of Kraft Dinner in those years because we couldn't afford to do anything."

The dream back in the 1960s was to own your pharmacy. And after working as a pharmacist at the Health Science's Centre, Stefanson and Keeler bought the Gimli grocery store on the corner of Centre and Fourth with loans from their respective fathers. Keeler eventually bought his own pharmacy in Ashern after it became clear Viking Pharmacy couldn't properly support two pharmacists' wages.

After the base closed, Stefanson said he stayed afloat with help from his father, who took over payments on the store for about three years until business picked up.

"It was terribly under-serviced," said Stefanson. "We had hardly any stock because we just couldn't afford the merchandise. But I think it helped that people in town knew who we were. We're a relationship business: unless you get that part right, you're dead."

What did fly off the shelves was tobacco, accounting for about 60 per cent of the store's sales.

But that was soon to change after Stefanson entered "pharmacy politics," serving as president of the Manitoba Society of Pharmacists and later joining the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPA) board.

He spearheaded an initiative to ban tobacco from Manitoba pharmacies, taking the lead in 1985 when he stopped selling it at Viking Pharmacy.

"That was big news. I got a lot of media coverage on it, even national coverage," said Stefanson. "Cigarette advertising was big. I said it's a health issue, and I didn't think pharmacies should be promoting something detrimental to your health."

Some people congratulated him, but others were "ticked." Stefanson said he was then asked to chair a committee to champion the



The old Viking Pharmacy building was moved north to Diemo Machine in Bifrost.



Viking Pharmacy.

cause and had a "pretty good success rate" convincing independent pharmacies to ban tobacco. But he had little buy-in from corporate pharmacies, including a big-name pharmacy owned at the time by Imperial Tobacco.

After becoming president of CPA (1992-1993) and serving as Canadian representative to the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association, Stefanson turned his focus to promoting the pharmacist in the community, making people aware of their value to the health-care needs of patients.

By that time, he had constructed a new building (in 1984) behind the old store, which sailed off into the sunset on the back of a semitrailer to find new life as a metal shop at Diemo Machine Works north of Arborg. It is still part of Diemo's operation today.

In 1990 Stefanson joined the Pharmasave buying group, a successful nationwide chain of independently owned pharmacies.

"It was good joining Pharmasave because they gave us a lot of support, which we never had before, including opportunities to buy merchandise at a better price," said Stefanson. "We were still independent but we had a franchise name."

Pharmacist Claire Gillis joined Pharmasave in 1998, working part time at the store while completing her practicum at a Teulon pharmacy.

Over the years she and Stefanson have stepped up to help the Interlake pharmacist community by filling in at other pharmacies when an extra pair of hands was needed. They also sponsor local events and initiatives, as well as help fundraise for Diabetes Canada.

Although Stefanson sold Pharmasave last year to a new owner, he and Gillis continue to work there on a part-time basis.

"It's not a common thing in today's day and age that a store is in business for 50 years with



EXPRESS PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT Ernest Stefanson and Claire Gillis relax at home.



EXPRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF CLAIRE GILLIS Ernest opens Viking Pharmacy in 1969.



Staff at Pharmasave.

the same person," said Gillis. "It wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for Ernest."

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Local athletes excel at Zone 5 Cross-Country Championship

Staff

There were several outstanding top-10 performances by local runners at the Zone 5 Cross-Country Championship last week in Stony Mountain.

The junior varsity boys' race was dominated by local runners as Peguis High School's Lawson Spence won the event with an impressive time of 17:19.

Lundar School's Jesse Bindle was third (18:11), followed by Gimli High School's Zach Meadows (fifth, 18:40), Riverton Collegiate's Brody Maxwell (sixth, 19:44), Gimli's Adam Vigfusson (seventh, 19:46), Fisher River High School's Jordan Sinclair (eighth, 20:24) and Gimli's Matthew Huston (10th, 20:34).

