

# Langruth Views

## March 2021



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### One Year Anniversary of the Pandemic

Sources: <https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/interactive-a-timeline-of-covid-19-in-manitoba-1.4866501>,

<https://www.elementalmag.ca/>, <https://surveysparrow.com/>,

The last 12 months of the coronavirus pandemic have been filled with many reminders that life is short and unpredictable.

On March 12, 2020 Manitoba confirmed its first presumptive case of COVID-19 in the province. A woman in her 40s was exposed to the virus through travel to the Philippines. On March 20, 2020, as the total number of COVID cases reached 17, Premier Pallister announced a state of emergency.

A year later the global pandemic has changed the way we live; public health restrictions require we work and/or learn at home, border closures have made traveling a thing of the past, and personal safety is an everyday concern. Masks and social distancing are at the front of our minds whenever we are in public.

Through the hardships there is a silver lining if we look for it. As life slowed down we found ways to stay connected with people and build stronger relationships, even if it is virtually. We practice better hygiene. A new wave of tools and software emerged to accommodate digital classrooms and virtual office spaces. Working remotely has become common practice.

Life during the pandemic has been a trying time for everyone; social isolation has caused a strain on mental health, work and school life is unpredictable and we must constantly protect ourselves against a threat we cannot see. COVID-19 has forced us to examine our lives and world. When we emerge from this pandemic the world will be a different place. It is up to us to turn this situation into an opportunity to make meaningful, long-lasting changes for a better tomorrow.

# SPRING

## MARCH 20, 2021

### Pitter Patter



CFAN's Pitter Patter Program is excited to announce that **St. Patrick's Day Themed Bags** are available for families in the Langruth area with children aged 2 - 4 years old.



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## MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>



## Church News

### Grace Lutheran Church

Supply Pastor Phyllis Thordarson 445-2323

Service at 10:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays unless otherwise stated. **New Website soon!**

Grace Lutheran Church Services have resumed under public health guidelines.

**Mar 14:** Service of the Word

**Mar 28:** Liturgical Communion Service

**April 4:** Special Easter service

### Langruth United Church

Service at 11:30 AM unless otherwise stated.

United Church Services have resumed under public health guidelines.

**Mar 7:** Service conducted by Rita Friesen

**Mar 14:** Service conducted by Jim Warburton

**Mar 21:** Service conducted by local laity.

**Mar 28:** Service conducted by local laity.

### Catholic Church News

Catholic Church Services have been cancelled until further notice. Please contact Father Leo for more information.

#### Amaranth Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 10:30AM unless otherwise stated.

#### Sandy Bay Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 12:30PM unless otherwise stated.

#### Alonsa Catholic Church

Regular Mass to be announced. Contact a church member for dates and times.

### Amaranth Gospel Mission

Service at 10:30 AM unless otherwise stated.

Please contact Pastor Jay Foster for more information regarding services.

Happy  
Easter

**APRIL 4, 2021**

## World Day of Prayer

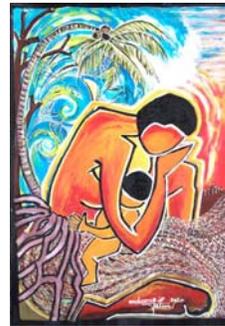
Source: <https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>



World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

Given that COVID-19 restricts options for gatherings you are invited to celebrate World Day of Prayer 2021 by watching a video recording of the service. The one hour recording includes all sections of the World Day of Prayer 2021 Service and can be found on-line on YouTube by searching 'World Day of Prayer 2021 Virtual Service'.

The 2021 World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu and is titled Build on a Strong Foundation. Through the worship service you are invited to focus on the story Jesus tells about the kingdom of heaven using an image of a house and the land on which the house is built. In the story the wisdom of the builder of the house



comes from hearing and acting on the word of God, which is a word of love. This is the foundation on which we are called to build our homes, our nations and the world. Join the women of Vanuatu to learn about their connection with the land, culture and faith.



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E-mail: [info@westlake-gladstone.ca](mailto:info@westlake-gladstone.ca)

**Web Site:** <http://www.westlake-gladstone.ca>

Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regular council meetings are held at 9:30 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Meetings open to the public unless noted otherwise.

To make a presentation register 1 week prior to the meeting.

