

New doc, RPN for Kincardine Community Medical Clinic

By Barb McKay

Although he's only been in Kincardine for less than a month, Dr. Steven Poirier is already hard at work at his new practice and is looking to take on new patients.

Poirier is the newest general practitioner to join the Kincardine Community Medical Clinic. He was recruited earlier this year and arrived last month after completing his residency in Sault Ste Marie.

"We were looking for a small rural town, because that's the kind of practice I like," Poirier said. "You get to do a little of everything."

His wife, Tina, is a registered practical nurse and is working with him at the clinic. The couple has two children; a nine-year-old daughter and four-year-old son.

Poirier was born and

raised in New Liskeard and earned his doctor of chiropractic degree. He practiced chiropractics in Michigan, where he met his wife, and joined a multi-disciplinary clinic. Poirier said it was there that he took an interest in family medicine.

Poirier returned to Ontario and earned his medical degree at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in Thunder Bay. He is thrilled to be recruited to Kincardine.

"We feel very welcomed by the clinic and the town," he said. "It immediately struck me that this will be a safe place to raise my kids."

Poirier said he's eager to take on new patients and is looking to provide as many services as possible. He will also work in the emergency department at the Kincardine hospital and has the abil-

ity to perform a number of procedures, including vasectomies and endometrial biopsies.

Poirier and his family are looking forward to becoming immersed in many of the activities that the community has to offer.

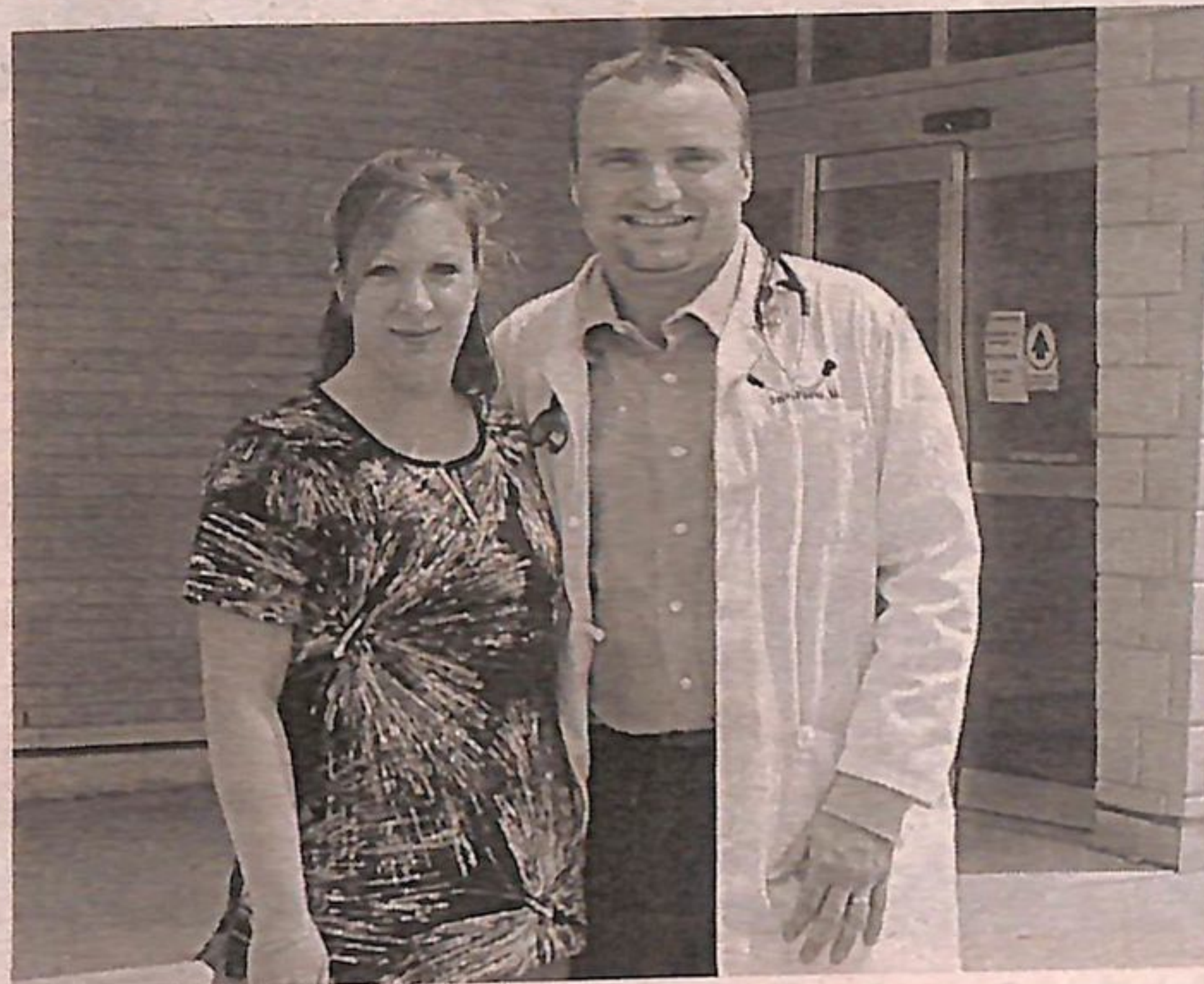
The children are already taking part in soccer and Poirier said he