Gimli's contingent of Meadows, Adam Vigfusson, Nathan Vigfusson, Huston, Tanner Kasupski, Kieran Mellen and Jordan Selkirk won the team event.

Finishing second was Fisher River's team of Sinclair, Conner Hart, Maximus Mallette, Jesse Mallette, Mitch Wilson and Cayden Murdock.

Peguis' squad of Spence, Braiden Spence-Stevenson, Zachary Spence and Jeremy McCorrister placed third.

Gimli's Michael Crave was fifth in the varsity boys' race with a time of 21:29. Fisher River's Kyle Cochrane was eighth after crossing the finish line in 22:35.

In the junior varsity girls' race, Riverton Collegiate's Jule Sigurdson placed third with a time of 16:21.

Arborg Collegiate's Larissa Cladeira finished seventh after crossing the finish line in 19:29.

Ecole Communautaire Aurele-Lemouine's Zoe Oughton placed ninth with a time of 19:32.

The Peguis High School's foursome of Emma Bear, Clara-Jean, Precious Stevenson and Terry-Lynn Daniels finished third in the team event.

The varsity girls' race saw Arborg Collegiate's Keely Emms-Finnson place fifth (22:01), just one spot ahead of teammate Olivia Orbanski (22:33).

The Athletics' Natasha English was 10th with a time of 24:19.

Those three combined with Chasity Leask and Brooke Blahey to finish second in the varsity girls' team category.

The MHSAA Cross-Country Provincial Championship will be held Oct. 16 in Stony Mountain.



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The Arborg Collegiate Athletics' varsity girls' cross-country team finished second at the Zone 5 championship last week in Stony Mountain. Pictured, left to right: Keely Emms-Finnson, Delaney Yarema, Chasity Leask, Kylie Floyd, Brooke Blahey and Olivia Orbanski. In front is Natasha English.

Riverton wins pair of home volleyball tournaments

Staff

The Riverton Patriots junior varsity girls' volleyball team won their home tournament last weekend, defeating the Gimli Lakers in the championship game last Friday.

Riverton beat Gimli 2-0 by scores of 25-15 and 25-17.

The Patriots earlier defeated the Ashern Cobras 2-1 (21-25, 25-10, 15-8).

In five-team pool play, Riverton placed first with a 6-2 record in sets. That was ahead of the Peguis Wolverines (6-2), Gimli (5-3), Ashern (3-5) and the St. Laurent Hawks (0-8).

In varsity boys' volleyball action on Saturday, Riverton defeated Gimli 2-0 (25-17, 25-18) in the final of the Lakers' home tournament.

The Patriots had earlier swept playoff matches against the Men-



The Riverton Patriots junior varsity girls' and boys' teams both won their home tournaments last weekend.

nonite Collegiate Blues (25-15, 25-17) and the Morweena Christian School Raptors (25-19, 25-16).

Gimli reached the final after beating the Lac du Bonnet



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Chargers 2-0 (25-13, 25-21) and the Carman/Elm Creek Cougars 2-0 (25-13, 25-19).

Interlake improves to 5-0 with win over Neepawa

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Thunder had a very balanced offensive attack against the Neepawa Tigers.

And it resulted in a lopsided victory. Interlake seemingly ran and threw at will as the Thunder knocked off Neepawa 63-12 in Rural Manitoba Football League action last Friday.

"The offence moved the ball really well and just kept rolling all day," said Thunder head coach Mitch Obach. "It was one of those games where we definitely got a lot of guys involved and got some good production out of guys who we hadn't had as much out of so it was nice to see it spread around."

Thunder quarterback Josh Charison was efficient, once again, completing 17-of-31 passes for 253 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran in a pair of TDs.

Charison's favourite target was Karsen Karish, who hauled in five passes for 96 yards and a major.

Other touchdown passes were caught by Gabriel Perrie, Brady de Laroque and Jaxon Pilon.

Besides catching four passes for 77 yards, deLaroque was also very good on the ground, rushing 13 times for 128 yards while Gabriel Perrie carried the ball five times for 20 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Jacob Naherne scored Interlake's other touchdown on a two-yard run.

