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Bombers were simply better than the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, right from the opening kickoff.

However, even the 33-12 score didn't matter to most Winnipeg football fans. What mattered was the relief. The pure emotional exuberance of a Grey Cup victory after nearly three decades, was enough to lift Blue Bombers followers to a higher place.

championship and all Winnipeg fans wanted to do was celebrate.

"So special to come together to celebrate a historic Grey Cup win for our Winnipeg Blue Bombers and for our city," said Mayor Brian Bowman. "I'm proud to recognize the Blue Bombers' Grey Cup championship with the naming

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I'm proud to recognize the Blue Bombers' **Grey Cup championship** with the naming of Grey Cup Champions Way. **5**

~ Mayor Brian Bowman

of Grey Cup Champions Way."

After the victory, the champs were feted at the airport, honoured with a parade, praised at the Forks, cheered at a Jets game and invited to all sorts of soirces. They deserved it. After all, on the field they were clearly the nation's best. This team, built by Canadian-born general manager Kevin Walters, went 3-0 in the playoffs and were overwhelmingly superior in the biggest game of the year.

In a nutshell, Andrew Harris, the Winnipeg-born runningback who survived a two-game suspension for using PEDs, gained 134 yards rushing and caught five passes for 35 more yards as he scored two touchdowns and become the first Canadian since Russ Jackson in 1969 to win the Grey Cup game's Most Valuable Player Award.

Meanwhile, the Bombers twoquarterback strategy worked like a charm as starter Zach Collaros won his fourth straight game as the team's passing quarterback while big Chris Streveler came off the bench to play brilliantly as the team's running quarterback.

"It's indescribable," said Harris, 32, immediately after the game. "It's a dream come true. To be able to accomplish this is a dream come true."

Blue Bombers Head coach Mike O'Shea, a man who is loved by his players, had nothing but praise for Harris.



Andrew Harris runs wild.

"He's fantastic, we're so thankful that we got him," O'Shea said. "He's such a competitive guy and he's so smart and he fit in so well, so quickly. I don't know if there are many guys that could do that. I look around the league and I just don't know if it would happen. That story should be written and told over and over again for a lot of vears, cause it's a fantastic story. It really is."

O'Shea added, "It felt like a home game out there for us."

While Collaros completed 17 passes for 170 yards and Streveler completed three passes for 39 yards and a touchdown, ran for another 30 yards and caught a pass from receiver Darvin Adams, it was the Bombers defence that shut down the Tiger-Cats. On Toronto radio, the Friday before the game, I said that if the Bombers win the turnover battle, they will easily win the game. They forced seven turnovers, had six sacks and blew the 'Cats out of the building.

The Bombers defence held Hamilton quarterback Dane Evans and his Tiger-Cats offence to a measly 298 total yards. Evans had only 203 passing yards and league most outstanding player Brandon Banks had six catches for 72 yards before leaving with a hamstring

injury. Oh, yeah, the Bombers not only forced seven turnovers three of them on downs, two on fumbles and had two interceptions, by Brandon Alexander and Mike Jones - they completely beat the Tiger-Cats to a pulp. By the fourth quarter Hamilton had no gas in the tank. They were a beaten team.

And was a remarkable thing to watch considering Hamilton was the CFL's top team during the regular season with a 15-3 record. Winnipeg was third in the West at 11-7.

"Seven turnovers is unheard of in any game, let alone a championship game," Collaros said. "From third-and-one stands to strip sacks, guys rallying to the ball. I don't think we ever had a doubt they'd have an amazing game. And they did an amazing, amazing job."

The Bombers each earned \$16,000 for their victory while Hamilton players received \$8,000. The attendance in Calgary was 35,493. Hamilton has not won the Grey Cup since 1999 and has now lost 16 straight games at McMahon Stadium. And when it comes to all of those losses, none was more convincing than their loss in the 107th Grey Cup.

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Chris Streveler

"I can't even sum it up, what a roller-coaster," Streveler said. "Our team had so much growth together, I had so much growth as a player and a quarterback. Our team has so much love for each other and that's a winning recipe."

At the post-game, open-invite party at the Forks on Tuesday, the Bombers were able to celebrate with 10,000 of their closest friends and biggest fans. Nobody said it better than Oak Park High School and University of Manitoba graduate Nic Demski.

"It's crazy, man, it's nuts," Demski said while hoisting the Grey Cup. "Just to be on a champion wearing Blue. And we're able to bring this Cup back home after the drought. This is my home town. This is my hometown team. It just feels so great. I don't even have the words for it."

Neither do most Winnipeggers. That's because this Grey Cup is about exuberance. It's about relief. It's about enjoying every minute of it.

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By Roger Currie

For residents of Manitoba who love all kinds of music, December is definitely 'the most wonderful time of the year' as the song proclaims. Perhaps it's the splendid isolation of living on the prairies as well as long winters which in December seem to stretch out endlessly across the next three months or more. Enjoying a warm escape from the cold was scarcely an option for the early pioneers who settled in this part of the world. For those who weren't heavy into winter sports like hockey, there has always been music. We seem to have been blessed with an endless supply of music lovers who became teachers, choir directors and producers of the inevitable Christmas concert evening.

Attendance at traditional church services continues to decline, but in December you can always find a long list of festive musical events to enjoy in the weeks leading up to December 25th. This year the music is especially soothing for my wife Janice and me. She is in Palliative Care at Riverview Health Centre, and December 19th will mark the eighth anniversary of the first time we met face to face. It will also see a very special concert at the hospital by the **Winnipeg Pops** Orchestra. I confess that I had never really heard of this group before I was asked to write this article.

Their history goes back more than 60 years. Under the direction of veteran teacher and percussionist Owen Clark, the Winnipeg Pops currently has a membership of 70 musicians of all ages who play for the love of it. Over the decades, the orchestra has been led with great

dedication by people like William Lord, Leon Bell, Mary Ann Taylor and Dave Schmidt.

81 year old **Owen Clark** took over the baton this past summer and right now he's anxious to find more string players. "We are fully covered on most instruments, but we can always use more people who can play a violin, viola, cello and particularly bass players" says Clark. "We have one terrific person on bass and I would love to have two more." He craves bench strength, especially in busy seasons like Christmas when different organizations are sometimes looking to attract concert audiences on the same night. Also, the all volunteer nature of the Winnipeg Pops sees them having to cover for musicians who travel during the winter months.

Rehearsals take place every Thursday evening for two hours and interested players should send an e-mail to winnipegpops (a)gmail.com. Their premier event this holiday season will be Saturday, December 21st at 7 pm at the Franco-Manitobain Cultural Centre on Provencher.

Owen Clark says "We'll be playing many of the favourites of the holiday season, but the evening will also include special material that will carry forward into the new year, including a performance of Lord of the Dance by Winnipeg's McConnell Dancers. Also on the program will be several tunes that were written during the American Civil War which I have arranged for the orchestra."



