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Local Pharmacist Discovers His Writing Talent

Whistle in the Dark: A Memoir by James Wu explores loss and life.

ANITA JENKINS

James Wu, a pharmacist at Market Drugs Medical on 97th Street, was devastated when his older sister, Fay Ying, died suddenly in January of 2016. The loss was so great that he had to quit work and seek medical help. One of the doctors suggested that he try writing as therapy.

"I was writing on sheets of Kleenex," Wu says. "I constantly had a box of tissues beside me to wipe away the tears. Later, I looked at the wads of scribbled notes and thought, 'There might be something here.'"

This is how Wu's compelling and well-told memoir began. Then his wife and daughters encouraged him to publish, and a daughter's friend, Belinda Ungaro, agreed to be the editor and publisher of what he calls a "Wu family COVID project."

Wu's parents and sister lived in a village in the impoverished farming region of Hoi Ping, China. When the leaders of the Maoist Revolution threatened to seize their land, the family decided to emigrate to Canada, landing in Vancouver, where James was born.

The family's life as immigrants was arduous, poverty-stricken, and difficult in all sorts of ways. They prevailed, but when Wu became an orphan at age 13, Fay Ying – who was now married and living in Edmonton – took him in and helped him get an education. His phar-



James Wu. Erin Wu

macy studies involved many part-time jobs on top of a heavy course load, but he did it, and he gives his sister credit for that success.

The book's title refers to the way people summon up courage in the darkness by whistling. Which is what the Wu family had to do.

Wu says, "I was hesitant at first, but

after doing a lot of soul-searching, I decided to 'put myself out there.' In my wildest dreams, never did I think the book would come this far. But if I could use our story to help others in any way, I think my sister would have approved."

The book, available at Amazon.ca, has sold nearly 200 copies so far at the time this article was written. All pro-

ceeds are being donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, in honour of the city where Wu grew up and all of the memories it holds for him.

Anita Jenkins is a retired writer and editor who lives in Boyle Street.