That's a lot of offensive production from a lot of different players.

"That's a real exciting thing to have because you never know with football, any play can be a real problem with injuries," Obach said. "When you have lots of guys with skills that can step up and do what's needed, it gives you a lot more confidence in any game."

On the defensive side of the ball, Tyson Wryha and James Crate led the Thunder with seven tackles apiece while Aiden McLean and Eric Zotter each had five tackles.

Wryha also had a sack while Chase Riddle hauled in an interception and Jonathan Pchajek had a fumble recovery.

The Thunder's defence pitched a shutout in the game as Neepawa's touchdowns came via a kickoff return and a turnover.

"Everyone was contributing so it was a real solid effort," Obach said of the Thunder's stifling defence.

Interlake (5-0) will host the Dauphin Clippers (2-3) on Friday at Stonewall Collegiate. Kickoff is at 4:30 p.m.

"We want to go 6-0 but Dauphin got a win last weekend against Virden, which we were a little surprised based on earlier scores," Obach noted. "In



EXPRESS PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Lundar's Jaxon Pilon had a receiving touchdown against Neepawa last Friday. The Thunder won 63-12.

their last two games, they have played really low scoring, tight games. I think they have self-declared themselves as rebuilding but I think things are going pretty quick and their defence

seems to have come a long way real quick.

"I think they'll be a good test for us and it will be playoff weather here, which will be a good test as well."

Lightning boys 1-2 at Bantam AAA Showcase

Staff

The Interlake Lightning boys' hockey team finished with a 1-2 record at the Bantam "AAA" Showcase last weekend in Winnipeg.

Interlake started the tournament with a convincing 6-1 win over the Norman Wolves on Saturday morning.

Hayden Wheddon led the Lightning with two goals and two assists while Darian Sinclair chipped in with a pair of goals and a helper.

Adam Vigfusson also sniped a pair of goals for the Lightning.

Logan Primrose scored Norman's lone goal midway in the second period.

Interlake was 2-for-5 with the man advantage while the Wolves were 1-for-8.

Norman outshot the Interlake 40-30 as Dawson Cowan earned the win in goal.

Later that evening, Interlake was blanked 1-0 by the Southwest Cougars. Nate Robson scored the game's lone goal in the second period.

Dylan LeClair made 27 saves in the losing cause.

On Sunday, the Lightning were

defeated 5-2 by the Pembina Valley Hawks.

Ty Woods and Rylan Slatcher scored for the Interlake.

Ryan Orchard (two), Baylen Dilk, Cedrick Robideaux and Tyson Vassart had goals for Pembina Valley.

Lightning Bantam 'AAA' female

In Bantam "AAA" girls action, the Interlake Lightning competed in their first of three showcases this season last weekend.

Interlake began action Friday with a 15-0 loss to the Winnipeg Twins. On Saturday, the Lightning was shut out 9-0 by the St. Vital Victorias.

Sunday saw the Lightning knock off the Norman Wild 4-1.

Bre-Ann Windross, Abby Beaman, Daryn Bremner and Mikke Thorkelson (shorthanded) scored for the Lightning.

Rachel Halldorson made 22 saves for the win.

According to the Hockey Manitoba website, Interlake was scheduled to play the Winnipeg Titans on Sunday morning at the Seven Oaks Sportsplex. No score, however, was posted on the website by press time.

Tourney champs



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The Riverton Collegiate Patriots were outstanding on the volleyball court last weekend with the varsity boys winning the GHS tournament title.

Winnipeg Beach's Lott wins Thistle WCT event

By Ty Dilello

Winnipeg Beach's curling duo Colton and Tanner Lott were victorious on the ice this past weekend as they captured the Manitoba Curling Tour Classic at the Thistle Curling Club in Winnipeg by defeating Fort Rouge's Corey Chambers in the final by a 6-1 scoreline.

