



Photo: FMG Dragon Boat races in 2013. 2014 Races run Sept. 12-14 in support of CancerCare Manitoba Foundation and The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. Inset: A duck swims through the site of the 2013 Rose Ceremony, a tribute of tossing roses in the water to honour those who lost their fight to cancer.

It's off to the races... Dragon Boat, that is

- Kelly Goodman, Publisher of Senior Scope.

The FMG Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival is quickly approaching... September 12-14, at The Forks. It's the 20th year for FMG (Facility Marketing Group) in Manitoba.

Every year, there are about 60 new cases of childhood cancer diagnosed in Manitoba. Over 40 years ago the survival rate of children and adolescents with cancer was less than 20%. Today, thanks to research, 80% are cured.

I've been a proud member of the **Giv 2 Liv** team (formerly The Gifted Dragon Ladies - promoting the 'gift' of life) for approximately 10 years. The team was formed by **Transplant Manitoba** to raise

awareness for organ and tissue donation in our province.

Having had a kidney transplant nearly 28 years ago and losing many family members and friends to cancer, this festival is close to my heart.

For more information visit, www.transplantmanitoba.ca or SignUpForLife.ca, an online registry where Manitobans can record their wishes to be organ and/or tissue donors after death. If you have already signed a donor card, this is extra insurance that your wishes will be granted.

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Are you a Luddite? Perhaps a Penguin?

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By Butch Robson

The original Luddite was Ned Ludd, the eighteenth century English laborer who smashed technologically advanced factory equipment. He did it in protest against the thousands of lost jobs caused by the new labour-saving textile machines. His actions spurred on a nationwide, and some pontiffs say, an international uprising among the working class.

Is there a Ned in you? That is to say, given the rise of today's handheld device (HHD) technology, are you thinking like a Luddite? Have you considered grabbing a HHD from somebody's texting thumbs and smashing it? You know what I'm saying: there they are waddling into traffic like a colony of glassy-eyed penguins transfixed to their technology, thumbs a flicking. Of course you have. Even if you're a penguin yourself, you've thought about doing it, but there's a rub.

It's inescapable. Boomers, and increasingly their senior parents, are taking hold of these new technologies in steadily increasing numbers. Stats indicate that collectively nearly 80 per

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The apparent gap between the well-to-do educated, and the less affluent challenged by health and disabilities, boomers and seniors, seems to be narrowing. If market indicators are correct, as unit costs continue to plummet, most of the third world will



be wired by HHDs by 2016 (Africa in point).

Aside from the affordability factor, why are we all so willing to become glassy-eyed penguins?

There's an affordable HHD app for nearly every concern, from personal health monitoring (voiced medication reminders and monitors that warn of an impending heart attack or seizure); personal security (voice activated 911 or private life line); family interaction by text, voice or Skype (often the only guaranteed way for an older person to getting in real time contact with an offspring and grandchildren); showing off pictures of the grand kids (a virtual library wall of photo albums in your hand); finding appointment locations (for the directionally challenged older person); and personal on-line research

(related to aging and health issues). The list of apps is seemingly endless.

HHD's come in a wide variety of sizes from the common Smartphone and iPhone to a slightly larger tablet that slips into one's purse or jacket pocket. If a boomer or senior has a vision or eye-hand mobility problem, on-screen keyboards and icons can be enhanced; even interfaced with much larger flat screen televisions, which are slowly evolving into a personal computer (PC). These various devices can be integrated and seamless. Apple has made remarkable inroads in this regard with its iOS mobility management solution.

Luddites of the world, it looks like this technology you'll just have to hate to love. And no, you will not transform into a waddling penguin. I promise.



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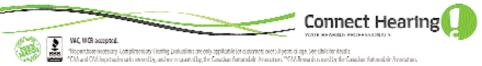
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Calls are "recorded for quality control", but service does not improve By Roger Currie

As an aging *Boomer* who loves to 'freelance' in his pyjamas, I am heavily dependent on the 'digital' Gods that we all must answer to now. I prepare and record a newscast five mornings a week. It can be heard on CJNU, 93.7 FM at about 7.15 am and 8.15 am, Monday through Friday.

Many 'digital' gadgets make all this possible. By far the most important of them is *e-mail*. Without it, most of what I do would simply not happen. In addition to the daily news and my *Currie's Corner* commentaries which many of you read in *Senior Scope*, I do a variety of other writing and voice projects. All of them are transmitted to their destination by e-mail.

Thirty years ago I hosted a program that was syndicated on several radio stations in western Canada. It had to be recorded on reel to reel tape, and tape dubs had to be made for each of my 'subscribers'. They were mailed out each week by Canada Post. We've come a very long way in a relatively short span of time, but inevitably there will be 'glitches' in all of this wonderful technology.

When my e-mail goes down, as it has a few times this year, I am at the mercy of anonymous people who answer calls at 'help desks'. Sometimes I have to wait what seems like an eternity for my call to be answered. During the wait, another anonymous recorded voice frequently repeats what most of us suspect is one of the most outrageous lies we will ever hear. They say "Your call is important to us". They also inform us that "This call may be recorded for quality

control purposes". I spent one half day working in a call centre years ago. I'll save the story for another time, but believe me when I say, it was about the longest half day of my entire life. These are not wonderful jobs. Yet remarkably, the people who take my calls are most often wonderfully helpful and incredibly patient. Most of them are also extremely courteous. I'm sure there are times when that's not always easy, given the frustration that the customer at the other end of the line is feeling.

At least it now seems that ours to these people are mostly answered in Canada now, rather than far away places like India or the Philippines.

Not surprisingly, we remember the really bad experiences with the help desk. A couple of months ago my e-mail went down for more than 24 hours. I deal with Manitoba's largest internet service provider. They used to be our publicly-owned telephone system. Somehow they managed to delete my e-mail account completely. The 'fixer' on the help desk was not one of the warm and fuzzy ones.

I had the distinct impression that my problem was the last thing he wanted to deal with that day. Near the end of the conversation, when the problem was almost fixed but not completely, I asked him to give me his name. The line immediately went dead. He had decided that I was not worth talking to any longer, and he hung up on me. I called back and got one of the good ones, and they helped me complete the fix very quickly.

I tried without success to pursue a complaint against the genius who had hung up the phone. I also thought about typing out a detailed account of what happened and sending it to the CEO of the company. I decided not to because I was exhausted and upset by the whole process. I somehow knew that writing it all down would probably only make me feel worse as I re-lived the experience.

I tell this story as a 67 year old man with what I think is an above average understanding of the digital technology. I cannot begin to imagine what it must be like for someone of a similar age who decides to cross the bridge into the digital world for the first time.

I get a similar sense of bewilderment when I take my vehicle to a garage to solve a problem I know nothing about. The service person asks "Did you try releasing the *thing-a-me-jig*, and pressing down on the *whose-it?*" I have absolutely no idea what they're talking about, and it shows. None of us wants to be made to look stupid.

More and more as the technology evolves, the *BOOMERS* who are supposed to possess some measure of 'wisdom', are totally helpless, and totally dependent on folks who are not much older than our grandchildren.

Please, please .. be gentle and kind.

Roger Currie is a writer and broadcaster who joined the digital world in 1995. He writes regularly for Senior Scope, and he heard on CJNU, 93.7 FM.







"TEAM MANITOBA 2014" competes at 2014 CANADA 55+ GAMES

These Games are these older adults OLYMPICS 2014! By Lois Dudgeon

On August 26, the largest ever team of Manitoba senior athletes (155) ventured to Alberta to prove "you're never too old for FUN & Games!"

This year, the biannual Canada 55+Games was hosted by Strathcona County, Alberta from Wednesday, August 27 to Saturday, August 30. The Canada 55+Games is a first-class sporting event that brings together over 2000 senior athletes from all over the nation for healthy competition and social camaraderie. Team Alberta alone will be 800 strong!

The guiding mission statement of the games is to influence personal behavior and social supports that encourage healthy, active living for older adults in Canada. Manitoba's Team Manager, Lois Dudgeon of Morden, states that "fun, fitness and friendship" is the slogan both the administration and participants live by. "Athletes come to the games to reconnect with old friends or to make new ones within the spirit of friendly competition. It really is four FUN-filled days of friendly competition."

Familiar sports like golf, curling, ice hockey and slo-pitch are featured alongside other activities like cribbage, horseshoes and scrabble for a total of 22 events. The variety ensures that every senior, regardless of their fitness



90-year-old John Houldon and his 60-year-old daughter, Grace Atkins, came home with medals in track at the Manitoba 55 Plus Games.

level, will be able to participate. Pickleball which is the fastest growing sport among the 55+ crowd is also making it's debut at this years' Games.

Team Manitoba 2014 was announced following the Manitoba 55 Plus Games

qualifier, held June 17-19 in Neepawa, MB. Nearly 1000 Manitobans participated in the local event built on the same principles of the Canada 55+Games. Team Manitoba's uniforms are generously sponsored by Homestead Manitoba out of Winnipeg.

Manitoba out of Winnipeg.

