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Atikameg voters want dry reserve

By Mark McCallum

The Whitefish Lake (Atikameg) band members overwhelmingly voted to go dry and support a bylaw prohibiting alcohol from the reserve.

The decision was made after more than 100 band members signed a petition requesting a dry reserve earlier in the year. The band members' public outcry against booze was heard by the chief and council who decided to settle the issue with a plebiscite vote March 17. The results were 72-19 in favour of a dry reserve.

Chief Eddie Tallman says he was pleasantly surprised to find that most of the support for a dry reserve came from young people who showed up in bunches at the vote. "We're finding that we have overwhelming support for the concept of a dry reserve from about 80 to 90 per cent of the membership," he explains.

Tallman says he and the council are welcoming the concept wholeheartedly because they feel alcoholism has been at the root of many social problems on the reserve. He explains band officials have been meeting periodically to

evaluate the band's social and economic status. "We looked at all of our problems and found that everything was related to alcohol," he adds.

"I think a lot of problems can be linked to alcoholism. Even a bad economy... because if a guy drinks during the week day, chances are he won't make it to work the next day."

Tallman says the reserve also wants to improve its image. "We have a bad reputation in our area... some people say the Whitefish Lake band is a bunch of drunks. But, that's not true and want to prove that."

Tallman adds he hopes the Whitefish reserve becomes an example for other reserves to follow. But, he says the decision lies in the hands of the band membership of reserves that want to attempt the same thing.

"I think the decision has to come from the membership and the leaders know this. Without the support of band members, it would be political suicide for the chief and council to try prohibit alcohol," he explains.

Band representatives will meet with officials from the High Prairie RCMP detachment to discuss enforcement of the regulations that will govern prohibition on the reserve. Tallman notes the reserve's band constable will have "strict control" as well.

Recreation will play a large role in preventing alcohol consumption on the reserve, says Tallman, explaining the reserve is planning to build a recreation and child daycare centre if the membership approves.

Tallman doesn't foresee any problems with bootleggers disrupting the reserve's push toward sobriety. He says, if someone wants to drink, they can go to liquor outlets in High Prairie, some 90 km south of the reserve.

Before the reserve can start enforcing the new bylaw, the federal minister of the Department of Indian Affairs must approve he regulations. The minister has 40 days to respond

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■ Lucille McLeod helps women to realize their full potential. See page 15.



CEREMONY INDUCTS CHIEF

Across the border in South Dakota, the Sioux Indians are beginning a battle to have land in the Black Hills returned to them. Here, an Elder performs a pipe ceremony to induct Phillip Stevens of California

(wearing sunglasses), who will lead the fight. The Indians' land was exploited when gold was discovered in the Black Hills.

DORIS BILL, Windspeaker

Russell enters 'Hall of Fame'

By Lyle Donald and Mark McCallum

Edmonton's own Gordon Russell, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) program director, has been inducted into the city's Sports Hall of Fame.

Following the induction ceremonies at Edmonton's annual civic awards banquet on March 24, the recreation director was "surprised" but felt "very honored."

Russell has been working with youngsters at the friendship centre for the past 16 years, coaching winning teams and athletes to championship titles all the while. He says the secret to getting athletes to excel in any sport is to display a "winning attitude" with them.

"I think if you have a winning attitude...it rubs off on the kids that come here."

And, Russell has proven his theory time and time again. The accomplished coach has produced such fine athletes as former boxing Golden Gloves Champions Randy Jackson, Guy Boutin, Franky Pruden and Alex Grandbois. He has also coached the centre's Native Daughters ball team to three NIAA (National Indian Athletic Association) soft ball titles over the last decade. He plans to take the soft ball



GORDON RUSSELL
...gets nod for winning ways

club to New Zealand in September to compete in international play.

Russell is disappointed when he sees athletes that don't live up to their potential. "There are so many Native athletes that are great competitors. But, I hate to say, some of them let it go down the drain," he sighs, explaining drugs and alcohol can be blamed for

robbing the athletes of their drive and vigor.

However, Russell notes the centre is making gains to stop substance abuse through a number of recreational events. He has been instrumental in incentive building programs such as the annual Rita Houle Memorial scholarships and the "Friends in Sports" provincial track

and field meet which has been held each summer since 1985.

Russell has also received other awards for the countless hours he puts in at the friendship centre. He received the 'thumbs-up' from Edmonton sports writers and broadcasters as the city's Sportsman of the Year in 1973. The following year he received Air Canada's Coach of the Year award.

When Russell first started working at the centre in 1972, his English ancestry was sometimes frowned upon by Native people.

"But, that's all a thing of the past now. I think the staff and people here respect me because I've proven what kind of person I am. I don't judge people by their color because people are people and that's it."

Russell's job keeps him busy. "If you're a 9-5 person, this is not for you because there's a lot of after hours work that has to be done."

But, he enjoys it all nonetheless. "I like it because it's always a challenge trying to reach young people and help them rise above all expectations."

At press time, Windspeaker learned Russell will also be inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame this October.

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Provincial

Human rights group to help ensure Natives get a fair shake at jobs

By Dorothy Schreiber

Native people are three times more likely to be unemployed than other Albertans and a federal program designed to alter this situation will soon be studied to determine its effectiveness.

The Employment Equity program was set up in 1986 to initiate preferential hiring of Native people, women, the disabled and visible minorities within the federal sector.

Starting June 1, federal employees begin filing reports to the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) in Ottawa detailing the number of employees they have on staff from the targeted group, as well as their

positions of employment.

In addition, the Canadian Human Rights Commission will be looking at how many people from each of the groups are available in the work force in various parts of the country and compare that with how many federal employers have actually hired, says Wendy Koenig, public program officer with the commission.

"If they have a very bad hiring record we're going to initiate a complaint against them, she says, adding the commission is going to be the "enforcement arm," of the program.

She says the program's intent is not to force employers to hire someone who is not competent or qualified, nor does it guarantee people jobs.