The Lott boys this season are teamed up with East St. Paul's Kyle Doering and their Northern Ontario import skip Tanner Horgan. After a couple of early season playoff appearances, last weekend's triumph at the Thistle was the first title won by this newly formed squad. Over the course of the weekend, the Horgan rink was nearly perfect winning six games and losing just one.

"You know it wasn't easy out there by any stretch of the imagination," relays second Kyle Doering. "We struggled at times with the ice and fought through some frustration early on to win some games and then in the playoffs we managed to string together a couple of wins to pull out the title. It was a great end to a long weekend of curling and we're all pretty excited with the win."

Doering adds that, "We got to the quarterfinals in Morris to start the year and then when we went to Ontario for a bonspiel we reached the quarterfinals again. A couple weekends ago we lost the final in an event at the Granite to a very experienced Gunnlaugson rink so we felt like we could win this weekend if we could string together a couple of wins and that's what we did. I'm really proud of the guys and how they performed."

The Horgan rink is back at it again this upcoming weekend as they are competing in the prestigious Canad Inns Prairie Classic out in Portage la Prairie. It's a Grand-Slam worthy field that brings a lot



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The Winnipeg Beach rink, left to right, Tanner Horgan, Colton Lott, Kyle Doering, and Tanner Lott were champions at the Manitoba Curling Tour Classic in Winnipeg this past weekend.

of the top teams in the world such as Koe, Gushue, Bottcher, McEwen out and has a whopping prize purse of \$56,000 that the rinks will be competing for.

"We're going to be coming into Portage with a lot of confidence so we will definitely look to use that to our advantage and come out guns blazing and hopefully pull out some wins," says Doering. "You always just have to take things one game at a time but were excited for the challenge that the Prairie Classic brings."

On the women's side at the Thistle, Granite's

Meghan Walter stole a point in the eighth end to defeat Assiniboine Memorial's Abby Ackland (which features Marquette's Sara Oliver) 6-4 in the final. Ackland went 2-2 in the round robin before defeating Altona's Mackenzie Zacharias in the semi-final to set up their final with Walter.

The Manitoba Curling Tour Classic in Winnipeg featured a field of fifteen teams on the men's side and nine teams in the women's field playing for cash and valuable World Curling Tour ranking points.

Interlake pricks Thistles twice in Teulon

Staff

The Interlake Lightning have had a fantastic start to their Manitoba U18 "AAA" Hockey League regular season.

Interlake improved its record to 3-1 after sweeping a pair of home games against the Kenora Thistles last weekend.

The Lightning completed the sweep after defeating the Thistles 7-3 on Sunday afternoon.

Austin Adair led Interlake with a pair of second-period, power-play goals while Lyle Murdock had a goal and two assists.

Liam Foley, Carl Ingalls, Ayden Manningway and

Griffin Haight also scored for the Lightning.

Ben Hackl, Cael Anderson and Curtis Giguire answered with goals for Kenora.

Interlake's power play was very potent, scoring four times in seven chances. The Lightning penalty kill was also great, blanking Kenora in eight power-play opportunities. Dominic Jacobson stopped 32 Kenora shots for the win.

On Saturday evening, the Lightning thumped the Thistles 10-1. Interlake completely dominated Kenora from start to finish, building period leads of 3-1 and 6-1.

Ingalls led the Lightning with two goals and two

assists while Matthew Vandel chipped in with two goals and a helper.

Ashton Fisher, Karson King, Murdock, Haight, Manningway and Cole Emberly also scored for the Interlake. Foley had two assists. Evan Armit scored Kenora's lone goal, beating Lightning netminder Chris Fines. Fines made 15 saves for the win as Interlake outshot Kenora 45-16.

The Lightning (3-1) will have a couple of tough tests this weekend when they host the Winnipeg Thrashers (4-1) on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and the Winnipeg Wild (4-0) Sunday (2 p.m.). Both games will be in Teulon.