Athletes at the 2014 Manitoba Games ranged in age from 55 to 90 plus!! John Houlden, 90, of Winnipeg, won a Bronze medal in men's 70+, 400m track. His daughter, Grace Atkins, won Gold in the women's 60+, 200m, 400m, 800m and 3000m races.

Team Manitoba will enjoy Opening Ceremonies with an Athletes Parade, a banquet and fireworks during the Wednesday to Saturday event. Participants will also be treated to additional cultural activities including a Public Art Tour and live music from local talent such as The Alberta Country Legends. The next host community will also be announced at the closing ceremonies. Manitoba last hosted the Canada 55+ Games in 2006 at the community of Portage la Prairie.

For more information on the Canada 55+ Games, visit **www. canada55plus games2014.com**. ■

More on the Canada 55+ Games in the next issue of Senior Scope.







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FINANCIAL INFORMATION Avoid Paying Taxes and Penalties on tax free savings accounts

- Shirley Hill, CFP - Executive Financial Consultant, Investors Group

Some 54,700 taxpayers got warning packages from the Canada Revenue Agency earlier this year regarding their TFSA contributions for the 2013 taxation year, and were told they face a penalty. It's Straightforward, flexible, tax free if you follow the rules.

A smart way to save

Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) have been hailed as the single most important personal savings vehicle since the introduction of the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

plan. For instance, you could choose to use a TFSA to save for short term or long-term goals or both, such as:

- Reduce taxes on your non-registered investments,
- Complement your retirement savings,
- Save for a new car, cottage or dream vacation,
- Create a portfolio of income-producing investments that won't impact your eligibility for income-tested benefits and credits such as OAS,
- Split income with a spouse to minimize taxes.

Your guide to the Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)

Who is eligible?

- Canadian residents, 18 years of age or older. What is the contribution limit?
- \$5,500 per person per year (5,000 per person per year prior to 2013).

- Mutual Funds
 - Money market funds • Cash deposits

 - Publically traded securities
 - Government and corporate bonds

Who can benefit from a TFSA? All Canadians;

- age 18 and over,
- of any income level, and
- with savings goals that are shortterm, long-term or both.

The 5 Do's and Don'ts

1. Don't go over the maximum contribution amount

This is the maximum you're allowed to contribute to a tax-free savings account since they were launched in 2009. It applies to people who were at least 18 years old that year.

2009 - \$5,000

2010 - \$5,000

2011 - \$5,000

2012 - \$5,000 2013 - \$5,500

2014 - \$5,500

So if you don't yet have a TFSA and you were born before 1992 and were a Canadian resident for tax purposes since 2009, you can contribute a total of \$31,000.

If you're at the maximum total contribution amount and you go over the allotted amount per year, the Canada Revenue Agency will impose a tax of one per cent per month for each month (or part of a month) that the excess money is in the account. You'll keep getting taxed until you withdraw the excess amount, or if it's absorbed by extra contribution room in later years.

2. Do keep track of your contribution room each year

Keep track of your how much contribution room you have through the financial institution holding the TFSA - it will report your contributions and withdrawals.

3. Don't go over the total contribution allowance if you open more than one TFSA

You are allowed to open more than one TFSA, but the total contributions to all accounts is the same as it would be if you only had one account (i.e. \$31,000 if you've reached the maximum amount each year up to 2014).

4. Do fill out the proper tax forms if you go over the maximum

For any year you need to pay the one per cent tax because of an excess TFSA amount, you must complete and file two forms by June 30 of the year following the calendar year in which the tax arose.

Those papers are Form RC243, Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) Return, and Form RC243-SCH-A, Schedule A -Excess TFSA Amounts.

5. Don't replace TFSA contributions that you've withdrawn until the next calendar year

This is where many people get confused.

Withdrawals from your TFSA don't reduce the total amount of contributions you've already made for the year—so think of that \$5,500 per year (as of 2013) as the total amount you can put in for the calendar year, no matter what you take out.

So if in January 2014, you have a TFSA with the maximum total contribution of \$31,000, and you decide to withdraw \$6,000 in June 2014, you have to wait until at least January 1, 2015 to replace the \$6,000. If you do it before then, you will be taxed one per cent by the Canada Revenue Agency until you withdraw that extra cash.

It's a great opportunity to save for your goals and save tax. Call me today to discover the many ways a TFSA could benefit you. ■

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There's also good news for anyone who receives federal income-tested benefits and credits such as Old Age Security – your eligibility for these benefits won't be affected by money you keep in or withdraw from your TFSA.

The power of flexibility

A TFSA provides you with several options for use in your personal financial

- Contribution room accumulates and carries forward.
- Withdrawals from a TFSA increase contribution room for the following
- Contributions start at age 18 and continue past age 71 (unlike an

What are the main tax considerations?

- Contributions grow and can be withdrawn at any time and for any purpose without incurring tax.
- You are not taxed on interest, dividends or capital gains earned inside the TFSA.
- Withdrawals from a TFSA are not considered to be income and do not impact your eligibility for other Federal government programs.
- Contributions are not taxdeductible for income tax purposes.

What can I put into my TFSA?

A TFSA is more than just a savings account. You can contribute a variety of investments including:

A Harvest Supper Tradition

By Eva Arsenault

A delicious home-made turkey dinner with all the trimmings, pie and coffee for only \$15? It may sound impossible, but Fall Suppers offer all of this, a chance to socialize and to get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather. One of the most popular Fall Suppers celebrates its 25th year on Sunday, September 28th at St. Charles Parish in Winnipeg.

Located at 320 St. Charles Street, the Parish is one of the oldest Catholic communities in Manitoba. In 1855, The Hudson's Bay Company granted the site for a Mission that later became St. Charles Catholic Church that today stands on the scenic banks of the Assiniboine River.

Alice Spencler, a recently retired teacher is coordinating the annual Harvest Supper this year. "I am blessed with a ready, willing and very capable group of conveners and mentors who give their time, energy, and expertise to the event. They are busy pulling together the necessary knowledge, equipment, supplies and people power."

The majority of the event's volunteers are seniors and each well-experienced



Claire Lacroix does a great job of decorating the hall. (photo from 2013)

convenor organizes a team to handle a unique aspect of the Supper. Over 100 volunteers cook 417 pounds of turkey, peel 250 pounds of potatoes, and brew 700 cups of coffee and tea. Preparations are made for 600 people and the Supper is almost always sold out.

"Each year when we start to organize the Supper, I get a flood of volunteers who are ready to help in any way they can...it makes my job much easier" explains Monique Senecal, the event's volunteer convener.

Verna Baccari, a parishioner for over 40 years, has been involved from the beginning. "What makes our Harvest Supper different is that the turkey and trimmings are all homemade and the tables are set and decorated. We have never resorted to using paper plates or taking other shortcuts. We make it a special affair. Claire Lacroix, another senior parishioner has decorated the hall for years – she really captures the essence of a prairie harvest."

Alice Spencler says the Harvest Supper builds community both within the parish and in the surrounding areas. "During the Harvest Supper, as plates are filled, coffee is poured and deserts sliced, we observe all the volunteers working hard on behalf of their parish, serving food and fellowship to our guests. We also see workers enjoying each other's company, working together as a community and sharing the experience of a job well done!" Many former St. Charles parishioners return annually for the Supper and to meet up with old friends and acquaintances.

The cost of the St. Charles Harvest Supper is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children (ages 5 to 12) and children 4 and under are free. You can purchase tickets by calling Anna at 204-895-2420 or Verna at 204-837-8813. ■



Sheila Toth, Suzanne LaFleche, Lillian Meush, Diana Bernardin and Pat Arnal work on peeling 250 pounds of potatoes. (photo from 2013)



Henri Bohemier helps to set up tables. (photo from 2013)







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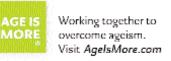
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PIZZA DEN Restaurant & Lounge turns 25!

Can it be 25 years already? How time flies when you're having fun making pizza in Stonewall!!!!!!

The Pizza Den Restaurant & Lounge will celebrate through-out the month of September.

The Pizza Den started as a Pizza Take-out and Video store and has evolved to being a full service 50 seat restaurant, a NEW 50 seat lounge with its own menu, and of course a full take-out and delivery service.

With the new Den Lounge addition, the restaurant entrance was moved to the front of the restaurant and this allowed for a larger waiting area. This also made it possible for new dedicated handicap parking at the front of the building near the entrance with new accessible friendly ramp, hand rail and front door with a push button for easy opening. In speaking with Robert Magnifico, the owner, this was important so as to address the senior's comments on the difficulty of parking close to the entrance and accessibility into the restaurant comfortably. The renovations and new addition allowed for all this to happen and customer comments have all been positive.

Through-out the 25 years The Pizza Den has employed generations of local students who have all played an important role in helping the Pizza Den grow in Stonewall. Many of them have grown up and are regular customers at the Den today. While some have moved on to other parts of Canada to pursue their careers but still need their Den "Pizza



Robert Magnifico, owner of Pizza Den.

Fix" when they come home to visit.

Did you know that the Pizza Den offers the lunch and supper seniors discount hour? Instead of a senior's day which is common in many restaurants, the Den chose to give seniors more flexibility and choice by offering a lunch senior's hour from 11am to noon, and a senior's supper from 4pm to 5pm. This gives them a 7 day senior discount.

