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And old tradition made new: meals on the field

By Becca Myskiw

Barb Lepp delivered her first meal to the field 43 years ago. What she does today looks a lot different.

In 1977, Lepp was taking meals out for five men at a time. She, her mother-in-law and her sister-in-law would make meals depending on whose field the guys were farming on. Occasionally, she'd get last minute notice that they'd switched to one of their fields and she had to whip up a meal.

Lepp's meals have never been "easy" to whip up, either. Her mother-in-law, she said, was a good cook and liked to bake, so after seeing her hot meals out on the field, Lepp continued that.

"And it wasn't just one meal," she said. "It was lunch and tea and supper and coffee."

After Lepp had sent out lunch for the guys on the field, she'd go inside, clean up, and start on what they called afternoon tea — a mid-afternoon snack. Then, before she had cleaned up supper, Lepp was bringing out a late night coffee to the field. These days, though, her meals come once a day. As Lepp was a teacher, she wasn't always around for harvest. So, as time went on, they decided four meals or snacks a day was too much work.

Now, Lepp and her two daughters-in-law have a schedule for making field meals. For lunch, Lepp sends a bag out with her husband (who farms with their two sons) and they don't see the ladies until supper time. When it's Lepp's turn, she spares no food group. "I call it my little travelling road show," she said.

She packs up the full spread into cooler bags, wraps the pots in towels, loads up her folding tables, and drives half an hour to the farm. When she gets there, Lepp sets up the folding table and starts setting out the meal.

The first meal she brought to the field this year was chicken, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, salad, dessert, and fresh homemade buns.

"I often ask my sons what they'd like me to bring," she said. "It's nice to see what they like that I cook."

Though she usually feeds seven people, Lepp said she always brings extra food and plates because no one whose helping will go hungry around her. Meals on the field is the time of day when the family can all see each other, she said. It's an uplifting part to what might be an otherwise stressful day.



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Barb Lepp said after sitting in the combine all day, most of the guys choose to stand for supper.



Lepp fed six men on the field last Saturday.

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Elm Creek parent driving daughter to school during COVID

By Becca Myskiw

The 2020-2021 school year looks different this year and so does the journey there.

With education comes transport. In rural communities, majority of students take the school bus to get to and from school each day. Buses can be packed and dirty — with COVID-19 in the mix, some parents are seeking other options for their children's journey to school.

Heidi Boyachek and her family live half an hour out of Elm Creek where her six-year-old daughter goes to school. Normally, her daughter would get on the bus early each morning and take it back home that evening, sitting with two other children in her seat.

Though the government has since created guidelines for students riding the bus this year, Boyachek said her family decided early on that their daughter would not be taking the bus this year.

A few of the guidelines are:

- All passengers are to wear a mask
- When possible, there should be one student per seat (students of the same household can sit together)
- Students must hand sanitize when boarding and getting off the bus
- When weather permits, windows and roof vents on the bus should be open for increased ventilation
- Students should maintain physical distancing when getting off the bus

Her daughter also has Type 1 Diabetes, something that went into Boyachek's decision, she said. The lack of social distancing on a school bus also concerned her, so this year, Boyachek is driving her daughter to and from school every day. She said as they're farmers, her work schedule is flexible.

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Stephenfield man wins gas for a year from Co-op

By Becca Myskiw

Frank Smith from Stephenfield won free fuel for a year at Carman's Co-op gas bar last week.

The win comes from a contest called "Win Your Fill For a Year" and it was Co-op's first year doing it. Between July 13 and Aug. 23, Co-op asked customers who made a minimum of 30 litres purchase at a gas bar to take a photo of their receipt. Then, they uploaded the receipt photo to the contest website. Customers also had the chance to earn extra entries with convenience store purchases. Homestead Consumers Co-op marketing and member relations coordinator Shannon Vaughan said the business gave out a total of 200 prizes across the board thanks to this contest — Smith happened to be one of them.

"I guess I'd best describe it as a present," said Smith. "You kind of work with what you have and try to help people out, so when you see money coming back again, it's good."

Smith's prize is \$2,000 in Co-op gift cards. He said that's probably exactly what he would spend on gas in a year, so winning is a big deal for him and his family. Being picked to get free gas for a year, however, was not something Smith said he expected. His wife emailed eight of his gas receipts in, thinking they'd try for the prize, but the pair never thought they'd actually win it. Smith said he has yet to receive the actual prize and he's unsure what form it will come in. All he knows, he said, is that in four to six weeks he'll be getting something in the mail.

Co-op's next good deed is Fuel



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Frank S: Smith from Stephenfield said he didn't expect to win gas for a year.

Good Day is coming up on Sept. 15. Five cents from every litre sold at all Homestead Consumers Co-op Gas Bars that day will go to a shared dona-

tion. The money will go to TLC Child Care Centre in Carman and Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment in Portage la Prairie.

Seeding season extended for fall rye and winter wheat

By Becca Myskiw

The seeding season for fall rye and winter wheat has been extended this year.

Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) approved the extension of this year's seeding window for the crops. Producers who seed their winter wheat or fall rye from Aug. 15 to Sept. 25 in 2020 have full coverage under AgriInsurance. They have reduced coverage if they seed from Sept. 26 to 30.

Ken Gross with Ducks Unlimited has been working with winter wheat for 30 years. He said they always focused

on avoiding winter kill with the crops and seeding earlier stopped that.

But, 15 years ago, producers who were core growers of the crops said farming isn't by the calendar and started pushing the window, seeding into the first week of October.

The problem, Gross found, is a lot of producers are still harvesting their spring crops when it comes time to seed winter wheat and fall rye. And by seeding later, these producers found it evens out their workload and is better for disease management on the plants. They still got a crop out of it without winter kill — the only prob-

lem is by seeding later, producers will get lower yields as they would with a spring crop.

"It wasn't a risk of catastrophic failure," said Gross. "It's just the later you seeded the more of a yield penalty you took."

Following what the producers found, Dr. Navneet Brar and Dr. Yvonne Lawley did their own research on seeding the crops later. They found a few of the following:

- Winter wheat yields decline the later the seeding date is
- It is possible to grow a winter wheat crop when seeding outside the

usual crop insurance window

- Seeding date is only one factor that affects the crop yield. According to MASC, when crops were seeded between Aug. 22 to 26, they had a yield of 100 per cent. When seeded between Sept. 23 to 27, they had an 80 per cent yield. Crops had a 70 per cent yield when seeded from Oct. 2 to 6.