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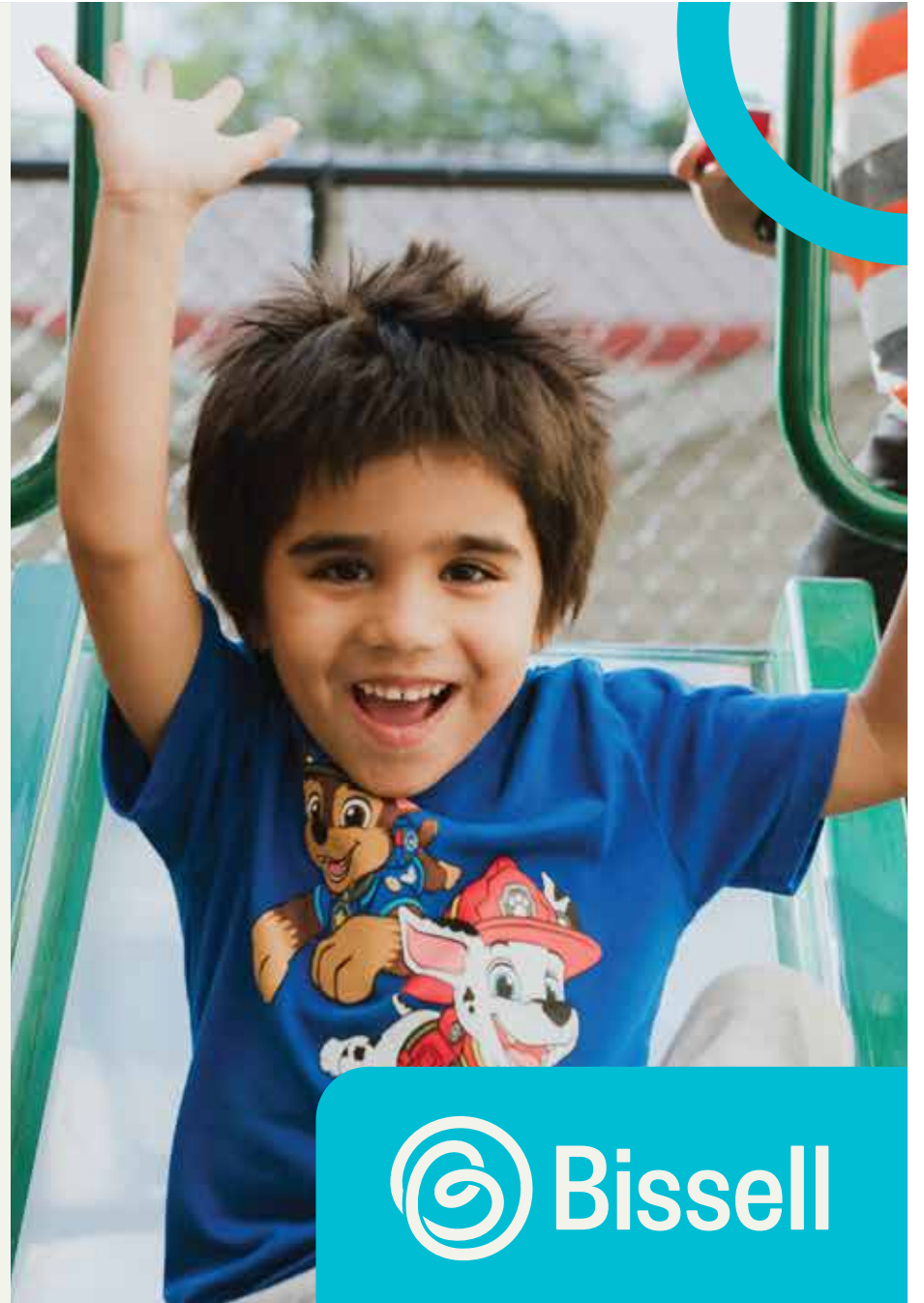
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MCCAULEY MUSINGS

In our previous issue I discussed how *Boyle McCauley News* connects the community in several ways:

- We cover events and news not featured in other media.
- The paper is the only way some people in the area find out about what is happening.
- Volunteering with the paper connects people with their community.

When I reflect further, I realize that *Boyle McCauley News* is more than a community newspaper. It is a print and electronic communications platform with a large reach. It is a brand that people have come to know and trust. As a result, the

paper is a resource to connect community members with information and assistance.

A recent example is a report of a lost pet. I posted the information on our social media, and the missing pet was located shortly thereafter. We were also recently contacted by senior residents in the area who needed help with snow removal. After posting the information online, a community member stepped up within the hour to help.

Sometimes I get a call from someone needing information about a community service. It may be something they heard about through an article or ad in the paper. Or, they just didn't know who else to call. It always feels great to help someone out with something as simple as giving them the phone number for the organization they are trying to access.

Boyle McCauley News does a lot for the community above and beyond publishing a paper. We hope to keep on going for years to come.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Happy new year! By the time you read this, we will be at least a month into 2022. What is this year going to hold for *Boyle McCauley News*? We're cautiously optimistic that this year our financial situation will improve and that the paper's sustainability will increase.

Our Toss Us Your Toonies donation campaign continues. You can donate as little as \$2 monthly. More information is at bmcnews.org/donate.

Our casino is scheduled to take place on April 17 and 18. If you are interested in volunteering, send me an email (editor@bmcnews.org) and I will

forward your information to Colleen Chapman, our Volunteer Coordinator.

Even if you are not in a position to donate or volunteer, you can still support the paper in other ways. If you use social media, you can follow us, like our posts, and share our content. Amplifying our social posts helps build our readership. We're @bmcnews on Facebook and Twitter, and @bmcviews on Instagram.

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Until next time, thanks again for your support.

OUR NEXT ISSUE . . .