Owen Clark

in the 1950's. He developed his own skills as a drummer by listening to the recordings of legendary players like Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich. Among Clark's many accomplishments and honours was being named 'Musician of the Year' by Jazz Winnipeg in 2009.

Other musical treats this festive season include "A Swinging Christmas Concert" with Murray Riddell's Big Band, Saturday, December 14th at 7pm, at St. John's Anglican Cathedral in Winnipeg's north end. Tickets are \$10. For those whose musical interest includes more serious classical offerings, a reminder that Camerata Nova will be presenting Rosa, an evening of the Renaissance music of Gabrieli, Bovicelli, Mouton and Praetorius. The concert features Bruce Dickey, one of a handful of musicians in the world who are dedicated to reviving a medieval instrument called the Cornetto. Concerts are Friday, Dec. 13th at 7.30, and Saturday, Dec. 14th at 7.30, at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church at 525 Wardlaw.

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Some members of the Winnipeg Pops Orchestra

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



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COHABITATION AGREEMENTS

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

Common-law relationships have become very common indeed. After three years of co-habitation certain legal rights and obligations crystallize which are virtually identical to those in a marriage. This includes the right to half the net "family property" upon the break-up of the relationship, a share of each other's pension benefits, homestead rights in the family home and spousal support. Common-law rights and responsibilities can accrue even if one or both parties are still married to someone else. These consequences are usually not top of mind when parties move in together, but can cause problems if the relationship sours after three years. The good news is

that a **co-habitation agreement** can modify the default regime under the Family Property Act, the Family Maintenance Act, the Homesteads Act and other applicable legislation. Such an agreement can be entered into at any time but it is advisable to do so before three years of co-habitation. Opting out is also available to parties who wish to get married. That's called a Pre-Nuptual Agreement. This kind of agreement is often suitable in a second/subsequent relationship because financial situations and other obligations are more complex than in a first relationship. Thinking ahead and being prepared for possible developments is a very good idea.

These observations are not intended to be legal advice on any matter discussed. Legal problems are very specific in nature and legal profes-sionals should be consulted for best results.

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Keynote speaker, Verena Menec, PhD, a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba, discussed issues on healthy aging and creating age-friendly communities. Table discussions helped guests identify and share various obstacles that prevented them from living active lifestyles.

Staying physically active, engaging in social activities, maintaining a positive attitude, eating a proper diet, and maintaining good sleep habits all contribute to wellbeing and long life.

If you are limited by mobility issues, Dr. Verena Menec states, "Doing anything is better than doing nothing."

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Connie Newman (L) of MASC with Dr. Verena Menec.







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Manitoba's Keystone Canucks - Medal Winners at Huntsman World Senior Games

- Submitted by Andy Viallet

On October 18, 2019 the **Keystone Canucks** slowpitch ball team captured the silver medal in the 70+B Division at the **Huntsman World Senior Games**, held in St. George, Utah.

Dream Team from Austin Texas overcame a 16 - 12 score in the bottom of the 7th inning scoring 5 runs to win gold.

In the semi-finals the Canucks scored 7 runs in the bottom of the 7th inning defeating Wenatchee, Washington 14 -13, leading them to the gold medal game.

Brian Gadsby from Mitchell. Mb. introduced the Canuck team in October 2013 representing Manitoba four times in the Huntsman World Senior Games. Several players have managed to make the 4 trips, winning silver 3 times:

- October 2013 Silver medal in the 60+AA Division lost to Salt Lake City.
- October 2015 65 + B Division didn't make the medal round.
- October 2018 Silver medal 65 +B Division lost to Elora, Ontario. (players from Ottawa, Kitchener, Mississauga and Texas) 10 -8
 October 2019 Silver Medal 70+
- Division lost 17 -16 to Dream Team



Team members: Andy Viallet, Erwin Warkintin, Ron Harms (Morden), Ken Rigaux, Brian McKenzie, Don Champagne, Mel Johnston (Manitou), Dave Boch, Garth Whitlock, Gerald Machnee, Lloyd Penner, Brian Gadsby (Mitchell) and Don Wiebe (Carman) won Silver for 3 of their 4 trips to Huntsman World Senior Games.

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Minds in Motion is one of a handful of programs in Manitoba offered by or in partnership with the Alzheimer Society - that is designed specifically for people with early to moderate symptoms of dementia to enjoy with a family member or community friend.

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Ukrainians first settled in the areas around Lake Winnipegosis in 1899. Services were then at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 3.5 miles northeast of town. The first Divine Liturgy of Winnipegosis was in 1910, celebrated by Rev. A. Sabourin in the home of Stefan Smerychanski. The parish was formally established in 1926 by 28 founding members.

Due to challenges facing them the settlers' first churches were usually small and often of modest size with little adornment. By the 1920s, however, with greater prosperity many congregations were able to build larger. And so it was with the Ukrainian Catholics in the Winnipegosis area who found services in the small church near Cork Cliff becoming very crowded. This is the first church of the parish. It was built on a 4-acre site by the settlers themselves assisted by Rev. Peter Kameneckyi. It was designed by Rev. Philip Ruh, whose churches reflect the ornate 18th century Baroque ones of Kiev. This is one of his finest. Many of his churches for Ukrainian Catholic parishes across

western Canada have come to be known as Prairie Cathedrals.

The church is a large cruciform wooden structure with three domes, each topped with an iron cross. Two small domes are part of the front towers. The dome-cupolas are finished with sheet metal, the domes and roof with brick-coloured asphalt shingles. The walls are stuccoed.

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Our world changed instantly earlier this year when we received the devastating news of Drea's cancer.

We wondered ... was our youngest child going to live?

In the months since her life-altering diagnosis, we have come to appreciate how donor generosity is giving Drea and our family of five more time together. However, we need people to continue giving because it's highly likely Drea's cancer may come back.

We hope Drea's story inspires you to rally behind her.

Drea is a unique little girl. One moment she's a colourful "girly girl" and the next she's mimicking her favourite wrestling stars with her older siblings.

Last December we noticed physical changes in Drea. Then they intensilied. A CT scan in mid-January revealed the unthinkable. Drea had a brain turnour.

How do you explain to your child she's going to need brain surgery?

How do you act normal in front of her? Every time we looked at her we burst into tears. Can you imagine if this was your child or grandchild and you were told doctors worldwide don't yet know the best treatment? Drea's cancer is that complex.

The surgeons were able to get the entire tumour but this isn't the end of her journey. Drea has a long, grueling treatment plan ahead of her. One laced with uncertainty. Her CancerCare Manitoba oncologist hopes she will tolerate the maintenance chemotherapy she will be on for one to two years. The odds of this happening are precarious though.

Nobody ever wants their kids to miss out on anything, never mind life.