Councillors have been assigned to represent specific Townships and Communities. Until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Township 16 & 17 including Langruth and Plumas are represented by:

**Bud Sigurdson** (204-385-3878) &

**Darcy Meloney** (204-871-5185)

### Langruth Garbage Pick-Up:

**Tuesdays 9:30 am**

Please have your waste at the curb before 9:30 am on Tuesdays.



Call the Municipal Office for more information.

### The Gladstone United Church Food Cupboard

To access the Food Cupboard leave a message at the Gladstone United Church at 204-385-2719.

***Nonperishable food donations can be left at the Langruth Post Office.***

***Monetary donations can be mailed to Gladstone United Church Box 82 Gladstone, MB R0J 0T0.***

*Indicate "Food Cupboard" on the memo line.*

### Notice

The Public Washroom at Einarson Park in Langruth is closed.

Contact the Municipal Office for more information or to voice your opinion.

*Ratepayers can also contact the Province of Manitoba Minister of Infrastructure to advocate the need for a year-round washroom.*



## FOR FIRE EMERGENCIES CALL **911**



### 911 OPERATORS WILL DISPATCH LAKEVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE MUNICIPAL WEB SITE AND ARE FREE.**

### LAKEVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATION DRIVE FOR

## **ROBERT WATERSTON**

### WHO LOST EVERYTHING IN A HOUSE FIRE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Robert is a long-time member of the Langruth community. Donations are gratefully accepted at the CFAN / Post Office in Langruth. CFAN staff is happy to help out with this cause.

Donations accepted until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Monetary Donations:

Cash or Cheques can be left at the CFAN / Post Office in Langruth or mailed to CFAN, Box 152 Langruth, MB R0H 0N0. Cheques can be made out to Robert Waterston.

#### Household Items:

#### Clothing:

Pants – Size 36Wx30L, Joggers – Size Large

Shirts – Size Large

Coats – Size 44/Large

Shoes – Size 10/11

A Donor List will be kept and given to Robert. *Lakeview Fire Department ensures that 100% of all donations will go to Robert.*

### MOBILE CLINIC

Clinic services are suspended until further notice.

Call 1-855-644-3515 to discuss options for prescription refills & health care.

**Contact Southern Health – Santé Sud to discuss restoring this service.**



## Nature Notes

Submitted by Raymond O'Connor

### Least Bittern

This shy bird of the marshes is the smallest heron in North America. Because of the thick vegetation it frequents and its retiring nature, it often goes unnoticed and is probably more common than reported. Its small size and buff inner wing patches seen in flight quickly separate it from all other species.

Adult females have a dark brown crown, back and tail. Juveniles are similar but more heavily streaked.

This bird is a shy secretive denizen of the marsh. It is seldom seen or heard. When approached closely, it often freezes in place with neck stretched upward, bill pointed skyward, and body compressed. It may sway back and forth with rhythm of surrounding vegetation to help blend into background. When flushed, it flies weakly yet migrates long distances. The Least Bittern lives in solitary or loose colonies.

The nest of the Least Bittern is a platform, bent marsh vegetation with sticks and grass on top. It is well concealed in marsh growth, near or over water, on the ground, or in a low shrub. The nest is built by both sexes.

Incubation is 17-20 days by both sexes. The young remain in the nest for 25 days. They are fed by both sexes. They have 1-2 broods per year.

The population of the Least Bittern is thought to be declining because of habitat loss, although it is still abundant in parts of North America.



## Langruth Post Office



402 Main Street, Langruth  
204-445-2295

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## LANGRUTH LIBRARY

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New books arrived March 5<sup>th</sup>.  
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**2021/2022**

## CFAN MEGA DRAW

**CFAN Mega Draw tickets  
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April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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3<sup>rd</sup> - \$250, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$200, 5<sup>th</sup> - \$150

**Tickets available at Langruth Post Office,  
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## Big Grass Community Foundation Distributes Covid Emergency Relief Funds

Source: Kira Paterson, Neepawa Banner & Press,  
February 12, 2021

The Big Grass Community Foundation recently distributed nearly \$30,000 in grants to over a dozen different organizations and projects in the Westlake-Gladstone area. The money was from Round 2 of the Emergency Community Support Fund.



The municipality received \$2900 for two electrostatic disinfectant sprayers to be shared amongst all the communities in the municipality.