"If two people apply for a job and both of those people are equally qualified, and one is Native and the other is a white male, then the Native should get the job," she says, explaining the principle behind employment equity.

"What the program is geared to do is rectify some of the injustices in the past...the discrimination that's been in this society of years against Native people."

In describing the employment situation for Native people, she quotes from 1981 census statistics which show the unemployment rate for Natives at 13 per cent compared with four per cent for the rest of Albertans.

Although the statistics are from 1981, she doesn't believe the figures have changed significantly.

"So these statistics are only one of the reasons why the federal government brought in the whole employment equity system to give Native people priority in hiring. The aim of the program is to help Native people get a leg up in the work force."

Koenig will be in Fort Chipewyan during the first week of May to meet with federal employees working in Wood Buffalo Park and she will also try to arrange to meet with Native people in the area to discuss the employment equity program.

Fight continues for foster child

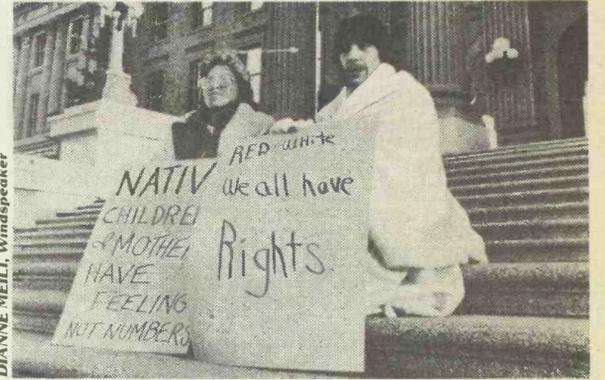
By Dan Dibbelt

The battle of repatriation will take to the courts April 22.

The lawyer of Corrine Whitecalf, natural mother of five-year-old Whitney, who was removed from a non-Native foster home and placed on a Saskatchewan Indian reserve, has asked to meet with the child and Social Services in court to settle the issue.

Whitecalf claims she agreed to give up her child with the understanding Whitney would remain with the Peters family who have cared for her for five years and have applied to adopt her. She wants the child returned to the Peters.

While neither Whitecalf, nor the Peters, object to



Protesters fight for foster child in Edmonton March 23.

repatriation, they argue Social Services is mistreating foster families. And, since a March 29 demonstration by Whitecalf, the Peters and several supporters outside the Calgary Social Services offices, support has grown.

Other foster parents are speaking out against child welfare policies and the Calgary foster parents association (CFPA) has also drafted a letter in support of the Peters to be sent to Social Services head office.

Trace your Metis roots this month

By Terry Lusty

Hey, want to play detective?

Ever wonder about who some of your ancestors were and whether one of them may have been a famous person like Gabriel Dumont?

Now is your chance. The

Louis Riel Historical Society of Edmonton is sponsoring a course one evening per week for four weeks called Tracing Your Metis Roots.

The program is designed to show people how to trace their family lines, what sources of information are available, interviewing techniques and how to put

this information together.

There's a limit of 30 registrants for the course at \$30 each, so register now. The sessions are scheduled to run April 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Suite 100, 12120-106 Ave., Edmonton. For further information, call Sheila at 488-8500.

Foster parents conference held

The first in a possible series of conferences developed by Native parents for Native parents will be held April 7-9 at the Enoch reserve recreation centre.

The Hon. Nancy Betkowski, minister of education, will open the conference which features the theme, *Parents in Native Education, Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow*.

One of the highlights of this conference will be the

five workshops being held, on issues parents face today. The workshops are: education, language and discipline; alcohol and drug abuse; parental involvement in education; self-esteem; and nutrition and proper rest.

Guest speakers at the workshops include: Martha Many Greyhorses, Grace Buffalo, Clive Linklater, Louise Crop Eared Wolf, Edward Okanee, Ruth

Morin, Elsie Whiskeyjack and Dr. Cruz H. Acevedo Jr.

A banquet and round dance are planned for Friday night. Guest speaker at the banquet is Dr. Reno Bosetti, deputy minister of education.

Registration for the conference takes place between 7 and 9 p.m., Thursday, April 7, at the Enoch recreation centre.

Provincial Briefs

IAA President Gregg Smith will seek re-election

EDMONTON — Gregg Smith says he will seek re-election as president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

Smith, who is ending his first two-year term as president, says he was considering stepping down.

"I was getting a little frustrated about the way things were moving but now I can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

He feels the association has been successful in the last year "in getting some things off the ground" such as the Indian Law Foundation, the Alberta Indian Investment Corporation and the Wildlife Resource Council.

The IAA annual assembly is scheduled for July 5, 6 and 7 and will be held in High Level, 738 km northwest of Edmonton.

Smith is a member of the Peigan band.

Animal rights activist angers fur trappers

EDMONTON — Environmentalist Paul Watson angered Aboriginal people as he attacked trapping as a livelihood during his animal rights speech at the University of Alberta March 29.

Watson, an animal rights activist, is a former member of Green Peace and founder of the Sea Shepherds society.

Native people will not stand idly by while Watson campaigns to destroy their way of life, said executive director Bob Stevenson of the Aboriginal Trappers Federation of Canada during a question and answer period.

He also told Watson to stop claiming to speak on behalf of Native people.

Leaflets circulated amongst the audience quote Watson as saying 'Native people don't like trapping.'

"The position of the American Indian Movement (AIM) is that trapping is a whiteman's industry and Indians shouldn't be involved in it."

Stevenson pointed out that Watson's campaign against the seal hunt caused Inuit communities to lose up to 80 per cent of their income.

"How do you put a dollar value on cultural genocide?" he asked Watson.

Province pressed feds, tribunal proposed

Lubicons hopeful about new changes

By Dorothy Schreiber

Lubicon band Chief Bernard Ominayak is encouraged by the provincial government's change in attitude to support the band in its struggle to press the federal government to settle the 48-year-old land claim.

"The attitude of the Alberta government in the past has been (one) of strong opposition. Now the premier wants to try and encourage the federal government to settle with us," said Ominayak after meeting with Premier Don Getty March 30.