will be looking for sports opportunities, as well. He said he's impressed with all that's available in the way of arts and culture in Kincardine. Of course, the family plans to take in many Saturday night Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band parades. Poirier, himself, was the member of the New Liskeard pipe band

and played the snare drum.

Poirier is fully bilingual, which he hopes will be a benefit to Kincardine's French-speak-

ing community. His children will be enrolled in French Immersion at Elgin Market Public School this fall.



Dr. Steven Poirier, right, and his wife, Tina Poirier, RPN. (Barb McKay photo)

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Kincardine resident one of many aboard tall ships



Suited up in uniforms from the War of 1812, Nathan Reaman carries the Union Jack flag with his grandfather Sid Duggan, carrying the Canadian flag down Kincardine's pier to greet the tall ships. (SARAH BOYCHUK/KINCARDINE NEWS)



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Crews aboard two Toronto Brigantine tall ships received a spirited welcome after docking for the weekend in Kincardine on Aug. 24-26.

The Pathfinder and Playfair were staffed by crews of student sailors who took part in Toronto Brigantine Inc's summer camp program, which uses experiential learning to teach leadership skills to youths between the ages of 13 to 18. The majority of the trainees have no previous sailing experience when they climb on board.

Pathfinder captain Colin Burt said the week-long voyage from Owen Sound was a successful one.

"It was pretty good," Burt said after the boat was secured at Kincardine's marina. "There wasn't a lot of wind, but that's August for you." Burt added that while this summer's low water levels posed a bit of a challenge, the trip was without major incident.

That was good news for Brenda MacDonald, a Kincardine resident who was waiting at the shore to welcome her son Scott, a Pathfinder trainee, back home.

"I was nervous," she said. "They weren't allowed cellphones, so we had no contact." MacDonald was able to partially track her son's progress through Facebook updates posted by the ship's senior staff.



Kincardine's Graham Mahood and Peter Humble looked the part of British Canadian and American soldiers while welcoming the Toronto Brigantine ships Pathfinder (above right) and Playfair (right). The Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band piped in both ships while hundreds watched their arrival. (TROY PATTERSON/KINCARDINE NEWS)



MacDonald, who grew up powerboating in Muskoka but has no sailing experience, said the trip was something to look forward to all summer.

Scott, a grade twelve student at Kincardine District Secondary School, called his sailing days "a great experience."

"There was so much going on," he said after greeting his family Friday afternoon. "I learned a lot."

Trainees are divided into three watches, with one group constantly monitoring sailing conditions. When not keeping

watch, trainees divide their time between house-keeping activities and leisure time. Scott didn't mind the hard work, and while his age means he isn't eligible for a return trip next summer, he said he would definitely recommend it to fellow adventurers.

While Scott walked away from

the experience with armed with new friendships and first-hand sailing expertise, his immediate thoughts were on fulfilling some basic needs.

"I'm looking forward to showering and sleeping in my own bed," he said.