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Heather Campbell to be the new Director of Education



by Marlene Deschamps
 Heather Campbell is the new Director of Education. She replaces former Director Jack McMasters and was the acting Director while the Board searched for someone to replace him. Heather is pulling double duty for the time being as she was the former Superintendent of Education and will continue to function in both roles until a replacement is found. She said they are preparing notices to go out to hire a new Superintendent. Heather is the first female Director of Education for the Rainy River District that any-

one is aware of. She said that she is fortunate in that she already has a good relationship with the Board, staff, parents and students as she has already been working with the Board for 14 years. She added she will be working collaboratively with the Board as she believes in the direction they have taken in respect to technology and the coaching/co-teaching model of professional development plus the many initiatives such as student success and school effectiveness.

Heather Campbell has held positions of increasing respon-

sibility both in the elementary and secondary panels as a high school English teacher, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, elementary school vice-principal and elementary principal. She holds a Masters of Arts Degree, Bachelor of Education degree and Supervisory Officers's Qualification Program designation.

During her tenure as Superintendent of Education, she was instrumental in significant accomplishments such as the consolidation of Robert Moore and Huffman schools, the \$1.2 million reinvestment in SMART technology, and the provision of programs that focus on academic excellence and community responsibility.

Heather has served under Directors, John McLeod, Warren Hoshizaki and Jack McMasters. She will no doubt develop her own style but she is committed to open communication, collaborative teamwork, trust and respect which aligns with the Board's vision to empower all students to achieve their full potential.

Heather is, for now, busy juggling two roles and attending many meetings while still trying to get settled into her new office. She appears to be very busy while at the same time making time for important matters. Congratulations Heather.

Charged for trying to protect their garden Andersons give up and leave Fort Frances



The picture above shows the fence that caused all the trouble. The trouble is, you can't see it because it is quite invisible.

by Marlene Deschamps
 Lynwood and Marie Anderson appeared in Criminal Court on Friday, April 9th. They both pled guilty because if they did not their case would have gone to trial. This would have involved spending more money and time in Fort Frances-something they do not intend to do. They were told that if their case had gone to civil court they would have won but by having the case go to Criminal Court it becomes a black and white issue. The fence that caused all the trouble cannot even be seen unless you walk right up to it and the Town originally gave permission when the Andersons asked if they could put it up. There is a fence about two or three blocks away that is as high and is more visible and one has to wonder if these people will be ordered to remove it or be charged. The Town's actions in this case sometimes defies logic as persons in other part of town have been given permission to have fences that are contrary to the very by-law under which they chose to prosecute the Anderson's. They will no longer be a problem for the Town and for the apparently one person who complained because their house is now up for sale and they are moving to the Maritimes where they will operate a tree farm. This will be a loss to Fort Frances as Marie did presentations for the Horticulture Society and the Anderson's had a farm a small distance out of town where they raised vegetables and beautiful flowers and sold them at the Farmer's Market. Each week the Anderson's would take any leftover flowers to Rainycrest

for the residents to enjoy. At the end of the hearing on April 9th, the Andersons were given a suspended sentence and given a 60 day period to remove the fence. They intend to do just that but Marie said they will not do it immediately as there are quite a few flowers already blooming and as soon as she is able she will be uprooting them and bringing them to Rainycrest where she will be helping with setting up one of their beautiful new outdoor patio settings for the residents. When we left the courtroom, Marie gave me a statement that she was unable to deliver at the courthouse because of pleading guilty. She was very tearful when she said, they have now made criminals out of us and this is not fair. In fairness to Marie, the statement deserves to be read so here it is:

It may have been legal for the Town to prosecute us, but was it ethically and morally correct for the town to persecute 2 senior citizens who were only trying to protect their home and property from deer damage and safeguard their health. The Mayor and Town Council would rather enforce a by-law that is unreasonable than change the by-law to address current conditions. They have even repealed by-law 13/01 at the council meeting of Dec. 22/09. The deer problem is only going to get worse and waiting for nature to take its course will mean that deer will be dying of starvation and disease. They are already under pressure because of the over abundance within town limits. The Mayor touts our beautiful parks and cemeteries in his address in the phone book. At

