

Reid's passing sudden

Lac du Bonnet teacher, trustee leaves legacy

By Mark T. Buss

The community of Lac du Bonnet is in mourning longtime teacher, school trustee and community volunteer Russ Reid, who passed away suddenly on Feb. 11. He was 76.

From Brandon, Reid and his wife Linda moved to Lac du Bonnet in 1973 where he taught for three decades.

"Anyone who has lived here more the 30 years, I've probably taught them and their children," Reid joked with *The Clipper* in 2014 about his hours logged in the classroom.

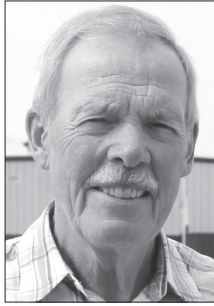
Following his retirement in 2002, he continued to play a vital role in the community serving as a substitute teacher, and for 11 years, he and Linda served as coordinators of the Lac du Bonnet Food Bank.

Reid was an exceptional athlete throughout his life including playing basketball with the Brandon University Bobcats. Reid also coached basketball at Lac du Bonnet Senior School, leading the boy's team to a provincial championship in 1998.

In baseball, he was a clutch hitter and one of the top lefthanded pitchers in the 1960s, playing on a junior team that won four consecutive provincial championships and one national title in 1967. He was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015.

Also in 2015, he was elected as the trustee for Ward 8 Lac du Bonnet in a byelection. It was a position he held for the next eight and a half years being re-elected in 2018 and acclaimed in 2022.

"(Reid) was always an



Russ Reid

advocate for his community, quality education and an avid supporter of athletics. His voice will be missed around the board table," Sunrise superintendent Cathy Tymko said. "Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Russ' family and friends."

A byelection will likely be required to fill the vacant trustee board position to represent Lac du Bonnet. The board will be discussing the process in the near future.

Reid's celebration of life will be held at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre on March 8 at 11 a.m. He leaves to mourn his wife Linda, two children, grandchildren, siblings, extended family and friends.

St-Georges volunteer has secret supporters

By Mellissa Bourgeois

Do you find yourself wondering what happened to the days when people worked together and supported each other to help them achieve their goals? It has been found in the communities that make up the Winnipeg River corridor.

St-Georges is home to a lady who works for a handful of organizations, volunteers for more groups than you can count on two hands and is always ready and willing to help anyone who needs it.

Debbie Majeau (Lackman) was born in the Thalgberg area and grew up going to school in Beausejour. She now resides just outside of St-Georges with her husband Joel and two equally amazing daughters Ashlyn and Rosalia. The siblings have inherited their mother's desire to help, have brilliant ideas, follow through and create their own fundraisers every year for causes they believe in.

In early January, the community learned Majeau would be organizing some fundraisers throughout the year for her and her daughter's dance trip to New York with their dance group. Local resident Angel-Lynn Desautels decided that she wanted to do a secret fundraiser as Majeau has touched so many lives in so many positive ways. Desautels is an amazing baker and decided to make a stuffed monster cookie fundraiser, with four types of cookies to choose from – red velvet, peanut butter



Photo by Mellissa Bourgeois

Debbie Majeau's friends secretly raised almost \$4,000 for her daughters' dance trip to New York.

cup stuffed peanut butter, brownie stuffed chocolate chip and an Oreo and chocolate chip stuffed chocolate chip cookie. Initially she set out to make 100 cookies, but they were sold in less than an hour as word spread fast.

Others volunteered to help. Another lady set up a Chase the Ace fundraiser. Others wanted to donate money. This was all kept secret from Majeau, which is no easy task as she volunteers everywhere and magically hears about everything.

In the end the Chase the Ace fundraiser was held, nine bakers baked just over

500 cookies and sold them all. Pick up was done, cookies were devoured... and still the secret was kept.

These ladies took Majeau out for dinner and surprised her with this amazing tale of how people from communities far and wide supported her – all wanting to touch her life in a small way because she has touched so many lives in a big way.

In the end, Majeau was given almost \$4,000 towards her family's personal fundraising goals. Congratulations to you and your girls and we hope you have an amazing trip of a lifetime.

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