



Heritage Happenings

Watrous-Manitou Beach Heritage Centre

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Member Newsletter

August 2020

This newsletter will be periodic in nature, designed to keep all of the members apprised of happenings at the Centre.

2020: A Year To Remember!

As a result of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, the Heritage Centre closed the doors on March 14th. The AGM scheduled for March 24 was cancelled. The world stayed home to watch the unfolding events. Saskatchewan designed a re-open plan, and the Heritage Centre was able to re-open July 3rd. As no funding was received for a summer employee, the operating hours were reduced to Fri/Sat 1-5 pm. Volunteers have hosted, and have opened up for people who called ahead for an appointment outside regular hours. There have been over 100 visitors so far, and 7 new memberships purchased.

Feedback from visitors: “There is too much to see in one visit.” “Amazing job.” “I love that it is not old fashioned.” “It is very interesting, and not *too* big!”



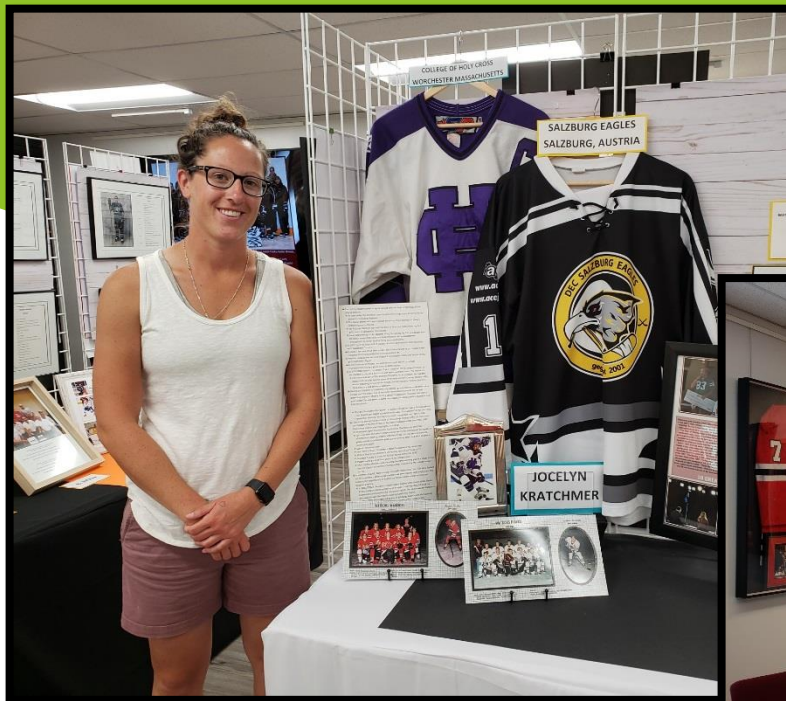
Exhibits

The exhibits at the Centre are gradually being filled in. New items are being donated, including wonderful photographs and some artifacts. The “Watrous Room” (above) has had gaps filled in. Just before the ‘shutdown’ Bryan Mierau took a great photo of the Anglican Church window for us. (below left) One unique item is the RCA plaque from the original CBK transmitter, donated by the McIntosh family. (below right)

Special thanks to Sue Alcock and John & Glenda McArthur who researched and identified the pioneers in the photo in the Watrous Room - pictured above.



Jocelyn Kratchmer poses beside her feature exhibit.



Summer Hockey Exhibit

The temporary exhibit for the summer features hockey history of Watrous and area. A big thank you to Janice Siegfried who got several people involved in putting this together. As a result, the Centre has received a good body of photographs and some items which will become part of its permanent collection. One such item is a jacket and stories of early hockey which came from Lionel Sproule. Some photos of the exhibit are on our Facebook page.

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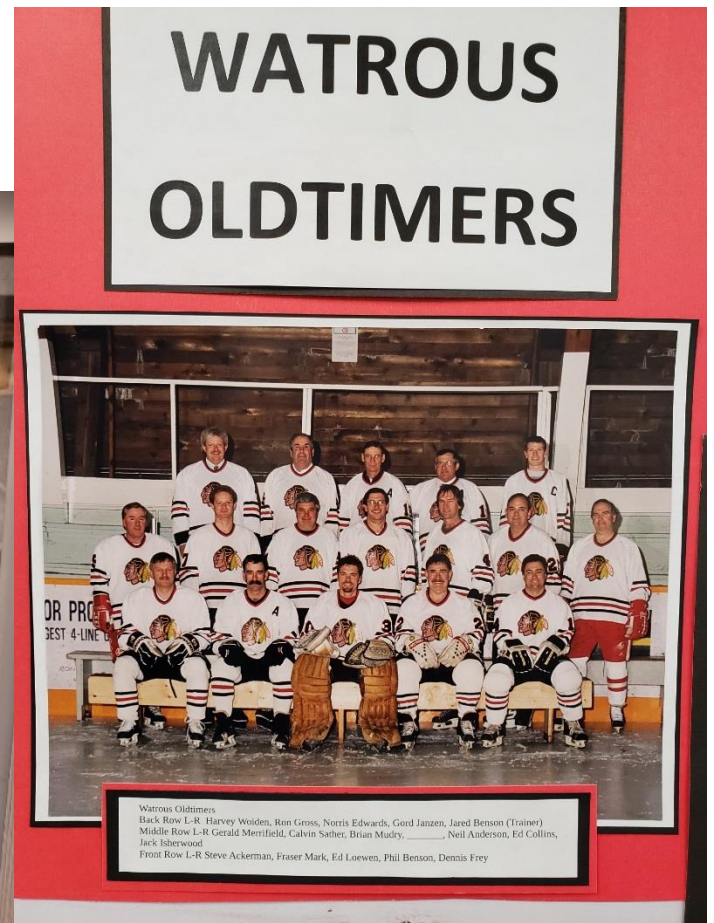
Your membership will continue to the end of 2021. The Heritage Centre, like other organizations, cannot hold events and has limited open hours. The extension will allow everyone time to plan to visit the Centre, perhaps multiple times. Work on family histories and archives has also been halted because of space limitations and physical distancing requirements. As space becomes available, volunteers will be able to resume the work of sorting and cataloguing our collection.

Thank you for your support!

Chase the Ace 2020 News

The current Watrous Manitou Beach Heritage Centre Chase the Ace fundraising project was suspended in March due to Covid-19 pandemic concerns and remains suspended at this time. Following a series of discussions amongst project vice-chair Glenda McArthur and co-chairs Lionel Sproule and Lyle Emmons, it has been determined Chase the Ace will remain mothballed for the immediate future. A re-start date for the fundraiser has not been established at this time. The lottery license for Chase the Ace expires December 4, 2020.

....from Hockey Exhibit





New windows were installed in the Heritage Centre in the spring. The upper floor windows, stairwell and Bourassa clinic windows were replaced by Quality Plus Construction. Funding for this project was received from Farm Credit Canada, which provides support for rural community capital upgrades through the AgriSpirit Fund. This improves the appearance and contributes to the sustainability of the Centre.

Heritage Centre Board Members (who continue to serve despite pandemic shutdown) - Lionel Sproule, Kathy Bergen, Robert Cannon, Sue Alcock, Ron Frey, Janice Siegfried, Jean Margetts, Karen Schroder Mark. Advisory Committee - Lyle Emmons, Glenda McArthur, Leah Ulyott, Gary Bergen, Al Mosewich, Herb & Ruth Kornelsen. Thank you for your service!