Their discussion centered on the proposal to set up a special tribunal which would resolve any problems the federal government and

the Lubicons may run into during negotiations.

This tribunal would consist of E. Davie Fulton who is sympathetic to the Lubicon claim, a federal representative and a third member selected by the two.

Although the premier made some suggestions to change the power of the tribunal, Ominayak says he is still willing to consider the (tribunal) process.

The premier is willing to allow the decisions of the tribunal to be binding as long as the band is prepared to drop its Aboriginal court action to gain their traditional hunting and trapping grounds.

"We can still proceed with the tribunal but it would only be an advisory body, says Ominayak adding he is not considering

dropping the court action.

"We feel direct negotiations are preferable...we're not really in favour of a tribunal," says a spokesperson for the Department of Indian Affairs in a telephone interview from Ottawa. Chief of staff, Greg Fyffe, says the department has not received details on the power and the scope of the tribunal.

"If the Lubicons are pursuing a claim based on Aboriginal rights such as the one they've been pursuing in the courts then it's really not a matter that involves the federal government. If they wish to have a tribunal to settle it (land claim) between the Lubicon and Alberta we would obviously have no objections."

But Ominayak points out, "under the constitution the

federal government has the trust responsibility to deal with us."

In the past, Premier Getty has said he would go over McKnight's head and discuss the matter with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Although this has not happened, the premier has indicated it is still an option.

"I would be very surprised if the prime minister felt he (himself) was the most appropriate person to get into any details in this claim. He has appointed Mr. McKnight. He wants him to handle this matter," says Fyffe.

Ominayak says having the premier on-side gives the Lubicons "a clear advantage."

"We'll see now who's not prepared to deal with (us)."

NCC(A) still alive

By Dorothy Schreiber

Despite having an "out of service" telephone, the Native Council of Canada (Alberta), NCC(A), office is still open for business.

"The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," jokes president Doris Ronnenberg, quoting American writer Mark Twain.

Telephone services to the office were cut off by Edmonton Telephones about four weeks ago over an outstanding amount of \$3,000 in third party long distance calls.

The calls, placed to Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, were not authorized by the council and "we have no intention of paying," explains Ronnenberg.

Until the dispute is resolved the president says they are using an answering service. The new telephone number is 429-6003.

Ronnenberg says she may hold an annual assembly in August but adds it does not have to be held until October, when her term expires.

Ronnenberg is the first president of the organization, formed in August in 1984. The council receives funding from the Secretary of State and will receive \$65,927 for this new fiscal year.

NCC(A) represents 15,000 non-status and general registry Indians in the province of Alberta.



GORDON GADWA
...gets green light

Kehewin is under construction

By Dorothy Schreiber

A new school, a hockey arena, and cultural centre are all part of construction activities either taking place or in the planning stages on the Kehewin reserve.

"There's always something going on...we'd like to keep it that way," says

Gordon Gadwa, elected chief for the fourth time in a row March 16.

"We've been given the green light" to plan a second school for the reserve and he says he hopes construction will commence by late fall or early spring of next year.

With the construction of

the new school students will be able to complete their education on-reserve, rather than travelling to Bonnyville or Elk Point.

In the past three years the band has constructed a church and is just finishing a cultural centre scheduled to open April 15.

There are also plans to

construct a hockey arena and a sawmill operation will open in about a month's time, employing 12 people, year round.

"We have a lot to be proud of," he says.

Gadwa has served on the band council for 15 years. Before becoming chief he served as a band counsellor for three terms.

Nakoda Lodge gets money to expand

By Dan Dibbelt

A \$2.7 million expansion project will begin this spring at Nakoda Lodge, a conference and cultural meeting centre on the

Good Stoney reserve near Morley, west of Calgary.

Expansion includes a development of a 50-unit motel, as well as a proposed swimming pool, exercise room, steam room, whirl-

pool and sauna.

"We're still in the planning stage and we will have to study the feasibility of some of the facilities like a swimming pool," said lodge manager Ian Getty.

Funding for the facility comes jointly from the 900-member band and from a \$1.7 million grant from Native Economic Development Program (NEDP). The million dollars from the band is equally divided between band funding and a half million dollar loan.

The grant is part of \$6.2 million from Indian Affairs and Northern Development to 11 Alberta Native owned business ventured and economic development programs.

The Nakoda Lodge expansion is expected to create 25 full-time jobs, explained Getty.

"Right now, we are training waitresses on the weekend. We will also

need maintenance, security and desk clerks."

Getty said the expansion, planned for years, should increase business at the lodge.

"Over the years we have lost potential business because we didn't have accommodation at the lodge," he explained. "But with a motel on site we should attract more conferences and meetings."

The motel, to be built directly north overlooking Hector Lake, will accommodate visitors and tourists.

The lodge will generate an estimated \$3 million in wages and other benefits to the economy of the surrounding area over a five-year period.

House still needs repairs

Grouard family still waiting

By Dorothy Schreiber

GROUARD — A Metis family is still waiting "patiently" for housing official to begin repairs on a home they were evicted from last January.

"I'm willing to wait for as long as it takes. I've been patient for nine years," says Louise Gardiner, who has been waiting to meet with housing officials since the home was inspected Feb. 16.

So far, Gardiner says she has received a draft copy of the inspection report which outlines recommendations

to fix problems in the house which caused the basement to continually flood and the sewage system to back up.

A letter accompanying the report says "this report should not be interpreted as a decision to proceed with any repairs...the CMHC must approve the scope of the repairs according to the Rural and Native Housing program occupancy guidelines."

The letter further states the Gardiners' final comments are required before further action is taken.

In the meantime, Gardiner is waiting for a meeting with

housing officials, which she hopes will occur within the next two weeks.

She says she is still refusing to pay back mortgages to Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "They'll never see a cent of that until things start going my way."

The Gardiners were evicted after withholding close to \$6,800 in mortgage payments, claiming the corporation had failed to listen to their requests to make repairs to the home they purchased nine years ago.