Volume 43, Issue 2 will be published April 1, 2022. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: March 12th, 2022. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG, in high resolution) whenever possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you want to respond to something that you read in these pages or that is going on in the community? Share your thoughts with a Letter to the Editor. Send your letters to editor@bmcnews.org. Letters should be no longer than 300 words, and may be edited for length or clarity. Publication is not guaranteed. The deadline for letters for our next print issue is March 12th, 2022.

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Emerging from the “Big Freeze”

JANIS IRWIN

Dear friends,

What a winter! I'm writing to you just as our “big freeze” is beginning to lift, and I know that so many of us (myself included!) were discouraged by the longest cold snap we've had in over 50 years. I hope that you were all able to stay safe and warm.

This period of cold weather felt extra difficult given the need to stay cautious about our face-to-face contacts as we focused on keeping ourselves and our communities safe. I know that this has put a lot of strain on so many people. I wanted to write to you and let you know, though, how proud I am of the Boyle Street and McCauley communities.

Throughout this cold winter, and over the past couple of years, our communities and the individuals who make them up have shown incredible resilience and willingness to band together and care for each other. Neighbours have done a great job of checking in and offering support with chores and errands. Individuals and grassroots organizations have shown tremendous commitment to advocating for, and with, unhoused community members. We've seen real flexibility and creativity from commu-

nity leagues and other groups as they've planned, pivoted, and run events to bring us all together.

Please know that the care that you show for each other is one of my biggest inspirations to continue doing the work that I do. Ultimately, we're all doing this together. I'll continue to work hard to fight for my constituents here in Boyle Street and McCauley and throughout Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood. And together, we'll keep working toward the equitable and just world that we want to live in, and that we know is possible.

I hope that you're all healthy, safe, and finding joy, connection, and rest wherever possible. While our constituency office remains closed to visitors at this time, we're available via phone and email, and we're working hard to stay in touch with all of you. As always, I'm here to help, so if you need anything, would like to share your thoughts or feedback, or if you'd just like to say hello, please reach out!

Take good care of yourselves and each other.

*Janis Irwin, MLA for
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Love Villanelle*

LEIF GREGERSEN

very rarely is love and understanding not enough
still it is easy to hurt the ones we care about the most
you need to be loving and sincere but also tough

being liked and having friends does not mean much
or that when you party you can act the perfect host
very rarely is love and understanding not enough

giving those we love their freedom is always rough
we care so much but they may not feel as close
you need to be loving and sincere but also tough

it doesn't matter if we have the coolest stuff
a gold necklace is not better than a single rose
very rarely is love and understanding not enough

don't hide your inner feelings show your love
your lover needs the words even if they know
you need to be loving and sincere but also tough

they say relationships are heaven's gift to us
this is clear when we find ourselves alone
very rarely is love and understanding not enough
you need to be loving and sincere but also tough

Leif lives in McCauley. You can visit his website at www.edmontonwriter.com

*A villanelle is a 19-line poem with two rhymes, five tercets (three lines of poetry forming a stanza), and a quatrain (four lines forming a stanza). The first and third lines of the opening tercet recur alternately at the end of the other tercets and both are repeated at the close of the concluding quatrain.

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If you do not receive the paper at your home, there are numerous places where you can pick up a copy.

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- Lucky 97 (10725 97 St.)
- Tony's Pizza (9605 111 Ave.)
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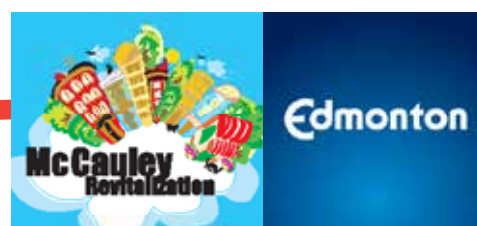


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MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES

MCCAULEY'S REVITALIZATION GOALS AND CHANGES TO REVITALIZATION FUNDING

McCauley Neighbourhood Revitalization follows the same fiscal calendar as the rest of the City of Edmonton; the fiscal year coincides with the calendar year. Each new fiscal year since 2011 McCauley Neighbourhood Revitalization re-starts to collaborate with McCauley residents, businesses and organizations wanting to promote McCauley Revitalization stated goals. We usually have about +\$150K to use on local McCauley Revitalization projects. Please apply!