Looking ahead is not easy. It's plagued with unknowns. As her morn, I feel helpless. I'd like to go to bed not being terrified she's going to relapse. If Drea's cancer does come back, I need to know there will be more knowledge and answers to cure her. For this to happen, we need your help. Your gift may be the difference CancerCare Manitoba's researchers need to better understand and treat Drea's unique cancer.

As a dad, I want to protect my family.

Drea's illness rocked me to my core. Like Mandy, I worry terribly what the future holds for her. My way of coping though is to set little goals. Her next MRI is in December. I'm focused on that and getting another clear scan.

Then there's Christmas and New Year's. I just want our family to enjoy these special times together. But if you ask me about the long term, I can't tell you I think about university or her getting married. I can't even tell you what January holds for Drea.

What we do know is your support and compassion will be a bright light for our family this holiday season. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for caring and giving. • *Mike & Mandy*

* A special thanks to the Gauthier Automotive Group for matching donations up to \$25,000 in support of Drea.



Donate today to help Drea and your gift will be matched.

Here is my Special Gift of: Name ○ \$100 ○ \$50 ○ \$ Street Address

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Did Shakespeare Come From Hambantota?

Author: S. Samarasinghe, Principal Assistant Registrar General Published in: The Island 15th March 1986

There is a strong belief among certain sections of the old generation in distant Ruhuna that according to tradition William Shakespeare was, in fact, no other than a "Sinhalease" boy who was taken away to Britain from a hamlet in Kirinda in the Hambantota District.

The story has it that certain English Missionaries, who were sailing in a frail boat, were shipwrecked off the coast of Hambantota. They were compelled to spend a few days on land until the repairs were done. The villagers, who looked with curiosity the white men in distress, helped them to get food in keeping with the custom of hospitality which is known among Southerners even today.

Among those villagers, the Missionaries observed an intelligent fair complexioned boy and decided to take him along. They consulted his parents, who asked his tutor the monk of the temple the Ven. Bhikkhu, who knew that the boy would in future become a famous man, because the powerful planets indicated this in his horoscope, agreed. But the monk vehemently insisted that the name of the child and that of his clan should not be altered in the country where he was going to make his fortune.

All in the Name

The boy was descendant of "scheekkauperuge", people of an ancient clan who were also called Weluman being connected to King Dutugemunu's warrior Welusumana, who was related to the ancestors of the glamorous Gajamannona of exceeding beauty, the nightingale of the South. Eventually, the visitors set sail with the young man and took him to a small village on the banks of the river Avon in Britain, where he was named William brought up by an obscure foster father, who was later known as John Shakespeare. After the boy left the Island it is said that there had been some correspondence with the parents for some time. Unfortunately the papers kept in the village temple had been destroyed by floods. Suddenly correspondence ceased and nobody was interested thereafter.

that this identical Shakespeare happened to be a Muslim boy taken from Arabia to England under almost similar condition as mentioned here.

It was reported that the boy was called at home by the name Shelk Abdul Pierrieson of Wahid Sulaiman, thus became William Shakespeare. Whatever it may be, certain circumstances indicate definitely that Shakespeare was not born in England and that his early childhood is shrouded in mystery.

Critical examinations of the life of Shakespeare written by several authors show actual date of birth is not known. Peter Alexander, the famous historian, says that according to tradition William was of one John Shakespeare and that the boy was christened on 26th April, 1565. The place of birth is not known and it is reported that William came to London from Stratford on Avon, an insignificant village where there were practically no facilities for studies. Peter Alexander also says that in 1582 Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, a lady who was eight years his senior. Taking for granted that he was christened a few days after birth,



knew "some Latin and less Greek", had done miracles in the field of literature. Aubery goes on to say that according to Shakespeare's language and expressions he might have been a teacher in some country and that he adopted a style of his own.

These expressions lead us to the conclusion that the early education in Buddhist philosophy that the village temple and his family background being related to Gajaman Nona were to help him later on as a dramatist.

When we carefully consider the works of Shakespeare we can see clearly that most of the plays are based on Buddhist Jataka Stories and anecdotes of the East with a background that points to typical ancient Sinhalese culture in which we always find utterance relating to astrology, astronomy, oracles, superstitions beliefs in the East and other kindred subjects, which were not known to the writers of the West at that time.

Heroines from the East -Buddhism

Moreover, it is an established fact that Shakespeare "has no heroes but heroines". This statement will prove categorically that he had followed the Jataka Stories in Buddhism, diligently studied by him in Ceylon, in which it is always the woman who took the leading role. Most of the names of female characters in his comedies sound more like names taken from Eastern countries than from the West, such as Miranda Amelia, Ursula, Nerissa and Desdemona in Then again in "*Hamlet*" we come across a peculiar character who says: "If you live close to Church then you go further away from heaven". This also refers to a belief among certain Buddhist that it is a sin to build houses in front of temples. Then we find the obnoxious cry of the owl in the night foreboding ill – also a common belief in the East.

Seven Stages of Man

In "Twelfth Night" Shakespeare has shown vividly the change (Anichcha) in human life in describing the Seven stages of Man from birth. "The infant in mother's arms to old age" sans teeth sans hearing is exactly. The division of man's life into seven periods the last being "sans everything" this is according to the principles of Buddhism. No writer has ever attempted to describe human life in such vivid fashion. However, we still find mural paintings of Man, so that the ordinary pilgrim could easily grasp the fast change of man with the help of these pictures.

"The Tempest" is considered Shakespeare's farewell to the stage, where he make Prospero to unite and release the spirits from bondage - kodivina kapanawa and bury the magic wand, the last scene where actually astrology and charms in this Island are used to end his literary career.

Arden has suggested on one occasion that the interrogative 'No' at the end of a statement in Shakespeare's plays to turn it to a question, could be taken as an acceptable Ceylonism. Several instances can be found in his plays Viz. *Hamlet*: Do you love me Master, No?

A few years ago an article appeared in a magazine in India

he should have been eighteen years at the time of marriage, which is not possible, because Englishmen at that time did not marry so young.

MIracles in Literature

He might have been a lad of ten when he was christened, as he might have been eight or ten when he left Ceylon and therefore, at the time of the marriage he could have been a young man of 28 or 30 years. It is also reported that Shakespeare died on 23rd April 1616 that is 48 years after the date of christened. If he got married at 18, he could not have had time to pursue his studies to write so many plays in such a wonderful manner.

Ben Jonson had remarked that it is strange that Shakespeare, who

Othello – taking a Muslim into the scene is rare among English writers.

We find in "*Merchant of Venice*" how Portia, a lady dressed as a lawyer valiantly delivers an address on "mercy" masterpiece in the English language.

It is based on human sympathy and compassion – "mercy that blessed him that give and him that takes" is an expression benevolent "*Maitri*" – one of the most prominent features in Buddhist doctrine, where it is said that thought of "Maitri" come from our inner selves and have three beneficial effects on the persons who practice and others as well.