Joe Blyan new prez for Local 97

By Dorothy Schreiber

EDMONTON — Joe Blyan, a self-described "war horse" within the Metis movement, became president of Metis Local 97 (Cromdale area) by acclamation March 25.

The former interim president now has a firm mandate to lead his membership and says a first priority is to set up a store front office to help people in the area and make Native

people aware of the local.

"I think that's going (to mean) success (in) Local 97; it's going to stay community," he says. Although the local has been around for the last eight to nine years, it has been "dormant." Blyan wants to make it an active force in the lives of Native people in community by, firstly, providing a referral service.

"I have no intention of duplicating any services or organization. I merely want

to encourage (people) to take advantage of existing ones. I think by providing that referral...members will come out. They want to see something done for them. They just don't want to become members."

He would also like to see the local and its membership rally around such issues as housing and services for youth.

The local plans to work with Metis Urban Housing and Blyan says he is willing to negotiate with landlords in the area to ensure tenants are being treated fairly.

James Atkinson, 25, who was elected to the position of vice-president by acclamation, says he would like to get more youth involved in the local.

"I think what we're doing is utilizing many of the Native youth around here who are not in school (and) living off the streets."

Atkinson, who was born and raised in the Cromdale area, believes by giving young people tasks to perform for the local, like coaching sports or collecting information on existing programs, they will gain a sense of achievement and feel better about themselves.

Blyan is aware local members have their work cut out for them in an area of the city which has high welfare dependency, drug and alcohol related problems and unemployment.

"It (solutions to problems) is not going to be done overnight. But I think it can be done over a period of time.

"I can't be too specific in what we want to do...I don't want to say to anybody we need this and that. I think we'll identify the needs as we go along."

But he would like to generate more public awareness about concerns in the area and already, as interim president, he has met officials such as city alderman Julian Kiniski and New Democrat leader Ray Martin.

The new executive of the local will hold its first meeting at the end of April to address issues of concern in the area.

The remaining executive members who also won by acclamation are: Robert Prince (secretary), Norbert Andrews (treasurer), and board members, Gladys Prince, Beverly Whitford and Bill Doherty.

National Briefs

Gov't cheque process may be computerized

OTTAWA — Pension, family allowance and old-age security cheques may be deposited directly into people's accounts under a federal scheme to save more than \$50 million annually.

However, Health and Welfare Canada must obtain approval from the Treasury board before it can institute the new system.

Deputy Minister Dr. Maureen Law agrees the current system is outdated and inefficient.

Address changes for cheques can't even be processed at local Health and Welfare offices she says. Instead, Canadians must send forms to head office rather than use a system of local computers with direct links to a central computer.

A cheque-issuing system using a central computer would also allow for the combination of several payments in a single cheque. For example the computer could add a family allowance to a pension cheque and issue one cheque for the total.

A department spokesman, Dr. D.E.L. Maasland, says Canadians who don't want to change over to the electronic system can remain with the mail-cheque system.

The family allowance program would be the first to become computerized and would be followed by Old Age Security and the Canada Pension Plan.

Inuit broadcasting gets \$2.2 million

OTTAWA — The Inuit Broadcasting Corporation has received a \$2.2 million boost from the Secretary of State to produce Inuktituk television programming for Inuit viewers in the Arctic.

"The Inuit Broadcasting Corporation is providing an essential media service. Without it there would be no Native language television service in the Arctic and that is why I am pleased to support this project," said Secretary of State Minister David Crombie.

The corporation is in its sixth year of operation and produces five hours of weekly television programming which is broadcast via satellite in conjunction with CBC Northern Television service.

News, current events, culture and traditional lifestyle of the Inuit make up the programming.

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Conklin store supplies people with small grocery items

By Mark McCallum

For Conklin residents, Lena's Convenience Store is a means to save time and travel.

Store owner Lena Poelstra says she opened the store (and bottle depot) in February to provide residence with items like pampers and cigarettes.

"It's good for people around here that need a few small things," says Lena, explaining residents have to travel some 150 km

north to Fort McMurray to do most of their "major" shopping.

Lena stocks her shelves with canned items, pop and other snack food munchies like chocolate bars. The store is currently operating under a temporary licence from the government.

But it's proud Metis store owner plans to expand and capitalize on the tourism industry and hopes the store will become a permanent fixture in Conklin.



LENE POELSTRA and MARY-ANN McCALLUM
...saves time and travel for residents with her store



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Band takes over social program

By Mark McCallum

GREGOIRE LAKE -- The Fort McMurray band will be taking a giant step toward caring for their own at the beginning of this month in a social development program.

The band will be taking over a social development program on April 1, now being offered to band members by the Department of Indian Affairs.

"It's their ball game," says Ken Chipenuik, Indian Affairs social development area manager. "I think they're doing some awfully great stuff out there and they've got reason to be proud of it."

The department will be giving the band periodical assistance until the program is more established, says Fort McMurray band manager Tony Punko.

The program will be headed by a band member who will tackle serious issues such as child foster care and senior needs on the Cree reserve, located immediately south of Fort McMurray, near Gregoire Lake.

Punko believes band control of the program will

be a benefit for residents because "they will feel more comfortable dealing with someone they know from the community."

Punko reasons the program will be better suited to community needs because the worker will be from the reserve. He explains the worker will administer funds from a budget set aside for the program to meet these needs. "If people here need help, like cleaning up in their home for example, then the worker will be able to hire someone to help them."

Punko adds the program will cover a "broad scope" of social problems on the reserve. But, he says the long term goal is to help residents get off the welfare system and become more self-sufficient. "I don't think anyone enjoys being on welfare because it's hard to feed a family on the amount of assistance given to people in that situation."

Chipenuik says the band will be getting base funding for the social development program for its first year of operation and are "hopefully heading toward an ongoing arrangement to secure funding in the future."