Gross said it's still early, but producers seem to be happy with the change as they now have the opportunity to seed once harvest is done.

"I think it'll make more of a difference in a year after they've harvested," he said.

PV Humane Society Pitching for Paws September 19-20

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Humane Society is reaching out to a different crowd with its latest fundraising venture.

Organizers hope the Pitching For Paws co-ed slo-pitch tournament Sept. 19-20 will bring increased awareness as well as much needed funds for the regional organization.

"We thought by throwing an event like this out there that we could get

some new interest," said organizer Caitlin Par. "It's an event unlike what we have done before ... we have our old faithfuls that do well and are a lot of fun ... we thought of trying some fresh this year."

"I play a lot of slo-pitch and I know that it was something I was missing terribly this year," she added. "Because we want to give people the opportunity to be active again in a way

that could also support the shelter during these tough times, we thought it would be a cool opportunity for the community to support it in a different way."

The tournament takes place at the Parkland diamonds in Winkler. Team registration is \$300, with all proceeds going to the PVHS. There will be a \$150 refund should weather make the weekend unplayable, with the

remainder kept to cover tournament costs. There is space for 16 teams including eight recreational and eight competitive level teams. Each team will be guaranteed three games.

All COVID rules as set out by the City of Winkler will be followed. Game balls will be provided for each team. Registration closes at midnight on Sept. 11. Learn more online at pvhsociety.ca.

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Manitoba at 412 active COVID cases

By Ashleigh Viverios

Manitoba's five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate was at 1.3 per cent at the end of the long weekend.

The province announced 15 new cases of the virus on Monday, including one in the Interlake-Eastern health region, six in the Prairie Mountain health region, one in Southern Health-Santé Sud, and seven in Winnipeg.

That brought the number of active cases to 412. Preliminary case investigations indicate that five of the new cases are related to close contacts of previously identified cases.

A total of 910 people have recovered from COVID-19 since the pandemic began in spring.

Thirteen people were in hospital with the virus at the start of the week, three in intensive care.

Manitoba saw its 15th and 16th deaths related to COVID-19 last week. The two women, who were in their 80s and 90s, were connected to the outbreak at the Bethesda Place personal care home in Steinbach. The care home last week had a total of 13 cases, including seven staff members and six residents. Four residents have died.

Outbreaks have also been declared at several care homes in Brandon and in Winnipeg.

The increase in the number of deaths in recent days "comes as a real reminder that we have to stay on guard," said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

He urged Manitobans to continue to stay home if showing even mild symptoms of illness, follow good hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing with people outside your household, and wear a mask when distancing is not possible.

Masks mandatory for customers attending all MPI offices

Submitted by MPI

Masks will be mandatory for all customers attending a Manitoba Public Insurance location, effective Wednesday, September 9.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, MPI has been committed to following the advice and direction of the provincial public health authority by putting procedures in place to best protect the health and safety of MPI employees and customers.

Customers will be required to bring

and wear a face covering/mask when attending any MPI location, including all service centres, claim centres, and MPI's Physical Damage Centre.

Please note the following:

- Signs will be posted at all entrances to inform customers of this requirement.

- In the interests of protecting the health and safety of employees and other customers, any customer who refuses to wear a mask will be asked to leave.

- It is also encouraged that only one family member per household to enter, unless otherwise required for business.

This new mask requirement does not replace the physical distancing guidelines that are already in place. Per public health direction, a distance of two meters (six feet) should be kept between people whenever possible. Customer-facing MPI employees interacting with the public will also be required to wear a mask.

Bergen named new Conservative Deputy Leader

Staff

Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen takes on a new role in government this fall. Last week, newly-elected Conservative leader Erin O'Toole announced that Bergen will become the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

"I'm honoured to have the trust of

our new leader, Erin O'Toole, and excited for the work that lies ahead so Conservatives can form the next government," Bergen said.

"The position of Deputy Leader comes with many new challenges and opportunities," she added. "I look forward to working with my caucus colleagues and Conservatives from

across Canada to deliver our positive vision for this great country.

"I'm thankful for the trust placed in me in this new leadership position as we prepare for the critical fall session of Parliament later this month."

Taking over Bergen's former role as Conservative House Leader is Quebec MP Gérard Deltell.

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> DRIVING TO SCHOOL, FROM PG. 2

"I felt slightly obligated to say yes to driving," she said. "But at the same time, you don't want to take away the fun school experiences. The bus was fun for her."

Boyachek, however, will be making three trips to and from the school each day — one in the morning to drop her daughter off, one in the evening to pick her up, and one at lunch

The Carman-Dufferin Standard time to give her insulin. That's three half hour round trips every weekday. Now, Boyachek said along with being concerned for her daughter's health, she's concerned about the wear and tear on her car. She also said she doesn't know how she's going to

Thursday, September 10, 2020 **5** accomplish daily tasks like grocery shopping when most of her days is spent driving. One of the positives for the Boyachek family from this is their daughter is excited to sleep in before school now as she won't have to board the bus early.

This week in review over the past.... 100 years

(This feature will inform readers of a condensed version of events that were in print in the Dufferin Leaders of 1920, 1945 and 1970).

September 9, 1920

Work has commenced on the new concrete foundation to be built under the C.N.R. Depot

Ad from A.F. Higgins Company Ltd.- Carman's Big Store

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Note: most colors are Grey, Navy or Black in 1920.

Superstitions and customs curiously blended together in Marriage Ceremonies. Years ago a bride went to a marriage ceremony with long hair hanging over her face and it was from this custom that the wedding veil is supposed to have originated.

The wedding ring is always worn on the third finger of the left hand, because, according to superstition, a certain small artery proceeds straight from the heart to the tip of this finger.

Why Indeed !!!

Youngsters have curious ideas about age—rather surprising to their elders. Little Maie was sitting on her grandfa-

ther's knee one day, and after looking at him intently for a while, she asked, "Grandpa were you on the ark?"

"Certainly not my dear", answered the astonished old man.

"Then why weren't you drowned?"

September 12, 1945

F.C. Harris opened his newly built store last Saturday which has replaced the former building that was destroyed by fire last April. Part of the new building will be occupied by Miss M.E. Hardy with her Ladies' Style Shop. The modern glass front of the new building and the artistic name signs, make it stand out in the town's business section.