In "Julius Ceasar" a soothsayer coming into the stage is in keeping with eastern custom, particularly in Ceylon of consulting the planets to ascertain one's future.

Secrets Within

A friend who visited Stafford on Avon on a centenary celebration told me that while examining same articles that Shakespeare has used, a tourist from France, inspected the bed and asked the guide whether it was, in fact, the bed on which Shakespeare's mother gave birth to her son. He also told me that there was an inscription on the monument where he was buried with the words: Woe unto him, who pens this". There is therefore, some secret lying within the tomb. Perhaps, as important documents, depicting hi antecedents might have been placed inside.



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Listings available at www.seniorscope.com (Events page)

MISC EVENTS

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The Manitoba Coin Club - meets 4th Wed. each mo. (except Dec, July & Aug), 7 pm (1-1/2 hrs approx.), at the Fort Rouge Leisure Centre, 625 Osborne. Frequently there is a Coin auction. Call Barré W. Hall: **204-296-6498**

Red River Coin & Stamp Shows -2nd Sunday ea. month except July & Aug., 10 am-4 pm, at the Charterhouse Hotel. Free adm. All welcome, Coins, Bank Notes, tokens, bullion, Canadian and Foreign, Buy or sell. Come with paper, leave with Gold. Call Andy Zook: **204-482-6366**

Bear Clan - Free presentation by James Favel on the work of the Bear Clan, Sun. Jan. 26, 1:00-2:30 pm, @ Crestview United Church, 316 Hamilton Ave. Donations to The Bear Clan gratefully accepted. W/C accessible, lots of free parking. Refreshments. 204-832-0475

Manitoba Book Awards/ Les Prix du livre du Manitoba - 32nd Annual Awards, Fri. May 8, 2020, at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, celebrating local talent, diverse books, and bilingual category. www.manitobabookawards.com

Manitoba Genealogical Society Research Committee - offering Free 3rd Thur. Research Days, (Jan-May 2020). MGS Resource Centre, Unit E, 1045 St. James St. Register at research@ mbgenealogy.com at least 7 days prior to your desired session.

2020 BibleLand Israel Tour - Mar. 25-Apr. 3/2020. Come and visit this historical Promised Land. Ken: 204-942-5433 or k4mcghie@gmail.com, View 2 videos: www.TolsraelWithLove.com

A&O - 13th Annual 55+ Housing & Active Lifestyles Expo, SAVE THE DATE, Fri. May 29, 2020, 10 am-4 pm at Victoria Inn Hotel, 1808 Wellington Ave. aoexpo.ca, 204-956-6440

HEALTH/WELLBEING

Canadian Celiac Assoc. Manitoba Chapter - There will be a Gluten Free 101 information class for those newly diagnosed with Celiac Disease, DH, and those attempting to navigate the gluten free lifestyle. This will be held at the SMD Building, Room 203-825 Sherbrook St., Mon. Jan. 20, 7-9 pm. There is no charge and parking is free in the SMD lot off McDermot at Sherbrook. For more info contact our office at 204-772-6979 or office@manitobaceliac.com

Beyond Belief AA (secular)

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, basement of United Church, 613 St. Marys Rd. 1 hr. OPEN meeting. Blue doors open by 6:10. Cathy: 204-981-5055

Winnipeg AM Tops Weightloss group meets Thursdays, 9:30-11 am, in the lower level of the Harrow United Church, 955 Mulvey Ave. Info: 204-979-9905

The Manitoba Prostate Cancer Support Group - Meetings 3rd Wed. ea. mo., 7-9 pm, at The First Unitarian

Universalist Church, 603 Wellington Cres. No charge. **204-667-4156** or delank1@gmail.com

Drugfreeworld.org, Winnipeg Chapter -Volunteers needed to hand out drug educa-tion booklets. Call Winn **204-955-9166**

Winnipeg Bladder Cancer Support Group - Meetings - third Tues. ea. month, 7-8:30 pm at Concordia Village, Bldg. #1, Multi Purpose Rm, 1125 Molson St. Free parking. No pre-registration required.

Westminster Concert Organ Series -Jean-Willy Kunz (Montreal), Sun. Feb. 9; Denis Bedard (Vancouver), Sun. Apr. 26. Concerts 2:30 pm, Westminster United Church, Westminster at Maryland. 204-784-1330.

Good Neighbours Choristers - Meet Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, 720 Henderson Hwy. Choral exp. preferred but not essential. Donna: **djplatt@shaw.ca**, Sandra: sandale6@shaw.ca

Whirlaway Westerners Square Dance Club - Learn Modern Square Dancing Fridays at the Kirkfield-Westwood C.Č 165 Sansome Ave in St. James, 7-9:30 pm. Singles, couples & new dancers welcome. First 3 dances are free. 204-831-8954

Seniors' Choral Society - Inviting new 55+ members. Practice Mondays, 10 am-12 noon, starting Sept. 9, at McClure Place, 533 Greenwood Place. 204-669-5570, www.seniorschoralsociety.ca

The Happy Homesteaders - Senior men sing a capella barbershop harmony. Perform in various senior venues, afternoons only. Recruiting for tenors, leads, baritones, & basses. Rehearsals Mon's, 1:30-3:30 pm in Legion (lower level), 426 Osborne, Sept.-May. 204-888-4214

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La chorale des Intrépides - Recruiting French Speaking Choral Singers to share their talent or simply to sing. Practices Thursdays, 7-9:30 pm, at Collège Louis Riel, 585 St-Jean-Baptiste St. If interested: intrepides.manitoba@gmail.com

55+ Dance Club - Mondays, 1-3 pm, in Legion Hall, 134 Marion St. Old-time live band resumes Sept. 10. 204-233-5892

SPORTS/FITNESS/GAMES

The Pembina 55-PLUS Curling League is looking for curlers. We curl at the Pembina Curling Club located at 1341 Pembina Hwy (close to McGillivray). Two games are played per week, alternating between Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 1 pm. Teams are established using random selection for each of 4 rounds (10 Games per round). An alternative is to start off by sparing. For registration information please visit our website at "55pluscurling.com" email us at contact@55pluscurling.com or call Ed at 204-261-8049

Lady Bowlers - Fridays at 12:45 pm at Polo Park. Our group is very friendly and invites Ladies of all ages to come bowl with us. We bowl for fun so if you have never bowled before or haven't bowled for a long time come out and give us a try. If you can't commit to every week come spare with us. Cost is \$10 per week and includes a Christmas luncheon and fun day, as well as a wind-up in April, lunch included and prize money. Time off at Christmas and Easter. Age is no barrier. We have had a lady who was still bowling at 99 years! Call or text **204-770-3903**

Deer Lodge Antlers Men's Curling (50+) -Openings avail. For teams or individuals for 2019-20 season. Curl Mon. and/or Wed. and/or Fri., 10 am. Includes Christmas and windup banquets. Bryan: 204-889-6577

