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Lions Housing, becoming an even better choice for seniors



espite the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought about, downtown Winnipeg is seeing an economic resurgence with the construction of new condominiums, eye-catching office buildings and some exciting new restaurants. Not far from downtown sits a couple of iconic 55-Plus apartment complexes that are going through a significant resurgence of their own. Lions Housing Centres, part of Lions International, has made changes

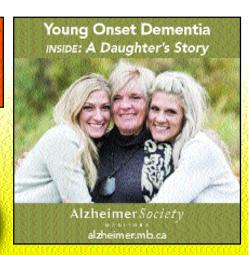
over the last 12 months, some of which have been a long time coming.

The "refresh" of Lions Housing Centres began in January of 2020, when Gilles Verrier was invited to join the Board of Directors at Lions Manor. What he thought would be a volunteer activity, turned into an offer to take on the challenge of operating the Lions Housing Centres. For 65 year old Verrier who has an impressive background in business, the decision was easy. "I know they

do good work in the community, and it was at the request of a friend to come and help because they needed some assistance." It was clear to Verrier that the organization needed a lot of restructuring if it was to move forward. Every aspect of the organization had to be scrutinized - and it has not been a small undertaking.

"They needed more than shortterm help, they needed restructuring," he said. Gilles knew that hiring the right personnel was the key

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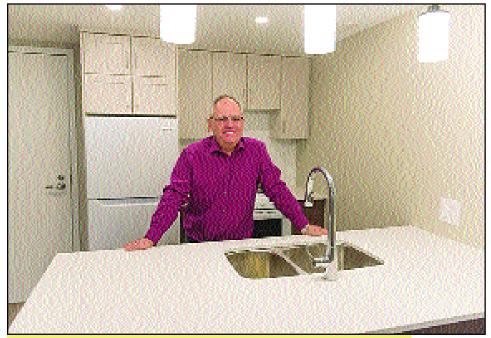
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Lions Housing, cont'd from front page



Lions Housing Centres - Interim Executive Director, Gilles Verrier inside one of the new suites at Lions Manor.

to the process. "I was fortunate to find the staff who have the right attitude, desire, and believed in the Lions Mission, Vision and Values." he said.

There are three buildings in downtown Winnipeg that are under the Lions umbrella. Lions Manor, at 320 Sherbrook Street just north of Portage Avenue, Lions Place at 610 Portage, and Lions View at 310 Furby Street.

When it was built in the 1960's Lions Manor was for a few years Winnipeg's tallest residential building and the largest seniors' residence in Canada. It continues to be well known amongst Manitoba seniors as an important option when looking for safe and affordable housing. Many residents of the three buildings are

second generation having had family members living in Lions Housing through the years. Lions Manor is not only an independent living facility, but it also includes a Supportive Housing residence and a Personal Care Home. Verrier says "Some of our residents begin with independent living. We have important resources we can offer them like housekeeping and laundry. Then, when personal circumstances change they don't need to make a major move to find Supportive Housing, or high-end assisted living. Assistance is available to help with more basic daily activities. Beyond that is the 116 bed Personal Care Home." A few short blocks east of Lions Manor on Portage Avenue you'll find Lions Place, which includes a wide range of



Tenants and staff at a Lions Housing complex.

amenities for the 280 residents who live there. Once Covid restrictions are reduced people will once again have full access to a hall that includes pool tables, shuffle board, a gymnasium, hair salon, greenhouse, large library, convenience store, and a restaurant.

All three buildings are served by major bus routes. They are close to hospitals as well as The Forks. Both Lions Manor and Lions Place currently have suites available for rent. While all 32 suites at Lions View are fully occupied at the moment.

At Lions Manor rents begin at \$636/month for a Bachelor suite. The three floors of newly renovated 1 bedroom apartments start at \$870/month. A promotion that runs until April 1st includes a rent discount of \$100/month for six months

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It's almost a year that Gilles Verrier has been at the helm. There is still a long way to go – but the progress so far has been rewarding not only for the Lions organization, but for the residents as well. One thing that will not change according to Verrier, is the Lions Mission. "We serve the community, and we are true to that. We will get them assistance no matter what they need."

For more information on **Lions Housing Centres**, visit their website **www.lhc.ca**

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A Daughter's Story:

The Unique Challenges of Young Onset Dementia

- Alzheimer Society

As a young mom, Jenelle Fender would buckle her kids into their car seats. Then she'd turn to her own mother, Susan, and buckle her in, too. Susan has young onset dementia.

"While I had young children, I did a lot of the same things for Mom as I did for the kids," says Jenelle. "No one at age 35 expects to have to do that."

Jenelle's children are older now, and they're beginning to help their Nana. But still, it isn't easy. "It's tough to see your mom, who is physically well, be held back from so much due to their cognitive impairment," she says of Susan, who received her diagnosis in 2017 at the age of 55.

Jenelle says Susan changes a bit more every day. Even so, she and her sister, Stacy, make a point to share with her the parts of their lives they know their mom would have cared about. "I remember a time when she had words and wisdom to share, always caring and compassionate," says Jenelle. "Now we rely on facial expressions, smiles and touch."

While the symptoms of dementia and young onset dementia (also known as early onset dementia) can be similar, the latter is the term used when the disease begins before the age of 65. As in Susan's case, it can affect people who are



Jenelle (left) and her sister Stacy (right) with their mom, Susan

still in their forties and fifties.

Young onset dementia comes with unique challenges. For example, at the time of diagnosis, people are often physically strong and active. If they are still in the work force, they may have to resign from their jobs, losing their income. Many also have a myriad of family responsibilities, which could include looking after young children and elderly parents.

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Families impacted by young onset dementia often face special and unique challenges. The Alzheimer Society offers a **teleconference/virtual support group** where participants can interact and learn from others.

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To participate, contact the Alzheimer Society at **204-943-6622** or **alzmb@alzheimer.mb.ca**

Reaching Out for Help

The family reached out for help from the Alzheimer Society, which included attending online classes and accessing the website as an information tool. Jenelle says they were grateful to find resources available in their area of the province.

As the family's journey continues, there are times of joy. Her mom dances "without a care," and Jenelle is often amazed at how her dad can guide her mom to laughter.

Susan's young onset dementia has left Jenelle and Stacy with the sense that they're missing out on the time they would have had with their mom. Still, says Jenelle, she cherishes the time they can spend

"I love it when I get to see the smile on her face, and those moments of clarity when it feels like her again. Those moments when she can put three words together are celebrated. We need to be present and slow down to see the beauty within the journey."

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Webinars AAIM Towards Healthy Aging

- Karin Whalen, Active Aging in Manitoba

It's no secret - you can optimize your health, maintain your independence and influence your "healthy life expectancy" (years of life in good health) by continuing to tune into credible healthy aging information. Subscribing to life-long learning that enables you to make healthy choices that are right for you is an ongoing process.

Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM) has a couple of notable nuggets to add to your healthy aging to-do list: two very different yet essential topics for older adults: Staying on your Feet and Surviving Chronic Pain. Both issues can be challenging at any time; however, being in good health will enable you to deal with life's challenges more manageably.

Staying on your feet: Walking outdoors at this time of year can be precarious with the melting and freezing. It's easy for anyone to slip and fall. In a fast-paced world, it is common to do many things at once. When our attention is divided, we are less likely to notice what is going on around us. Staying upright and preventing a fall is one of the most important things you can do to remain independent as you get older. As we grow older, our bodies change in ways that can increase our risk of falling. The good news is that most falls are preventable.

For older Canadians, falls were the leading cause (81%) of injuries that landed them in hospitals. Falls are not a normal part of aging because most falls can be prevented.

You can prevent falls by taking care of your health. The first step to avoiding falls is to understand what causes them. For example, reduced vision or hearing and poorly fitting footwear are just a few causes of falls.

Solving Chronic Pain: "If you or your loved one are experiencing chronic pain, you are not alone. About 1 in 5 Manitobans, over 200,000 people are impacted by pain that does not go away, states Dr. Brigitte Sabourin, a Clinical Psychologist at the Pain Management Centre. There are many things we do not yet know about chronic pain. We know that chronic pain creates changes in our bodies, in our brain chemistry, and the connections in the brain. Chronic pain affects how we think, feel, and act. Dr. Sabourin notes the good news is that there are some tangible and constructive things that YOU CAN DO to decrease the negative impact of pain on your life. Some of these are: 1) engaging in practices that calm your body and mind (relaxed breathing exercises, mindfulness); 2) adapting a regular and balanced activity pattern (moving your body, not underdoing or overdoing, taking breaks); 3) doing things that are meaningful and being with people who are important to you. Dr. Sabourin concludes that managing chronic pain means that you are not a passive recipient but an active participant in your health."

For more information, check out Active Aging in Manitoba (AAIM) webinars:

Staying on your Feet Taking Steps to Prevent Falls

Surviving Chronic Pain: For You and Your Loved One

https://activeagingmb.ca/ resources/webinars/

Stay tuned for more in the coming weeks.

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commentary prepared by Rosemary Hnatiuk, barrister, solicitor & notary public

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In the meantime, if you can't take care of our own affairs because of mental incompetence, say from a stroke or Alzheimer's, an Enduring Power of Attorney gives your care-givers authority to take care of your financial affairs AND make medical decisions. This is wording which can be found in an Enduring Power of Attorney:

I authorize my attorney to make all necessary decisions concerning the care of my person while I am in any personal care or medical facility, including any medical decisions that may require my consent. If I am still mentally competent my attorney must consult with me before authorizing any important changes in my care. but if I am no longer mentally competent my attorney may make such decisions, taking my best interests

If you become mentally incompetent before you do an Enduring Power of Attorney your care-givers would have to go to court at a cost of thousands of dollars to get a "committeeship" to manage your financial, health and

accommodation issues. However an Enduring Power of Attorney only costs a few hundred dollars, and is typically done at the same time as a Will.

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Eliminate Disability and Replace it with Dependability during this Tax Filing season



By Peter J. Manastyrsky

The weather has changed, Covid-19 crises is slowly changing but there is one thing that has not changed, we still must complete our 2020 tax return.

There are many Manitobans with disabilities who have never been aware that they may be eligible for a federal tax

refund. The income tax act provides a non-refundable DISABILITY TAX CREDIT that can reduce your taxes to zero, available to all eligible individuals, no matter what age level.

If you as an individual or caregiver paid income tax, the DISABILITY TAX CREDIT will reduce the amount of tax for a person with a disability or their supporting family member.

People who are unable or having a severe difficult time to perform basic activities of daily living over a prolonged period and markedly restricted (all or substantially all the time) in walking, bladder or bowel problems, dressing themselves, mental functions or other impairments, may be eligible to apply for the DISABILITY TAX CREDIT.

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A STEP BEYOND & ASSOCIATES, we help individuals from the young to the elderly, parents and families to complete and streamline all the necessary forms for the DISABILITY TAX CREDIT. Our service is to look after everyone.

Manitobans are heading into the 2020 tax filing season. All of us are preparing and selecting someone who is reputable to do our income tax return. Search for a competent tax filler, select someone who is reputable and easy to get in touch with, look for stability, check all the avenues. If in doubt, please call A STEP BEYOND & ASSOCIATES about your tax filing.

As mentioned in the last issue of the Senior Scope, A STEP BEYOND & ASSOCIATES remains vigilant and attentive during these uncertain times. We are available and ready to support you by navigating the process of achieving and completing your tax credit application, replace your disability with dependability, become eligible for DISABILITY TAX CREDIT. ■

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You've got mail: and it's handwritten the old fashioned way

The letter stood out among the pile of mail. It was addressed to me, in beautiful, flowing cursive. The envelope was smaller (and prettier) than the many generic, mass-produced, electronically printed corporate letters and bills that accompanied it. It was a letter from my grandmother-in-law, a lovely lady in her 90's who took the time to write to her new granddaughter-in-law, with nothing but a pen, paper and a stamp. I cherished those letters from the woman I hardly knew. The writing was lovely and it was so personal - it was just for me. She wanted to get to know me, and with the many miles that separated us, she chose handwritten letters to reach out to me. That was in the early 1980's. Shortly after that, she left this world. And it seems the world of handwritten letters has left us too. And I miss it all.

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cursive. Letters addressed to you by a dear friend or loved one. How touching it was to read every word that was written for your eyes only. My how times have changed.

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While computers and smart phones have made us so much more efficient in our day-to-day communications. we may have taken too many shortcuts in our modern way of doing things. Then, in the midst of our great technological evolution, we end up losing the personal connection we had been making with people.

It's not that I don't appreciate technology. The fact that we can video-

chat with our children and grandchildren with the touch of a button is phenomenal. I certainly couldn't envision that when I was a young mother in the 80's. I love that we can reach out across the world in seconds; we can see things in real time anywhere in the world. It's a wonderful thing. The world keeps changing and we can embrace it all.

But there is something special about slowing down time for a few moments, picking up a pen and taking the time to write out a few words to people that we know (or want to get to know). It is a slower process. It does take time and patience. But it also allows us to focus on every word. It makes it so much more special for those who will receive the letter. It's more personal. It truly has your signature on it. And it will be worth it.

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"Spring forward, fall back", another time change



By Roger Currie

often accused of being obsessed about everything to do with time. As someone who has lived most of his 73 years in either Manitoba or Saskatchewan, my life has been significantly affected by Daylight Saving Time (ĎSŤ).