Do you remember all the other businesses that Carman had at that time?

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A. McPherson—Painter, decorator; D.H. Friesen—jeweller; Bowies Bakery; Humphries Drugstore; Carman Pharmacy; Adams Bakery; W.R. Laycock—John Deere Implements and Dodge & Desota Cars; plus many others that I may have missed.

September 10, 1970

A hailstorm on Saturday night, September 6, damaged crops and buildings in the Roland district over an area 2 mile wide and 6 miles long including the town of Roland. Damage ranged from minor to 100%

A Defensive Driving Course being offered through the Dufferin Recreation Commission for the second year will be held with three, weekly courses of 2 hours duration each on November 12, 19, and 26th. The instructor will be from Manitoba Safety

Division'

1054 students enrolled at Carman Schools as of September 8th.

Mr. & Mrs. Diedrick & Mary Thiesen celebrated their 50th anniversary at their home on 2nd St. SW on August 8, 1970. They were married July 11, 1920 in Winkler, lived in Saskatchewan for 1 year returning to Brandon, then Winkler. until they moved to Carman in 1943 where they farmed until retirement in 1969 and then built the new home in Carman.

E.M. (Milt) Sanders hosted his 4th annual supper for his senior Carman friends on Sept 1. In attendance were Charles Miller 98, Jack blank, 96, Frank Humphries 89, Leo Kenny 75, Lorne Watson 80, Bill Gardner 82, his brother Fred Sanders of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, age 86 and himself, E.M. Sanders age 90. The average age of the 8 in attendance was 87 years.

SCRL accepting donations for rescheduled annual book sale

By Lorne Stelmach

Bookworms who feel they missed out with the cancellation of the annual South Central Regional Library book sale earlier this year will be glad to hear the spring event is now happening this fall.

The sale will be held at the at the Access Event Centre in Morden Oct. 28-31 in partnership with the Morden Fire Department, which usually holds a sale of books left over from the Chil-

dren's Hospital sale in Winnipeg.

"We are going to combine our resources and do it together," said book sale chairperson Elaine Ivey, who is part of the volunteer crew working on collecting and sorting donations.

"We're not sure exactly how many books the firemen are still going to be getting ... the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg cancelled their sale," Ivey


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Stay & Play golf tournament raises \$18,000 for build project

By Becca Myskiw

Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre Inc. is well on their way to their fundraising goal, thanks to their recent golf tournament.

The daycare and nursery school is fundraising for an expansion project to create more childcare spaces. Board secretary Tyra McIntyre said they've set a goal of \$500,000 (or more) to raise for the project and they're about one fifth of the way there.

Their biggest donation yet came from Newman Hand Insurance Ltd. a few weeks ago in the form of \$25,000. McIntyre said with that donation and the money from the golf tournament, fundraising is looking good.

The tournament replaced the usual fall gala the centre has. McIntyre said they knew that wasn't an option this year with COVID-19, so the avid golfers on the board suggested a golf tournament.

"We were able to follow all the protocols and everything," said McIntyre. "And we're coming up on two weeks since the tournament now and no one's gotten sick."

The tournament hosted 115 golfers who each played nine holes on the 18-hole course in Elm Creek. They used the whole course, she said, and each hole was sponsored by a local business. There were also additional sponsors for the event.

For the round of golf and steak supper afterwards, each golfer paid \$50. That fee, the sponsors, and fundraising efforts at the event (50/50, silent auction) raised close to \$18,000.

"It was very successful," said McIntyre. "Everyone



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Daycare golf: The board is looking at making the Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre Inc. golf tournament an annual thing.

seemed to be having a good time."

First, the golfers were emailed their starting hole. When they got to the golf course, the keys were in the golf carts so they could just get in and go. The supper later was outside with spaced out picnic tables.

The usual fall gala raises around \$10,000, she said. The golf tournament raised more money and ended up being less time consuming for the board to put

it on.

Since the tournament, Elm Creek Stay & Play Centre Inc. has received another \$8,000 in donations from community members. McIntyre said they're hoping more people learn about the project and give what they can to it.

"It's something that needs to be done," she said. "And it will be very beneficial for our community."

> RESCHEDULED BOOK SALE, FROM PG. 5

said. "We don't know how many books we will be getting, so we could have a lot of work just before October."

When the decision was made in spring to cancel the 45th annual sale, Ivey remained hopeful they would still be able to hold it in some way this year yet.

"We just have to get these books out of here," she said, pointing to the dozens of boxes of books that were already set for the sale. "I'm sure that people will be very happy to get their hands on the books."

"I really missed our book sale this spring and I'm sure there were a lot of people who missed it," Ivey added. "It's the only fundraiser that the library does all year. All the funds go toward new acquisitions for the libraries."

There will be a few changes in how they are doing the sale, including having certain hours set aside for specific users as part of their plan to manage and limit the number of shoppers at any one time.

"We will have times during the day just for seniors and families to come and then other times when it's open to the general public," explained Ivey.

Another difference will be that the books will be sold by the bag (\$10) or the box (\$15) all three days.

"Everything we're doing is uncharted territory. We're trying some things for the first time," said Ivey, noting pandemic restrictions required doing a number of things differently.

"Anything can change at any time in terms of the number of people you can have in a space. In the hall right now, we would have 50 people. We're also planning to use the foyer and we would be able to have 20 people in there," she said. "We're going to have to have to keep track of how many people are coming in and leaving, so that's a bit of a challenge. "People will be required to wear masks. We'll have masks available for sale at the door. Gloves are not necessary, but if people want to wear gloves, they are certainly welcome to wear gloves. And we'll have sanitizer available."

"We also won't be able to have our coffee area this year. We just started doing that in the last couple of years, and it's been quite popular," Ivey added. A lot of book donations had come in between the 2019 sale and May, but organizers are still accepting more over the next few weeks. They can be dropped off at the empty building directly east of the Morden Library Tuesday to Thursday from 1-4 p.m. or at your local SCRL branch (you're encouraged to call ahead first).

Co-op's Fuel Good Day on Sept. 15 this year



Fuel Good Day is back for another year! Fill up your tank on Sept. 15, 2020, at a participating Co-op Gas Bar in Western Canada, and Co-op will donate a minimum of five cents per litre of fuel purchased to a local registered charity or non-profit organization. All grades of gasoline and diesel fuel are eligible.

Each year, proceeds from Fuel Good Day benefit local schools, community centres, libraries, hospitals, food banks and more.