The original goals were determined from engaging with the larger McCauley neighbourhood. McCauley's original Revitalization goals were: Creating a Safe Community; Celebrating the Community; Building the Community; and Providing Sustainable Options and Service Options. More recently, all Edmonton Revitalization areas seem to look for the following outcomes:

Beauty, Safety, Security:

- Properties are attractive and well-cared for
- People feel safe in their homes and neighbourhood

Thriving Local Economy and Investment:

- The local economy is thriving
- Investment in the community is strong

Strengthening Capacity:

- Area/Neighbourhood Empowerment, Capacity Strengthening & Leadership
- The social fabric of the neighbourhood is strong

Revitalization was happy to announce last spring that the 1:1 matching requirement for funding projects would no longer be required. In that vein, the Matching Fund (above \$350) was re-named the Macro-Grant and at the same time, the Small Sparks grant was re-named the Micro-Grant (for projects \$350 and under).

Unfortunately we have since learned that these changes will require City Council approval. Until Revitalization gets that approval, we will have to ensure that Macro-Grants do in fact demonstrate a match either with volunteer time contributions (calculated at either \$20

or \$40/hr), in-kind contributions or straight up cash. Furthermore, for projects over \$10,000 applicants will have to contribute 25% of the project total value in cash. Please apply! Contact McCauley Revitalization Coordinator Greg Brandenburg if you have any questions or are ready to apply:
gregory.brandenburg@edmonton.ca

MCCAULEY'S CRITICAL LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

While we are awaiting the latest 2021 economic indicators for the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the Viva Italia District Association (VIDA or the Little Italy business association), we can see from the report on the 2020 Chinatown BIA that Chinatown businesses invested through 27 building permits totalling \$16.6 million in total construction value. This is way up from the previous 2 years in 2018 and 2019 where the local investment was \$3M and \$3.9M respectively.

While 2019 saw a net increase of 8 businesses to give Chinatown a total of 208 businesses, there was a net decrease of 11 businesses in 2020 even with 18 new business licenses. With 197 local businesses, Chinatown continues to adapt to significant pandemic and other challenges. Perceived safety remains an issue in Chinatown by patrons and businesses alike. We are working hard with the Chinatown BIA, the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative (CTC) and the Chinatown Safety Council to do better.

NEW HERB JAMIESON CENTRE - 100 ST. & 105A AVE

Hope Mission opened up their reconstructed Herb Jamieson Centre in late October 2020 with over 400 beds with smaller separated dorms for couples and women. Perhaps the biggest feature is the 24/7 sheltering ability which became critical during the recent cold snap.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SITE - CHURCH (96) ST. & 108 AVE

As has been mentioned before, the Catholic School District Board put the Sacred Heart

School up for sale in the fall. The Edmonton Community Development Company (ECDC) submitted an offer before Christmas and is now waiting to hear the District's response. While the District's asking price is over \$2 million, it is understood in the sale of these older buildings that the cost of the removal of asbestos and other hazardous materials discounts the price. It is anticipated that the removal costs will significantly lower the final cost of the School but the buyer is under no obligation to actually remove the materials. The ECDC has been meeting quite regularly online with concerned McCauley residents. It is expected that ECDC will continue to check in with McCauley residents and probably more so if they actually move to purchase the School.

There is also a smaller soccer field along the north side of 108 ave between 95 and 96 st. that also belongs to Sacred Heart School. The park is not a part of the School sale. The City has requested whether it can potentially buy the park to add to its park inventory in McCauley.