Clocks are adjusted twice a year here in Manitoba, while in most of Saskatchewan the clocks never change. 'Spring forward fall back' has been a feature of North American life for more than a century, but for those Manitoba readers who don't like it, take heart. Daylight Saving Time may disappear relatively soon.

When it was first introduced during WW1 the objective was to make more productive use of daytime hours and the energy that's needed for everything we do. Back then most of rural Canada had very limited access to electricity. Small towns in particular were more than willing to adopt DST if the result was a reduction in the cost of things like street lighting. Most prairie farmers have never really been fans of Daylight Saving Time. "It messes up our schedule for milking cows etc.." they argue, but few people who aren't on farms don't seem to care all that much.

The extra daylight is definitely welcome at harvest time. That extra hour to get the crop off the field is appreciated especially in wet years when there is always pressure to finish before a killing frost might arrive.

Most of us who are not involved in agriculture enjoy having longer

evenings in the spring, summer and fall. This year especially, anyone involved in the operation of golf courses and other outdoor recreational businesses are anxious to maximize those evening hours to help recover from the devastating losses resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. Anyone who loves gardening is keen to take advantage of all the daylight that we possibly can.

What then are the downsides of DST? Those involved in policing and anything relating to safety will point to studies that blame the time change, both spring and fall, for a noticeable increase in driving collisions and other mishaps. Our reflexes and reaction times are affected by the changes to our sleep patterns.

It used to be argued that it was very difficult to get children to come inside and settle down to bed when it's still light outside. The dominance of various forms of 'screen time' has changed that picture over the years.

There are many rather wonderful jokes about Daylight Saving Time. My personal favourite comes from the Indigenous world.. "An old Indian (sic) said only the government would believe that you could cut one foot off the top of your blanket, sew it to bottom and end up with a longer blanket". More than half of the 46 years

that I spent in the world of radio had me rolling out of bed to go to work before sunrise, and then returning to bed earlier than most folks, often with the bright sunshine beaming in. I am so very grateful for the invention of the PVR which allows me to record the televised hockey game and then watch it in the mid-



dle of the night when I get up to go the bathroom.

My circadian rhythm sleep pattern has been permanently altered by those years, and this past year the impact of the time change seems to have been more noticeable than ever. Since we lost an hour of sleep in the fall, there have been many nights when I was unable to stay up much past 8 pm. Thankfully, the return of DST means I can now be truly wild and stay up until at least 9!

Roger Currie is Winnipeg writer and broadcaster, and a regular contributor to Senior Scope.

South Side Community Fitness and Fellowship Year End Meeting 2019/2020

- Senaka Samarasinghe

Trinity United Church (TUC) seniors' group South Side Community Fitness and Fellowship (SSCF&F) conducted its 2019 / 2020 Year End (Annual General Meeting) on Feb. 9th (TUE) 2021 from 2 pm to 3 am with more than 16 members. Due to the pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

At the Year End meeting the Leadership Team was nominated by members. Co-Chair - Suni Matthews, Co-Chair - Wynn Ferguson, Treasurer - Doreen McRae, and Secretary - Senaka Samarasinghe. This is my

ninth (9th) year with this Group. TUC seniors' group was established more than three decades ago named as South Side Seniors. The group's main focus was fellowship. They met weekly from 1-3 pm at

TUC. The organizing committee of the Group invited Guest Speakers to conduct presentations helpful for seniors mainly on health, but also on finance, insurance and home security. The final hour was allocated for fellowship with snacks and coffee / tea. During summer Group visited parks and museums.

At Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2019 / 2020 it was decided to conduct weekly one-hour Yoga and Exercise (two sessions per week) followed with fellowship (one-hour) with snacks and coffee/tea.

Due to pandemic condition, Group were unable to conduct sessions in person. However, virtual two gatherings (Yoga and Exercise) performed weekly via Zoom.

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by Annette Bonomo

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on Earth

No more trace Than the trace of ripples on the waters Created by someone Skipping Stones?

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MORE VACCINE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE MANITOBANS AT POP-UP CLINICS, MEDICAL CLINICS, PHARMACIES

Mar. 10,2021 - As more vaccine arrives in Manitoba, the province is opening pop-up clinics in rural and northern communities, and is beginning to distribute vaccine to medical clinics and pharmacies, Health and Seniors Care Minister Heather Stefanson announced.

"The Vaccine Implementation Task Force has been working with key stakeholders to plan for vaccine distribution on a wider scale as deliveries increase," said Stefanson. "Now that we are finally receiving a regular, consistent supply of the vaccines, we're able to expand how we deliver it to make it easier for more eligible people across the province to get vaccinated quickly."

Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination sites are launching beginning next week. People who are currently eligible for the vaccine at a super site can now make an appointment at a site in a community close to them.

Starting March 11, appointments can be made by calling the vaccine call centre (toll-free) at **1-844-626-8222** (**1-844-MAN-VACC**) from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. People are asked to have their health card ready when they call.

Plans for pop-up sites will continue in the weeks ahead, as long as there is supply to bring the vaccine closer to more Manitobans.

Clinics will be in communities for one or two days to immunize as many people as possible. The current schedule is at **www.manitoba.ca/vaccine**, and updates will be posted regularly as new clinics are scheduled and appointments are available.

People are encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible, to help slow the spread of COVID-19. "Vaccines are safe, effective," said Dr. Joss Reimer, medical lead,

Vaccine Implementation Task Force. "Once people get the vaccine, it is important to continue to follow public health measures, because we do not yet know whether or not COVID-19 may still be able to spread to others even if you have been vaccinated and do not get sick."

Botha noted the province is now piloting the distribution of the **AstraZeneca/Covishield** vaccine to medical clinics and pharmacies. A total of 18,000 doses of **Covishield** have been delivered to the province this week, and will be allocated to some participating pharmacies and clinics.

Individuals aged 50 to 64 and First Nations people aged 30 to 64 will be the first group eligible to receive the vaccine. People with high-risk conditions (as determined by their doctor or pharmacist) will be prioritized, along with those who meet the age criteria and meet the eligibility criteria set out by the province.

For a list of high-risk conditions, visit: https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html.

As the current supply of the vaccine is limited, many of the physician clinics and pharmacies will directly schedule immunizations for patients who meet eligibility criteria for this first round. Some clinics and pharmacies will accept phone calls from other eligible individuals aged 50 to 64 with one of the high-risk conditions set out by the province.

An online map has been developed to help people find out where they can access the AstraZeneca/Covishield COVID-19 vaccine including which locations are accepting phone calls to book. To view the map, visit: https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/partners/index.html.

Reimer also noted that anyone who has already received a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccines must use the same product for their second dose and should not receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccine.

"We know that people are looking forward to getting vaccinated, but I want to remind Manitobans that the amount of vaccine available is still limited at this time," said Stefanson. "We are going to continue to refine how the vaccine is distributed and how people can access the vaccine in the coming weeks, so all Manitobans can be protected against COVID-19."