This year, local proceeds from the event will go to TLC Child Care Centre in Carman and Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment in Portage la Prairie.

View the full list of organizations supported by participating Co-ops in Western Canada.

Tigers in town: When salamanders roam the streets

By John Gavloski

In late-August and early-September, interesting amphibious creatures start emerging from some of the ponds in southern Manitoba, and wandering through nearby towns. Such is the case for the barred tiger salamander. On a recent trip to St. Leon in early-September, we saw 12 tiger salamanders in about an hour, including several that were on roads in the community. St. Leon is known for its late-summer salamander emergence. There are 4 species of salamanders in Manitoba, but the barred tiger salamander is the species most likely to be encountered in our area. In this month's Incredible Creatures we will explore the interesting biology and some of the beneficial ecological roles of tiger salamanders.

Getting to know Manitoba's Salamander

The barred tiger salamander, sometimes called the western tiger salamander, is a relatively large salamander, about 33 cm in length. It is one of the largest terrestrial salamanders in North America, although some species that spend their whole life in water get bigger. They are common west of the Red River, especially in the Prairie Pothole region. Another species called the Eastern Tiger Salamander is uncommon in Manitoba. They occur east of the Red River to edge of the boreal forest. A small salamander called the blue-spotted salamander (getting to about 13 cm in length) can be quite common in some areas of eastern Manitoba. The fourth species of salamander in Manitoba is the common



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Barred tiger salamanders can be spotted in Manitoba in late August and early September.

mudpuppy. They are large (getting to about 50 cm) and all stages live in water. They like lakes, rivers and streams with rocky bottoms.

Refusing to become an adult

Salamanders belong to a class of animals called amphibians. Frogs and toads are also amphibians. Amphibians start out as eggs, followed by a larval stage, which become adults. The egg and larval stages occur in the water in salamanders, while adults of some species, such as tiger salamanders, live on land. The lifespan of salamanders is not well known, but most can probably live more than 10 years. Adult barred tiger salamanders move to ponds and mate early in spring, often by the end of April. Eggs are attached to submerged vegetation,

and hatch in 3 to 4 weeks. How long larvae live varies. Some larvae may grow large enough to become adults by late-summer. In permanent ponds, larvae may continue to grow and develop for several years before becoming an adult. Some individuals will remain permanently in the larval form, yet become sexually mature and breed. This is referred to as neoteny. Whether adults emerging from ponds in late-summer are young from eggs in spring, or the result of larvae that have lived for several years is not known.

Salamanders are predators. Larvae hunt for tiny aquatic animals as soon as they hatch, and progress to larger prey as they grow. Food may include fish, tadpoles, cricket nymphs, grasshoppers, moths, flies, beetles, earthworms. They may even occasionally be cannibalistic.

When approached, they have some interesting defensive behaviours. When we first encountered them they were always on the move. But when we got close they would always stop moving. Occasionally they would raise up on their hind legs, arching and waving the tail. Tiger salamanders have a poisonous tail gland, which produces a toxic milky secretion for self-defense.

Observing salamander emergence from their ponds in late summer is an interesting experience. Given the levels of grasshoppers that have been developing in Manitoba over the past few years, some of the ecological services of salamanders should also be appreciated.

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46 children per day or 16,850 children per year are expected to be diagnosed with cancer.

Childhood cancer is not one disease – there are more than 12 major types of pediatric cancers and over 100 subtypes.

Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among children. Worldwide, 100,000 children lose their lives every year to cancer.

Since 1980, only four drugs have been approved in the first instance for use in children. This is compared with hundreds of drugs that have been developed specifically for adults only.

A diagnosis of diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) is normally terminal with less than 25% of children surviving even two years.

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Morden man “stranded” in support of STARS

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Bernhard Teichroeb joined three other Manitoba business and community leaders in the STARS Rescue on the Island this week.

Teichroeb, a sales and project manager with Wiebe's Steel Structures in Morden, spent all day Wednesday “stranded” on an island in the Whiteshell.

He and the two other participants—Loewen Windows and Doors president Al Babiuk and RM of Ste. Anne councillor Sarah Normandeau—were armed with cell phones to use to earn their ride home by reaching out to their contacts for donations to the air ambulance service.

Teichroeb's goal is to raise \$50,000 for STARS, which he credits with saving his daughter's life three years ago.

“Without them she would not be with us today,” he said, noting his family have been involved as volunteers at various local STARS events in recent years as a result. “It's an appreciation thing, trying to give back in thanks.”

Those volunteer efforts got Teichroeb an invite to last year's Rescue on the Island reception.

“I took a look and I said, ‘Hey, yeah, I

could do that.’”

The importance of STARS—which undertakes hundreds of emergency and inter-facility patient transports across Manitoba each year—cannot be overstated, Teichroeb stressed.

“It's a vital service,” he said. “It's an absolutely necessary life-saving service.”

Teichroeb has spent the past few weeks reaching out to his contacts for donations in advance of the event. At press time he had already raised over \$16,000. He's feeling pretty good about his chances of reaching his goal.

“I'm pretty confident we're going to get there,” he said, noting he has a lot of calls planned for the day-of. “It's all about just trying to putting the finishing touches on the work you've been doing for the last couple of months.”

He also feels he's well prepared for whatever challenges STARS may throw at him on the island.

Participants in past years have been tasked with exercising their survival and medical skills to earn additional money towards their fundraising totals.

Rescue on the Island has raised more than \$1.5 million for STARS



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Morden's Bernhard Teichroeb is taking part in the STARS Rescue on the Island fundraiser this week.

since 2013.

COVID-19 forced them to scale down the 2020 event, but the funds this year's participants raise are no less vital, said STARS development officer Lori Derksen.

“As STARS has experienced firsthand, this is not an easy time for fun-

draising, so we are sincerely grateful to Al, Bernhard, and Sarah for their commitment and perseverance,” she said, noting that all donations will stay in the province. To support any of the three Rescue participants, visit www.rescueontheisland.ca and click on their individual donation pages.

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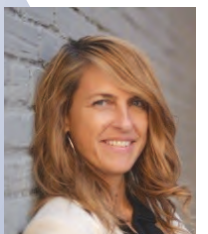
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Restored rail jigger on the tracks in Miami

By Ashleigh Viveiros

With an ear-shattering bang and a puff of smoke, the Miami Railway Station Museum's "new" jigger roared to life last week.