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING AND TRINITY MANOR - NE CORNER OF 101 ST AND 107A AVE

Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS) has apparently bought the Edmonton Public School Board building and Trinity Manor beside it just to the north and plans to build once their funding is in place. They have said that the Oilers Entertainment Group has offered \$5M for their property and another \$10M from the Edmonton Oilers Foundation to help them build a better facility. This should allow consolidation with their fenced parking lot nearby, also in McCauley.

BSCS plans to move from their present location in Central McDougall to McCauley in 2023. BSCS states that their "downtown Community Centre" offers a broad range of services to its community members. They offer at least 3 programs under Housing, Family and Youth, Cultural Supports, Outreach and Support Services, Community Support, Mental Wellness and Health and Wellness. They also collaborate with ATB to run the Four Directions Bank.

Light Up McCauley! A New Neighbourhood Project

Improved lighting can benefit a neighbourhood's safety and beauty.



An aerial photo of the McCauley Rink beautifully illuminated with new Edison bulbs. Leif Gregersen

MARK DAVIS AND ALICE KOS

Crime prevention studies have shown that poor lighting creates an environment that attracts property crimes like vandalism and theft. They have also shown that darkness can make people feel insecure and prevent them from using public spaces. And when people aren't out enjoying their neighbourhoods, crime can increase again.

In addition to preventing crime, improved lighting can benefit neighbourhoods in other ways. It can be beautiful. It can lift people's spirits. It can identify and highlight an important neighbour-

hood space. And it can improve neighbourhood cohesion and pride. One great example in McCauley are the trees in Giovanni Caboto Park, brightly lit in the colours of Italy's flag.

Motivated by the many benefits of improved lighting, Safer McCauley and the McCauley Community League have partnered to launch a neighbourhood-wide lighting campaign called "Light Up McCauley." The first evidence of this campaign is the beautiful string of Edison bulbs surrounding the McCauley Rink.

"Light Up McCauley" is not a one-time

project. Instead, the campaign, supported by funding from City of Edmonton McCauley Revitalization, will carry on indefinitely through a series of projects. 300 units of solar-powered, motion-activated lighting are currently being provided free of charge to businesses in the Chinatown Business Improvement Area, with the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society giving support with installation.

Other projects in the campaign include the distribution of decorative lights and motion-activated lights

free of charge to McCauley residents, support for neighbour-driven alley lighting parties, and additional lighting in Giovanni Caboto Park.

Stay tuned to @SaferMcCauley and @McCauleyCommunityLeague on Facebook for more information about the "Light Up McCauley" campaign.

Mark is the Program Manager for REACH Edmonton's Neighbourhood Organizing Initiative. Alice is the President of the McCauley Community League Board.

MCL Holiday Skating Party



The McCauley Community League held a Holiday Skating Party on December 18th at the rink, hosted in partnership with Safer McCauley. Neighbours enjoyed a festive evening of skating to holiday music spun by DJ Mike Siek, hot chocolate and treats, and chats around warm (rainbow-flamed!) fires. Big thanks to Rink Manager Dan Glugosh for always making everyone feel so welcome! Mark Davis

Winter in Little Italy



Winter in Little Italy, organized by Viva Italia Edmonton, was held on three Sundays in December. Activities included horse-drawn sleigh rides, marshmallow roasting in the Piazza parking lot, free hot chocolate at Zocalo, gift certificates from Off Whyte Skin Care Studio, and chestnut roasting outside The Italian Centre courtesy of Amici Italiani. Paula E. Kirman

To David Littlefeather, With Love and Thanks

A tribute to a beloved McCauley community member.

KATHRYN RAMBOW

Hi David, it's me, Kathryn. I was just sitting at a table in Spinelli's, your favourite place for an "American-cano" as you called it. The staff members there have been asking after you, and were very sad to hear of your sudden passing in early December. I remember the last time I saw you there: it was a sunny winter day, and you were sitting outside on the bench, as you liked to do. You were so excited to see me that you pointed me out to the fellow sitting next to you, and I felt like a celebrity! Thank you for making me feel so valued, so important.