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FORT McMURRAY — Athabasca Delta

Floods don't scare Alvina

By Mark McCallum

JANVIER -- Though a flooding river threatened to drive her away, store owner Alvina Laboucane stood her ground and remained here for more than a quarter of a century.

Laboucane and her husband Bill Tatum came to Janvier in 1949. The couple hoped to sell horses to residents of the tiny Chipewyan reserve, located some 120 km south of Fort McMurray. They sold the horses but never left because they liked the community.

After moving to Janvier from Lac La Biche, the couple built a home and opened a store in a river valley on the Janvier reserve at a spot called Christina River Crossing. They would soon discover that mother nature's warm spring greetings would not be kind to them.

Each year, when the snow melted and water rushed into the valley, the couple's home was sure to be flooded. "One time, we had over two and a half feet



ALVINA LABOUCANE
 ...heads for high ground and successful business

of water in a building," recalls Laboucane. Left frustrated and bitter by the flooding, she explains their home and storage sheds became more and more rundown with each passing season.

"We just lived in shacks there and never built anything better than that," says the Cree-Metis woman.

They lived at Christina River Crossing in the valley for 12 years before moving to higher ground. Today, the store is located on the outskirts of the Janvier reserve.

Laboucane's husband, Bill, passed away three years ago. She now runs the convenience store and gas station alone.



FIRE CHIEF JACK HERMAN
 ...on call 24 hours a day

Fire crew prevents disaster

By Mark McCallum

The Janvier reserve began financial negotiations for a firehall from the government shortly after a deadly fire claimed the lives of two Elders from the community.

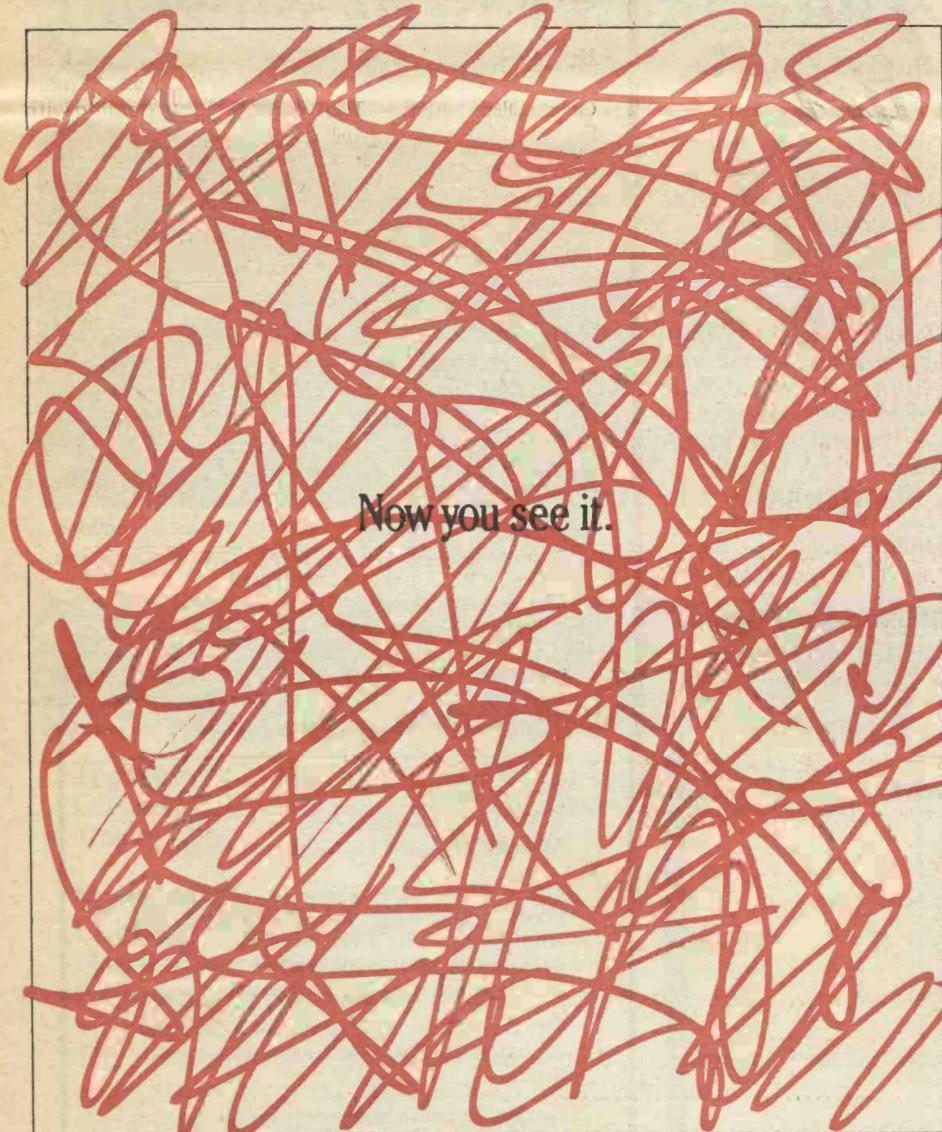
The reserve's Chief Walter Janvier explains "we had a tragic fire here in the early '80s that killed two Elders. Their house burnt down and there was nothing we could do."

The reserve was granted a \$200,000 firehall along with an \$80,000 firetruck in 1984 from the government. A volunteer crew of firefighters, made up of Janvier residents, was put together a short time later. The crew was instrumental in preventing disaster when a fire broke out at an old school on the reserve last summer.