The restored 1947 Fairmont Motorcar rumbled down the newly laid tracks at the museum on Thursday thanks to the strong backs of several local men who wrestled it into position and then gave their arms quite a workout cranking it to a start.

It's been a labour of love for Ed Driedger, husband to museum board chair Joan Driedger.

"We got this one in a sort of package with the caboose," Ed explains, referring to the 1914 train car the museum

is in the midst of restoring. Both vehicles came to the museum from their former home in Archibald, MB.

"So the caboose came and this 1947 jigger, which was the one in best shape of all of them," he says, explaining they had two jiggers, a gang car, and a crane car in storage awaiting restoration.

The dream is to spruce them all up and set them outside on the tracks so visitors can get up close and hands-

on with working pieces of rail equipment.

Ed has been tinkering with the jigger for the better part of the last year.

"That engine is unique. I didn't know how it ran and nobody I ever talked to knew how it ran," he says. "So I had to take it all apart and figure out how it runs and put everything back together again."

When it was back in one piece, Scott Mayer tackled the painting part of the project, giving the jigger a like-new look with a few coats of bright yellow and red paint.

"It was quite an adventure getting it to this point," Ed says.

An adventure well worth taking, adds Joan, as it's a wonderful addition to the museum.

"It adds so much to the museum," she says. "It's going to be so much more than we have already—and we've got more in the works."

Work on the other vehicles will likely get underway this winter. Restoration of the caboose, meanwhile, is nearly complete on the outside and has begun inside as well. The plan is to have it ready for visitors next season.

"IT WAS QUITE AN ADVENTURE GETTING IT TO THIS POINT."



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Terry Malmquist, Keiran McCarthy, Ed Driedger, Corey Wiebe, Mel Vanstone, and Dylan Friesen helped wrestle a restored 1947 Fairmont Motorcar onto the tracks beside the Miami Railway Station Museum last week. Left: Scott Mayer takes a turn at trying the crank to get the vehicle started.

PRSD re-opening plan updated

By Becca Myskiw

After the release of their re-opening plan, Prairie Rose School Division (PRSD) has released an update of their plan.

In the update, the division said passengers of all ages will be required to wear a mask when riding the school bus. This is because they'll be in close proximity of each other for extended

periods of time with no ability to physical distance.

In the previous plan, this was only a requirement for students in Grades 4 and up.

For students who don't have a mask, they will be provided.

The government's Guidance for Mask Use in Schools says students in Grades 4 and above are to wear a

mask at school. Parents with children younger than that can decide if they want their child to wear a mask or not. If it is a Grade 3/4 split classroom, all students should wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible.

It also gives reasons for wearing a mask and how to properly wear one. Information on proper mask use can be found at <http://www.prsdmb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Mask-Guidance.pdf>. Also in the updated plan is an updated staggered tart schedule. Kindergarten to Grade 12 family units with surnames A to K will go to school on Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 10. Kindergarten to Grade 12 family units with surnames L to Z will go on Wednesday, Sept. 20 and Friday, Sept. 11.

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Get your GROW funding applications in

By Lorne Stelmach

Clint Cavers is crisscrossing the region examining acres and finding farmers to make his pitch to for a new conservation initiative.

And part of selling them on the GROW (Growing Outcomes in Watersheds) program is about convincing them that adopting management practices for the sustainability of watersheds can also help a farm's bottom line.

"We're still getting resources from the province on exactly how this is going to roll out ... but we're going to be looking at doing a lot of promotion in probably the next two to three weeks to get the word out there while farmers are still in the field," Cavers said last week as the Pembina Valley Watershed District began taking applications for GROW funding. The new incentive program is being delivered by local watershed districts and funded through the Manitoba GROW Trust.

Funding is available to assist pro-

ducers to adopt a range of management practices to maintain wetlands, improve riparian zones, retain water for livestock and the environment, plant and maintain shelterbelts, keep natural landscapes on steep slopes, and improve soil health.

There is also funding for more water retention structures in the district, but overall the advantage of this program is that it can involve projects large or small and is accessible to everybody and "anybody who's managing, owns, or basically controls agricultural land," said Cavers.

"The watershed districts are going to be managing it themselves ... the funds are still coming from the province and delivered that way ... but with the watershed plans, the priorities are set out in each area," he noted. "So anyone can apply, and I will help with the application, and then the program will be delivered by the sub-district chairs and the GROW committee."

He sees a lot of potential for a variety

of projects in this region.

"The class one and two wetland project is more focused in the west end of the watershed district just because of how it overlaps with the waterfowl management plan in the area," Cavers said. "There's a lot of interest in the east in some of the water retention riparian area programs as well as the shelterbelt."

"The riparian is probably the most accessible and the easiest for us to find projects for," he suggested. "The class one and two wetlands is a little more difficult just because of the drainage aspect. We want to have farmers not drain, which makes things a little more difficult."

"If people are looking at water retention projects, they're probably going to be looking at often water for livestock and that kind of thing."

For more information or to discuss project ideas, Cavers can be reached at 204-245-0636 or by email to pvwdgrow@gmail.com.



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Clint Cavers heads up PVWD's GROW program and is accepting project applications now.

Government announces new funding for childcare amid COVID-19

By Becca Myskiw

On Aug. 26, the provincial government announced in a news release \$22 million in funding for improved stability and 1,400 new childcare spaces.

The news release stated \$8.5 million will go to new programs to "create childcare services for hundreds of children, meet the need of underserved families — particularly those working non-standard hours — and support the longer-term sustainabil-

ity of childcare providers."

The programs, it said, include \$4 million for on-site childcare for employees at workplaces with an expectation of 800 new spaces being created. It also includes \$1.5 million in grants for home-based childcare providers to enhance their spaces, with a maximum of \$50,000 per provider.

There will be \$2 million for licensed childcare providers to establish satellite locations, which the government said will "support their ongoing operations and physical distancing requirements."

\$750,000 will go to community organizations to develop more diverse childcare options and \$250,000 will be to ensure childcare providers participating in these programs can find and retain families to fill available spaces.

Executive director of TLC Child Care Centre Kimberley Goerzen-Monk said funding is always needed for childcare. The centre she works at was closed for a few months at the beginning of COVID-19 and she said they took a hit because of that.

"Funding is definitely always appreciated," she said.

