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The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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Windsor Express Basketball Fundraiser

On Saturday, February 26th the Amherstburg Freedom Museum partnered with the Windsor Express Basketball team to host a Black History Month Fundraiser. The audience enjoyed a pre-game and half-time performance from Big Wiggle and a 50/50 draw, in addition to a great game between the Windsor Express and the London Lightning. The evening's program also included a Black History Trivia Quiz and the presentation of flowers to Mrs. Florence Logan who was named 'Mother of the Game' and was accompanied by her grandson and AFM Board President, Monty Logan and Vice-President Barb Porter. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and donated to our fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated!



The Talking Drum

The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

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Freedom Achiever Spotlight - Isaac Harris



Name: Isaac Harris

Age: 18 years

School: University of Windsor. Freshman year, studying Business, with a minor in French and Spanish.

Hometown: LaSalle, ON

Parents: Adrian and Carla (Rath) Harris

Question: What do you want to do when you graduate and finish University?

Answer: I would love to explore the world a little bit and capture all that it has to offer. I plan to be a successful entrepreneur. Develop a product that will create jobs and help people. This way I can try to create opportunities for others where they may not have had those opportunities.

Question: How do you celebrate Black History Month?

Answer: I like to do more research about my past. My grandmother has some great stories.

Question: If you could have a conversation with one historical Black figure, who would it be and what would you say or want to talk about?

Answer: Martin Luther King Jr., to hear his story first-hand and relive all the achievements he accomplished and barriers he overcame as a civil rights leader. But I feel compelled to also want to talk with someone closer to my age like Fred Hampton. He was an American activist and member of the Black Panthers in the 1960's. His short and impactful life came to an end when he was only 21. The challenges he faced as a young Black activist and community organizer. I would tell him about the challenges that young Black activists are still facing today like police brutality and systemic racism.

Question: What extra-curricular activities did you participate in while in high school?

Answer: I went to Sandwich Secondary School. I played on the baseball, badminton, and track & field (long jump) teams. I ended up playing badminton because my friend was trying out so I decided to try out too and was surprised that I was good at it.

Question: What is your favorite sport?

Answer: Baseball. I play travel baseball with Walker Homesites in the outfield and as a pitcher. I like to do both because I can pitch and hit. I had some good times playing with the team. One special memory was when we went to Cooperstown, NY for a tournament. There were no parents, and it was all the kids from the team. It was just awesome. We visited the Baseball Hall of Fame and I remember participating in the scavenger hunt and getting a free pack of baseball cards. I'm looking forward to playing again in the spring. I also play with the University of Windsor team.



Isaac pitching during a baseball game.

Question: Tell me about your volunteer work in the community.

Answer: Walker Homesites sponsored summer camps for elementary school aged kids which gave me the opportunity to help out. It was great to work with the kids at the camp. I learned about communication skills. Seeing and interacting with the kids each day made me happy.

Question: What do you like to do in your free time?

Answer: I like to read and watch sports (basketball, football, baseball) with my friends and family. Work out and stay active. Once things open up, (after the closures due to the pandemic) I look forward to getting back into the gym.



Virtual Paint Party!

On Wednesday, March 9th at 7pm, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum is hosting another Virtual Paint Party! To register, please go to AFMPaintNight.givesmart.com

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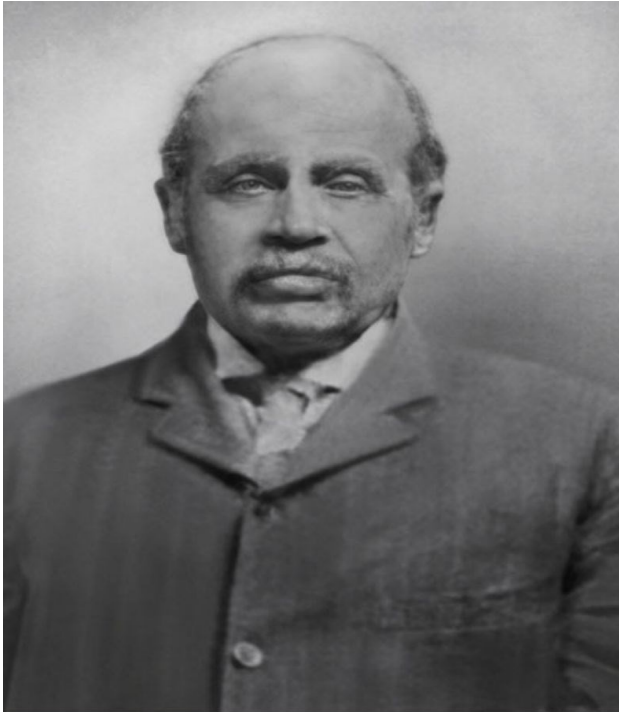
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