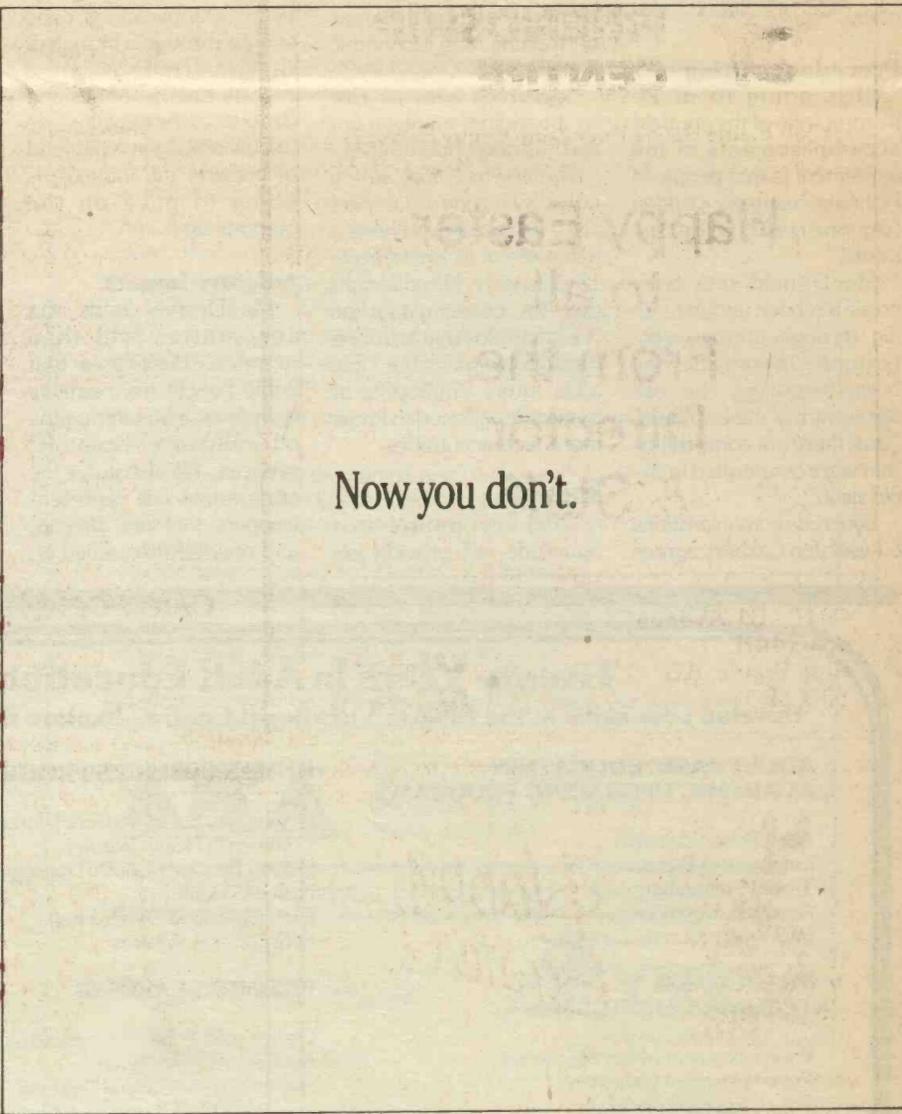
Volunteer firechief Jack Herman explains the squad fought the blaze for three to

four hours before it was put out. He says they couldn't save the school, but the team of firefighters prevented flames from spreading to some nearby trailers. If they had not caught the blaze in time, Herman adds it may have meant the destruction of the trailer unit.

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New agreement to get more Natives in oil industry

Northern oil corp. offers employment deal

By Mark McCallum

A proposed agreement that would see more jobs and training opportunities go to Native and Metis people in the oil industry is expected to be signed on April 15 at Edmonton.

Officials from the Syncrude corporation, the federal and provincial governments and the Athabasca Native Development Corporation (ANDC) have been meeting since a similar deal between the parties expired in 1986.

"It's been pretty slow going but we want to make sure everything is done right," says Marvin MacDonald, interim coordinator of ANDC, which represents 10 Treaty and Metis communities in the Fort McMurray area.

In an interview at the corporation's office in Fort McMurray, MacDonald was pleased to note that the negotiations marked the first time Treaty and Metis people in the area have worked together on a project that will affect so many.

Precedent setting

"It's going to make history...one of the greatest accomplishments of the agreement is that people of Native ancestry are working together for a better future."

MacDonald says Syncrude has been understanding throughout the negotiations. "Syncrude has been honoring the old agreement," he explains. "But, there are some things that were overlooked in the old deal."

Syncrude human relations adviser Jim Carbery agrees

with MacDonald. The Syncrude official says the old agreement does not "clearly define the roles of all the parties that took part in the deal."

The old agreement was signed between Syncrude, the government and the Indian Association of Alberta in 1976. The 10-year deal was aimed at creating job and training opportunities for Native people. However, it neglected to clearly define the responsibilities of the groups that signed the deal.

Employee upgrading

Training is a definite corporate concern, although Syncrude officials don't see the oil company playing a major role in training.

"Syncrude is in the business of making oil...like most jobs, some training is needed and Syncrude is more than willing to give its employees this benefit. But, for more technical jobs, training funds and resources have to come from the government," Carbery explains, adding the government's role lies in the areas of training and economic development.

"Syncrude sees its role as providing employment and business opportunities."

By the year 1990, Carbery notes Syncrude will expect all of its workers to have a minimum of at least Grade 12 education. He adds right now the oil company has "very few jobs that are done through manual labor." He adds future employees at Syncrude will need to know more technical trades.

More jobs

Carbery points out Syncrude will provide job

opportunities for people willing to get more training. For example, the oil company has already promised a group of 17 Native people jobs once they complete a power engineering program at a Fort McMurray college. The students are expected to start working at Syncrude in September.

"Syncrude has been very good to Native communities in this area," says MacDonald. Last year, the corporation provided about \$8 million worth of business of Native contractors," notes Carbery. He expects more of the same in the future.

Through the proposed agreement, MacDonald explains ANDC will monitor oil industry activities in the Fort McMurray area, to ensure that both Native and Metis people are not left out in the cold and being exploited. He says the corporation will have access to applications made by oil companies that want to do work near a Treaty or Metis community. With the applications, to be sought through a branch of the government called Alberta Energy, Mines and Resources, he explains "we will be looking at what kind of impacts the industry is going to have on the community."