Some families have chosen not to return to the centre, she said, but as they have a waitlist, TLC Child Care Centre is at maximum capacity with 34 children in care. Their cleaning costs at the centre have also gone up, she said, along with other things due to the pandemic. The grant was a

surprise to them, but Goerzen-Monk said it'll go to good use. They don't know yet how much money they'll be getting, but she's pretty sure it'll be used for the increased costs at the centre. In the province's news release on Aug. 26, they also said they'll be following through on a Budget 2020 commitment to allocate \$9.5 million

into the new Child Care Sustainability Trust, set to launch in March 2021. This is to support programming and infrastructure improvements along with staff learning opportunities at childcare facilities across the province. The province is also committing \$4.7 million to expand the Child Care Centre Development Tax Credit.

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Where are they now? Catching up with Danine “McCutcheon” Morisset

By Dennis Young

This feature will attempt to renew some acquaintances with those who called Carman home at one time or another. I have randomly selected people to answer questions of their past and present so the readers can be brought up to speed on their lives.

Q. Firstly let's get familiar with you again. When did you live in Carman?

I was born in 1984 in Morden and raised on the outskirts of Carman on my parents' grain farm.

Q. Did you attend school here?

Yes, I attended Carman Elementary (1989-1996) and Carman Collegiate (1997-2002). My mom, Bonnie McCutcheon, was the librarian at the Carman Elementary School for over 20 years. It was nice to have her at school with me when I was young.

Q. What did you do for living here?

Starting at 12 I was babysitting the Aubin family, which led to my first real job as a weeder. That taught me the importance of hard work. Other than that I also was a receptionist for hairstylist Kim Boychuk at the Co-op and worked summers at the Museum.

Q. What did your family do for a living here?

My great-grandparents on the McCutcheon and Downs sides moved to the Carman and Homewood areas at the turn of the 20th century. They worked tirelessly to establish their respective farms. My brother Warren now runs McCutcheon Farms and is the fourth generation to farm our family's land. He follows in the footsteps of our great-grandparents Robert McCutcheon and John Downs, our grandfather Sheldon McCutcheon and our father Shawn McCutcheon. Although our farm has grown exponentially in size and technological advancements, its roots were firmly planted a century ago.

Q. What activities did you participate in?

Growing up, I dabbled in the various sports that Carman had to offer: junior golf, baseball, swimming lessons and gymnastics. My dad was a competitive curler so I started to play that game when I was 9 years old.

Q. Did you meet your spouse here?

Yes I did. In 2006, I was attending college in Halifax. For the summer break, I flew home to Carman. After only a few days back in town, I joined a beer-league baseball team. The team was desperate for players, which was quite obvious by my recruitment. Nic Morisset, an RCMP officer from the Carman RCMP detachment, was on the team. The rest, as they say, is history. We were married in my parents' backyard in 2009.

Q. Do you have family now?

We have two children. Our daughter Ella is starting high school in the fall, and our son Brooks is going into grade 3. Our children are being raised in Quebec; however, we spend the summers in Carman. My husband and I joke that our kids are 2/12

Carmanites.

Q. What got you to leave Carman? After graduating from Carman Collegiate, I moved to Ottawa to attend the University of Ottawa. I completed a bachelor's degree in criminology and women's studies. After finishing that degree, I moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia. I was enrolled in the American Sign Language/English Interpretation Program. After almost two years on the east coast, I moved back to Ottawa to obtain my Bachelor of Education. In amongst these moves, I met my husband and we finally settled on the south shore of Montreal in early 2008.

Q. What do you do now?

I have been working at a private school in La Prairie, Quebec (suburb of Montreal) since 2009. I have been teaching grade 5 for many years; however, I also have teaching experience at the high-school level. I recently completed my Master of Education. My maternal and paternal grandmothers were teachers. I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a teacher. My university degrees would share another story, but I simply took a long route that led me back to my passion.

Q. What passes your leisure time now?

Brooks plays hockey and Ella is an avid horseback rider. We love watching them but when I have a moment it is a good book and a glass of wine. During the isolation it was gardening, Netflix and Jared Revel's Zoom workout classes that kept me sane lol!

Q. Any future plans?

Our move to Quebec in 2008 was supposed to be a short term. Twelve years later we still find ourselves in "la belle province". I would love to be closer to my family back home...maybe Carman RCMP detachment needs a senior member in the future?

Q. Have you travelled and where?

I have been to every Canadian province except Newfoundland and Labrador. My Canadian bucket-list is incomplete until I travel to "The Rock". I do not have a great deal of experience travelling outside of the country. When I was in grade 12, our French class took a 10-day trip to France. We toured around Paris and Normandy. In hindsight it would have been nice to have had the French knowledge that I have now! My mom -our chaperone- would not have ordered des fruits de mer thinking it was a fruit plate! In our current lives, every spring break, my husband, kids, and I fly to Naples, Florida to visit my parents in their winter home.

Q. Do you ever return to Carman?

Yes, every summer my children and I spend the summers in Carman. We have our summer routine of attending the Carman Country Fair, taking swimming lessons (in a very warm outdoor pool) and catching up with old friends. My two nieces live in Carman and it is a joy to see them for a two-month period of time. Summers help make up for



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Danine (McCutcheon) Morisset and Nic Morisset with their children Brooks and Ella.

the time apart during the "school year".

Q. What are some of your fond memories of Carman days?

I loved growing up in Carman. My childhood was idyllic. I was free to roam and play on the farm. I grew up in close proximity to my grandparents, and I had a close group of friends. Summers were for riding in tractors, eating treats at Syl's, taking swimming lessons in the (freezing-cold) Kinsmen Pool, and bonfire parties by the diversion. Winters meant time at the rink watching hockey and curling. Curling on the high school team is one of my fondest memories. I curled with a great group of girls, and we had a blast playing in various bonspiels around the province.

Q. Any last words wish to send to our readers?

I did not truly appreciate the meaning of community until I moved out of the province. When I graduated high school I wanted to spread my wings. I wanted to live in other provinces, and to experience the diversity of this great country. Now, as a mother myself, I can see the benefits of raising a family in a small town. When we spend the summers in Carman, my children are always amazed at the warm welcome that they receive. They marvel at the fact that Nana and Papa know everyone. Plus the wailing noon bell? Awesome! My favourite season is summer. Summer means family time. Summer means being on the farm. Summer means freedom. Summer means coming home. It does not matter how many kilometers away my life has taken me, Carman will forever be home.