Your enthusiasm for certain things was contagious. You loved to share what you bought on your monthly payday trips to Walmart: your new sweatpants or sneakers, or the Christmas presents that you saved up for over the course of the year and would place under your tree months in advance.

I know there are many people who could tell me more about other things that you loved, but here are some of the things I know: you loved your early morning coffee at Spinelli's; you loved shopping at Walmart on paydays; you loved Pepsi (and would deliver a bottle to your neighbours Brenda and Umayaz whenever you could), you loved watching *I Love Lucy* and *The Flintstones* on your DVD player, you loved attending Sacred Heart Church, you loved getting a free t-shirt and other cool stuff when you volunteered at events; you loved walking your two block circuit between



David Littlefeather. File Photo

McCauley Apartments, the Italian Centre, and Spinelli's, the corner bench by Sacred Heart Church, and sometimes as far as Stadium Mini Mart.

You loved watching the world go by, seeing the people who knew you, going to visit the people who knew you, door-to-door, until sometimes it made some of us annoyed! You loved the Heart of the City Music Festival, and the McCauley Clean Up, and *Boyle McCauley News*, and other activities that happened in your neighbourhood.

I first knew you as David Grant. Long ago, you would hang out at Bissell Centre, my first job in the inner city. When I started at McCauley Apartments, there you were! It was a joyful reunion, and even though it was your birthday - November 1st - you went to Zocalo and bought me a little plant as a welcome gift. You had changed your name to David Littlefeather. As you told the story to me: you were at a gathering and an Elder saw you, pointed right at you, and said, "You! Your name is Little Feather," and then you went about the process of changing your name, of claiming that name as your own.

I miss you David. Sometimes it was hard, and you would do something that was grumpy or inappropriate or annoying, and we would have a little conflict, and you would snap at me. After 10 minutes or so, you would return and say "I'm sorry," and you'd giggle, and I'd giggle back, and all would be well again. This time of COVID was really hard for you. You lost many things. You lost your hangouts, especially the McCauley office, and then Sacred Heart had a fire and you couldn't go there, and then Spinelli's was closed for a long time. You even lost your dog - what a painful time that was. Changes were very hard for you. It was hard to say goodbye, and you grieved every little loss, getting tearful whenever someone left or something changed.

It breaks my heart that you died alone, David. I wish that we could have accompanied you on your final journey. I want you to know that you are so missed, that

you were loved. You were such a familiar face around these two or so blocks of Little Italy, that everyone there notices your absence. I want you to know that we will not forget you, that your life was not in vain, and that you were an essential part of our community.

We are going to dedicate the bench at the back of McCauley Apartments to you, David. It will be known as "David's bench." Whenever someone sits there, they will see your name and remember you, or ask about you, and all of us who knew you will remember and tell them about David Littlefeather, our neighbourhood friend.

It is my honour to share something about you here. There are so many others who knew you, who knew other parts of your story. We will not forget. We will share your story. Your family was not a key part of your life, and they have not been there for you in your death. I want you to know that even if your family doesn't come to claim you, we claim you. We will pray over you, and for you. We will remember you and honour you.

Thank you David, for sharing your life with us. For being our friend, our neighbour, our observer, our enthusiast, our town crier, our colourful grump, our beloved little feather. Peace be with you.

Kathryn is the Manager of Community Development, Housing & Mental Health Division, with e4c.

Indigenous Fashion Show Highlights Local Designers

Event also featured a community dinner and clothing drive.

CORINE DEMAS

Heart of the City's first ever Indigenous fashion show, clothing drive, and community dinner took place on December 12th. The event was held at Parkdale Cromdale Community League and organized by Heart of the City's board and Heather Bouchier, a local Indigenous fashion designer. The event was a huge success and completely sold out!