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Manitoba, visit **www.manitoba.ca/vaccine**. ■



ADVERTISING

Winnipeg has a new meal delivery service designed for seniors

Heart to Home Meals opens new local outlet dedicated to serving Winnipeg's seniors.

Heart to Home Meals, Canada's leading meal delivery service for seniors, is excited to announce the opening of their Winnipeg location. This is big news because the need for healthy, contactless meal deliveries is at an all-time high as the importance of social distancing for seniors continues to increase.

Fred, the new owner of Heart to Home Meals Winnipeg, is very excited to be able to provide a service to the thousands of seniors living in the community who are hoping to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

"I am so excited to offer Heart to Home Meals to Winnipeg. I wanted to do my part in making it easier and safer for Parents and Grandparents to live in their own homes as long as possible, having access to great foods specifically made for seniors. Ask me about my friend Joy and you will understand why I wanted to do this; it was to make it easier for her to remain independent."

Heart to Home Meals has been busy preparing and delivering thousands of nutritious, frozen meals to the homes of seniors across the nation. With easy ordering — online or by phone —and no commitments or contracts, seniors in Winnipeg (along with their families) can rest easy knowing they don't need to venture out to the grocery store anytime soon.

Heart to Home Meals offers a wide variety of meals, ranging from a breakfast omelette filled with protein to a low-sodium braised beef dinner to a no-sugar added brownie.

At Heart to Home Meals, we take nutrition and quality of life for seniors seriously. That's why we offer more than 200 options to satisfy every taste, chock full of the nutrients your body needs to stay healthy, with the flavour you want to stay happy.

To learn more about Heart to Home Meals, call Fred and his team at (204) 816-8659 or visit www.hearttohomemeals.ca





By Scott Taylor Photo courtesy the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame

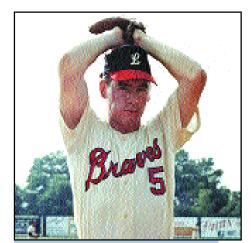
Claude Lambert, from the tiny Metis community of St. Laurent, Manitoba, might have been the greatest pitcher ever developed in this province.

Too bad he didn't get a lot of coaching. Frankly, the "development" was done by himself, alone, on the sandlots of rural Manitoba and the fact that he played professionally in the Houston Astros organization says a lot about his own personal talent and knowledge of the game.

Claude Lambert's baseball story will be part of Excellence: The Untold Stories of Manitoba's Indigenous Sport, a 286-page history of the greatest Indigenous athletes in Manitoba's history, which will be available to purchase in mid-summer.

The book will include stories on Stanley Cup winners Reggie and Jamie Leach, Olympic medalist Angela Chalmers, NHL players Brad

THE BUZZ Lambert Part of Manitoba's Legacy



Claude Lambert in the Braves organization in 1968.

Chartrand, Kimbi Daniels and Arron Asham, baseball star Paul Chartrand, softball coaching legend David Muswaggon, curler Carolyn Darbyshire-McRorie and all-around athletes Ryan Wood and Jill Mathez.

Lambert was one of the most amazing stories of all. He was 14 when he played his first game oF organized senior baseball and might have been the youngest senior ball player in the province.

A couple of years later, the Canadian Baseball Association held its first Canadian Jr. Championship in Winnipeg.

It was 1965 and Lambert was 19. He had just had a superb season with Warren in the Winnipeg Senior League and was the winning pitcher in the All-Star Game. He was also the winning pitcher against Quebec in the final of the first Canadian Junior Baseball Championship.

"Lee Ballanfant was a baseball umpire from Texas who saw me play and signed me for the Houston Astros," Lambert said. "I went down and pitched in rookie league and at that time, I had my official 'Gordie Howe' glove and 'Gordie Howe' spikes. Everyone was looking at me. They were white spikes. Everyone laughed at me, but two years later we were all wearing white spikes."

In his prime, Lambert was just 5foot-10, 180 pounds, which was a little small for a big-league hurler, even in the 1960s, but his numbers were always solid. However, after three seasons of professional baseball, a torn rotator-cuff injury had caused him major problems. He had lost some velocity off his fastball due to the injury and found himself out of pro baseball.

"I tore my rotator cuff in my last year in the Carolina League but I didn't give up playing pro because of the injury," Lambert said. "I just went as far as I could and got released. There was so much competition down there. Maybe if I'd been an American boy, I might have reached the major leagues."

In 1968, Lambert returned to Manitoba and because of his shoulder problem, he played outfield for the legendary St. Lazare Athletics. He led the Manitoba Senior Baseball League in hitting with a .375 average and also led in home runs with six and he also did a little pitching, but the torn rotator cuff has definitely affected his prowess. His pitching record slipped to 2-6 while recording 70 strikeouts in 78 innings pitched.

In 1969, Lambert played for Transcona and represented Manitoba at the Canada Summer Games in Halifax. He stayed in Manitoba and played several seasons with St. Laurent, who won a number of Interlake Senior League championships. He was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Now 75, Lambert still goes to work every day, fishing commercially on Lake Manitoba. But, for a time, back in the 1960s, he was one of the greatest Manitoba ball players of all time. ■

An Invitation to join a Senior Slo Pitch baseball club in Winnipeg

- Metro Hnytka



An invitation from the Winnipeg South Senior Mixed Slo Pitch baseball club to join in the fun with one of our three scheduled teams and the informality of Tuesday and Thursday House league play. All on Grade AAA diamonds in Fort Gary at 1377 Clarence and Hamelin - just off Waverley.



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~ Winnipeg South Senior Slo Pitch Baseball





Two Milestone Birthdays at the **Dufferin Senior Centre**

We are honoured to have two ladies celebrating a milestone birthday.

Viola Battenchuk celebrated her 100th birthday on February 26, while Josie Feriuk celebrated her 100th birthday on March 12.

Congratulations to two amazing ladies on their birthdays.

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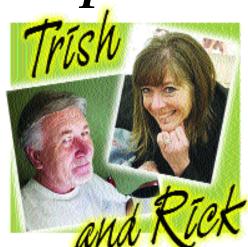
Pros Know Expos On-Line! Up & Running!

Well, what can I say? Finally? We are so pleased and proud to announce that our wonderful newlyminted Pros Know Expos On-Line website is up, running and ready to serve all of us.

Would like to take a short minute here to say thanks to all of those who have helped contribute, suggest, push, prod and so on to get this resource site for 55+ Older Adults up and running. We all deserve it.

To say there is lots to talk about is a very gross understatement and there isn't enough space here today to do so. What I can say is if you're struggling to find help as an older adult in our community, here is as good a place as any to start.