Lightning U18 female hockey team earns first point

Staff

The Interlake Lightning earned their first point of the Manitoba Female Hockey League U18 AAA regular season last weekend.

Interlake received that point after a 4-3 shootout loss to the Central Plains Capitals on Saturday in Stonewall.

Shyanne Chartrand, Natalie Chivers and Emerson

McAuley scored for the Interlake.

Taylor Kristjanson had two assists in the game while Abegael Glass made 22 saves in the losing cause.

Jaeda Clayton, Melayna Drozd and Sydney Rumpfli scored for Central Plains.

On Sunday, Interlake was blanked 4-0 by the Yellowhead Chiefs in Warren.

Yellowhead, which held period leads of 1-0 and 3-0, received two-goal efforts from Jena Barscello and Emmalie Thompson. Lightning goalie Katie Dorsch was very busy in goal, making 51 saves.

Interlake will host the Westman Wildcats on Friday at 8 p.m. in Warren. The Lightning will then take on the Eastman Selects on Saturday at 4:45 p.m. in Stonewall.

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Arborg Bifrost-Riverton Community Development Corporation Economic Development Officer Position

The Arborg Bifrost-Riverton Community Development Corporation (AB-RCDC) is seeking interested applicants for the position of Economic Development Officer (EDO). Reporting to the AB-RCDC Board, the Economic Development Officer is responsible for developing and implementing community economic strategies and initiatives. Preference will be given to candidates possessing the following qualifications:

- Able to provide creative leadership
- Excellent communication skills
- Sound personal judgement, discretion and credibility
- Good problem solving and entrepreneurial skills
- Broad general knowledge of business and government
- Able to handle a variety of projects which may have time deadlines
- Grant application skills
- Can undertake research projects and prepare comprehensive reports
- Excellent computer skills
- Able to attend meetings that may be outside of regular business hours
- Degree in Commerce, Economics, Marketing and/or Public Relations or related experience
- Proficient in current information technologies
- Valid driver's license and vehicle access

A detailed job description is available upon request.

Employment Start Date: TBD
Salary for the position will be dependent upon education and experience.

Resumes should be received by **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019** and may be forwarded to:

Arborg Bifrost-Riverton Community Development Corporation
c/o Box 159 Arborg, MB R0C 0A0
Email: caoarb@mymts.net
Phone: 204-376-2647 Fax: 204-376-5379

We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Applicants selected for an interview will be required to provide references.

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Rural Municipality of FISHER

The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch

SNOW CLEARING STREETS

The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch is inviting proposals for street snow clearing and removal within the village of Fisher Branch.

- Equipment required is grader, loader, and truck.
- Interested applicants must have own liability insurance coverage and must be registered with the Workers' Compensation Board of Manitoba.
- Equipment must be available upon request.

Sealed envelope to be marked "Snow Clearing Streets".

For further information, call the RM of Fisher Office at (204) 372-6393.

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ANNIVERSARY

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The family of **Jacob and Tina Martens** would like to invite friends and neighbours to a **Come and Go Tea** at the **Connexion in Arborg** on **Sunday, October 13, 2019** from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
No gifts please.
Some refreshments will be served.

Rural Municipality of GRAHAMDALE
www.Grahamdale.ca

Rural Municipality of Grahamdale PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2020

Public notice is hereby given that the 2020 Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale has been delivered to the Municipal Office and is open for public inspection during regular business hours. Applications for revision may be made in accordance with Sections 42 & 43 of the Municipal Assessment Act:

APPLICATION FOR REVISION:

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under subsection 114(1) of The Real Property Act, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, the authorized agent of the person, mortgagee or occupier, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to the following matters:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property;
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

43(1) An application for revision must

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- set out which of the matters referred to in subsection 42(1) are at issue, and the grounds for each of those matters; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office indicated in the public notice given under subsection 41(2), or
 - serving it upon the Secretary,

at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting date of the board as indicated in the public notice.

The Board of Revision will sit on **Thursday November 14th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale to hear applications.