Industry impact

MacDonald adds the corporation will then represent businesses that could benefit from activity in their area by offering the oil industry "spin-off" services. He also notes the corporation will represent trappers that are affected and may be threatened by

the industry.

MacDonald says monitoring would also include more research at drilling sites. He explains the corporation is worried oil rig operations near Native communities may be tapping into "gas pockets" that

extend underground into the communities, robbing the land of its natural resources. He says such operations could have negative effects on future land and mineral claims.

Both MacDonald and Carbery are pleased with

the way negotiations have gone so far and are optimistic and hopeful other oil companies will take note of the proposed agreement in future negotiations with Native and Metis groups.



PERRY ROSS and GLEN MARTIN
...put out fires for volunteer squad

'Ole Faithful' to be retired

By Mark McCallum

Conklin fire officials will retire their only firetruck this summer, replacing it with a newer model in late July or early August.

The firetruck, fondly known as "Ole Faithful" by the chief of Conklin's volunteer firefighters squad Perry Ross, was obtained from the city of Fort McMurray shortly after the firehall was built in October 1986.

The firetruck has since been used to prevent a fire from consuming the household of Conklin resident

Andrew Quintal. Last November, Conklin's 14 male and female volunteer firefighters were called to action when Quintal's house erupted into flames.

Ross explains, fortunately, no one was hurt and the blaze was put out before any major damage could be done. "Andrew's house has since been repaired," notes Ross, adding the house received about \$10,000 damages.

Ross says Ole Faithful was also McMurray's first firetruck. He doesn't know how old the firetruck is but says it followed the "bucket

brigade" in both McMurray and Conklin. The provincial government Improvement District Office 18 North picked up the tab for the firehall and truck, which have a total worth of \$200,000.

Although the firehall is located in the remote Conklin district, about 150 kms south of Fort McMurray, Ross adds the volunteer firefighters from the small Metis hamlet would not hesitate to assist anyone that's in trouble should the need arise.

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Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at this meeting may contact Council member Jim Reynolds in Fairview at 835-2379 or 835-5461, or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274 for assistance.



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A Special Droppin' in Feature: Part 2 FORT McMURRAY — Athabasca Delta

Re-modelled school means recreation fun

By Mark McCallum

CONKLIN — Renovations are underway at an old school here to provide a base for recreation and fun for youngsters.

The Conklin Recreation Society made the decision to upgrade the school earlier this year because they "felt young people here needed a centre, a meeting place in the community where everyone could get together," says society secretary-treasurer Margie Quintal.

Work on the proposed recreation centre in the tiny Metis hamlet is expected to be complete this summer. "Once the electricity is

hooked up, the centre will be open to the community," explains Quintal, adding the upgrading is being paid for by the provincial government Improvement District Office 18 North.

Quintal notes the building being renovated already houses a variety of recreational equipment like universal weights and an exercise bike. The centre will also have the added feature of a playground area that was constructed near the building last year.

The society has also been giving Conklin youths a chance to see different parts of the province. Through annual talent shows that are held in Conklin each year, Quintal explains the society takes

funds raised at the annual event to send young people on field trips.

Some of the places they have seen so far include Jasper's Rocky Mountains and the Vancouver World Expo in 1986. Quintal says this year the society raised \$1,000 which will be used to send youngsters to both Fort McMurray and Edmonton.

Tourist attractions

Located about 150 km south of Fort McMurray, Conklin also has a lot to offer tourists. A picnic area called Wasasi (Bay) Park is located on the banks of the Christina Lake. Conklin's first residents settled near the lake at the turn of the century and began going to

the natural picnic site long before it was made an official park in 1985. Today, there are still remnants that past settlers left behind, such as a rust-filled stove and an old lantern.

The Metis Association of

Alberta sponsored the initial grounds clearing work that was done to the park three years ago. The society has since added "finishing touches" like picnic tables and outdoor stoves to the park.

A new skating rink was also built in the community and "this year was the first time it was fully operational," explains Quintal. For more winter time activities, cross country skis are available at the school.

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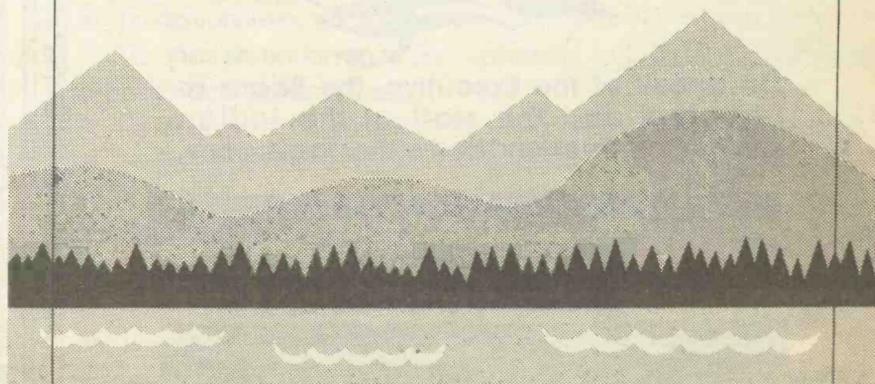
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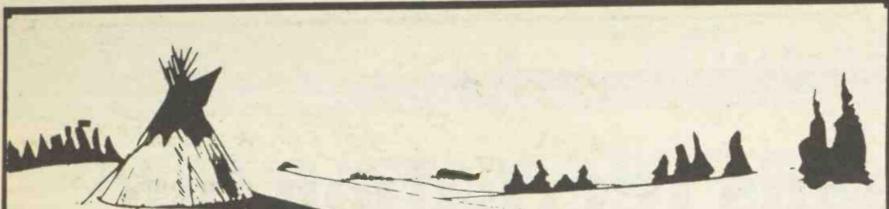
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Crow and Bluejay were perched up on a pine tree one time. Somehow or other, they ended up bragging back and forth over who knew more about human beings than the other.

As these things happen, just then they spied a human child, who held a green plastic cup in one hand. Into that cup, he would shove a stick with round ends. Then he would whirl it through the air and blue bubbles streamed out behind.