The municipality also received \$2125 for COVID-19 safety items distributed between the communities of Langruth, Plumas, Gladstone and Westbourne. Floor decals reminding individuals to social distance and 40 wall mounted hand sanitizer units have been purchased.

Specifically to the Langruth area, the Langruth Skating Rink received \$1000 to help pay for additional rubber matting for walkways to allow skaters to use two separate entrances without damaging their skates or the flooring. The mats are made from recycled tires which supports recycling efforts.

The Langruth Elementary School Parent Advisory Council also applied for a grant to help students enjoy more time outdoors. \$775 was received to purchase outdoor sports equipment.

Daycares operated by CFAN also received grants. Lakeview Children's Centre in Langruth received \$2200 to purchase tables and chairs, new shelving, craft supplies, hand drying clothes, automatic sanitizer stations, cleaning supplies and a vacuum. Plumas Playtime Preschool received \$1600 to purchase cleaning supplies, art supplies, automatic soap dispensers, sanitizer stations, new lockers and new beds and bedding. The items purchased at both centers will reduce the need to share items and increase the ability for children to physically distance.

The Langruth community is grateful to the Big Grass Community Foundation for the support that has been provided to various local organizations and projects. A full listing of the grants awarded can be found in the February 12<sup>th</sup> issue of the Neepawa Banner.

## 2020/2021 CFAN MEGA DRAW

### JANUARY DRAW WINNERS!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$1200): Delayne Evenson (Gladstone)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$500): Rhonda Arnarson (Langruth)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$250): Jason Pettit (Gladstone)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place (\$200): Jack Klapp (McCreary)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place (\$150): Bud & Rose Carrier (Portage)

### FEBRUARY DRAW WINNERS!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$1200): MaryAnn Loeppky  
(Riding Mountain)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$500): Katherine Chartrand (Ste. Rose)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$250): Melanie Wilson (Gladstone)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place (\$200): Annie Richard (Alonsa)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place (\$150): Jesse & Ashley Lussier  
(Ste. Rose)

Next Draw will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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Beazley, Lisa	Keep me posted	Fiction
Berg, Elizabeth	The confession club	Fiction
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Church, Elizabeth J.	All the beautiful girls	Fiction
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Fishman, Charles	One giant leap: the impossible mission that flew us to the moon	Non-fiction
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Green, Jane	The friends we keep	Fiction
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Grunenwald, Jill	Reading behind bars: a memoir of literature, law and life as a prison librarian	Memoir
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Higgins, Kristan	In your dreams	Romance
Johnstone, W & J	Preacher's rage	Western
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Kwok, Jean	Searching for Sylvie Lee	Fiction
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Mallery, Susan	When we found home	Fiction
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Mulford, Clarence E.	Johnny Nelson	Western
Moore, Meg Mitchell	The islanders	Fiction
Phelan, Tom	We were rich and we didn't know it: a memoir of my Irish boyhood	Autobiography
Reinhardt, Dana	Tomorrow there will be sun	Fiction
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## Canadian Heroes Foundation Honours Master Corporal Timothy Wilson

By: Jeananne Kathol Kirwin

Source: Canadian Heroes Foundation Facebook Page

The Canadian Heroes Foundation is a Registered Not for Profit organization and is about creating awareness and support for our front line responders.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Heroes Foundation remembered and honoured Master Corporal Timothy Wilson who sacrificed his life fifteen years ago while proudly serving in Afghanistan. Master Corporal Timothy Wilson, aged 30, served with Bravo Company of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Shilo, Manitoba. Tim was survived by his wife Daphne, who sadly passed on years following Tim's death; their son Jesse and daughter Sheralynn; parents Dale and Jane Wilson, Dale too has since passed; Tim's brothers, Ben and Chris, sister-in-law Nicola; and grandparents, Ken and Alverna Arksey (*Editor's note: Ken passed away after the time of writing*), along with his extended family members, and his loyal dog, Spike.