The final date on which applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
The Applications must be sent to the address printed below:

Dated at Moosehorn, Manitoba, this 23rd day of September, 2019.

Shelly Schwitek, Secretary
Board of Revision, Rural Municipality of Grahamdale
Box 160, 23 Government Road, Moosehorn, MB R0C 2E0
Phone: (204) 768-2858 Fax: (204) 768-3374

Rural Municipality of Fisher Branch – Poplarfield Solid Waste Disposal Grounds Construction

The R.M. of Fisher Branch is inviting qualified contractors to bid on the construction of a new waste disposal cell. **The Work generally includes, (but not limited to this description):** Construct a new waste disposal cell including clearing, grubbing, stripping of site, constructing a clay lined waste disposal cell, installation of weeping tile as leachate collection system, site ditching.

Full details are provided in the Tender Documents. Paper copy Tender Packages are available to pick up from the office from Stantec office (address below).

Interested firms must submit their BID to the address below no later than 14:00 hours, CST, Friday, October 18, 2019. The bid submission envelope should read: **“Poplarfield Solid Waste Disposal Grounds”** and be addressed to:

Rural Municipality of Fisher Branch, c/o Stantec Consulting Ltd.
500-311 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2B9
Attention: Douglas Braun, P.Eng.

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Any questions please direct to **Matt Steiner, Store Manager.**
Please submit resume to Countryside Home Building Center, Attention Matt Steiner
T. 204-372-8501
E. matt@cslumber.com

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Google certification
- 4. Cloths spread over coffins
- 9. Disorderly
- 14. "Star Wars" hero Solo
- 15. Toward the rear
- 16. The order of frogs
- 17. Alternative pain treatment (abbr.)
- 18. "Wolf of Wall Street" star
- 20. Evoke
- 22. Units of metrical time
- 23. Helps to predict eclipses
- 24. Some say they attract
- 28. Pitching statistic
- 29. Baseball box score (abbr.)
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Repaired shoe
- 33. English theologian

Crossword Answer

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- 37. Commercial
 - 38. Exchange money for goods or services
 - 39. Give off
 - 41. One from Utah
 - 42. Computer department
 - 43. Begets
 - 44. English navigator
 - 46. C C C
 - 49. Of I
 - 50. Pouch
 - 51. Add notes to
 - 55. A way to fall into ruin
 - 58. Cunning intelligence
 - 59. Blood disorder
 - 60. Disgraced CBS newsman
 - 64. Tax collector
 - 65. Type of grass common to the Orient
 - 66. Cosmic intelligence
 - 67. No (Scottish)
 - 68. People who rely on things
 - 69. Stairs have them
 - 70. Mathematical term (abbr.)
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Clarified butters
 - 2. Primitive Himalayan people
 - 3. Completely
 - 4. Steep cliffs along the Hudson River
 - 5. Assist
 - 6. Language spoken in Laos
 - 7. Type of screen
 - 8. An attempt to economize
 - 9. Volcanic craters
 - 10. Still outstanding
 - 11. Takes responsibility for another
 - 12. California think tank
 - 13. Former Rocket Ming
 - 19. A pigeon noise
 - 21. Central part of
 - 24. Academy Award statue
 - 25. Distinct unit of sound
 - 26. Relative on the female side of the family
 - 27. Passover feast and ceremony
 - 31. The brightest star in Virgo
 - 32. Made with oats
 - 34. Subjects to laser light
 - 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
 - 36. Neatly brief
 - 40. The Great Lakes State (abbr.)
 - 41. Soon to be released
 - 45. Swiss river
 - 47. Become involved in
 - 48. More dour
 - 52. They're on floors
 - 53. Boxing's GOAT
 - 54. Swarms with
 - 56. Quantum mechanics pioneer
 - 57. Facilitated
 - 59. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

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- 60. Regional French wine Grand ___
- 61. Owns
- 62. Tell on
- 63. Precedes two

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