If you wish to reach this former Carmanite please send me an email and I will forward it to them.

Guess who came to Carman: the year 1967

By Dennis Young with Dufferin Leader archives

It was 1967 and local town promoters were looking to bring something to Carman that interested the young people. They decided to contact a few teens to discuss the idea of perhaps bringing out a band from Winnipeg. When asked who they would like

to see.....The Guess Whowas their unanimous choice after watching them perform as the house band on CBC's Let's Go TV show.

The driving force behind these promoters was *Dufferin Leader* publisher Howard Bennett who accepted the challenge of securing and personally hiring this

group. Since they were still a few years away from reaching worldwide fame with hits like American Woman and These Eyes negotiations went smoothly. They were available, affordable and willing to play in a small market area like Carman. To further heighten the

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event Bennett also made a deal with radio host Bob Burns to emcee the evening.

With band and emcee in place, the main challenge facing the organizers was where to stage the concert. The Carman Community Hall was not yet built and the only other building large enough was the arena. So the curling ice (B side ice surface now) would be the venue. The Carman Kinsmen would run a refreshment booth as well.

It was estimated that about 600 showed up that night. "We charged them \$5 each which was a lot of mon-

ey at the time" commented Bennett. Money was no object to see The Guess Who apparently.

"I was helping out at the gate and the kids all had \$20 bills and I thought, here I am trying to be a nice guy and keep the prices down and the kids are loaded" Bennett laughed.

Chip Hand attended the concert and recalled what it was like to see a famous group on the brink of stardom. "Burton Cummings was a young guy sitting behind his keyboard and playing some Beatle tunes. It was a Winnipeg group that could really do the Liverpool (early Beatles' type) sound."

While the event drew a good crowd,

it was hardly a financial bonanza for Bennett and the other organizers. After all concert expenses were paid it actually ended up costing him \$100. He was never bitter and was one of his fondest memories. He stated "I am still the only guy who can say that I had The Guess Who out here to entertain and it only cost me \$100!"

Years later this reporter ran across this Guess Who black/white photo (Chad Allen did not play in Carman as he left the band in 1966) in the *Valley Leader* basement filing cabinets. Upon the discovery and subsequent history attached to it, I decided to seek out a band member to maybe

get their take on the night in Carman. It just happened at the time Burton was doing a radio show in Winnipeg spinning records and tales to go along with them. When my calls were not returned, I mailed the picture with the story behind it to the station. It was weeks later I was stopped on the street and was told that Burton Cummings mentioned my name during his show. He had thanked me for the picture which turned out was one that he did not have in his possession and recalled the trip to the country as that was a rarity then. Very cool!

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MJHL awards expansion franchise

Submitted by the MJHL

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League announced last Friday that an expansion franchise has been awarded to 50 Below Sports + Entertainment for the upcoming 2020-21 season.

The new franchise will operate within the Winnipeg market.

The 12th MJHL franchise will enhance the flexibility needed to provide a schedule that reduces travel and assists with divisional alignment; both critical components to executing the MJHL approved Phase II Return to Play Plan, read a statement.

"50 Below Sports + Entertainment, along with all of our member clubs, have really stepped up and put the players first to provide safe and competitive development conditions," said Kevin Saurette, MJHL commissioner. "These are trying times as teams con-

tinue with necessary preparations for the difficult season ahead as we are all committed to developing our players in a safe, structured and responsible environment."

Adding a second team in Winnipeg, led by a strong management and ownership team, provides further development opportunities for Manitoba hockey players to play elite Junior "A" hockey within the province.

With the announcement, the MJHL returns to a 12-team league for the first time since the 2002-03 season.

Please stay tuned for further exciting announcements from 50 Below Sports & Entertainment regarding the new Winnipeg MJHL Franchise in the coming days.

MJHL set to release 2020-2021 schedule

The 2020-21 COVID-19 season

schedule has been finalized and will be significantly modified from previous seasons to mitigate risk of spread or potential contact between multiple teams while allowing for minimal disruption of the schedule in the event of a positive COVID-19 case. Full schedule announcement will be made this week.

MJHL regular season to begin Oct. 9.

MJHL main camps will begin Sept. 18 with no more than 34 players in attendance. Teams will play no more than three exhibition games in advance of the MJHL regular season.

Prospect camps are currently being held by MJHL teams in advance of Sept. 18 and are following the MJHL Return to Play - Phase I Guidelines which have been in place since June 26. Full contact is not permitted during these camps.

As is the case for everyone throughout the province and beyond, these past months during the COVID-19 pandemic have placed significant financial stress on each MJHL team and community. Additional stress will be felt as each organization prepares for what will be required for the upcoming season to ensure we return to hockey in a safe, controlled and responsible manner.

Each organization is to be commended for their absolute commitment to providing elite development opportunities both on and off the ice in the face of these financial challenges with the health and safety of all involved always being the No. 1 priority. Teams will need and deserve all the support they can be afforded during this difficult time as we prepare to return to the game we all love.

Hockey Manitoba cancels Female U18 Program of excellence for 2020-21

Submitted by Hockey Manitoba

Hockey Canada announced the cancellation of the 2020 U18 Women's National Championship last Thursday which was scheduled for this upcoming November in Dawson Creek, B.C. The U18 Women's National Championship acts as the final phase of the Provincial Program of Excellence and sees the best U18 female athletes come together to compete at the provincial level.

As a result of this decision, Hockey Manitoba has cancelled all programming related to the U18 Program of Excellence for the 2020-21 season. Hockey Manitoba will now move forward with the scheduling of selection camps for the 2021 Program of Excellence leading to the 2021 U18 Women's National Championship.

For the 2003-born female athletes, the cancellation of the 2020 Program of Excellence takes away a final op-

portunity to represent Manitoba at the national level and compete for a national championship. While this will be disappointing for these athletes, Hockey Manitoba would like to wish them success and good health as they move into their final year of U18 high performance hockey and the many opportunities that await them in the future. More information on the U18 Program of Excellence can be found on the Hockey Manitoba

website and any questions can be directed to Dustin Stewart, U18 Director of Operations. The Female Program of Excellence is designed to provide high-performance female players with the opportunity to develop advanced skills as well as an introduction to the concepts needed to play at an elite level. Players from the Program of Excellence go on to play at the CIS, NCAA and international level.

