



Youth skits portray lessons in preventing elder abuse

Drama students from R.D. Parker Collegiate wrote and performed three skits dealing with the topic of elder abuse as part of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) initiative June 15. They also performed for elementary school students during the first week of June.



ly Stapleton. “The students did a wonderful job in the writing and performing of the skits.”

Guest speakers included Anthony McInnis explaining the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, Jennifer Whalen outlining the mental health and other services available to seniors through the NRHA, Steve Molloy introducing the smoke alarm program for seniors, and Sandy Deibert talking about scams and steps to protect yourself.

“It’s important for youth to understand what constitutes elder abuse and how to treat elderly people,” said Acting Chairperson of the TSCRC Mol-

This year’s WEAAD event was made possible through the Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors initiative.



Garden boxes span generations ← from this to this →

Thanks to a grant from Northern Manitoba Food, Culture and Community Collaborative, the coordination of North Forge with the Thompson Scouts, Thompson Boys and Girls Club, Thompson Cadets, Skills Manitoba and Frontier School Division and the assistance of Canadian Tire, 50 raised bed garden boxes with soil and vegetable seeds were delivered by senior volunteers to Seniors and Elders in Thompson.



Most accessibility standards are now in effect

Nearly every Manitoban either has a disability, knows someone with a disability or will develop one in the coming years. Disabilities can occur at any stage of life, be temporary or permanent.

Improving accessibility isn't only the right thing to do, it became law in Manitoba with the introduction of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) in December 2013. This legislation provides a process to remove barriers affecting people with disabilities and many other citizens.

AMA standards focus on five key areas:

1. The Accessibility Standard for Customer Service addresses business practices and training requirements. This standard came into effect November 1, 2018.
2. The Accessibility Standard for Employment addresses practices related to employee recruitment, hiring and retention. This standard came into effect May 1, 2022.
3. The Accessibility Standard for Information and Communications addresses barriers to accessing and providing information. This in-

cludes print, in person, website and other formats. This standard is in effect for the Manitoba government and will come into force for other organizations over the next two years.

4. The Accessibility Standard for Transportation applies to public transportation. This standard is currently in development.
5. The Accessibility Standard for the Design of Outdoor Public spaces focuses on access to areas outside the jurisdiction of The Manitoba Building Code. This includes sidewalks, pathways, park and other aspects. This standard is currently in development.

Thank you to the Manitoba Accessibilities Office for providing the above information.

Bike rides, free yard work, seniors drop-ins and pickleball will continue through July and August. Call or email the office (info below) for information.

Cribbage tourney was more than just playing cards



Friendly banter and good times marked the cribbage tournament held on June 17. Congratulations to Bev Lafreniere who won the A side and to Candice Bercier, winner of the B side. The event was held at Lions Manor 55 and included refreshments.



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