When asked what makes the Pizza Den Pizza so good, Robert says that it starts with the Dough made fresh daily, the special herbs & spices in making the sauce, the freshest of veg-etables, the selected meats, and topped with the finest blend of two Italian style mozzarella cheeses, giving a full creamy flavour, and cooked in a stone oven that creates The Den Pizza. Stretchy, creamy, yummy!

The menu has grown over the years and the pizza is now complimented by a full menu selection including local selections with pickerel from Gimlli, our local Danny's Own pulled pork and pulled turkey, and fresh buns from Family Foods used in the burgers, select sandwiches and with the Fried Chicken. The BBQ Baby Back Ribs get rave reviews says Robert as does the Den Jambalaya, Fresh made Lasagne, Borscht, Greek Salad, Angus Steak, Wraps and Burgers in the Restaurant to mention a few. The Lounge menu includes such foods as Nachos, Calamari and Frickles, to complement its own full menu which is a combination of some of the restaurant foods plus some lounge specialties, and of course including a full selection of pizzas.

Many customers expressed an interest in gluten free products, and The Den introduced Gluten free pizza, pasta, panko style crust for the pickerel and chocolate brownies within the the past year and they have become very popular. Many customers are now also asking for thin crust pizzas as well says Robert. Menus can be seen on pizzaden.ca

To celebrate the 25 years, The Pizza Den Restaurant & Lounge will feature a number of activities in September

EMPLOYEE PRICING TUESDAY with 20% off all regular priced pizza when you dine in the restaurant or lounge for lunch and dinner.

OPEN MIC EVERYT WEDNESDAY, with Ellen, a Den staff member and local talent will showcase Stonewall and Area local talent in the Den Lounge from 7pm to 10pm starting September 3rd.

KARAOKE SATURDAY, IN THE Den Lounge from 8pm to midnight starting September 13th

DEN DOLLARS will also be given out to all qualifying Den customers through-out September

Celebrate 25 on the 25th when you will get a BIRTHDAY CUPCAKE with lunch and dinner in the Restaurant or

It sounds like there will be a lot happening at the Pizza Den in September. Happy Anniversary Pizza Den! ■

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All you have to bring is your lawn chair and blankets.

This family event is made possible thanks to the generous support from Councillor Brian Mayes, MP Shelly Glover, MLA's Nancy Allan and Theresa Oswald as well as Boston Pizza and Manitoba Hydro Power Smart along with all the Volunteers at NGCC" said event organizer Howard Kazuska, who added "Kids and parents are invited to vote for their favourite 2 movies on NGCC's Facebook page from our 14 title movie list. The 2 movies with the most votes will be announced the week leading up to the FREE Family Drive-In Movie Knight".

The latest movies to vote for on Facebook are as follows: The Lego

Movie, Despicable Me 2, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2, Mom's Night Out, Skyfall, Hunger Games Catching Fire.

How to Train your Dragon 2. The Muppets, Rio 2, Maleficent, Godzilla, Ride Along, Frozen and Ironman 3.

The duet, 2 For a Song

will provide pre-movie entertainment with songs for everyone to enjoy. Bill Quinn and James Hickerson are veteran performers in the music community having performed across Canada and the US, as well as on TV and radio. They are both teachers for the Louis Riel School Division.

Popcorn, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from the Canteen all evening. Lionel the Mascot from Boston Pizza will be visiting with the kiddies and handing out free kids meal coupons.

Gates open at 6:00 pm with the first movie show-time starting at sunset.

For more information, please visit norberry-glenlee.ca or call 204-256-6654.



Boomers & Seniors... Want to have an engaging day out?



Currie's Corner

Smokin' hot issue Roger Currie

Canada's doctors say "please leave us out of it" when it comes to the debate over eliminating some of the restrictions on smoking marijuana. They met in Ottawa this week, at the annual convention of the Canadian Medical Association. Two thirds of the delegates approved a resolution that basically said smoking burning leaves of any kind, whether it's tobacco or cannabis, is not a good idea and should not be encouraged in any way.

The politics of pot are getting more

fascinating and more dangerous every day. Opinion polls suggest that Justin Trudeau has an excellent chance of becoming prime minister when we vote in a general election a year from now. He is the strongest supporter of eliminating criminal penalties for recreational marijuana use.

When his dad got the top job 46 years ago, he joked that he was in favour of "putting some pot in every chicken". As Prime Minister Pierre appointed the LeDain Commission

which resolved almost nothing. The Harper Conservatives have drawn a line in the sand, and they attack Justin as irresponsible and a dangerously bad example for Canada's children. They tried without success to recruit doctors to lend their expertise to an ad campaign, warning of the dangers. The doctors wisely said "no thanks, we'll pass".

We've had medicinal marijuana in Canada for years, and there are still a ton of unanswered questions about that. What's an appropriate dose? Is it as dangerous as smoking tobacco? The doctors point out that none of these issues have been subjected to reliable scientific study.

Meanwhile, nothing will stop the politicians from getting involved it seems. The words of Tom Mulcair of the NDP are particularly interesting when it comes to the smoking of burning leaves. This week he confessed to smoking oregano as a teenager, but he says he didn't inhale. Remember when they called them reefers? \blacksquare

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Don't be Square... Dance!



Bow to your partner, bow to your corner, allemande left with a right and

In squares of eight all across the country, Canadians from age 8 to 80 are linking arms and do-si-doing themselves to longer, healthier and happier lives. They're having a blast and in the process, lowering their risk of heart disease, diabetes, age related memory loss, osteoporosis and depression.

With all its moving, twisting and turning, Square Dancing provides more than the daily dose of healthy, physical activity. Remembering all the calls keeps the mind sharp, potentially staving off age related memory loss. And, the companionship offered by regular Square Dancing is an answer to depression and loneliness.

Dancers will tell you, listening and executing the commands takes serious concentration, while all the movement gives your body the exercise it needs.

Square Dancing, as with any regular exercise, contributes to a healthier and more independent lifestyle. If you can walk, you can Square Dance and have a lot of fun in the process.

Doctors know that any weight bearing exercise is a major benefit as one ages. Square Dancing will also help to improve your sense of balance and coordination thus reducing your chance of serious falls and injury.

Regular Square Dancing will also boost your endurance and improve cardiac function. One could easily consider Square Dancing as a type of cross training.

The physical benefits of Square Dancing are impressive, to be sure, but don't discount its social payoff. Dancing creates a forum for social interaction between people. Laughing and talking between dances and at the end of the evening is a great way to make new friends and share your life with others.

Most of the activities people do today are non-contact such as golf, tennis or bowling. Square Dancing is



unique in that it involves physical contact. Studies have shown that touch, in itself, can be beneficial to health. Regular touching can reduce stress, depression and improve immune sys-

People are often reluctant to join a Square Dance club because of their perception of that style of dance. Let me assure you that "Modern Square Dance" is much "hipper" than what we remember from old cowboy movies. The movements, at higher levels of dance, can be very complex and are called to popular music of our time. On any given evening dancers will twirl across the floor to the music of John Denver, The Bee Gee's or Donna Somers as well as songs by The Beatles and Elvis Presley.

You say you're tempted but not sure you've got what it takes? Well relax. Although Square Dancing may appear complex, it is easily learned. Your "Caller" will take you through the process one step at a time and you will be dancing with seasoned people who are eager to help you. And besides, more fun is had when mistakes are made.

So, what's stopping you from being part of all the fun? There are several clubs throughout Winnipeg and lots more in rural areas with lessons start in early September. Check out this website (www.squaredancemb.com) to find a club near you or call Carole at 831-8954 or Pam at 414-7637 for more information. Singles or couples of all ages are welcome.



Fall maintenance helps ensure comfort and safety

Now is the time to perform important fall maintenance tasks to ensure your home heating system operates at peak efficiency during the winter.

Clean and repair leaky eavestroughs

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Ensure your carbon monoxide (CO) detector is installed properly and is in good working condition

Accumulation of CO can result from a faulty appliance, clogged chimney, inadequate venting, or a build-up of engine exhaust. While CO detectors aren't a substitute for proper installation and regular equipment maintenance, they do provide some reassur-

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Have your furnace cleaned and inspected

Regular maintenance of your furnace can help prevent carbon monoxide hazards and helps to keep your natural gas furnace operating at its best. Have your furnace and venting system checked by a qualified heating contractor and keep your air filter clean. A filter clogged with dust and dirt restricts air flow, which can cause the furnace to run hotter reducing its efficiency and life expectancy. Never keep gasoline or other combustible or flammable materials such as paper, chemicals, paint, solvents or cleaning products near the natural gas furnace as they can explode. Even vapors leaking from containers can cause an explosion.

Vehicle contact with downed power lines

As the seasons change, weather conditions become more unsettled, which could result in downed power lines. If you're in a vehicle that has made contact with a downed power line follow these tips to keep you and your family safe:

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- tact with the line (if possible). • Warn others to stay clear of the
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- Contact Manitoba Hydro to deenergize the lines.