MASC, the Manitoba Association of Senior Centres listing and website link is here. Crime Prevention Tips with the Winnipeg Police Service and the Federal 'Little Black Book of Scams' to protect us are in the house. 211 Manitoba and 311



of The **Pros Know Expos**

Winnipeg resources are here as well. One of my favorites, The WRHA Senior Resource Finders - a great group of folks on call to assist you through the maze if needed is here.

Starting next month on this page, we're going to take a little time to showcase one or more of the amazing Exhibitors On-Line and in person in October at the shows. These folks are dedicated souls whose passion to make a difference is astonishing. Their services, products and general wisdom are huge for those of us looking for just all of that. They put people first and that other stuff second. That's rare in the good times, scares in these times let me tell you.

One of the segments we'll cover shortly regarding the Expos On-Line is the ability to access things in the 'Now' and not have to wait for the fall. That's silly, we all want to assist everyone needing these resources immediately. To that end, please visit the **Exhibitors sections** on the site, **click on the AD Bars** and visit their websites now. Contact them and make whatever Protocol appointments you can to help you out.

Our pledge is to keep the information updated and relevant. Our pledge is to keep adding quality resources to our list so you have a 'One-Stop' shop at your fingertips.

Lastly, if there is anything we're missing that would be of Community benefit with the Pros Know Expos, let us know, and we'll check it out and add as required. If you have a moment, please take time to check out all the advertisers here in Senior Scope as well, it just takes a few minutes of your time. While some advertisers may seem like 'Lifers' here and there, there is always a flux of new products and services available being added and subtracted. Give them a call too please; they're paying to get 'Your' attention. And then 'Share' the information with everyone, friends, family and so on. This helps each other and strengthens our community and economy.

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Thanks and be well! Trish & Rick

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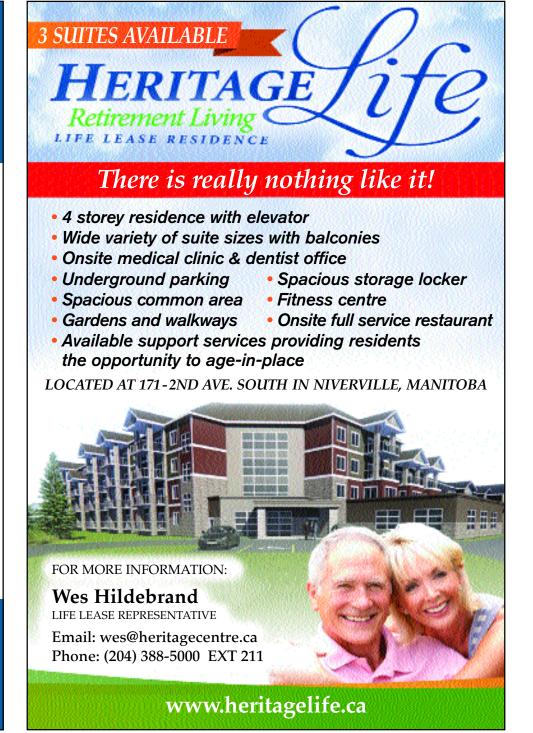
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Things To Do

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MISC EVENTS

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www.manitobacoinclub.org. Participate by computer, with or without a camera, or phone. Join meeting at

https://zoom.us/j/97682908459 Meeting ID: 976 8290 8459 Passcode: 216209

Forum Art Centre - Online classes.
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Info: shawna@forumartcentre.com.

Folklorama at Home - Free virtual programming, Fridays, 7 pm on YouTube : Mar. 19 - Learn How to Irish Dance; Mar. 26 - Paska Workshop – Traditional Ukrainian Bread & Dough Decor. (Register at Folklorama.ca to be sent the YouTube link)

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PROGRAMS / SERVICES

<u>Brandon</u> - Prairie Oasis Senior Centre - Meals on Wheels program, Mon-Fri, 9 am-4 pm. Wknd delivery available. Meals \$9. Volunteers needed. Grants and donations gratefully accepted. Info: 204-727-6641

<u>Dauphin</u> Multi-Purpose Senior Centre-Seniors 55+ - Cancer society Transportation Program, fee for service contact list, Erik kits. *Facility available to rent.* 204-638-6485, www.dauphinseniors.com

Emerson-Franklin Senior Services -For seniors with disabilities, to help maintain independent living. Services: Transportation, shopping, Meals on Wheels for shut-ins. 204-427-2869

<u>Interlake North Eastman</u> - Services to Seniors programs include: transportation,

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VOLUNTEERING

Deer Lodge Centre - 2109 Portage Ave. Volunteers needed. 204-831-2503 or visit www.deerlodge.mb.ca/volunteers.html

Caregiving with Confidence - Volunteer Drivers, Telephone Support Volunteers to support caregivers wanted. 204-452-9491 or jnybakken@aosupportservices.ca

Victoria Lifeline - Melissa: 204-956-6773 or msitter@victorialifeline.ca

Actionmarguerite St. Boniface, 185 Despins Street - Volunteers needed to transport residents in wheelchairs to their in-house appointments, incl. Mass. 204-235-2111, service@actionmarguerite.ca

Actionmarguerite St. Vital, 450 River Road - Volunteers needed to help Recreation staff, transport residents in wheelchairs to in-house appt's. 204-235-2111, service@actionmarguerite.ca

Meals on Wheels - Volunteers needed in: Downtown, Point Douglas, Seven Oaks and Transcona. Drivers receive an honorarium. 204-956-7711, www.mealswinnipeg.com

Southeast Personal Care Home -Volunteers needed at 1265 Lee Blvd - days, eve's, wknd's. Call 204-269-7111 Ext. 2225

Vista Park Lodge Personal Care Home - in St. Vital - Volunteers needed. Contact: Caitlin Liewicki: cliewicki@extendicare.com

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Pembina Active Living (PAL) 55+ Winter programs continue until Mar. 22.
Spring online programs start Apr. 5 - schedule available wk of Mar. 15. View schedule and register using contact info below. New: Meditation and movement - Mondays 1 pm.
Special presentations: Climate change Thur. Mar. 11, 1 pm; Still Bloomin'
Gardening Club - Thur. Mar. 25, 1 pm
(speaker David Toop from Manitoba Native Orchids). Email office@pal55plus.com,
www.pal55plus.com, 204-946-0839

Rainbow Resource Centre - Over the Rainbow Peer-to-Peer Phone Line, for

2SLGBTQ+ older adults 55+. For info, email otr@rainbowresourcecentre.org.

Caregiving With Confidence is now a program of A & O: Support Services for Older Adults - We are pleased to announce that Caregiving With Confidence is now an A & O: Support Services for Older Adults (A & O) run and operated program. Our primary focus continues to be providing supports for family caregivers of older adults. It is important to note that our programming will remain the same. Contact Caregiving with Confidence: 204-452-9491 for more info.