VOLUNTEER - Winnipeg ICE Hockey **Club** - Watch a game for free while helping out our Hockey Club! Needed: <u>1 Head Off-Ice Official</u> (honorarium role) to lead a team of Off-Ice Officials. Volunteer roles: 1 Time Clock Keeper, 1 Score Sheet Keeper, 2 Goal Judges, 2 Penalty Box Attendants, 1 Online Scorer, 1 Goals/Assists, 2 Plus/Minus, 2 Shots on goal, 1 Face-offs. Tricia Neill, 50 Caregiving with Confidence - Volunteer Drivers, Male Respite Volunteers, Telephone Support Volunteers to support caregivers wanted. 204-452-9491 or jnybakken@aosupportservices.ca

Misericordia Volunteer Services -

accepting applications for Spiritual Health, Recreation Services and Rehabilitation programs. Training provided. 204-788-8132

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ - Volunteers needed to help promote the downtown com-munity. 426 Portage Ave. **204-958-4644.** https://downtownwinnipegbiz.com

Charleswood Long Term Care · Volunteers needed to assist with garden maintenance, 1 hr, 2-3 times/wk. Exp. in garden maint. Melanie: **204-833-3663**

Deer Lodge Centre, 2109 Portage Ave. -Volunteers needed for recreation pro-grams, gift shop, bartenders & bar servers, PRIME, PRIME, community programs, friendly visit-ing. 204-831-2503 or visit www.deerlodge.mb.ca/volunteers.html

Actionmarguerite St. Boniface,

185 Despins Street - Volunteers needed to transport residents in wheelchairs to their in-house appointments, incl. Mass. Mon-Fri, Sun AM's, Volunteer Services **204-235-2111**; service@actionmarguerite.ca Thai

Actionmarguerite St. Vital, 450 River Road - Volunteers needed to help Recreation staff, outings (shopping) Mass, transport residents in wheelchairs to in-house appointments. Mon-Sat. Volunteer Services 204-235-2111, service@actionmarguerite.ca

Victoria Lifeline - Home Service Representative - Volunteers needed to explain and set up the Lifeline equipment in people's homes in Wpg. Must have car, p mileage reimbursed. Melissa: 204-956-6773 or msitter@vgh.mb.ca

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

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Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop - Volunteer in a professional environment and have fun! at 445 Chalmers Ave. **204-668-0967 meaganvarndell.kmts@gmail.com**

The Bereavement Care Program of **Concordia Hospital -** seeking Grief Support Volunteers to provide telephone grief support to family members of people who have died at the Hospital. Flexible 4 hrs/wk. Work from home. Bob Milks: 204-661-7402, bmilks@concordiahospital.mb.ca

ion Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety -Volunteer opportunities. Visit **mips.ca** 'About Us' to learn about our Volunteer Program. admin@mips.ca or 204-927-6477. admin@mips.ca or 204-927-6477.

ase Southeast Personal Care Home -Volunteers needed to assist with recreation programs at 1265 Lee Blvd - days, eve's, Ξ 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

HSC Winnipeg - Volunteers welcome in patient and support areas, 7 days a week. Free parking or bus tickets. Call **204-**787-3533 or email: volunteer@hsc.mb.ca

Parkview Place, Long Term Care by 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

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Together Time Drop in - 2nd Thur. of mo

Vital Seniors - Monthly Book Club: 204-257-4014, Bridge: 204-256-3832, Carpet Bowling: 204-452-2230, Line Dancing: 204-334-3559, Monthly Luncheon: 204-255-7508, Monthly Men's Breakfast: 204-**452-2230**, Scrabble: **204-257-4014**, St. Mary Magdalene Church, 3 St. Vital Rd.

Willow Centre & KINRC - 110-61 Tyndall Ave. Reflexology Treatments, Foot, Hand, Aroma Touch \$20 for 20 mins. 1st Wed. of mo. 204-632-5940

Keewatin Inkster Neighbourhood

Resource Council Inc. - Legal Clinic, last Monday/mo. at Willow Centre Senior Apt's, 110-61 Tyndall Ave. Members can access Wills and Power of Attorney preparation -\$50/doc. Call for app't: 204-774-3085

Transcona Council for Seniors -Seniors that Sizzle Lunch and Learn Series, Thursdays, doors open 11:30 am, at 209 Yale Ave. W. \$7 ea. Reservations: **204-222-**5947 or tcs@mymts.net. The 55+ Dining Experience, Home cooked meals, served Mondays and Wed's, 4:30 pm and Fri's at noon. Open to 55+. 204-222-5947 to hear menu and make reservations before 8 am of day you wish to attend.

Lions Place Toastmasters - Come as our guest to learn about Public Speaking at 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays at 610 Portage Ave. Contact Jennet 204-284-6828. jpbakes@mymts.net.

St. James Anglican Church - Sundays, 9:30 am, 195 Collegiate St. Handicapped accessible. All welcome.

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North Centennial Seniors Assoc. -Activities: chair and mat exercises, aqua fitness with ramp access, People with Arthritis exercises, carpet bowling, zumba, weight training, etc. Social: games, bingo, hot dog days, pot lucks, holiday luncheons, presentations, travelogues, day trips, library and painting classes. **90 Sinclair St.** at Dufferin Ave. **204-582-0066** or ncsc@shaw.ca or www.NCseniors.ca

Dufferin Senior Citizen Inc. - 377

Dufferin Ave. Mon: shuffleboard 9:45 am, Bingo 1 pm; Wed noon: soup and perogy lunch. All welcome. Perogies for sale. Every 2nd Sat: noon-3:30 pm dance with a 4-piece band (full lunch). 204-986-2608

Wpg Polish Legion Br 246, 1335 Main St. - Happy Hour 3-7 pm daily Mon-Sat, Senior Lunch & Dance - Weds, 12:30-3 pm, \$10; Fri. Meat Draws, 5-9pm; Karaoke, Fri./Sat, 8-midnite; Chase the Ace - Sat, 10 pm. Hall Rental. Info: **204-589-5493**

Bleak House Senior Centre - 1637 Main. Mon. 12:30 pm whist, Tue. 10 am coffee and conversation, 11.45 am Lunch, 1 pm Bingo - Ceramics Thur. 12:30 pm Cribbage, Friday 9:30 am Quilting. **204-338-4723**

McBeth house (a non-profit organization for seniors and community) - Various activities. Mon. morning drop in rsvp, Yoga, 50+ 2-3 pm, 6-7:30 pm, **204-479-4857**; Tue. Cribbage 6:30-8:30; 1st Wed. of mo. Book Club, **204-654-1109**; Thu., Painting/crafts 10-2, Quilting 6:30-9 pm; Sat. Bridge 1-4 pm. Info: **204-339-0432** or **mcbethhousecentre@shaw.ca**

