

ELGIN PHAIR

Elgin was born and raised in Pilot Mound and except for the years between 1952 and 1973, when he was away working on the pipeline in Alberta and as an elevator operator in various communities, he has spent his life here. When he came back in 1973, he quickly got involved in sports.

Elgin has coached minor hockey and baseball. In 1976 he coached Bantam baseball all the way to Victoria for a tournament in which they won the silver medal. The competition was fierce and from all parts of the western provinces. In 1978, he went on to coach Midget baseball and made it to the Winnipeg finals. Also in 1978, he coached a hockey team that won Provincial B for Manitoba.

As well as coaching, he also managed hockey and baseball for many years, served on hockey and baseball boards, spent some time as President of Minor Hockey and of the old arena board.

You would think all Elgin did was sports related but that is not so. He was a volunteer ambulance driver and belonged to the Pilot Mound Kinsmen Club for over 10 years. He still serves on the executive of the Greenwood Cemetery Board and spent several years on the executive of the Golf Club. Oops – we're back to sports again.

Elgin was also a volunteer on the Millennium Complex project and served on its board. For many years, he sold hat pools for the profit of the local senior hockey club.

On behalf of the Pilot Mound & District Chamber of Commerce, I would like to present this plaque for Volunteer of the Year to Elgin Phair, a man who has kept sports alive in our community.