If it is absolutely necessary for you to leave the vehicle, exit safely; do not simply step out of the vehicle one foot at a time, as your body can make a path for electricity to the ground.

To exit your vehicle safely:

- Keep your feet together.Hold your arms tightly at your
- Jump without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time.
- With your feet together, shuffle or hop away from the downed line

Never touch a downed power line or try to move it with any type of object. Moving power lines is extremely dangerous and can result in serious injury or death. Report all downed lines to Manitoba Hydro. Call **1-888**-624-9376 (1-888-MB-HYDRO).

For more information on safety and downed power lines, visit hydro.mb.ca/safety

Visit the Manitoba Electrical Museum

Explore the progress of electricity through the years while interacting with a giant talking robot made up of more than 50 household appliances. Check out the 1940s kitchen and a replica of an electric streetcar. Make your way through the Discovery Centre which features a touch table and a photo booth where you can dress up as a lineman!

The Manitoba Electrical Museum & Education Centre located at 680 Harrow Street (Winnipeg) in a converted electrical substation, is an interactive experience that's fun for people of all ages. Come and learn how generating stations are built and how to use electricity safely.

Admission and parking are free.

Guided tours are available by appointment. To schedule a tour, or for more information, call **204-360-7905** or visit **hydro.mb.ca/museum**.

Virtual Museum

Take an online trip through the 1940s and 1950s, when the Manitoba Power Commission embarked on the ambitious goal to connect 50,000 farms in 10 years to the province's growing electrical grid. See pictures, read and hear stories from people who were there in the Virtual Museum of Canada's Community Memories exhibit: Powering Up Rural Manitoba.

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Active Aging Week - September 21-27, 2014:

"Let the Adventure Begin" - ALCOA-MB

Are you looking for excitement in your life? Are you tired of "same old – same old" day in and day out? Is there a bit of Huckleberry Finn or Alice in Wonderland or Bilbo Baggins stuck in your sub-conscience? Well perhaps its time to let them out of their captivity and give them some fresh air! There is a whole world of age-friendly adventures and experiences that await you if you do!

The Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba (ALCOA-MB) is challenging any Manitoban who is 55 years of age or older to embrace a spirit of adventure and enter the world of "Why Not?" during Active Aging Week September 21-27, 2014. Once again ALCOA-MB will be joining the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA) in promoting events and activities that encourage older adults to participate, and have fun. Active Aging Week is an annual celebration of opportunities to connect people 55+ years of age to agefriendly programs, events and services in their community that encourage them to live healthy active lifestyles.

The 2014 theme, "Let the Adventure Begin", represents a friendly challenge and nudge to get off your duff and try something new; perhaps it's something you have always wanted to do but never had the time - maybe it's something that has caught your attention, but you're hesitant because you have never tried it before. Mark the dates September 21 -27, 2014 on your calendar.

During Active Aging Week start a new adventure in your life - expand your world and explore an activity that is a bit different from your normal activity and possibly a bit outside your comfort zone. Just say to yourself, "I'm going to try this - I just might enjoy it - I may be good at it - and I might just keep doing it! Allow yourself to be a beginner and challenge yourself to try something new. Remember, no one starts off being excellent at anything! Your adventure is anything different from what you normally do. Take the opportunity during the 2014 Active Aging Week to commit to a personal adventure that will arouse the explorer



in you and introduce you to adventurous active aging.

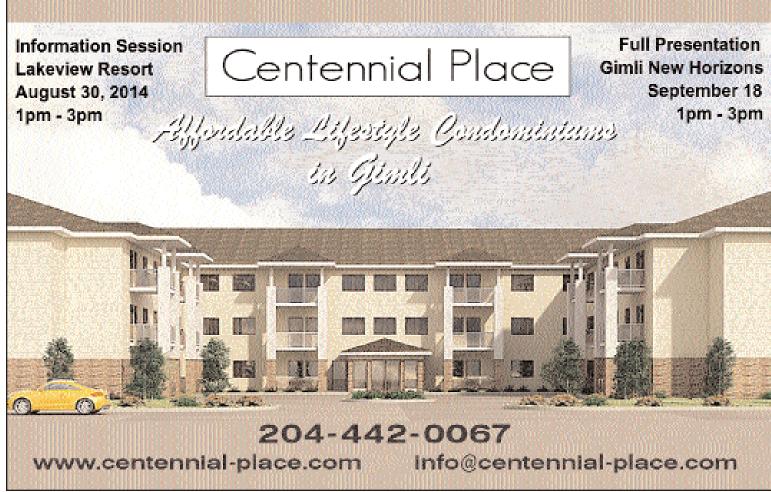
ALCOA-MB encourages Senior serving organizations throughout Manitoba to plan and host events and activities that embrace the "Let the Adventure Begin" theme. Event ideas for individuals or groups could include anything out of your ordinary like: pickleball,

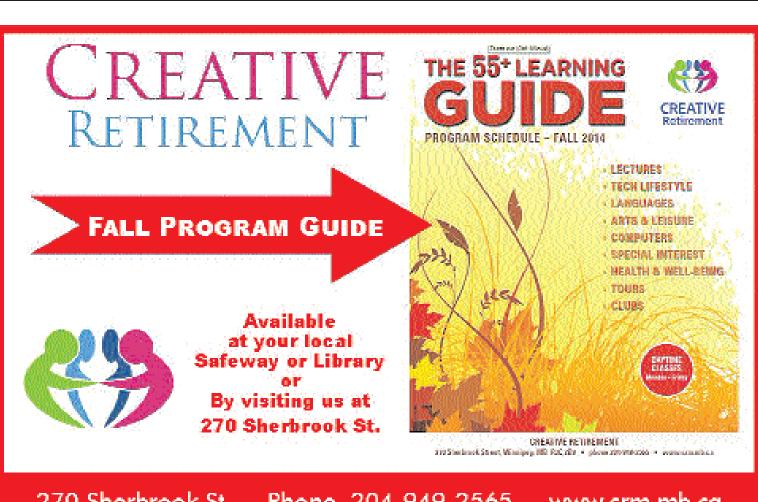
interactive hobby showcase, geocaching, parkour for seniors, or learn to play cribbage or a musical instrument. Check out details and planning guides on the ALCOA-MB website at www.alcoamb.org

Following Active Aging Week is Seniors' and Elders' Month, which is celebrated throughout the entire month of October. Contact the 55+ Active Living Centre nearest you to find out what events they have planned for Active Aging Week and Seniors' and Elders'

Month. Let your adventure begin!

"Active People 'R' Attractive People",
the theme of the 2014 Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries 55 Plus Games was proven to be true in Neepawa Manitoba (June 17-19, 2014) where nearly 1,000 participants (ages 55-97) enjoyed the annual age-friendly event. As lead organization, ALCOA-MB looks forward to the 2015 Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries 55 Plus Games, which will be hosted by the Town of Beausejour June 16-18, 2015. Visit www.alcoamb.org for Games coverage and other opportunities. ■







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Let your adventure begin!

Are you looking for excitement in your life? Are you 55+ years of age? The Active Living Coalition for Older Adults in Manitoba (ALCOA-MB) challenges you to try something different during "Active Aging Week" Sept 21-27, 2014!

Enter the world of "Why Not?" - Be adventurous — your adventure is anything different from what you normally do! Explore age-friendly activities in your community.



For more information on ALCOA-MB, Active Aging Week & other events visit our website at: www.alcoamb.org or phone: 204-632-3947 or toll-free: 1-866-202-6663



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STHE BUZZ!!

Shaw Park a Great Place to Find Active Seniors; Smokey's Birthday; the Mayor Turns 63; the World's Fastest 99-year-old; Dale Hughesman passes; Whitney Wins World Title; Next Mayor(?) Turns 64; Time for a Downs Barn Tour



There are many places where you can find active seniors throughout Manitoba and one of the places where seniors and boomers congregate 50 times (at least) during the summer is Shaw Park in By Scott Taylor downtown Winnipeg.

And it's going to be a great September at the

ballpark. The Goldeyes, the 2012 American Association champions, will be part of the four-team playoff run

that begins on September 3 and 4.

The Goldeyes, a team that was 58-34 at press time, already have their playoff tickets on sale and no doubt the park will be full of seniors this September.

"It's a great place for seniors and always has been," said Goldeyes general manager Andrew Collier who has been with the team since the club began in 1994. "The crowds are large, it's families, lots of young people and plenty of folks over 60. The food is great, the entertainment is outstanding, you can win plenty of prizes, it's a great ball club that certainly has a chance to win it all and it's safe. Above all else, the ball park is comfortable

And if you haven't been to a game yet, you'll love the team. It's an "old fashioned," ball club - zany, funny and loose, the players love to interact with the folks at the ballpark and they'll always sign autographs and talk to the fans after (and sometimes before) the

Tickets for all 2014 Winnipeg Goldeyes games and playoff games are available through Ticketmaster by



A day at the ballpark - Shaw Park.



61-year-old Pat Benatar.



Smokey the Bear turns 70.