Wilson had been in the military for about eight years, and was on his second tour in Afghanistan, and had also served in Bosnia-Herzegovina. "We have always supported Tim's military career," Jane Wilson said in a DND statement. "Although he has died, he did so doing something he loved and deeply believed in, both in life and in death." A few days after Wilson's death, a letter he had written to his wife, Daphne, and their two young children arrived at his home in southern Manitoba. Master Corporal Wilson's letter told his family about the suffering and privation of Afghans. "He talked about the children in Afghanistan and how they had nothing," said his uncle, Kerry Arksey. Mr. Arksey and his wife, Sharron, said the love and compassion their nephew had for family and others also extended to animals, a preoccupation he shared with his wife, who was involved in providing a haven for broken-down horses. As a youth, Wilson, who was born in Grand Prairie, Alberta, and later moved to Manitoba, used to help out on his uncle's Langruth cattle ranch northwest of Winnipeg. "He did chores for me. If you ever needed an extra hand, he was always there to do

that," Mr. Arksey said. "He always had a willingness to work. He was like most kids in the country, he wanted to have a car of his own and he worked toward getting that." Mr. Arksey said his nephew always had an interest in the military and that may have been natural given his father was an RCMP officer and his grandfather had served during the Second World War. Wilson's father, a retired Royal Canadian Military Police officer, and their other two sons are also soldiers. Ben is in the Navy and Chris is in the Air Force. Wilson's concern for others was demonstrated in another way with his mother Jane's revelation that he had donated his organs to an international organ program. "Although his death is a terrible tragedy, I hope that his tremendous gift will provide a better life for the many recipients who will benefit from this."

"Tough yet tender, Timothy Wilson was a risk-taker. He died as he lived, fast and hard.

Master Corporal Wilson loved the military life and particularly enjoyed flying over the Afghanistan mountains in a helicopter. He is remembered as a principled man who showed compassion to his compatriots, and was deeply respected in return. Tim was about truth: true to his troops, to his peers, to his honour and to being a soldier. He recognized the importance of his work eradicating terrorism and believed deeply in the role of Canadian soldiers helping the Afghan people achieve peace.

*At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*



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# COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Reprinted From:  
World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/>),  
Province of Manitoba (<https://www.gov.mb.ca> )

Coronavirus vaccination campaigns continue to be administered in countries all over the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) is encouraged to see health workers in lower-income countries starting to be vaccinated, but it's regrettable that this comes almost three months after some of the wealthiest countries started their vaccination campaigns.

It is also regrettable that some countries continue to prioritize vaccinating younger, healthier adults at lower risk of disease in their own populations ahead of health workers and older people elsewhere.

Countries are not in a race with each other; this is a common race against the virus. WHO is not asking countries to put their own people at risk. WHO asks that all countries be part of a global effort to suppress the virus everywhere.

WHO continues to work day and night towards the goal of seeing vaccinations start in every country within the first 100 days of this year. This vision can only be realized with the support and cooperation of all partners.

Even as vaccines continue to roll out, WHO urges all governments and individuals to remember that vaccines alone will not keep you safe. Basic public health measures remain the foundation of the response. Vaccines will help to save lives, but if countries rely solely on vaccines, they're making a mistake.

For public health authorities, that means testing, contact tracing, isolation, supported quarantine and quality care. For individuals, it means avoiding crowds, physical distancing, hand hygiene, masks and ventilation. This is a global crisis that requires a consistent and coordinated global response.

In Manitoba the eligibility for vaccination was expanded on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to include people aged 89 and older for the general population and 69 years and old for First Nation People. As of March 3<sup>rd</sup>

80,171 doses of vaccine had been administered including 50,895 first doses and 29,276 second doses. Manitobans can determine if they are currently eligible for vaccination online at [www.manitoba.ca/vaccine](http://www.manitoba.ca/vaccine). Appointments can currently be booked in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and Selkirk.

The Manitoba government continues to focus on gradually reopening some activities and services while ensuring that Manitoba's most vulnerable citizens and the health-care system remain the top priority. Updated public health orders came into effect on March 5<sup>th</sup> and will expire on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Households can designate two visitors or designate a second household to visit.
- Limits on outdoor gatherings increased to 10 people.
- Places of worship increased capacity to 25% or 100 people, whichever is lower.
- All types of businesses are able to operate with the exception of theatres, concert halls, casinos and bingo halls.
- Retail stores and personal services increased capacity to 50% or 250 people, whichever is lower.
- Restaurants increased capacity to 50%.
- Children's day camps operate at 25% capacity.
- Indoor sporting and recreational facilities can open with 25% capacity.

Full public health orders and up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba can be found online at [www.manitoba.ca/COVID19](http://www.manitoba.ca/COVID19).