The show featured Heather Bouchier Design and Rhonda Johnson of Acahkos design. We were so pleased to have Erin Meetoos of Erin's Regalia do her first fashion show with us. Indigenous photographer Curtis Cameron took beautiful shots of the show. Jodi Calahoo Stonehouse was our emcee, and we were honoured to have the City of Edmonton's Indigenous Artist-in-Residence, Creeasian as our DJ.



Model Sidney Nehua-Jackson on the catwalk in Heather Bouchier Design's stunning red dress. Curtis Cameron

The music was rocking, the models were stunning in modern Indigenous designs - and then there was the food! We had a lovely meal of venison stew, vegan stew, bannock, and dessert bannock with bananas and blueberry compote provided by Nékem, an

organization that also distributed the clothing we collected to houseless community members.

We were joined by City Councillor Ashley Salvador as well as Mayor Amarjeet Sohi and his

wife. Mayor Sohi spoke about building an inclusive community, an Edmonton for everyone.

We were also entertained by Inuit comic Cindy Rivers who had the audience in stitches.

The show was a huge success and we want to thank all those involved including the models who walked our catwalk with grace and flair.

Check out our website heartcityfest.com for more pictures of the event and upcoming opportunities to volunteer with Heart of the City.

Corine Demas serves as volunteer President and Spoken Word Director of the Heart of the City Festival Society of Edmonton. Corine is passionate about poetry, storytelling, and her city, Edmonton. She lives in McCauley.



Star bright.

Funding from Edmonton Community Foundation supports the Edmonton Artists' Trust Fund and provides the means for our city's creative community to grow its cultural roots. As gifts expressing respect and recognition, Andrea Bellegarde-Courchene's star blankets wrap the recipient in the rich past and bold promise of the Indigenous culture.

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About Market Drugs Medical



Market Drugs Medical. Leif Gregersen

ANITA JENKINS

Pharmacist James Wu has worked at Market Drugs (10207 97th Street) throughout his four-decade-long career (see story on page one). He says his job has given him insights into the McCauley, Boyle Street, and downtown communities. The store served people with methadone prescriptions, but also luminaries (former mayor and MLA Lawrence Decore was a customer). And, in between, are the people who represent the diversity of McCauley: artists, entrepreneurs, seniors, social workers, recent and long-time immigrants, and many more.

Market Drugs, established in 1965 by Borys Ferbey and later operated by his son Mark, has always thrived and grown.

When Wu first started working there, the business attracted a lot of customers of the former downtown farmers market next door (hence the name), as well as the W.W. Arcade hardware store and the Army & Navy department store. Under Mark's management, it became a niche medical specialty store as well as a very busy pharmacy.

Market Drugs Medical has supported *Boyle McCauley News* for many years by placing an ad in every issue. Market Drugs, The Italian Centre Shop, and the Italian Bakery were recognized at the paper's 40th anniversary gala in 2019 as the three businesses that had advertised in the paper for the full 40 years.

Anita Jenkins is a retired writer and editor who lives in Boyle Street.

Boyle Street Community Services is Moving



BSCS will be moving into this building at 10010 107A Avenue after it is renovated. Leif Gregersen

ANITA JENKINS

Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS) has announced plans to move to 10010 107A Avenue, two blocks north of its current location at 10116 105 Street, where it has been since 1996. A newly-renovated building at this site is scheduled to open in the summer or fall of 2023.

"We are very excited about this," says Jordan Reiniger, Executive Director of BSCS. "Today we are signalling to our city that we need to do better for the most vulnerable in our community. This new purpose-built facility will allow us to achieve improved outcomes for those we serve and be a significant improvement in terms of our interactions with and impact on the surrounding community."