Senior Achievers - Meet 3rd Thur. 1-3 pm at 618 Selkirk Ave. Bingo, 50/50, meat draws, door prizes, coffee. Call Pat: 204-414-5360

Brooklands Active Living Centre & KINRC - 1960 William Ave. W. Reflexology Treatments, Foot, Hand, Aroma Touch \$20 for 20 mins, 3rd Wed, of mo, 204-632-8367

Brooklands Active Living Centre - Floor Curling, Carpet Bowling, Whist - Wed's, 7 pm. 1960 William Ave. 204-632-8367

MEALS / LUNCHEONS

The Women's Canadian Club of Winnipeg - Luncheon, Dec. 17, 12:00 noon, at RBC Convention Centre. This Holiday Celebration will feature the Shoestring Players who will perform two staged readings: "Just a Two Cent Stamp" by Ron Blicq and "Mother's Day" by J.B. Priestley. There will be fun and surprises along with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. 12:00 noon. Cost \$33.00 Reservations and info: **204-663-5657** or wccwinnipeg@gmail.com

CRAFT & MISC SALES

Craft, Vendor & Bake Shows - 7 Days 'til Christmas, Dec. 15, Greendell Park C.C., 75 Woodlawn Ave. Info: 204-408-8213

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

The Friendly Club - Friday night dancing to live bands all year long, 8 pm-12 am, Anavets Assiniboia Unit #283, 3584 Portage Ave. Non-members \$5. 204-837-6708

Below Sports + Ent. 204-489-7

VOLUNTEERING

Holy Family Home - Volunteers needed for evening and Sat. morning programs. 165 Aberdeen Ave. Call Janice: 204-589-7381, ext. 265

Winnipeg Lost Dog Alert (WLDA) -

Volunteers needed for: <u>Secretary</u>, to attend monthly Board meetings. Must have trans-portation.; <u>Page Administrators</u>, to monitor, receive and post info pertaining to lost dogs. Minimum commitment 6-8 hours/mo. along with computer and internet access. Email: board@winnipeglostdogalert.com or president@winnipeglostdogalert.com

The North Centennial Seniors Assoc. Seeking volunteers for Grandma and Grandpa Swim Program with preschoolers. Tue. Mornings, <u>Oct.-June</u>. . Contact: ncsc@shaw.ca or 204-582-0066

Misericordia Health Centre - Volunteers needed for reg. shifts in Gift Shop - Call **204-788-8134,** and to escort and stay with residents while attending spiritual services inside the same building, Thur. or Fri's, 10-11:30 am. Call **204-788-8132**, or www.misericordia.mb.ca/volunteer or apply in person. Free parking.

1:30-3:30 pm, 207 Thompson Dr., Prairie Spirit United Church. Next drop-in dates: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12. Free, adult drop-in. Play cards, table games or just conversation. Light refreshments. Info: Chris: 204-895-7410

Pembina Active Living (PAL) 55+ -

Winter classes begin Jan. 6, 2020: yoga, fitness, Tai chi, yogalates, strength/resistance training, line dance, Zumba Gold, writing, etc. New members are welcome to join PAL 55+. Registrations are accepted at the office (closed on Dec. 13 for the holidays) or on the website. Drop-in activities resume in January: bowling, men's breakfast, bridge, movies, LunchPALS, etc. For infor-mation: www.pal55plus.com, office@pal55plus.com or 204-946-0839

Filipino United Community Church -

Seniors Fellowship every other Wed. 6-7:30 pm, 1039 Pritchard Ave. Our Seniors enjoy sharing stories over a light meal, hymnsinging, listening to speakers, collecting goods for donation, and volunteering in the Family Life Center at 240 Pritchard every other Wed. 9 am-12 pm. Info: 431-337-1113, pastorvictor118@gmail.com

St. Matthews Marvland Community

Ministry - <u>Seniors Art Workshop</u> Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30 pm, instruction and supplies provided, no experience necessary. Seniors <u>Health and Wellness pro-</u> gram Fridays, 11 am-1 pm. Different wellness activities weekly. Healthy snacks pro-vided. 365 McGee St., **204-774-3957**, www.stmatthewsmaryland.ca

MB Christian Writer's Assoc. (MCWA) -

Meets 10 Sat. afternoons/yr. Writers of all levels welcome. Annual membeship \$25. Drop-in \$3/mtg. Meetings: 1:30-4 pm, May 4, June 1, at Bleak House Centre, 1637 Main St. Info: 204-256-3642, 1-204-326-7286

Meadowood United Church ·

Handiworks Crafters Group, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of mo, 2 pm. Started Sept. 11. <u>Quilter's Group</u>, every Thur., noon at Meadowood Church, 1111 Dakota St. \$35 fee/year. **204-256-7002**

South Winnipeg Family Community **Drop-In** – Seniors meet Wed's, 9:30-11:30 am, at 800 Point Rd. Includes coffee, snacks, activities. 204-284-9311

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Prendergast Seniors Club - 906

Cottonwood Rd. Rm.20 - Crib Mon. & Wed., 1-3:30 pm; Whist Thurs, 1-3:30 pm; Mon. luncheons 4th Wed., 12-1 pm. All welcome. Call Gerry: **204-257-1475**

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

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Winnipeg - For info: 204-975-3037

Elmwood EK Active Living Centre -Çafé: Wed. 10:30-noon. Coffee and treats \$1. Come and see what other events and activities the Centre has to offer. ie: Community Woodshop (including a Ladies at 10:30 Fridays), Hand & Foot Canasta, Carpet Bowling, floor curling (Mon. 1-3) and many more. 180 Poplar @ Brazier. Membership \$20. 204-669-0750

Fraternal Order of Eagles - 3459 Pembina Hwy. Cribbage Tues. 1 pm. \$100 for a 28 or better hand. Free Coffee; Wed. Bingo, doors open 11:30 am, games 12:55 pm; Sun. Bingo, doors open 5:30, games 6:30 pm. **204-269-4332** after 4:30 Mon-Fri.

The Salvation Army Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre - Seniors 55+, 51 Morrow Ave, St.Vital. <u>Monday - Drop-In</u> 9:30-11:30 am, <u>Tuesday - S.T.A.R.S.</u> 9:30-11:30 am, presentations, monthly birthday lunch, outings, games, etc. <u>Wed.</u> -Steppin' Up EREE Evergise Class 10-Senior <u>Steppin' Up</u> FREE Exercise Class 10-11:30 am, <u>Thur.</u> - <u>Pickle Ball</u> 9:30-12 pm. Coffee/Tea/snacks provided. More info, call Sheila: 204-990-2339

Charleswood Adult Day Program -

Social Day Program for seniors Transportation and hot lunch provided. Members \$17.70/day. Referrals made through WRHA. 204-889-4608 or call your Case Coordinator.