## COVID-19: MARCH 1ST, 2021

CANADA: 870038 CONFIRMED CASES  
22017 DEATHS

MANITOBA: 31894 CONFIRMED CASES  
896 DEATHS

<https://www.covid-19canada.com>

## News from Here, There and Anywhere



Hello everyone. I'm back from the hospital after a bit of a stay. I made the round from Brandon, to Portage, to Gladstone. The doctors and nurses did help me but I don't think I would like to stay in the hospital any longer than necessary. The hospital in Brandon was a beautiful place. It was neat and tidy. The nurses were all dressed in uniforms of all different colours. They all had their hair pulled back into tidy pony-tails. Portage was nice as well. They brought me pretty good food and made sure I had all my proper medications. I was very sore from a fall so I was wondering if I should have had more medication. I recovered here in Gladstone for a few days.

When I first was sick I was taken from Gladstone to Neepawa and then to Brandon by ambulance. That was my very first ambulance ride and I don't want to do it again anytime soon. It seems that ambulances are without springs. It was a very rough ride. They also seemed to drive very fast no matter where we were going and they hit every last bump in the road. I felt like we were driving through a potato field.

The weather has been pretty good lately. There hasn't been much snow all through the winter and people have been able to travel. Unfortunately because of COVID-19 people have been staying close to home and not traveling much. Seems like the furthest we go is to the grocery store. This year most of the people that usually travel south or to B.C. have stayed home as well.

It is a mundane sort time because we have to stay in our homes and visit with only those we are allowed to have in to visit us. Thank goodness there is television and usually something to watch. I am happy for those that like sports because there seems to be some things to watch from the sports world. I have even heard of some people using the internet through their television. Some people have already been working on their income tax because they are running out of things to do.

I know a lot of people were watching the lady's curling lately. It must have taken a long time to make all the 'people cut-outs' to put in the

stands so it looked like there were spectators. I'm sure they will have the same thing at the men's curling. I didn't enjoy it as much as when there were real spectators because the noise from the crowd didn't seem to match the game. The game also seemed to move really slowly. Hopefully things will be able to get back to normal for next year.

I'm sure the cows are starting to calve which will be keeping some of the farmers busy. Some in my family check on the animals through the night for calving. So far everything is going well without too many problems.

There hasn't been much going on at Centennial Apartments because everything is pretty much shut down and everyone sticks to their own room. Sometimes we sneak in a little visit but not too often because of the virus. We understand that we need to be careful and follow the restrictions. We wear our masks and do what we can to be safe. We are fortunate that we can get delivery from the grocery store and pharmacy every day. If we do need to go downtown we can get a ride for \$5.00 for the afternoon. There aren't too many places to go in Gladstone, especially right now, but it is an outing.

The COVID-19 vaccination is starting to be available but it seems like it is slow to come. That might be because we are getting anxious to be vaccinated. Until then I suppose we will just have to stick close to home.

I heard that there is a type of mutation of the COVID-19 virus. Apparently it is easier to contract but it isn't any more severe than the earlier mutations. Recovery from both mutations is about the same. We continue to take precautions with the virus so the hospitals and health care system is not overloaded. There have been many operations and procedures that have been postponed due to the virus. There will most likely be quite a backlog once hospitals open up again to all these procedures.

My sister Ann has a broken leg and has now gotten into a care home where she has care both day and night. She needs help standing and getting around. She had been in the Grace Hospital for some time before a room opened up.

There isn't a lot of news from the Langruth area but I did hear of the death of Marlin Johnson's mother a while back. I remember that

## **News from Here, There ... con't**

she worked in the store when Marlin had to be away or took a vacation. We send our sympathy to Marlin and his family. To anyone else that has lost friends or family we send our deepest sympathies. We hope that you were able to have some family at the funerals. Right now with the restrictions only a small number of people are allowed to attend. I had a cousin in Yorkton pass away and they had to have a very small funeral.

I also heard that there was a house fire in the Langruth area. Robert Waterston's house burned on the night of February 18<sup>th</sup>. It is really too bad that that little house burned down. It had been there since I can remember. We passed by every week going to Amaranth for church. The Waterston children also came to school. I've been told that Robert's dog woke him up and he was able to escape the fire. Thankfully Robert wasn't hurt in the fire.

To anyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries I hope that you were able to have some sort of celebration to recognize your special day. Hopefully next year we will be able to have our usual gatherings with family and friends.