Design work is still underway, and is being informed by Indigenous culture. BSCS is planning engagement with surrounding businesses, community groups, and residents. Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

The new site was originally built in 1960 as the administration offices for Edmonton Public Schools and was an example of the Brutalist style of architecture, with concrete construction and hard angles. After the school board moved to its current location on Kingsway, the building was used by community organizations including the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN), Changing Together,

Right at Home Housing Society, and the Edmonton Social Planning Council. Most recently, the building was used as an indoor paintball centre.

The parcel of land also includes an apartment building north of the main building, Trinity Manor used to offer supported housing for refugees living with trauma as part of a service developed by the EMCN. When federal funding for the program was discontinued, it became below-market rentals. BSCS will continue to operate the 38-suite apartment, first taking over as landlord for current tenants, then renovating suites and converting them to affordable housing as suites become available.

The move across 101st Street will place BSCS officially within the McCauley neighbourhood. Currently, the organization is situated in Central McDougall.

"The McCauley Community League board has heard a range of perspectives from neighbours on this topic," says Alice Kos, President of the MCL. "What we'd like to see - and support - are meaningful, ongoing community engagements and consultations between BSCS, the City, and community members. All community stakeholders deserve to voice their perspectives; it's essential that mechanisms are put in place to address concerns."

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Thank a Mail Carrier

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We have observed a number of holidays in the past few months. If you are one of many worldwide who send out seasonal cards, we have postal workers who do their best to deliver.

February 4th is actually one of those little-known observances: Thank A Mail Carrier Day! There won't be a

parade or a day off, but to observe the day we can always thank a postal worker by putting up a little "thank you" sign on our mailboxes. If you are in a post office and see a postal worker, be sure to say, "thank you!"

Let's turn this into a big day of thanks. I have a neighbour/friend who is a letter carrier. I observe him walking to work, then walking home after work, after spending the majority of his day walking. That deserves respect.

I am personally very thankful for postal workers, delivery drivers, sales clerks, transit workers, and any workers deemed essential in this pandemic. You deserve recognition and support. Thank you!

Ian is a columnist with the paper. He lives in the area.

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CHURCH AND AGENCY SERVICES

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780-429-4126

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Spaces are limited, please call ahead to reserve a space for your child.

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10628 – 96 Street

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Women's Health Promotion Evening: Thursdays (except the last Thursday of the month) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. preceded by yoga class at 3:30 p.m. for one hour.

Foot Clinic - Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dental - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Streetworks during clinic hours.

BOYLE STREET COMMUNITY SERVICES

10116 – 105 Avenue

(780) 424-4106

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Youth night: Wed. 4-7 p.m. Adult Drop-In open all day – 8.30 – 4.30 . Lunch: Monday-Friday at 11.30. Free repairs for eyeglasses every Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; housing, family, youth, mental health and outreach programs available.

INNER CITY

PASTORAL MINISTRY

10527-96 St. NW

(780) 424-7652

Pastor Quinn Strikwerda

Pastoral Assistants: Jim Gurnett & Michelle Nieviadomy

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Take-away snack bags Sunday at noon.

Visits and other pastoral services on request.

info@icpmedmonton.ca

THE ROCK OUTREACH

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Phone (780) 426-1122

Breakfasts: Tuesday to Thursday 7-9 a.m.

Kids Club: Third Monday of the Month

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ADDICTIONS &

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9611 -102 Avenue

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Located in the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre is open Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Closed on Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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10635 – 96 Street

(780) 426-5600

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Lunch 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

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Weekends & Holidays

Brunch 10:45 am - 11:30 a.m.

Supper 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

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Men, Women, Youth

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HOPE MISSION COMMUNITY CHURCH:

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7:00 p.m. Herb Jamieson Centre - 10014 105A Avenue

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Gymnasium

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7 p.m. at Santa Maria Goretti Catholic Church.

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COVID Support

You do not have to be alone during the pandemic. Please visit our Facebook page @e4cwellness, or contact Kathryn at the e4c McCauley office at 780-424-2870. Email krambow@e4calberta.org.

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