The PROBUS Club of Winnipeg is a group for the retired or semi-retired. Info: **204-489-2882**, or winnipegprobus85@gmail.com

Lion's Place Adult Day Program - Social day program for seniors. Transportation & hot lunch provided. Members \$17.70/day. Call **784-1229**. Referrals made through

WRHA at 788-8330, or call Case Coord. Southdale Seniors - in Southdale CC. Activities: travel to Moose Jaw spa and Maritimes, local tours/workshops, birthday lunches, Celebrations matinees, casino trips, ASD bingo, writing, bridge, canasta, cribbage, floral arranging, games, movies, indoor walking, teas, etc. **204-253-4599**, membership \$12.

Golden Rule Seniors - Fort Rouge Leisure Centre, 625 Osborne St. Mon. Bingo 1 pm. Tues. Bridge 2 pm. Thurs. Singalong 10 am. Floor shuffleboard 1 pm. Bridge 1 pm. Fri. China painters 10 am. Carpet bowling 1 pm. Wanted Cribbage players for Wed. 1 pm. Call Terry: **204-453-1085**

A&O: Support Services for Older Adults -<u>Senior Centre Without Walls</u> (SCWW). Phone Group Activities providing fun, free, educational and recreational programming by calling into toll-free line. Info: **204-956-6400**

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Weston Seniors Club - Programs: computer training, cooking, guest speak-ers, presentation, luncheons, etc. Meet Tuesdays at 1625 Logan. 204-774-3085

ease Le Conseil des francophones 55+ ensures the accessibility and availability of French-language services and support Δ programs for the French-speaking population 55 years and up living in Wpg. French only:

Tai Chi Chih, light Yoga, Line dancing and Pickleball. **204-793-1054**, 107-400 Des Meurons St., St-Boniface, Wpg., conseil55@fafm.mb.ca Thai

High Steppers Seniors Social Club -Meet Wed. & Thur. for fun and activities. New members / volunteers welcome. Winakwa Community Centre, 980 Winakwa Rd. 204-619-8477

Archwood 55 - Yoga, fitness classes, line dancing, or art instruction. Drop in for a board game, pickleball, floor curling or billiards. Visit our website for a list of luncheons, social activities, informational sessions and bus trips. 565 Guilbault St. Office hrs: and bus trips. 565 Guilbault St. Office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-3 pm. 204-416-1067 or archwood55mail@gmail.com tactil

www.archwood55plusinc.weebly.com Sturgeon Creek United Church

Fellowship gatherings. Games, cards, con-versation and light refreshments. 2nd Thur. of the mo., 1:30-3 pm except July and Aug. Free. **204-895-7410**

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Good Neighbours Active Living Centre -Lunch \$6, Bingo 5c per card. Transportation provided within the RiverEast (Elmwood, E.K., N.K. areas) 204-996-0750 ion

ention The Friends of Library Book Club -Seeks new members. Meet 3rd Tue. ea mo menti at 10:15 am on 2nd Floor of Millennium Ε Library. Books chosen are available through the library. Membership is free. Call: 204-452-3369 or 204-254-6697 Se

ease Plea Dakota 55+ Lazers Senior Centre -Programs: Cribbage, line dancing, floor curl-ing, quilting, fitness, etc. Call: **204-254-1010** ext. **206.** <u>WHIST</u>, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm,

contact Bob or Fran: 204-257-3172.

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Jonathan Toews Centre, 1188 Dakota St.

The St. James-Assiniboia 55+ Centre -3-203 Duffield St. Various programs and services to adults 55+. Visit

www.stjasc.com to view programs and services. 204-987-8850

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

The Friendly Settlers Senior Citizens Club - 400 Ďay St. (Transcona), Meet Mondays, 10 am for cribbage, lunch and Special events /group trips offered. 204-222-7504 or ganyadel4@mymts.net

Assiniboia Wood Carvers Association -Woodcarving every Fri. 1-3 pm at Valour CC-Clifton Site, 1315 Strathcona St. Call Mel: 204-661-2213 or Wayne: 204-783-7340

55+ Men's Club - Wed. & Thur. afternoons, 1-4 pm, at Bourkevale Lawn Bowling, 900 Ferry Road. Art and hobby classes, or just enjoy a coffee. 204-987-8850

Men's Shed - New in Transcona, starting Oct. 16, 3 pm, at Oxford Heights C.C www.menssheds.ca, 204-224-4941

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In addition to Winnipeg, Steinbach, Brandon, and Dauphin, survivors from Selkirk, Manitoba can now join the support group that will be held at Gordon Howard Seniors Centre at 3984 Eveline Street,

Manitoba every first Wednesday of the month.

Registration is not required; caregivers are also welcome to join.

For more information, please contact: Yinka Abiola Service Navigator, services@mbia.ca 204-975-3271



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of Columbus Council - Malanka, Sat. Jan. 11, Brokenhead River Community Hall, 320 Veterans Lane, Beausejour. Live Band "Dennis NYKOLATION." Dinner catered by Lucy's Catering. Ukrainian Dancers Entertainment. Cocktails 5 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm. Advance tickets only. Adults \$40 ea., 11-13 \$20, 10 & under \$15. Tickets: call Ron, 204-755-2821 or Stan, 204-268-2961. Proceeds to local charities.

Interlake/Eastern Region - Alzheimer Society - Family Support Groups: Gimli,

3rd Tues. of mo, 1 pm, Gimli Community ž Heatlh Centre; Lac du Bonnet, 2nd Wed., 6:30 pm, Health Centre; Selkirk, 1st Wed., 7 pm, Gordon Howard Centre; Springfield, 3rd Thur., 1 pm, Springfield Library; Stonewall, 4th Tues., 10 am, Stonewall & District Health Centre. Info: 204-268-4752 or alzne@alzheimer.mb.ca

men Selkirk - Selkirk Senior Mixed Recreational Curling League - welcomes Please new curlers. Individual entry. Play positions

Emerson-Franklin Senior Services -

Volunteers needed: Congregate Meal Program, Handi-van drivers, Medical drivers, Friendly visits and safety checks. Call Lorri: 204-427-2869

Ritchot Senior Services - (serving seniors adve 50+ in the RM of Ritchot and Lorette) -Need people to be on our list of available S drivers, friendly visitors, housekeepers etc. Call Janice: 204-883-2880 or email: Ritchotseniors@mymts.net

Selkirk - Selkirk and District Lions Club -Looking for members. Join Lions and help our community. Allan Hoehn: 431-334-9363, slionsaacount@gmail.com

Selkirk - Tudor House Personal Care Home needs volunteers for various positions. Call 204-482-6601 Ext: 21.