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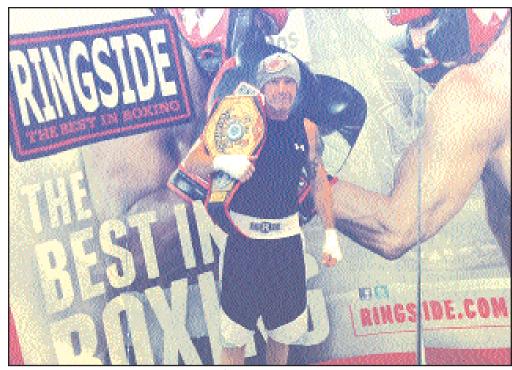
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It's **Smokey the Bear**'s 70th birthday. In fact, Smokey was born on August 9, 1944, when the U.S. Forest Service and the Ad Council agreed that a fictional bear named Smokey would be the symbol for their joint effort to promote forest fire prevention... Three places where we saw plenty of seniors in August: (1) At the Pat Benatar concert, where the 61-year-old rocked it like she was 25 (Yes, love is still a battlefield). (2) At the Bar-B-Que and Blues Festival at Shaw Park, where the demographic was probably 45-70 and (3) At the **Tom Petty** concert at MTS

Centre. Petty, who is almost 64, is still as good as it gets... Not all the news was good news at the Bar-B-Que and Blues Festival (and most of it was good news). Saxophonist Eddie Shaw, 77, suffered a heart attack right after his show and was still recuperating in hospital at press time... If you love football and you're looking for a job, **Mark Cohon**, 48, will step down as commissioner of the CFL at the end of the season. He's the 12th commissioner of the league. The first, of course, was Winnipeg barrister **G. Sydney Halter**. Halter served as CFL commissioner from 1958-66 and was 61 when he retired from the job. A founder of the Winnipeg Football Club in 1934, Halter passed away in 1990 at age 85... It's long been determined that the largest, most dedicated voting bloc in Manitoba

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First time 2014 Selkirk Wild Walleye Derby

Anglers in MB and ON will be on the water at Selkirk Park for the inaugural Selkirk Wild Walleye Derby on Saturday, September 20th, 2014.

Dan Sernyk, an experienced derby and team tournament organizer for over 30 years, is confident that there will be over 100 boats full of anglers of all ages on the water on derby day, as well as a large number of anglers competing in the event off the shore in Selkirk Park. Dan has held about 35 successful fishing derbies since 1984.

The net proceeds of the derby will be donated to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, an organization that is near and dear to Dan's heart.

"Over the years, I have had several family members and friends pass away from complications brought on by Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Sadly to say, only recently

my dear friend Don Bellamy of Winnipeg died of Alzheimer's Disease. So I have decided to make it my goal to honour the memory of Don and all the other family members and friends who have passed away as the result of this terrible disease by holding a fundraiser fishing derby to raise much needed funds for Alzheimer and Dementia Research. If all goes well, and I believe that it will, the 2014 Selkirk Wild Walleve Derby will be a big success and will hopefully become an annual fundraiser event for that very worthy cause," says Dan.

So register for your chance at winning one of the many great prizes, and in turn, 'winning' a cure for Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia.

See details in ad .to the left.

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elections is "engaged seniors." OK, so here's today's political question: There are seven people running for mayor of Winnipeg. Can you name all seven? Check the answer below...

WINNIPEG'S WHITNEY WINS

WORLD BOXING TITLEFor the second time since 2010, 55-year-old Gord Whitney is a Ringside

World Masters Boxing Champion.

Whitney did not begin his boxing career until 2002 when he joined a local boxing club to try something new. Over the years he began sparring, and in 2010 he competed in his first Ringside World Championships in the Masters division -- and won.

He joined the Winnipeg Elite Boxing and MMA Academy in 2012 and has been an active coach and mentor to many athletes while continuing to improve his own boxing skills.

În 2013, Gord lost a decision in the semi-finals at the Ringside World Championships in Independence, Mo., but he came back to win his second Championship belt at this year's world championship tournament just outside Kansas City.

Talk about an active senior/boomer: You can find Gord teaching the L'il Champs class at the Winnipeg Elite Boxing and MMA Academy three days a week and the Masters class on weekends.

DALE HUGHESMAN PASSES AWAY



Dale Hughesman

My friend Dale Hughesman was not a senior, but he was a boomer, and his passing at 51 was not only a terrible loss, but it also reaffirmed to those of us who are still here that life is precious.

Ronald Dale Hughesman was born on April 4, 1963 and passed away on Aug. 1, 2015. He was 51. He was the owner of Esdale Printing and a giant in Manitoba's hockey community. He was, and for a very brief time, a business partner of mine in a magazine called Manitoba Hockey News. When Dale became ill, we both decided to change the direction of the magazine and I always hoped that he would recover and we go back to where we started, but he just wasn't given the time.

He is survived by his two sons, Adam, and Matthew, special partner Andrea and stepdaughter Nicole, his parents Ron and Margaret, brother



He wants you to take a barn tour.

Darren (Shannon), nephews, Mason and Jordan and his buddies Sidney and Suzy. He also leaves to mourn his special Auntie Nessie, many aunts, uncles, cousins and Angie, the mother of his boys.

Dale played hockey at the University of Winnipeg and after graduation joined the family business, Esdale Printing. According to his obituary, Dale "was appointed to many positions over the years including President of ESPCC, President of Pine Ridge Golf Club, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League, Board member of REMHA as well as his involvement in the Selkirk Steelers Organization."

He loved golf and hockey, his business and his family. His obituary read: "Dale was always a happy glass-halffull guy and his joy for life and sense of humour were contagious to everyone around him. His love of music always kept him drumming to the beat on his drive to his next destination. Family was most important to Dale and he always looked forward to family celebrations."

I always had the deepest respect for Dale Hughesman and was overjoyed to have worked alongside him for a very short period in 2013 and 2104. He was whip-smart, a hard-worker and a man of his word. For those who knew Dale, donations can be made to CancerCare Manitoba or in Dale's name to the following organizations: River East Minor Hockey, 2Nations Female Hockey, Winnipeg Minor Hockey and/or Hockey Manitoba.

Our outgoing Mayor, Samuel Michael Katz, celebrated his 63rd birthday on Aug. 20. He's never looked better. Why wouldn't he look great? His baseball team is heading toward the post-season, he just had a successful Bar-B-Que and Blues Festival at the ballpark and Wicked, his Showtime Productions spectacular at the Centennial Concert Hall has been selling out. Wicked runs until this Saturday night... Horse racing fans, or folks who just love horses, have one more chance to take a barn tour at Assiniboia Downs. This Sunday, Aug. 31, you'll get to tour the restricted areas, get to walk through the barns and pet the horses, you can talk to trainers and you'll get a wonderful lunch from Manley Chan and his staff at the Downs. It's only \$10... Did you have fun at Folklorama this year? You must have. More than 412,000 attended the 45th edition of Manitoba's world famous multi-cultural celebration this



Ida Keeling and her coach - daughter Shelley Keeling.

month... The answer to our trivia question: Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Brian Bowman, Gord Steeves, Paula Havixbeck, Robert-Falcon Ouelette, Mike Vogiatzakis and Michael Fillion. The only senior running is Judy, who turned 64 on August 10. At last count, she was collecting at least four pensions. Frankly, there isn't one of these people I'd hire to cut my lawn, but hey folks, have fun at the polls in October...

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THIS IS MY FAVORITE STORY OF THE MONTH...

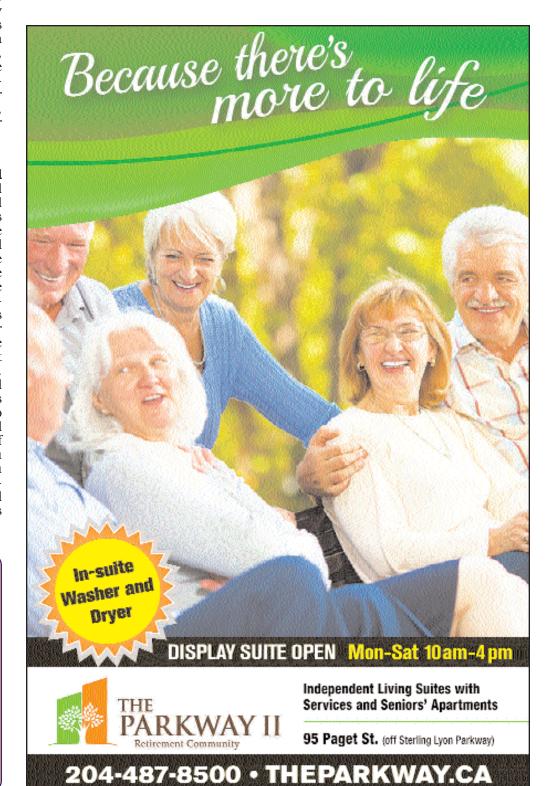
It seems that 99-year old **Ida Keeling** is pretty fast.

Keeling became the first woman in her age group to break a minute in the 100-metre sprint. Keeling finished an internationally recognized race in Akron, Ohio, in 59.8 seconds, making her the world-record holder among 99-year old women. At least, according to her coach, she's now the world record holder.