Dufferin Senior Centre - Due to the cononavirus, the Centre is closed to all its activities until further notice. Sorry for the inconvenience. Info, Al: **204-771-3325**

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Rivers Senior Resource Council, <u>Lac du</u>
Bonnet **345-1227**, Pinawa **753-2962** or
Whitemouth/Reynolds **348-4610** or
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Lorette - Yoga for You - ONLINE yoga classes Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm. First class is free, then \$5 per online class (e-transfer to my email address, or cheque or cash). Adults of all ages and fitness levels, and mature teens are welcome – no experience needed. To register, send me an email: juliette.nadeau@outlook.com or text: 204-330-7456

Montcalm Service to Seniors - Joanne: 204-304-0551 or jbarnabe@hotmail.ca

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Steinbach - Pat Porter Active Living Centre - 10 Chrysler Gate. Programs, Games, Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Outings, Meal On Wheels, Mobility Equipment, ERIK Kits to name only a few. Reception 204-320-4600 (Sonja, Program + Volunteer Coordinator) 204-320-4603, https://www.patporteralc.com

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Frenemie mama

Greetings all, here I am again, Janice. Thought I'd share this with you. I have been enjoying the lovely weather these past few days, I took a short walk along the path on our property and I looked over by a tree and saw a pile of twigs and it brought a memory back of when I was young and still living at home. It made me think about Tango, our family dog. She had been going through a really hard time as she had just suffered a stillbirth of her one and only pup. It was so hard to see her so distraught as we take for granted the unconditional love that our pets give to us. It's hard enough when we in the human world lose a child. She was part of our family and as much as we gave her the cuddles and extra love, nothing seemed to help our poor mourning mama! One day I was walking with her in the field behind our house when all of a sudden her ears went up and she laid in a bark and dashed back to me and tugged at my pant leg. She dashed over to a pile of twigs underneath the tree, and under this mess was a teeny, tiny, shaking, black and white, mewing little ball of fluff! Without batting an eyelash with maternal instinct of this kitten being her natural enemy, Tango poured away the sticks ever so gently, mak-

ing sure not to hurt her. She picked the kitten up by her scruff and brought her home. I followed her and opened the door. I couldn't believe my eyes as she swiftly brought in this little, mewing, black and white fluff and gently placed her on her doggie bed and started to lick her with strong mothering tongue washes! Tango looked up at me and whimpered in the most gentle tone I ever heard from her. As she nudged her dish and I knew instantly that I should get some kind of nourishment for this little kitty. I was absolutely flabbergasted at what I just witnessed. I found an eyedropper, washed it out and warmed up some milk, and I was able to administer some much-needed food for this tiny creature. She couldn't have been more than two weeks old. When my parents arrived home and heard the story, my father said, "Well, we have a name for her Twigs!" My father was not much for cats. He grew up with them but they had their place and it was in the barn. But because she gave much comfort to Tango there is no question that she would be part of our household. A dog being a mother to a kitten - a freak of nature? No a form of grace! From then on Tango and Twigs were inseparable! ■

Today's Recipe Larry McDritosh Larry McDritosh

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Chickpea Meatloaf

Metric	Ingredients:	Imperial
1	large onion, chopped	1
3	cloves garlic, chopped	3
500 g	extra lean ground beef	1 lb
500 ml	chickpeas, cooked	2 cup
175 ml	fresh breadcrumbs	3/4 cup
1	egg	1
125 ml	ketchup	1/2 cup
30 ml	dijon mustard	2 tbsp
7 ml	worcestershire sauce	1 1/2 tsp
5 ml	hot red pepper sauce	1 tsp
5 ml	ground cumin	1 tsp
5 ml	salt	1 tsp
5 ml	pepper	1 tsp
30 ml	ketchup	2 tbsp
15 ml	diion mustard	1 tbsp

Mince onion and garlic. Add chickpeas and chop very finely.

In a large bowl; combine onion mixture, beef, breadcrumbs, egg, ketchup, mustard, worcestershire, hot pepper sauce, cumin, salt and pepper. Knead together lightly. Transfer mixture to loaf pan and smooth top. Cover with foil and bake in preheated 350 F (180 C) oven for 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine ketchup and mustard. After initial 45 minutes of cooking, spread sauce over loaf and continue to bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Cool for 15 minutes before removing from pan.

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Your Happiness May Be Closer Than You Think – My Name is Mary

My name is Mary. I am a retired school teacher, mother and proud grandmother. I am on my way to celebrating my 82nd birthday. Unfortunately, I lost my husband a few years ago and now I live alone in our home with memories of happier days. I have three amazing children, a wonderful daughter-in-law, and a very hard-working son-in-law. I am a grandmother to six beautiful and smart grandchildren whose photos are everywhere in my home. My two sons live here in Winnipeg; however, my daughter lives out of province and I don't see any of them as much as I would like these days. They all have busy lives, balancing work responsibilities and the challenges of being parents with younger children. The lockdown restrictions of the pandemic have made visiting my family almost impossible, and I have been spending more and more time alone.

Prior to the pandemic I had moments of loneliness between periods of seeing my family however, I had activities to help fill my days. I enjoyed, traveling, walking, baking, sewing, visiting friends and family. These gave me purpose, joy and contentment.

But the isolation created by the pandemic compounded my loneliness and I found I lost interest in the things I used to enjoy. One day somehow just blended into the next day, and then to the next and so on.

One night at my home I had a serious fall in the bathroom. I am slowly on the mend but months later the bruising is gone and I am still experiencing some rib pain and now some loss of confidence. My children and the rest of the family were all extremely concerned about what had happened to me when they learned of my fall. They certainly were also becoming aware of my loneliness, lack of enthusiasm and lost confidence and started to push me towards considering care. I am not, and was, not ready to sell my home and move into assisted living, although I was persuaded to put my name on a wait list. The idea of losing my independence with any type of care did not appeal to me and my reluctance was evident to my family. My daughter became adamant that



Mary and Adaobi having fun in the kitchen!

if was to remain in my home I needed to have regular help to manage my household and to have some companionship. She was referred by a friend to call Nurse Next Door Home Care Services. She made the call and, reluctantly, I agreed to a meeting with Nurse Next Door based on my family's insistence.

Two lovely women showed up from Nurse Next Door to see me a short time later. We talked about my life, my family, my health, my goals, what makes me happy and my strong desire to stay in my own home. By the end of the Caring Consult I decided to push past my fear and accept just a little bit of care. I would sign up with Nurse Next Door for a short trial period and reevaluate after a few visits, if for nothing more than to satisfy my family (especially my daughter).