Selkirk - Betel Home - Looking for volunteers for afternoons and Thur, evenings, Contact Matt Mutcheson for info: 204-482-5469 ext. 20956 or mmutcheson@ierha.ca

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Beausejour AA - Want to stop drinking? Meet Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30-8:30 pm, year round, at The Brokenhead River Com. Hall, 320 Veterana Lane, south door. www.aamanitoba.org or 1 877 942 0126

Beausejour - Beau-Head Senior Center -Mon. Chi Gong, Chair Exercise, 10 am. Crib 7 pm; Tues. Crib, 1 pm; Wed. Line Dancing 10 am. (beginners welcome) Bingo 1 pm; Thur. Whist 1 pm. 645 Park St. Beausejour 204-268-2444, beauhead@mymts.net

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Brandon - Prairie Oasis Senior Centre -Meals on Wheels program, Mon-Fri, 9 am-4 pm. Wknd delivery can be arranged. Meals Volunteers needed. We gratefully accept grants and donations. To sign up or to volunteer: 204-727-6641

Dauphin Multi-Purpose Senior Centre-Seniors 55+ - members and non-members. Exercises, floor games, quilting, scrabble, sip and stitch, bingo, crib night, community chorus. Special events: Police Academy, dinner and a movie night, dances. Congregate meal program at the Centre - Tue, Wed, Fri. Lifeline, cancer society Transportation Program, fee for service contact list, Erik kits, help with paperwork. Facility available to rent.

www.dauphinseniors.com, 204-638-6485

East St. Paul 55+ Activity Centre -(262 Hoddinott) - Area residents welcome to play cribbage Tues., whist Fri. Also: pool, guilting and stitchery, art group, table and floor shuffleboard, book club, yoga, potluck suppers and casino trips. 204-654-3082 (msg).

Emerson-Franklin Senior Services For seniors with disabilities, to assist in maintaining independent living. Services:

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Luncheons/Dinners, Walking Group, Bingo, etc., friendly visiting and checks, transportation, shopping, foot care clinics, home maint. including housekeeping, heavy cleaning, gardening, home repair, Victoria Lifeline, E.R.I.K. kits, <u>lve</u> mobility equipment (loan service), congregate meal program (3x/wk), Meals on Wheels for shut-ins. 204-427-2869

Gimli - New Horizons 55+ Activity Centre - 30+ Activities plus Social Events, Workshops, Tours, Clinics, Volunteer Opportunities, etc. Info: 204-642-7909 or www.gimlinewhorizons.com

Ile des Chenes Seniors/Grande Pointe -Yoga, Mondays, 10 am. Indoor Walking, Mon., Wed. & Fri, 9-10 am. **204-878-3482** or 878-2728, 253-0856, 878-9562.

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 - Selkirk & District Senior Resource Council Inc. 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

Montcalm Service to Seniors - Meal program with activities and musical entertainment in/at Letellier-Hall Fridays. Joanne: 204-304-0551 or email: jbarnabe@hotmail.ca

Notre Dame de Lourdes/Saint-Léon /Ensemble Chez Soi - Services: parking permits, congregate meal programs 5x/wk at the manor, internet research, info/health sessions, light housekeeping, Alzheimer's support group, palliative care, transportation, help with documents, friendly visits/calls, spiritual services, equipment rental, E.R.I.K. kits, lifeline, mobile library, yard work. Coordinator Bev Collet: 204-248-7291 or ensemble @mymts.net. We are always looking for volunteers to help with these programs.

Portage la Prairie - Herman Prior **Centre -** Members and non-members. Mon to Fri meal program (register by 11 am); Mon. Painting, Line Dancing, Scrabble, Resistance Band, Cribbage, Clogging and Tai Chi.; Tues. Euchre, Bridge and Prairie Wildfire Line Dancing; Wed. Cribbage and Tai Chi; Thurs. Foot Care Clinic, Whist, Weaving, Bridge and Square Dancing; Fri. Foot Care Clinic, Floor Curling/Floor Shuffleboard. Blood Pressure Clinics, and Stroke Survivors, Book Club, Geneology and Natural History meetings. Special events trips. Contact Hope or Chris: 204-857-6951, hp55plus@mymts.net

Seine River Services for Seniors -Help and support with E.R.I.K. kits and other forms, foot care, transportation services, companionship, homecare services, illness, grief, housing, finances. Melanie Bremaud: 204-424-5285.

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finances. Mélanie Brémaud : 204-424-5285.

Selkirk - Gordon Howard Centre (384 Eveline St) - Hobby workshops, fitness classes, recreational programs, volunteer opportunities and more. Also, special events, such as outings, seasonal meals and presentations. Please visit www. gordonhoward.ca or call 204-785-2092

Springfield - Springfield Seniors (CLOSED DEC. 24-JAN. 2/20) - Chair excercises, Carpet bowling, Pickleball, Strides Walking Program - **204-853-7582**; Bowling - **204-444-5373**; Drums Alive -204-612-9255; Chair Yoga - 204-228-2322; Zumba Gold - 204-479-5386; Stick Curling - 204-853-7729; Aquafit - 204-444-6166; 55+ Women's Fitness - 204-880-4716 Cooks Creek C.C.: - Pickleball, Tue. & Thur. 10-noon; Badminton, Wed. 7-9 pm; Volleyball, Thur. 7 pm; Tai Chi, Wed. 12-2 pm, Fri. 10-noon. Yoga, Tai Chi - TBD. Info: cookscreekcommunitycentre@hotmail .com

Steinbach - Pat Porter Active Living Centre - 10 Chrysler Gate - Programs, Games, Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Outings, Meal On Wheels, Mobility Equipment, Lifelines and ERIK Kits, etc. Reception 204-320-4600 https://www.patporteralc.com

Victoria Beach - East Beaches Senior Scene - #3 Ateah Rd, Victoria Beach. Various programs, activities and special events open to those in the East Beaches community. For membership or volunteer opportunities, contact Tammi Kelly, Program Coordinator: 204-756-6468, email: ssinc1@mts.net, ww.ebseniorscene.ca

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FACEBOOK FINDS



Young boy: Dad, I've decided that I'm going to get married.

Dad: That's great son! Do you have anyone in mind?

Boy: Yes, grandma! She said she loves me. I love her too. She's the best cook and story teller ever!

Dad: Well, that's nice, but there's a little problem with that.

Boy: What's the problem?!

Dad: She happens to be my mom. You can't marry my mom. Boy: Why not? You married mine!

Things to ponder....

- What if my dog brings back the ball only because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If poison expires, is it more poisonous or no longer poisonous?
- Which letter is silent in the word 'scent'? The 's' or the 'c'?
- Should the letter 'w' actually be called 'double v'?

80's and raised in the 90's and make it to 2020, you will have lived in 4 different decades. 2 different centuries, 2 different millenniums, and you're not even 40 years old!

My face in the mirror

isn't wrinkled or drawn.

The house isn't dirty

the cobwebs are gone.

My garden looks lovely

and so does my lawn.

I think I might never

put my glasses back on!

If you were born in the

~Anon

Laugh a little;

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