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When you are in doubt, be still, and wait. When doubt no longer exists for you, then go forward with courage. So long as mists envelop you, be still. Be still until the sunlight pours through and dispels the mists -- as it surely will. Then act with courage. White Eagle

Source: http://www.inspirationpeak.com/cgi-bin/search.cgi? search=courage&page=3

The OMFRC **Community Welcomes Their Youngest** Member

Yes Blaize, you're adorable!







Just wanted to let everyone at the



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February Celebrates Black History Month

OMFRC know we appreciate what you are doing. You're dedicated & thorough. Keep up the good work it would be hard to find replacements for people like yourselves with so much integrity & great work ethic.

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The Metis Sash



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Elder Elize Hartley talks about the Metis Sash

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Sophia Pooley - black slave of Canada, her story told in 1856

SOPHIA POOLEY

I was born in Fishkill, New York State, twelve miles from North River. My father's name was Oliver Burthen, my mother's Dinah. I am now more than ninety years old. I was stolen from my parents when I was seven years old, and brought to Canada; that was long before the American Revolution. There were hardly any white people in Canada then--nothing here but Indians and wild beasts. Many a deer I have helped catch on the lakes in a canoe: one year we took ninety. I was a woman grown when the first governor of Canada came from England: that was Gov. Simcoe.

At twelve years old, I was sold by Brant to an Englishman in Ancaster, for one hundred dollars,--his name was Samuel Hatt, and I lived with him seven years: then the white people said I was free, and put me up to running away. He did not stop me--he said he could not take the law into his own hands. Then I lived in what is now Waterloo. I married Robert Pooley, a black man. He ran away with a white woman: he is dead.

These are just two excerpts from this amazing account of a young girl's life in the 1800's to read the entire story......

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Photo Source: Eastman Johnson, A Ride for Liberty - The Fugitive Slaves, oil onpaperboard, 22 • 26.25 inches, circa 1862, Brooklyn

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Seven Grandfather Teachings of the Metis



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Elder Elize Hartley talks about the 7 grandfather teacings of the Metis

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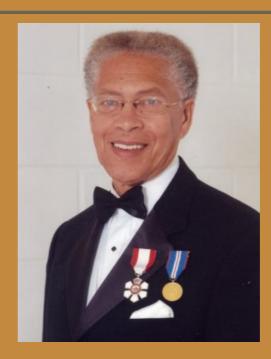
www.aboriginalstatus.org www.omfrc.org

New Submissions

Our editors are always looking for original submissions that would be of interest to our community. Do you know of any upcoming events that you would like to share either through the Newsletter or Facebook?

If you have something you would like to add to future issues we would

The Order Of Canada



African-Native Canadian Dr. Walter Borden is an internationally acclaimed actor of the stage and screen. Born in New Glasgow, Nova scotia in 1942, one in a family of 18 siblings, he is also an award winning poet and a nationally respected social and political activist and civil and human rights advocate. He has performed in the major theatre venues in every province in the country as well as Off-Broadway and in Europe. After graduating from New Glasgow High School, where he was valedictorian for the Class of '60, he entered university as a pre-med student, later switching to education. Following his graduation from Nova Scotia Teachers' College, he taught in the Nova Scotia school system for five years. During this time he became one of the founding members of the Nova Scotia Project, a social/political activist organization that was at the forefront of the civil rights movement in Canada.

We are pleased to welcome Water to the OMFRC community.

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Online Mentoring Program Helps Northern Youth

be happy to consider it; please call or email putting Facebook or Newsletter material in the subject line!

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The OMFRC "Facebook Community" is now nearly 1,100 strong. While this is only a small fraction of the organizations membership we are overjoyed with the growth of this page. As many of you already know Facebook is a great way to stay connected. It has never been more important for our people to stand up and be counted. For far too long the Metis people have been disregarded. The secret has been kept too long it starts with you - pass it on!



passion for youth, policing and the North. Credit: Cst. Tyler Sondergaard, Protective Services, E Division

S/Sgt. Grant MacDonald is an e-mentor for DCM, an online career mentoring program that connects young people in northern communities with e-mentors across Canada working in their dream career. The program started about 10 years ago to tackle the high rate of high school dropouts in the territories, and recently became a part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada.

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There are many members of the OMFRC community who have been successful in obtaining support through several of these programs.

Please Note: Each organization has their own guidelines for qualification.

https://indspire.ca/donate-now/building-brighter-futures-





If it is, call 1-613-332-4789 and you can do it right over the phone in just a couple of minutes.

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Stay connected and celebrate your heritage! Share that you're a member of the OMFRC Community with your family members on Facebook. It has never been more important to stand up and be counted!

Have you visited our Facebook page? We welcome you to join our OMFRC Community - we want to hear from you.