The Nurse Next Door Care Designer came back the following week and introduced me to "my perfect caregiver match" Adaobi. I was skeptical at first as to how things would progress

with my scheduled visits. I have been very pleasantly surprised at how things have worked out. During my weekly visits with Adaobi, we work together on projects like sewing or making my favourite muffins, and have even made a holiday ham with fruits. She helps me to keep my household clean, tidy and fresh. We do laundry together and change the bed sheets. She organizes my fridge, sweeps, wipes countertops and dusts. Although I bath myself, she draws my bath and ensures I am safe getting in and out of the tub (as I am $\bar{s} care\bar{d}$ to fall again). Every week is a little different in terms of what gets done here and what projects we start on or outings we plan and that's okay because it keeps things interesting.

The trial period has long since passed and I am on continuous visits now. I greatly look forward to seeing Adaobi and spending time with her as we do a lot of laughing together. My disposition has completely changed and my whole outlook is much more positive. Having this little bit of weekly care has allowed me to safely and happily stay in my home and has given me a new type of independence. Really, it's changed my

Actually, the assisted living facility just called me the other day to tell me that my turn had come up and they had space for me to move into a nice two-bedroom suite. I declined their offer and told them I was managing at home fine for the moment thanks to Nurse Next Door Home Care Services. I really just want to stay in my own home, and I think my family is happy with this decision as well.

I am enjoying my hobbies again and am looking forward to traveling one day, socializing with my friends, spending time with my family and giving big hugs. I have a happier life now because of the team at Nurse Next Door and am feeling hopeful. I wanted to share my story. I thought my story may help others to consider care as personally I know how hard this decision was for me. Maybe when you read my story you will see yourself in my words. Maybe you too are struggling and are not sure what to do.

There is help. You don't need to be afraid. Your family's worry can be lessened and your happiness may be closer than you think. Call Nurse Next Door Home Care Services, they helped change my life and I promise you, you too can start looking forward to happier days.

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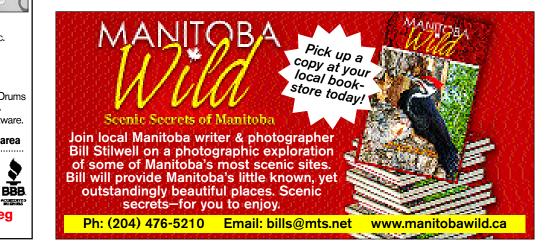
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Manitoba Churches - Written and Photo by Tyrrell Mendis

Rathwell Presbyterian Church / Calvin United Church - 1895

Rathwell is an unicorporated urban centre southwest of Portage la Prairie in the Rural Municipality of Norfolk-Treherne. It is named after John Rathwell from Innisville, Ontario, who settled in the area around 1882.

John Rathwell sold 80 acres of his land to the Canadian Pacific Railway on condition the rail line crossed his property. He regretted his decision, however, and abandoned this pre-emption. In 1887 the CPR placed its siding outside the property but kept the name for its railway point. The lot was subsequently homesteaded by Arthur Cavanaugh.

The Post Office opened in 1888 as Brunton, a place in Northumberland, England. The name was changed to Rathwell in 1890 when the Post Office was moved to the railway line.

The early Presbyterian and Methodist pioneers attended Anglican services in the home of George Shepherd. His house was later owned by Alex Bodnarchuk. After it was built in 1889 and the Rathwell School District was organized, church services were conducted in the schoolhouse, the rent for which was \$3.25 paid quarterly.

In 1892 the Presbyterians and Methodists agreed to rent the Forbes Hall for services and prayer meetings for \$50.00 a year.

In May 1895 a congregational meeting was convened to determine what lots were available for a church. In attendance was Rev. McTavis, the first minister. At a meeting later that year it



Photographed in 1983

was decided to let the ladies select the site. By August the tender had been awarded to George Brock of Treherne.

The first trustees of the Church Management Board (1893) were Thomas C. Forbes, James Adair, John Cameron, James Barron and Solomon Pritchard. This committee had permission to borrow \$650.00 from the Manse for the Church Building Fund. In addition, a call for support brought in \$1,230.00.

A Bee was organised by George M. Mitchell to haul previously excavated stones to the site for

the basement. The church foundation was laid on October 26, 1895. The first builders were George Brock and his two sons, together with Robert Steele and Walter Wilson.

The first service was conducted on December 29, 1895 by Dr. Bryce from Winnipeg.

In the early years Treherne and Rathwell were one charge, served by one minister. In 1898 the new Rathwell-Indianford charge was formed. One minister also conducted services in Arbroath, Cherry Valley and the Lee districts.

As early as 1898 the ladies of the congregation became actively involved in church activities. They eventually organized as the Ladies Aid.

On September 13, 1925 the church became the United Church of Rathwell and Indianford. The name Calvin United Church is first mentioned in the minutes of the congregational meeting in 1946. The first joint meeting of Rathwell and Indianford was on January 15, 1960. Amalgamation with Treherne was recommended on January 29, 1965.

In 1984, at the General Council meeting in Morden, the ordination of self-declared homosexuals was opposed.

Calvin United Church was purchased by Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) in 2016. INC is a global Christian church with congregations and missions in 143 countries. Its membership includes 133 ethnic groups and nationalities.

The renovated Calvin United Church reopened as a Church of Christ chapel in October 2018.

Tyrrell Mendis, assisted and encouraged by his wife Doreen, has photographed more than 700 places of worship in Manitoba over the past 35 years. It is an ongoing project to record the fast-disappearing relics of our heritage. His travelling exhibition of 48 pieces, **Testaments of Faith, Manitoba's Heritage Churches** is now available for booking.

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RM OF SPRINGFIELD PARTNERS WITH COMMUNITY TO CREATE NEW SENIORS HOUSING INITIATIVE

As seniors in rural towns and villages age and begin to think about selling their homes as they plan for their next season of life, their housing options are often limited. Although rural communities are home to a higher proportion of older residents, rural communities provide fewer services than urban centres. Older adults are valuable members of rural communities and should be supported in their desire to age in place.

Consequently, many rural municipalities are looking at innovative housing strategies to address the current and future housing needs for their seniors and to mitigate the negative impacts on local economies.

To reverse the trend of rural seniors having few options but to move to urban centres, the RM of Springfield recently announced the creation of **Springfield Heritage Housing Inc.** (SHHI), a community not-for-profit focused on increasing seniors housing opportunities in the municipality. The RM has partnered with the **Springfield Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-op** (SSHC) to build **Dugald Place**, the planned assisted living residence to be located beside the successful 55+Dugald Estates residence.

"Our seniors are the backbone of our community and our goal is to keep them near their families and their social networks where they want to be as they grow older" said Springfield Mayor Tiffany Fell. "We are starting with Dugald Place but the focus of this social enterprise model is on the entire municipality – it gives us the potential to branch out to our other Springfield communities in the future." Fell said this project allows its community members who have lived, worked and played in Springfield, in some case their whole lives, to remain in their community of choice – the place they call home.