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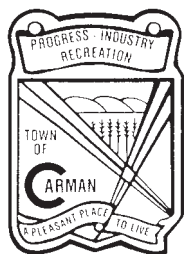
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OBITUARY



George Gilbert Last November 8, 1932 – August 24, 2020

After 87 years of a life well-lived, Dad passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Grand Forks, BC due to a massive cardiac event.

Born in Carman, MB to Rose and Ernest Last, he worked on the family farm and eventually met his sweetheart, Bernice Alice Mutcher. They married in 1953 while Dad worked in Winnipeg with Red River Co-op. Daughter Diane and son Ron quickly came along, and we moved to southern Alberta in 1961. Dad was instrumental in introducing and growing the Southern Alberta Cooperative Association to Vauxhall and Taber. His successes led us to Mission, BC where he was the General Manager, later Branch Manager of Metro Co-op in Ruskin and Burnaby, BC. Although he achieved sales awards and important industry recognition of his work, he was lured to Imperial Oil as a Sales Manager, and eventually owned and operated a very busy Esso gas station in Langley, BC.

He left his working life to pursue more time doing what he loved most: being close to Mom and his family, golfing, curling, being surrounded by friends, and his woodworking shop. He had just finished building their beautiful dream-home in Deka Lake when Mom passed away from cancer in 1998. His heart was truly broken.

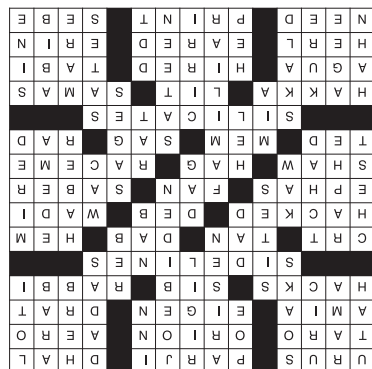
He eventually settled in Grand Forks, BC. His ever-active social life led him to meet Sophie Lowe, and they remained close, warm companions to the end.

Surviving is Diane (Mark) Peters and Ron (Pearl) Last. Grandchildren Monique, Ernest (Maggie) and Grace (Donel); great-grandchildren: Elijah, Liberty, Tuelo and Adelyn. Also, sisters Roseanne (Walter) Alekskiuk and Francis (Grant) Stambuski. Sister-in-law Gwen Last and from the Mutcher side of the family: Freda, Ruth, Albert, Wilfred (Deanna) and Marilee.

Dad was predeceased by his parents, Rose and Ernest Last, wife Bernice Alice (nee Mutcher), sister Bernice Baker and her husband Donald, brother Reginald. Also in-law family Raymond Mutcher, Stan Dunlop, Elwyn Collins, Donna Mutcher.

Throughout his life, Dad was surrounded by a community of good friends and cherished family members, too many to mention. You know who you are, and we are grateful to each of you for bringing out the best of Dad. We are comforted to know that Dad has finally rejoined with Mom in God's perfect place.

Due to COVID restrictions, a small celebration of Dad's life was held in Grand Forks on September 3rd. Interment of Dad's ashes will take place in Carman, MB at a later date when we can gather, share our remembrances, and have a toast or two. If considering donations, please think of a charity meaningful to you.



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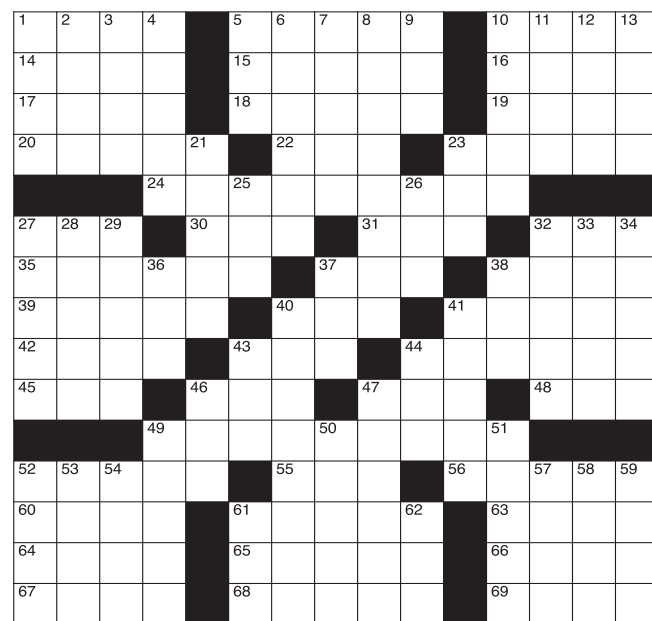
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Aurochs
5. Central Dravidian language
10. Split pulses in Indian cooking
14. Tropical starch tuberous root
15. Well known constellation
16. About aviation
17. Bowfin genus
18. Proper
19. Expression of annoyance
20. Cabbies
22. Bro or sis
23. Spiritual leader
24. Where football coaches work
27. Old TV part
30. A way to color
31. Touch lightly
32. Surround
35. Breached
37. Aristocratic young woman
38. Dry ravine
39. Hebrew measurement units
40. Supporter
41. Type of sword
42. Influential Irish playwright
43. Witch
44. Flower cluster
45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
46. Psychedelic amphetamine
47. Actors' group
48. Cool!
49. Salts
52. Group of SE China
55. Illuminated
56. Semitic Sun god
60. Water (Spanish)
61. Employed
63. Japanese ankle sock
64. Fishing fly
65. Some pheasants are this
66. Literary name for Ireland
67. Must have
68. A way to write
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. American state



2. Hindu model of ideal man
3. Type of acid
4. Drenches
5. "The Raven" writer
6. Emerged
7. Alpha Centauri: ___
8. Democratic Presidential candidate
9. Hostelry
10. Fathers
11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
12. Member of a Semitic people
13. Lesotho monetary unit
21. Lots
23. Jewish address corresponding to "Sir"
25. Male parent
26. A way to get
27. Body part
28. Seam in an organ
29. Landlocked African country
32. Process for producing ammonia

33. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
34. Bugged down
36. Native American tribe
37. Unfashionable person
38. Female grunts
40. Well known
41. Gurus
43. Norse mythological site
44. Tell on
46. ___ Farrow, actress
47. Cotton fabric
49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
50. Clouds
51. Satisfies
52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
53. Phil ___, former CIA
54. Japanese seaport
57. Female horse or zebra
58. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
59. Trigonometric function
61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
62. Insecticide

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