Full disclosure: Ida's coach is her 63-year-old daughter, Shelley. Ida finished in last place at the Gay Games race in Akron in late August, but **Shelley Keeling** says that Ida's time is the best ever for her age in an internationally-certified track event.

In June of 2012, Ida, then 97, ran the 100-metre in 51.85 at the USA Track and Field Eastern Regionals.

Ida is 4-foot-6 and weighs only 83 pounds. She started competitive running at age 67 to help deal with her grief over losing her two sons to drugrelated homicides. ■





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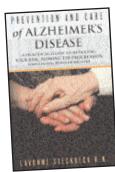
Alzheimer's disease and dementia take a significant toll on individual families, and society as a whole. According to Alzheimer Society Canada, in 2011 nearly 15% of Canadians 65 and older were living with cognitive impairment, including dementia. Annually, the combined

costs of dementia in Canada total \$33 billion. This amount includes \$11 billion in lost income, as caregivers spent more than 444 million unpaid hours looking after their loved ones. The cost is not only financial; families also struggle with the physical and emotional strain of caring for someone with

this progressive, long-term disease.

By gaining knowledge about dementia, family members will be equipped to handle its challenges and provide better care. The Crane Library has a large collection of books on dementia and Alzheimer's in our Consumer Health collection. Two recent additions are:

Prevention and Care of Alzheimer's Disease: A Practical Guide to Reducing Your Risk, Slowing the Progression and Living with Dementia by Lavonne Steckbeck, and Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias by Brian Draper.



Prevention and Care of Alzheimer's Disease is a good place to start if you are looking for an introduction to Alzheimer's. Steckbeck, a retired nurse, takes a conversational tone, making the book easy to read and understand. The book is divided into three parts. In Part 1, she shares her personal story of caring for her husband, Perry, during his recovery from a stroke at age 49 and after his diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease at age 55. Steckbeck also gives several first-hand accounts of diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's patients. Part II presents a variety of topics including a brief background on Alzheimer's and its symptoms, various medications and treatments, and supports for caregivers. Part III tackles finding a care facility or

ports for caregivers. Part III tackles finding a hospice. She also provides a list of online resources.

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In **Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias**, Draper takes a more comprehensive approach in describing the symptoms, treatment and management of dementia. He covers "everything from assessment and diagnosis to drug and psychosocial treatments, community and residential care options, assistive technology, support for families and other caregivers, ethical and legal considerations, end of life decisions and the latest research and treatment developments, the book provides a complete road map for those supporting someone with dementia, in either a personal or professional capacity." Despite the fact that this book is packed with information, it isn't overwhelming, Draper, who is a

global expert on Alzheimer's, writes in a way that flows nicely and is relatively easy to understand. His book is an excellent resource for those coping with dementia.

The J.W Crane Memorial Library, operated by the University of Manitoba Health Sciences Libraries, is the largest specialized collection on geriatrics, gerontology and long-term care in Canada. Our Reading Room contains consumer health resources for Deer Lodge Centre residents, their families and members of the community. Consumer Health borrowing cards are available free of charge. Items may be borrowed for two weeks. The Library is open Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30. dlclibrary@umanitoba.ca / http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/deerlodge

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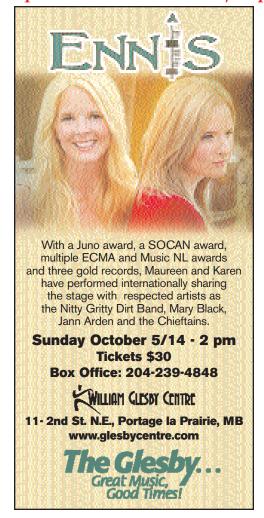
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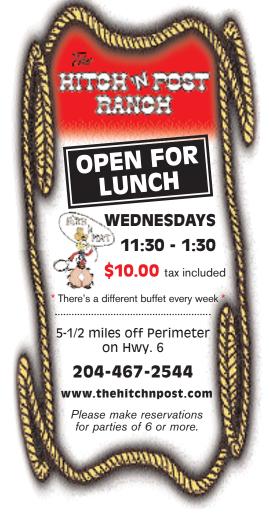
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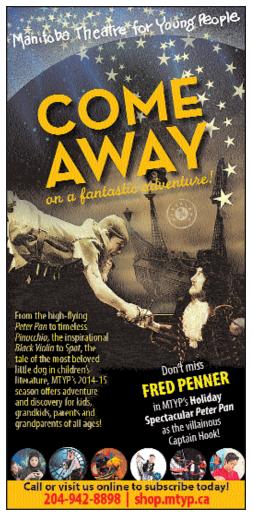
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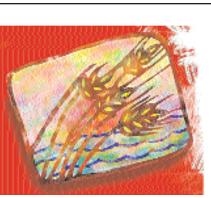


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EVENTS

Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet presents Going Home Star – Truth and
Reconciliation, Wed. Oct. 1 - Sun. Oct. 5.
Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4 - 7:30 pm; matinee, Oct. 5,
2 pm. Based on a story by acclaimed author
Joseph Boyden, a representation of the emotions and experiences by residential school
survivors and their families. Tickets as low as
\$29 plus taxes and fees, avail. online: www.
rwb.org, at RWB Customer Service Office,
380 Graham Ave. or call 204-956-2792 / toll
free 1-800-667-4792. Group discounts.

South Winnipeg Seniors Slo-pitch - SENIORS HAVING A BALL, May-Oct. To join or for more info, call Bob: 204-261-3033 or Metro: 204-256-4074 or Janice: 204-831-5641, or visit swssp.coffeecup.com.

Seniors Slo-Pitch - Looking for Men 55+ and Women 40+ to play a fun game of ball, Mon.-Tues.-Wed., 1 pm in Kildonan Park, May-Oct. Call John: **204-582-1904** or Terry: **204-586-5868**

Good Neighbours Choristers - 4-part mixed choir welcomes new singers. Meet Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am, Sept. 9-Apr. 2015, at Good Neighbours Active Living Centre, 720 Henderson Hwy. Call **204-669-1710**.

Sarasvàti Productions' FemFest 2014 - She's Got The Power! - 12th annual festival of life-changing plays by women for everyone Sept. 13-20, at the U of W Asper Centre for Theatre and Film. Visit www.femfest.ca for line-up and ticket options. Call Molly Karp: 204-586-2236 or email development@sarasvati.ca

Central Corydon Community Centre Walking Group - Walk for approx. 1 hr and then enjoy sociable coffee/cool drink. 9:30 am: Sept. 12 - South Seine River Walk; Sept. 15 - Kildonan Park; Sept. 19 - Kings Park; Sept. 22 - Sturgeon Creek; Sept. 26 - Fort Whyte Centre; Sept. 29 - Silver Ave. Walk. New members welcome. Info: www.centralcorydoncc.com or call the RHCC Office: 204-488-7000.

South Winnipeg Seniors Resource Council (SWSRC) - 20th Anniversary
Celebration, Thur. Oct. 16, 1-4 pm, Corydon
Community Centre, 1170 Corydon Ave.

Gwen Secter Creative Living - Women's Health Issues." Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? "Dealing with Chronic Pain for You or Your Partner" with Susan Fletcher in partnership with Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre & The Simkin Centre, Tues. Sept. 16, 1 pm, held at the Simkin Centre, on 1 Falcon Ridge Drive. R.S.V.P at 339-1701 or to Elaine at recreation@shaw.ca by Sept. 9.

Gwen Secter Creative Living - Lunch & Learn, Mon. Sept. 15, 12 noon. "I Laughed So Hard I Peed My Pants" with Dr. Kelli Berzuk. With compassion & humor, she explores bladder health. Members \$15, Non-Members \$18. R.S.V.P at 204-339-1701 or Elaine at recreation@shaw.ca by Sept. 8 with any dietary restrictions.

Seven Oaks Seniors Links and Gwen Secter Creative Living Centre - 6-week discussion group series "You and Your Adult Child," Oct. 14, 1 afternoon/wk, 1:30-3 pm at Gwen Secter, 1588 Main St. For adults

Things to do in Winnipeg

55+ who'd like to enrich their relationships with their adult children. Call Susan: **204-612-3888**, Seven Oaks Seniors Links

Friendship Force of Manitoba - Festival of Nations Open House Dinner, Sept 10, 6 pm at the Masonic Temple, Donald & Osborne. Display of artifacts and an opportunity to speak to people who have visited various countries. Friendship Force is a non-profit cultural travel group. Cost \$20. Call Shirley: 204-237-7856 to reserve.

Village Green English Dance Group Boost your brain & physical health. Weekly,
Wed. 7:30-9:30 pm, starts Sept. 17, Harrow
United Church, 955 Mulvey Ave. Everyone
Welcome. Info: Katherine: 204-475-2097,
villagegreenenglishcountrydancing.org

Post Polio Network - Meeting, Tue. Sept. 30, 1-2:30 pm, at the Katherine Friesan Centre, 940 Notre Dame Ave. Topic: Services and Support provided by senior centers. Guest speaker: Adele Spence, Coordinator of Support Services at St. James-Assiniboine 55 Plus Centre.