I hope that you have been able to find a few things to do while we are staying close to home. I'm sure many of you have pulled out some of your old games or played a few card games. I have been working on some word find puzzles. I quite like doing these puzzles.

Congratulations to everyone who entered deer heads, fowl and fish in the Kinosota Game & Fish Association Virtual Awards. It was nice to see all the award winners last month. Thank-you to the judges who helped out on that day. We hope that things can get back to normal next year.

I noticed that the farmers markets were opening in Winnipeg. I hope that they will be able to open here as well come summer so we can get all the things we have been looking forward to. I hear that people are already planning their own gardens. Hopefully we get a little moisture because it is looking like it might be another dry season.

There isn't much more going on. Talk to you all next month. Best wishes to you all.

This is Teri Soos.

## **Sketch of Early Langruth**

**By G.W. Langdon**

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### **Continued from January/February Issue....**

A word about the Icelandic people, though this subject is being dealt with elsewhere in this volume and by one more informed and better qualified to do so than the writer. The first winter we had this land the writer came West to look after our interests and particularly to try and have a railway station located on our land. I drove from Westbourne as was the case many times later using a team of bronchos and cutter supplied by my host and jovial good-natured friend Mr. Guy Fallow of the Westbourne Hotel, and who by the way had been a former rancher at Big Point. My destination on that occasion was Big Point and I recall driving down the Big Point road through an avenue of tall poplar trees much of the way. I spent the night at Thorleifson's, my very good friends ever since. The following day the late Mr. Olafur Thorleifson accompanied me about Big Point and I met a number of very agreeable people indeed. They were enthused as one might suppose over the prospect of perhaps a little town so near their settlement and I was pleased to find that they had already sent a petition to the railway company making the request for a station where we also desired it or at least convenient to the Big Point road. So it was unnecessary for me to go further on that quest. That was my introduction to the Icelanders and I cannot speak too highly of the part they have continued to take in all matters affecting the advancement of the community and general welfare. They took a special interest in the development of the little town from the outset and many of their young men were among our pioneer merchants. The Icelanders adopted Canada upon their arrival in the country as perhaps no other nationality from a non-British country and there are not better Canadians.

In the attempted little tribute to the Icelanders I trust I am in no way detracting from the very estimable qualities of so many of our other early settlers who have had an equal part in making the district what it is today. In fact, I dare say there are few communities in the West where the

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people have worked together so successfully in the promotion of so many worthy enterprises.

Andy Lasson, Sr., George Lukus, John Toth and Louis Huyber, Hungarian settlers had recently located a little to the South-East. They selected choice lands and were very industrious. Andy Lasson extended his holdings so that at the time of his death in 1928 he was very successfully farming six quarter-sections. I consider Mr. Lasson was one of the best grain farmers we have ever had in the district. I am only referring here to the pioneer Hungarians as the subject of our Hungarian colony, all good and prospering citizens is being specially covered by another writer.

.....To be Continued in April

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*Source: Seasons of Our Lives, Amaranth & District History*

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The official opening with ribbon cutting by Gildas Molgat M.L.A. for Ste. Rose was held 60 years ago on January 31, 1961. The curling rink operated for many years with various improvements with each year.

Unfortunately, on April 9, 1977 disaster struck and the curling rink was destroyed by fire. Nothing could be saved. Determination once again prevailed and the Amaranth community worked together to rebuild. The Amaranth curling rink(s) operated for many years and provided much enjoyment to Amaranth and surrounding communities.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Garbage Pick-Up: 9:30 am	3	4	5	6
7 Lutheran: No Service United: 11:30 am Catholic: No Service Gospel: 10:30 am	8	9 Garbage Pick-Up: 9:30 am	10	11	12	13
14 Lutheran: 10:30 am United: 11:30 am Catholic: No Service Gospel: 10:30 am <b>SPRING FORWARD</b>	15 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Deadline for</b> <b>Donations for</b> <b>Robert Waterston</b>	16 Garbage Pick-Up: 9:30 am	17 <b>St. Patrick's</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Council Meeting:</b> <b>9:30 am</b>	18	19	20 
21 Lutheran: No Service United: 11:30 am Catholic: No Service Gospel: 10:30 am	22	23 Garbage Pick-Up: 9:30 am	24	25 CFAN MEGA DRAW	26 Langruth Views Submission Deadline	27
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