Dugald Place is planned as a 50-unit, 3 storey assisted living residence and hopes to break ground this fall, with planned opening in fall 2022. It has already received great interest in the area, with 44 people having deposited \$1,000 to be on the waiting list. Dugald Place is located east of Winnipeg and 10 minutes from the Perimeter; it has great appeal for seniors looking for a rural lifestyle but with easy access to Winnipeg amenities.

SHHI has already secured the land, along with a \$150,000 donation from the Springfield Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-op; a fundraising campaign is in the works supported by a \$41,000 grant from the federal Investment Readiness Fund. In addition, the RM of Springfield is waiving approximately \$550,000 in development levies. "We see this as an investment in the economic development of our community and important to our goal of retaining seniors in our com-

munity," said Mayor Fell. "We expect to recoup this investment in the years going forward through property taxes," she continued. Fell says this is a 'winwin' situation. Retaining our seniors in our community also provides long term economic benefits for small business – seniors tend to shop local. Such projects also provide good local jobs for young people, she concluded.

Springfield Heritage Housing is led by a six-person Board of Directors comprised of three Springfield municipal councillors and three community members. "Our vision for Dugald Place is now a major step closer," said SHHI Board Chair Lesley Thomson who noted while the demand is strong, there is currently no assisted living residence in Springfield.

For more info or to reserve a place on the waitlist with a \$1000 refundable deposit, call **(204) 853-2255** or contact **www.dugaldplace.com**.



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A little while back a small black and tan dog wandered into our fish camp on the Canoe River

up in northern Saskatchewan. Coming back from town I'd found her sitting on the deck, starving, terrified, and filthy. Having grown up on a farm it's just second nature to feed it if it moves so I filled her full of bologna and the rest, as they say, is history. I don't know if it was my charm, my virile good looks, or the bologna but by the second slice she decided to adopt me. I named her Bernadette or Bernie for short and she's become my second shadow.

Nocturnal bathroom trips become more frequent as you get older. We use an old fashioned outhouse at camp and it sometimes seems that I spend half my nights traveling between bed and the facility. Now I have company. She goes where I go and when I go she does her level best to go too. For a while she was even waking Bea up to join us. The way she looks at it is you would have to be out of your mind to miss out on a chance to get out of a warm bed at 3 o'clock on a cold rainy morning and go for a walk with the guy that has the best and most bologna in all of northern Saskatchewan. There were hurt feelings on both sides of that argument.

And argue she can. I've never seen a dog with her vocal range. She can bark, bay, growl, moan, keen, yodel, grunt, and mewl like a cat. At 3 o'clock on a cold rainy morning Bea can do all those things too, when a dog is trying to get her out of bed. What an uproar, it scared the bears right off the peninsula.

And curse, she can curse like a blue water sailor. The dog I mean, not Bea. I had no idea she felt that strongly about squirrels. I worked construction and over the years acquired a more than passing familiarity with some of the saltier phrases in the English language but I was left slack jawed and shaken the first time I heard what she had to say about a squirrel she chased up a tree.

There's a stretch of good walleye water below our camp and a few years ago I cut some brush and built a deck with a screen tent on it. In season we'll sit there in the evening and watch the odd boat work up against the current on it's way to the Big Bend, which I make a point of telling everybody who will listen is a better walleye spot than our sorry excuse for fishing hole, and they might as well not even waste their time getting a line wet below us. Way better by several magnitudes, but don't tell anybody I told you.

That's our evening entertainment. I'll sit there and play my guitar while I'm waiting for somebody to show up that I can lie to. Between songs I'll ask Bernie if she's a good girl.

Having as high an opinion of herself as she does she'll say, "YARRP," and try and hit me up for a milk bone.

We'll sit there and play John Prine songs. She'll scratch under her collar and thump her leg on the floor. The dog has nearly limitless enthusiasm but no sense of timing or rhythm whatsoever. We all have our faults.

When a boat stops I lie about how good the Big Bend is. If it ups anchor we carry on pickin' and grinin'. If it looks like it want's to fish I put down the guitar and pick up my mother's old accordion. Half the buttons don't work on it but that doesn't matter because I don't know how to play it. One key, it might be middle C, has a particularly annoying tone. I'll get it wound up to speed and sing, ain't nothin' but a hound dog!

Then I'll holler, "Sing it Bernie!" and hit that key.

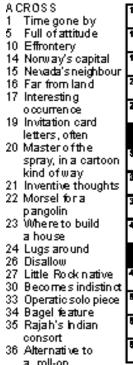
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She hates that accordion more than she hates squirrels. The language that comes spewing out of her is something to behold. You wouldn't think that much noise could come out of a small dog. Elvis is likely spinning in his grave, but nobody to date has stuck around for a full set. Apparently you just can't fish to that kind of music.

"What a good girl, I tell her after they're gone. "Would you like a milk bone?"

"YARRP!" ■

CROSSWORD - Just Say It, Don't Spray It! By Adrian Powell



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- 13. Dorothy wanted to go home too:
- 14. A cigar shaped musical instrument:
- 15. You have 14 of these in your hand:
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- 17. This ape fell in love with a blond lady and saved her from harm:
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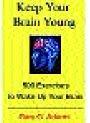
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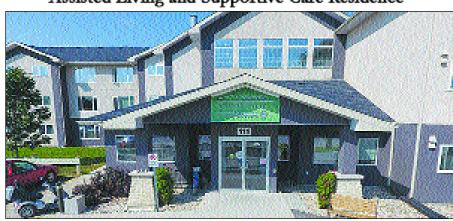
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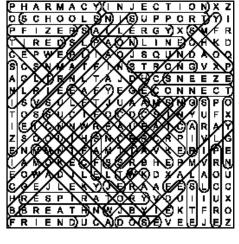
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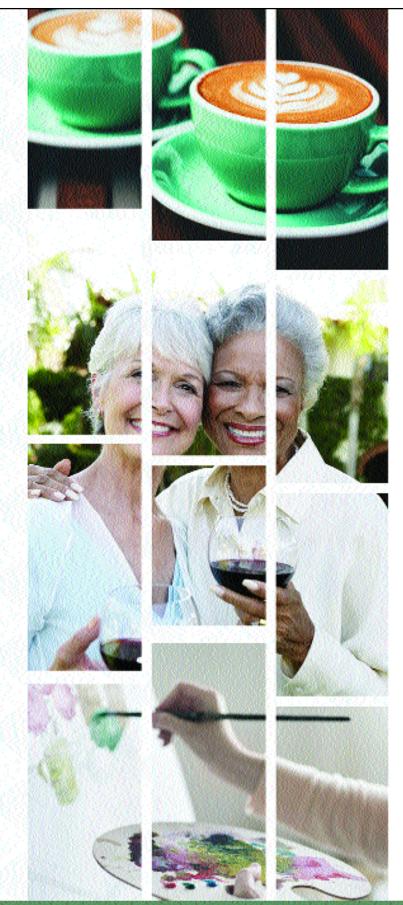


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