what cost are our cemetery flowers when the town is growing 14,000 more flowers than they actually need because the deer are eating them. Are they not feeding the deer? We pay for perpetual care on 2 plots. Should we not be reimbursed? We have had to replace the flowers ourselves for the last several years. The deer had destroyed our yard until we had the fence. In the year that we have had the fence there has been no damage from deer, squirrels, dogs and cats. Was it wrong of us to hold our officials to a higher standard? No. Mayor and Council have a fiduciary obligation to protect our citizens and find better ways of solving problems. They have failed to do so! There is already a confirmed case of Lyme Disease in town. Their first line of defense at the airport for the deer is to build a fence. They have allowed over height fences on Thompson St. (Council meeting March 08); on Elizabeth Street- an eight foot chain link fence on the Front Street has replaced orange snow fencing in the last year. We question why we have been singled out and prosecuted. They have not enforced safe fencing around swimming pools, thus leaving the Town open to civil lawsuits for negligence. Is saddens me that there is no common sense to their decision to prosecute my husband and I...We are law abiding citizens who do not have so much as a parking ticket between us. Mayor and Council would rather have a beat up looking town than allow citizens to protect their property and maintain property values.

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Seven Generations Education Institute celebrates 25 years



Students and staff transformed the gym into a sea of luxurious white satin.

by Marlene Deschamps
 Seven Generation Education Institute held an Open House and celebrated 25 years on Thursday, April 8th. The Institute provides community based and student centered

learning opportunities for Anishinaabeg. Although the Open House was held from 2-4 p.m., the celebrations started at sunrise. There were tours and speakers for students and staff throughout the early part of the

day. Included in the morning events were the Director of Education and staff from outside the Institute.

There are separate facilities for high school and university

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Spring Fever in Emo

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
April 15, 16, 17

Shop Emo
It's Worth the Drive
During Spring Fever
Register for
\$1,000
in
Gift Certificates
at participating
businesses

Thursday, Friday and Saturday you will find

- Daryl Meck Outdoor Wood Stoves
- Channys Photography
- Tompkins Hardware Boat Show at store
- Nestor Falls Marine Boat Show at arena
- Borderland Esso and DeGagne Equipment Lawn and Garden Show

Schedule of Events

Thursday

- Solar Systems display at arena
- Freedom 55 Financial Gary Foster at Emo Arena
- Royal Canadian Legion #99 selling tickets on Front St.

Friday

- Solar Systems display at arena
- Freedom 55 Financial Gary Foster at Emo Arena
- 10 to 5pm Book Sale at Emo Public Library
- 10 to 4pm Emo Knox United Church Penny Table and bake sale at Emo Arena
- 11 to 2pm Emo Rec Council selling hotdogs and smokies on Front Street
- 11 to 3pm Minor Hockey BBQ at arena
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #99 selling tickets on Front Street
- Peterbilt Truck display at Norlund Oil

Saturday

- 7:30 to 10:30 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Christian Reformed Church sponsored by Dorcas Society and Coffee Break Groups
- 9 to noon Cuts for Cancer at Hair and Body Shoppe
- 10 to 4pm Car Wash sponsored by FF Chem Free Grad Committee at Cloverleaf Grocery
- 10 to 4pm Crafts Galore at Emo Legion soup and sandwich served
- 11 to 2pm Book Sale at Emo Public Library
- 10 to 4pm Emo Knox United Church Penny Table and Bake Sale at Emo Arena
- 11 to 2pm Family Fun Day at Emo Curling Club sponsored by Emo Rec Council
- 11 to 2pm on Front Street Emo Rec Council serving hot dogs and smokies
- 11 to 3pm Minor Hockey BBQ at arena
- 11 to 2pm Poker Walkabout - register at Rejuvenate Fitness
- Peterbilt Truck Display at Norlund Oil
- Noon-Classic car & truck parade on Front St. (weather permitting)
- Armed Forces rep at arena
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #99 selling raffle tickets on Front St.
- Draw for \$1,000 Emo Gift Certificates will be at Tompkins Hardware at 4pm.

Emo Chamber of Commerce Member Participants

Baker Graphics	Borderland Esso	Canasian Restaurant
Central Service	Circle D Restaurant	Cloverleaf Grocery
DeGagne Equipment	Emo Drugs	Emo Feed
Emo Inn	Gillon's Insurance	Kaemingh Fuels
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Rejuvenate Fitness Club	Scrap-a-lot	Thread Shed
Tompkins Hardware	Village Variety	Visser Auto
West End Motors		

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Emo Forest Products	Emo Municipality	Fort Frances Times
Harold McQuaker Enterprises		Hettinga Mechanical
JTJ Contracting	Mel's Well Drilling	ML Judson
Northridge Funeral Home	Ray Jewell Repair	Wes Derkson

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