



Scams, negligence, helpful resources

Conference explores aspects of elder abuse

Manitoba's Seniors Advocate Leigh Anne Caron travelled to Thompson to open up the World Elder Abuse Awareness event on June 17. She spoke on systemic issues concerning elder abuse and explained her role.

Jarome Connell, a third year social work student, prepared a Power Point presentation on



Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it is making scams, especially towards older people, so successful. Examples of ways to identify AI scams were included in the presentation. Literature was available on how to avoid scams and where to report it.

Elder Jack Robinson spoke on the need to bring back an attitude of respect towards older people, explaining how his upbringing instilled that respect in his generation. He gave examples of how Indigenous Elders are specifically targeted for financial scams when their pension or other payments arrive.

Dave and Lynne Watkins' personal experiences not only introduced examples of financial and emotional abuse and neglect, but told their story of how they saved Dave's mother from that situation. Their story brought to light the legal, financial and emotional challenges incurred when helping a loved one out of that situation.

Special thanks to Sarah MacDonald and Stephanie Martin of Ma-Mow-We-Tak for helping organize and set up for the event; Bella, Zoe, Amber M and Amber F from the Thompson Boys and Girls Club for volunteering to help serve refreshments to those in attendance. And thank you to Jennifer Whalen and Stephanie Hysert of the NRHA for being available to offer emotional support if the need arose.

What's a Brown Bag Bingo?

Come to the Multi-Purpose Room of the TRCC on **Canada Day** and play to find out! It's **free!** Open to **all ages!** And there are lots of prizes!

You don't need dabbers. You don't need cash. Each player will be given three cards to play for a small house, big house, then a full house! You get to pick your prize. First round starts at 11:00 a.m.

More than 20 seniors help children and families reunite through Child Find

Nickel Days is great family fun, but sometimes a youngster can get separated from their family or guardian.

That's where Child Find steps in. It's a center where lost children or lost parents can come to get help locating their loved ones.

This year, Seniors and Elders helped reunite twenty youngsters and guardians. Thank you to

the RCMP, Street Reach workers, security staff, and City of Thompson staff for their assistance. Thank you to the Nickel Days Corporation for having the foresight to provide this venue.

But especially, thank you to the 20-plus Seniors/Elders who volunteered to sit at the booth, reassure the youngsters and find solutions to an age-old carnival experience.

Respite program now underway

If you are a caregiver and need a break a few hours a week, the Respite Case Study Program can help you, at no cost to you. We will provide a person to come into your home and look after your loved one so you can go shopping, have coffee with a friend or just go to another room and have a nap! Call us at 204-677-0987 to learn more.

Things to do in July

Canada Day — Brown Bag Bingo — a free event for all ages event in the multi-purpose room at the TRCC from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration not required.

July 9 CNIB mobile hub — a free event for all ages event in the library at UCN on Thursday, July 9. Learn about the latest programs and technologies to help the visually impaired. And write your name in Braille with the Seniors' summer students. Registration not required.

July 15 Skip Bo (card game) challenge — bring your partner or grandchild to this free event at the Thompson Boys and Girls Club on Thompson Drive Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the challenge and refreshments! Registration appreciated (204-677-0987).

July 22 Pour Painting workshop — a new way to paint (and meet our summer students) at the Mall of the Arts in the City Centre Mall Wednesday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m. \$20 fee covers supplies. Registration is required: 204-677-0987.

Every Tuesday at TNRCC from 1:30 to 3:30 Drop-Ins (free event).

Register or gain more information on any of these events by phone or email shown below.



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Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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