

New Dundee — Lynn Perrin

NEW DUNDEE, June 1, 2020

"Life is a gamble from minute to minute so play it today for all there is in it. The flick of an eye lash, the quirk of a smile. A good deed here and there makes it all worthwhile. So make life a garden for everyday and gather your rosebuds while you may." — P. MacDonald

Celebrating 70 Years

On Tuesday, June 3 Annie and Willie Cober, lifelong residents of the New Dundee area, will have reached a milestone in their married life together. Annie Sallans and Wilburt Cober grew up as neighbours and friends. On June 3, 1950 they were married in the Rosebank Brethren and Christ Church,

the very first marriage to take place in that church. Willie was 22 and Annie 18. A week after the wedding they moved into the farm on Huron Road where they still live today. They worked together farming and raising a family. They were blessed with 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Starting in 1978 Willie served several terms as Ward One Councillor for the Township of Wilmot. Being very dedicated to this position he joined the Optimist Club and the New Dundee Board of Trade in order to become more involved in his community. He is still a member of the BOT today. Annie has spent many



DRIVE BY 70TH ANNIVERSARY — Many neighbours, relatives and New Dundee friends wished Willie and Annie Cober a Happy 70th Anniversary on Sunday afternoon by driving by their home. Social distancing did not dampen the well wishes!



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY — Five Optimist members wished Darcy Zinn a happy 90th birthday on May 28th. Social distancing was the order of the day as only 5 were allowed. Darcy recently moved to Beechwood Manor in Waterloo. Don Poth, Lynn Sararus, Mark Schwartzentruber, Bob Fiederlein and Keith Murray were there. Bob played "Happy Birthday" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" on his trumpet. Elaine Boch helped to organize the gathering. Darcy, a life time New Dundee resident, has been an Optimist member since the club was formed in 1976. Happy Birthday Darcy!

Innerkip — Mary-Margaret Braund

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We Can Be The Change

This has been an amazing 75+ days since we all went into a lockdown never before even imagined except in the movies. We have done a great job of keeping ourselves safe, healthy and alive, but the sacrifices have come at a price for many. We whole-heartedly appreciate every single person who has continued to care for us in so many ways. The stories we hear every day about good deeds and caring acts send our hearts singing with the joy of our humanity.

This first story is a prime example. Can one bowl of soup help change the world? Let's find out! The Raw Carrot is a social franchise that believes that every person who wants to work should have the opportunity for a Hand Up (instead of just a handout) in life! We partner with churches and nonprofits across Ontario to create meaningful employment for amazingly talented individuals living with disabilities and mental health illness. We're "stirring up" change in local communities through our delicious, handcrafted gourmet soup. You can go to www.therawcarrot.com to investigate further. Here is what we want you to know right now. We have very exciting news! The Raw Carrot-Woodstock moved to our new kitchen at 415 Dundas St., Woodstock. We will continue to provide meaningful employment and impact people's lives in our community. I guess that is a prime example of a mission that has survived a pandemic. Our community has every reason to be very proud of you. Plus, you make really delicious soup!

We have another group of individuals in our community whom I will call 'The Mask Brigade'. They have been making masks continuously for all of these days and I cannot even give you an accurate count of how many they have tallied. I would hazard a guess of well into the thousands. I guess my question would be, "How many of you wear a mask when you enter a store or place of business?" It has become a delicate subject with some people, I hear. Personally, I think it shows respect.

This message just came in from Brad Hallock representing the Innerkip Umpires Association as follows: We are sorry to inform you that the 17th edition of the Innerkip

years as a member of the New Dundee Women's Institute. She has always been a fabulous pie maker and many a friend has stopped in at the farm for a visit and a piece of pie. Daughter Pauline said her favorite was raspberry. They had lots of fresh raspberries growing on the farm. Many relatives, neighbours and friends arrived at the farm on Sunday driving up and down the lane past the happy couple wishing them a Happy Anniversary. Congratulations Annie and Willie.

Umpires Tournament formerly known as the Gord Marshall Memorial Ladies Fastball Tournament originally scheduled for July 2-5, 2020 has been cancelled. The health and safety of the athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, tournament organizers, and volunteers is our number 1 priority. In addition, logistical concerns such as venue availability, adequate training opportunities and travel / accommodation bookings were also all factors that were considered. We hope that we can continue the tradition in 2021.

Another 'goodie' floated past on my newsfeed which I am sharing with you this week. **This Is Now** Traffic has gone, Fuel is affordable, Bill due dates have been extended, Kids are at home with their families, Parents are home taking care of their children, Fast food replaced by home-cooked meals, Hectic schedules replaced by naps, rest and relaxation. The air seems cleaner, The world quieter, People are conscious about hygiene and health, Money doesn't make the world go 'round anymore, Designer clothing is pointless as nobody ever really needed it, Doctors and Nurses are being praised and recognized instead of celebrities, And we now have time, finally, to stop and smell the roses. And don't forget to look up at the stars Our world is pretty amazing... the positives of lockdown...

The events of this past week have certainly gained our attention. I have friends who live near Minneapolis, MN and they are devastated by the happenings so close to home. I believe that many of us are right with them, shuddering to think how this

could all possibly happen. Well, it has been a long time coming, my friends...several centuries in fact. We are so fortunate to live where we do surrounded by such a great community. This doesn't mean that we can be complacent because we are by no means perfect. This means that we can help make some changes that may just make a big difference. I believe that starting right now, we must challenge ourselves to learn more and speak out loudly against discrimination of any kind be it racism, mental health issues, poverty, gender inequality, our aging population, our environment...it is quite a list, isn't it?

I don't mean to overwhelm you. I mean to get your attention. Pick a topic and set out to learn all you can. Knowledge is power. There might be just one idea that 'strides a chord' with you. Take a small step and get involved. Make a phone call. Ask questions. Write a letter. Volunteer your time. Be a good neighbour. Be an even better friend....something that gives your heart a lift and puts a smile on your face. Keep it simple. Start a diary. Write a story and email it to me for this article. Tell us what you have done to make a change in your world. Can you feel the love and kindness coming through to you from me? I sure hope so, because that is what is going to save this world in the long run. Let's be a part of the solution and lead the way in our own small way. Remember the immortal words of our friend, Glen Campbell, and 'try a little kindness'....hum a few bars. I hope your first week of June is a very good one for you. I know the kids are invited to the school to pick up their belongings. That is not usually how the school year ends and it could be a little unsettling for all ages involved. I know if I was the Principal standing at that door, I would find it so hard not to give everyone a big hug, tell them how much I love them and shed a tear or two. Oh, brother! Now you know what a 'softie' I am! xxoo...mmtinksargesadie



The Raw Carrot workers are so thrilled to be getting settled into their new facility in downtown Woodstock. Left to right Gerda Pier, Amberly MacLachlan, Stephen Doucette, Betty-Anne Werkema, Karen Lau, Lesha Munro, and Jennifer Truman. We wish you all the best!

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