The Seniors' Choral Society - under the direction of Richard Greig - looking for new members for 2014/15 season. No audition required. Contact Mary: 204-221-2538, Windmar2010@yahoo.ca or www.seniorschoralsociety.ca

Springs Forever Young - Tues. Sept. 9, 1-4 pm. join us for fellowship, games, pool, horse shoes, ladder golf, darts, shuffle board, etc., no charge. Tues. Sept. 23 we will be celebrating our first year operation. Refreshments served. Join us for a fun day. 725 Lagimodiere Blvd.

Grand Squares Square Dance Club - Open house, Mon. Sept. 8, 7 pm at Norberry- Glenlee Community Centre (26 Molgat Ave). Learn modern square dance. Easy instructions by a professionally trained caller. Individuals or couples, all ages. Free admission. Call Mary: 204-228-9049 or Jane at 204-391-9281.

Whirlaway Westerners Square Dance Club - Open House, Fri. Sept. 12, 7 pm at Kirkfield- Westwood Community Centre, 165 Sansome Ave. Enjoy Modern Square Dancing! New dancers, singles and couples, welcome. First 3 dances free. Call Carole at 204-831-8954

Winnipeg South Osborne Legion # 252 at 426 Osborne Street - Various programs and activities including snooker, English Billiards, 8 Ball, Darts & Cribbage, Bingo 6:30 every Sun. & Fri. Live bands Fridays 9 pm. Visit www.rcl252.mb.ca

Fort Garry Legion - Hard Card Bingo – Tues. 1:15, Paper Bingo, Fri. eve, Early Bird 7:15 pm, and Sat., Hard Card and Ladies Auxiliary Lucky Star. All Welcome. Kitchen open for Lunch. 1125 Pembina Hwy.

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Open House, Sat. Sept. 27, 10 am-3 pm at
Unit E- 1045 St. James St. (in the "Brick"
parking lot). Many resources and free help
available to research your ancestors.

The Manitoba Coin Club - meets 4th Wed. each mo. (except Dec, July & Aug), 7:30 pm (1-1/2 hrs approx.), at the Fort

Rouge Community Centre, 625 Osborne. Frequently there is a Coin auction. Visitors, guests and new members welcome. Call Barré Hall: **204-296-6498** for info.

VOLUNTEERING

Parkview Place, Long Term Care by Revera - Volunteer Recreation Program Assistant required to assist in running programs for residents and with individual visits, days/evenings, downtown Wpg. Email: pierre.feng@reveraliving.com or call 204-942-5291

Rupert's Land Caregiver Services -Volunteers in Wpg. are needed for our "Time-out for Caregivers Program" where a volunteer is matched with a family to provide companionship to the older adult & give their family caregiver some time-out. For volunteer opportunities, call: 204-452-9491 or email: rlcs_vol@mymts.net.

Middlechurch Personal Care Home - is looking for volunteers for early afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. Contact Matt Mutcheson: **204-336-4138** for more info.

A & O: Support Services for Older Adults - Volunteer Visitors are needed in all areas of Wpg. 1 hour every 1-2 weeks. Please call 204-956-6440 or email proth@ageopportunity.mb.ca

Victoria Lifeline Home Service Representatives - Volunteers needed to travel throughout Winnipeg to explain and set up Lifeline equipment in people's homes. Must have a car. Mileage reimbursement, flexible schedules, training provided. 204-956-6777 or email sdewalt@vgh.mb.ca

K.I.N. Resource Council for Seniors -Bluebird Lodge Congregate Meal Program, 97 Keewatin St., seeking volunteers to help with the 4:30 meal - 3 hours, once a week. Call **204-774-3085** for details.

Vista Park Lodge Personal Care Home in St. Vital - Volunteers needed. Call Janet Paseshnik: 204-257-6688

Bethania Personal Care Home and Pembina Place - volunteers needed for Meal assisting, 1 hr. time commitment. Training provided. Call: 204-654-5035 or email dianne.nixdorf@bethania.ca

Southeast Personal Care Home - is looking for volunteers during the day, evening or the weekend to assist with the recreation programs. Call **204-269-7111 ext. 2247**

SOCIAL PROGRAMS/ SERVICES

Transportation Options Network for Seniors (TONS) - NEW & Redesigned website: www.tonsmb.org

Bleak House Senior Centre - 1637 Main St. Mon. 1 pm - Whist; Tue. 10 am - Coffee & Conversation, Noon - lunch; 1 pm - Bingo & Ceramics, Thurs. 1 pm - Cribbage; Fri. - Quilting. Info: 204-338-4723. New members welcome.

Pembina Active Living 55+(PAL) - Fall activities begin Sept. 8 at Grace Christian Church (50 Barnes Street) and St. Norbert, Ft. Garry and Linden Woods Community

Centres. Registration deadline Sept. 5. To register: info@pal55plus.com or call 204-946-0839, More info: www.pal55plus.ca

Seine River Seniors Inc. - Southdale CC. activities: bridge, Mon., 9:45-11:30 am; walking/urban poling, Mon., 9:30-10:30; monthly lunches - 2nd Wed. of each month; Sept. 7 - Pansy Fall Supper; Sept 17 - Assiniboine Park Zoo; Oct. 5 - Cooks Creek Fall Supper. Call: **204-253-4599**

Norberry-Glenlee CC - Programs for seniors. Now offering Pickleball at 26 Molgat Ave., St. Vital. Call **256-6654**

Senior Centre Without Walls through A & O - Support Services for Older Adults offers free educational and recreational group activities over the phone, for socially isolated adults 55+ living in Manitoba. Call toll-free 1-888-333-3121 or we can call participants into the line when unable to do so themselves. Call to register: 204-478-6169 or 204-956-6440 (Wpg) or email: swsrc@mymts.net or intake@ageopportunity.mb.ca for info.

The Salvation Army - Seniors 55+ Program, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, at the Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre, 51 Morrow Ave. Coffee/tea, crafts, board games & more. Call **204-946-9152**.

Le Conseil des francophones 55+ ensures the accessibility and availability of
French-language services and support
programs for the French-speaking population
55 years and up living in Wpg. French only:
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Pickleball. 204-793-1054, 107-400
Des Meurons, St. St-Boniface, Wpg.,
conseil55@fafm.mb.ca

Lion's Place Adult Day Program - Social day program for seniors - physical, mental, and recreational programs. Transportation & hot lunch provided. Membership \$8.06/day. Call **784-1229**. Referrals to the program are made through WRHA at **940-2655**, or call your Home Care Case Coordinator.

Dufferin Senior Citizens Inc. - 377 Dufferin Ave. Mon. - Shuffleboard & Bingo; Wed. noon - soup & perogy lunch. Perogies for sale. Every 2nd Sat., 12-4 pm, dance, 4 piece band & lunch. **204-986-2608**

The Friendly Settlers Senior Citizens Club - 200 Day St. (Transcona), Meet Mondays, 10 am for cribbage, lunch and bingo. Special events and group trips offered throughout year. Jean: 204-222-7504 or email: ganyadel4@mymts.net

Good Neighbours Active Living Centre - Home Maintenance Program in Winnipeg for people 55+ who are looking for various types of help in their home - call 204-806-1303 or email hmprogram@gnalc.ca

High Steppers Senior's Club - at Winakwa Community Center. Where seniors can and meet and have fun. Wed. & Thur. 10-2:30 - a fun day of games, cards, friendship, and more. Light lunch, refeshments. New members welcome. Call **204-619-8477**

Archwood 55Plus - at Archwood Community Centre - exercise classes, card and board games, line dancing, social activities (monthly luncheons, pickleball, bowling, etc.), bus trips & more. Call 204-416-1967 or visit www.archwood55 plusinc.weebly.com

Things to do in Rural Manitoba RURAL PROGRAMS / SERVICES / VOLUNTEERING

Senior

Grandmothers Giving's Fall Dinner - Sept. 14 at Herman Prior Centre in Portage la Prairie. African Marketplace 5 pm, Dinner 5:30 pm. Janet: **204-857-4309** for tickets.

The South Interlake Fifty-Five Plus - presents "Celtic Fury" featuring the Thistle Band and McConnell School of Irish dance, Sun. Sept. 28, 2 pm, at the Heritage Arts Center, Quarry Park in Stonewall. Tickets \$20. Contact Cheryl: 204-467-2582 or Bonnie @ 204-467-2178.

South Interlake 55 Plus - Beginner Line Dance, Wednesdays 6:45-7:30 pm, Regular Line Dance, 7:30-9 pm and Mondays 11:30 am-1 pm at South Interlake 55 Plus on Keith Cousins Drive, Stonewall. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring water to drink. Admission \$1/class with 55 Plus 1-yr membership (\$20) - can arrange to pay membership after hours (4 pm) at a Wednesday class. Call Verna, Member of the Quarry Strutters Line Dancers: 204-467-5090 or email: verrod1@mymts.net

Komarno - Fall Supper & Dance - Sat. Sept. 20. Band: Dennis Nykoliation. Proceeds to the Komarno Hall renovations. Advance tickets only - \$25. **204-886-2994**

Town of St. Eustache - 1st annual St. Eustache historical and multicultural service, Sat. Sept. 20, 4 pm, at Baie St. Paul cemetery on Hwy.26 and PTH 248 followed by a roast beef dinner at St. Eustache Hall - 6 pm, and dance with Bach 40 entertaining. Tickets: Dinner \$10, Dance \$10, Dinner & Dance \$15. Tickets: Sylvia 204-353-2464, Ann 204-353-2114 or Philippe 204-353-2586, Jackson Store and Laramee Garage. Organized by Chemache Cultural Committee.

Springfield Seniors Community Congregate Meals are available to all community seniors. Oakbank: Mon/Tues/Fri - 5
pm. Wed/Thurs, noon. Call 204-444-3132.
Dugald: Mon/Wed/Fri - 5 pm. Cooks Creek:
Mon/Wed - 11:30. Call 204-444-6000.
Anola: Mon-Fri, 11:45 Call 204-866-3622

Portage La Prairie Farmer's Market - Baking, Crochet, Flavoured Honey, Jewelry, Knitting, Sewing, & Home Based Businesses, to name a few things at our year round market. Sat. 10 am-2 pm. Inside the PCU Centre, 245 Royal Rd. S, Island Park. New vendors encouraged. Contact: Robyn text or call 204-240-7541, email robynscrafts@mymts.net, Facebook: PortageFarmersMarket

Ritchot Senior Services (serving seniors 55+ in the RM of Ritchot and Lorette) - Need people to be on our list of available drivers, friendly visitors, housekeepers etc. Call Denise: **204-883-2880**

East St. Paul 55 Plus Activity Center - Accepting memberships from East St. Paul area residents. Various activities and quilting open to all members. Call 204-661-2049 or 204-654-3082 (msg).

Interlake North Eastman - Services to Seniors programs include: transportation, friendly visiting/phone calls, assistance with filling out forms, foot care, housekeeping, yard work, minor home repairs, Meals on Wheels,

Congregate Meals, Lifeline, ERIK, errands, etc. Volunteer opportunities avail. Call for info: Arborg and District Seniors Resource Council **376-3494**; Ashern Living Independence for Elders 768-2187; Brokenhead/Beausejour Outreach for Seniors at **268-7300**; East Beaches Resource Center (Victoria Beach) 756-6471; Eriksdale Community Resource Council 739-2697; Fisher Branch Seniors Resource Council 372-8703; Gimli Seniors Resource Council 642-7297; Lundar Community Resource Council 762-5378; Riverton & District Seniors Resource 378-2460; St. Laurent Senior Resource Council 646-2504; Selkirk -Gordon Howard Support Services 785-2737; Stonewall - South Interlake Seniors Resource Council 467-2719; Springfield Services to Seniors **853-7582**; Teulon and District Seniors Resource Council 886-2570; Two Rivers Senior Resource Council, Lac du Bonnet 345-1227, Pinawa 753-2962 or Whitemouth/Reynolds 348-4610 or Winnipeg River Resource Council 367-9128

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Mushroom Soup

Metric	Ingredient	Imperial
1.5 L	chicken stock	6 cup
25 ml	soy sauce	2 tbsp
25 ml	dry sherry	2 tbsp
25 ml	butter	2 tbsp
2	garlic cloves, minced	2
375 ml	onion, chopped	1 1/2 cup
500 g	fresh mushrooms, sliced	1 lb .
-	black pepper to taste	-

In a large pot; bring stock, soy sauce and sherry to simmer. Meanwhile, in a frying pan; saute onion and garlic in butter until soft; add mushrooms. When all is tender, add to stock including all liquid expressed during cooking. Add pepper and simmer 20 minutes at very low heat.

Serves 4

Dill and Potato Scones

Metric	Ingredient	Imperia
500 ml	all-purpose flour	2 cup
15 ml	baking powder	3 tsp
5 ml	salt	1 tsp
40 ml	butter, softened	3 tbsp
15 ml	fresh dill, finely chopped	1 tbsp
250 ml	mashed potatoes, freshly made	1 cup
40 ml	milk	3 tbsp

Measure flour, baking powder and salt into a large bowl; add butter and mix with fingers. Add dill and stir. Add mashed potatoes and enough milk to make a soft pliable dough. Turn dough onto a well-floured surface and roll out until it is fairly thin. Cut into 3 inch (7.5 cm) rounds. Place scones on greased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 450 F (230 C) oven for 20 to 25 minutes until golden. Serve warm.

Serves 4

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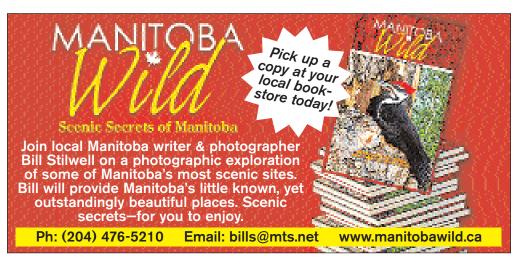
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The Answers To All Our Postal Problems

By William J. Thomas - Humour Columnist

North America's postal services are drowning in debt. They have never figured out how to adjust to the digital age. Half of the mail is now being delivered electronically and the post office still has us licking glue.

Canada Post announced a slash and burn policy that cuts jobs, reduces delivery service and jumps the cost of stamps by 35%. For the third time in as many years the U.S. Postal Service just defaulted on its debt load of 5.6 billion that it can't pay the U.S. Treasury. (And still Americans want Saturday mail delivery?!?)

The ČEO of Canada Post is a man named Deepak Chopra. I know what you're thinking ... where does a guy who's written 50 books about holistic medicine while sitting cross-legged in an Indian ashram find the time to run a national postal service?!? Well, that might be the problem right there.

After announcing the slashing of 8,000 jobs at Canada Post and the end of door-to-door delivery of mail in urban areas, Deepak "The Postie" Chopra took the sting out of it all with some comic relief. Everybody slammed the price hike of stamps. The postal union went ... well, postal over the loss of 8,000 jobs. City dwellers railed against the idea of walking to a neighbourhood box to retrieve their mail. And Chopra, who gave himself a bonus last year worth 33% of his salary delivered his punch-line defense with a straight face.

"The seniors are telling me," he said, "I want to be healthy, I want to be

Yeah, Canadian seniors are really looking forward to the all-new Canada Post fitness program in which they'll walk to a centralized mailbox and back each day. Except of course, those who

Ah Deepak, the seniors are telling me they'd really like to get their monthly \$551.54 pension cheques delivered to their door instead of paying cab fare to go and pick them up. Also, they say they wouldn't turn down a sweet 33% increase in that monthly subsistence allowance they worked their whole lives for.

How to fix our postal systems and have some fun?

First, nobody needs mail delivery more than three times a week. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are adequate and that way, your bills will arrive less frequently.

In my case, if I received my junk mail on Monday which is also recycle day. I could just toss it in the blue box next to the mailbox and I won't have to haul it up to the house.

But the real solution to our postal problems is donuts. Donuts, coffee and the daily addiction Canadians and a growing number of Americans have to Tim Hortons. There are 4,000 Tim Hortons franchises in Canada, 200 in the United States with more on the way.

Think about it - Canadian and American postal services own buildings in prime downtown locations in every village, town and city from coast to coast. Tim Hortons is the fastest growing coffee shop franchise on the continent. Down by almost half in business, post offices have nothing but vacant space. Tim Hortons is searching for ideal spaces to lease in downtown areas. Bingo! The all-new Post Office &Tim Hortons Centre, a place for us to go and not only receive our mail but read it with a coffee and a cruller. The post office gets a leasepaying partner and Tim Hortons gets an immediate North American expansion plan. It's a natural, I tell you.

And all those thousands of postal workers who are about to lose their jobs. They go from delivering mail in bad weather to pushing cups of decaf and croissants across a counter in a lively little cafe. From business bills to buttered bagels - their work place remains the same. Plus Tim Hortons "Roll Up The Rim To Win" contest? That could now be operated by the U.S. Treasury to help pay off the post service's debt.

As far as seniors picking up their own mail, forget about those community mailboxes. In Canada, we have more older people spending their leisure time at Tim Hortons outlets than senior citizen centres. Any time of day, all day, Canadian seniors congre-

gate at Tim Hortons to bitch about the government, whine about the weather and discuss how it is humanly possible that Justin Bieber's scrawny ass can stay inside those baggy pants when they are clearly belted at his knees.

Trust me, a national caffeine addiction is a good thing. If Colorado had a Tim Hortons for every 8,000 residents in that state, which is the company's marketing rule of thumb, they would not have legalized marijuana. Hyper is more productive than being mellowed

There's also a nice human touch that comes with bringing a Tim Hortons to your town. Last year in Windsor, Ontario a woman gave birth in the washroom of a Tim Hortons donut shop and she named the kid Timbit after those tasty little minidonuts. Think about it, America. Merge your post office with this donut franchise and in a few years you too could have a bunch of children running around named Maple Dip and Apple Fritter.

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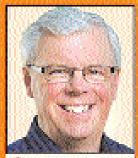
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