"Now that's something I've never seen before," murmured Crow.

"What's that you say, brother?" Bluejay asked.

"Oh, I've done that lots of times myself, before," Crow quickly lied.

Now that boy — he puffed out his cheeks and blew air into that round ended stick. Again blue bubbles floated freely the other way.

"As I was saying," Crow continued,

"those humans aren't so hard to understand. What they do just comes out backwards to our ways, that's all."

"Now what do you mean by that?" Bluejay asked.

"Well, for one thing, they are all born naked. They have to go around taking fur from other poor creatures to keep themselves from freezing."

After pausing a moment, Crow continued, "And it's said they think a lot too."

"Huhn," Bluejay replied.

Crow tapped his black beak lightly on his friend's head. "Brains. They got given extra large brains for figuring things with."

"What things?"

"For figuring reasons, reasons for things like...like...why are we put here in the first place? Why do we have to leave? What's the meaning for the times in between."

"But why?" the blue one replied.

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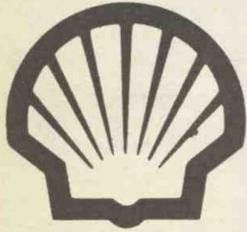
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Crow shrugged his black shoulders. "Well, it's those same brains that make them so dangerous too. You know, that's one thing I really like about you, my friend, you aren't dangerous very much."

Bluejay huffed himself up to protest but just then the human kid disappeared.

"So why don't you show me what that one was just doing, if you know so much about them then?" Bluejay challenged.

Crow shrugged, then both feathered ones swooped down next to the plastic cup. Bluejay picked up the round ended stick. Crow sucked some air to blow out with. Doing this, because he was so close to the cup, Crow sucked in a throatful of soapy water contents.

While Crow coughed, Bluejay

cackled. "Oh boy! You sure know a lot about this, my friend. Why, you didn't even make one shiny see-through thing, not one!"

Crow heaved back another quick breath and slurped yet another mouthful of the soapy stuff.

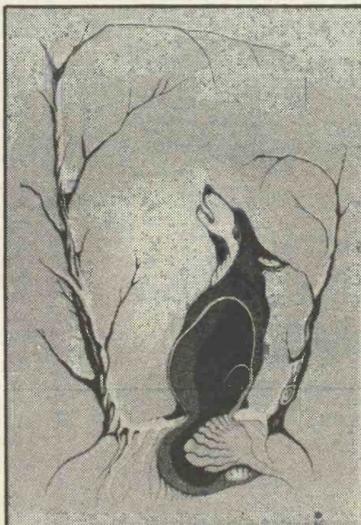
Bluejay was laughing uncontrollably. He really wanted his friend to have another try, but just then the human showed up again. As he flew off, Crow opened his beak to rid himself of the awful taste. As he did so, a long line of perfect blue bubbles spewed out behind.

Poor Crow blew bubbles for a whole week.

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By Charles Wagamese

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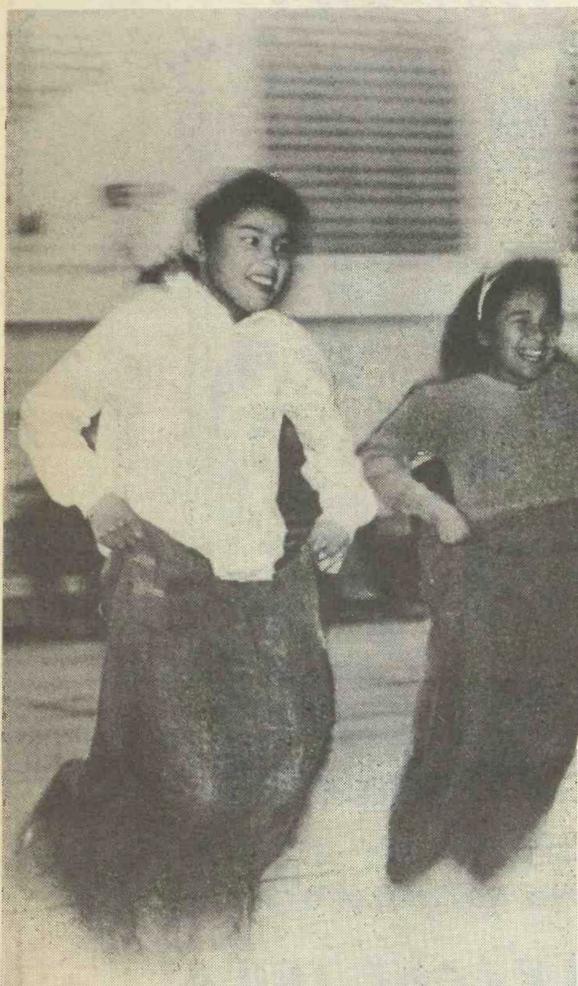
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Carnival's "queen" amuses crowd

KERMIT CARNIVAL
...a rrrribiting good time

By Diane Parenteau

FROGLAKE — The strains of the harmonica played by Ted "Dolly" Quinney won the judges over in the Kermit Carnival's most popular "drag queen" event March 12.

A large crowd gathered to watch Derek "Petunia" Quinney perform a dance number to earn his place as first runner up, while Brian "Cassie" Horse delivered a dramatic speech to take second runner up. Both men

acted as Quinney's princesses.

Everyone then enjoyed dancing to the sound of Country Frye to cap off the carnival.

Earlier in the day, events started slowly. Because of the warm weather many outdoor events like toboggan and snowshoe races had to be cancelled.

"Many people thought (the carnival) was cancelled," said Brenda Quinney, of the Wecihtow Ladies

Club, which hosted the event.

Daytime indoor events featured pie eating, arm wrestling, tug of war and potato sack races. Outside, participants gathered around a suspended pole for pillow fights and then over to the logs for nail driving, log sawing and log throwing.

This was the fifth year the six-member Wecihtow club has hosted the carnival. It was down-scaled from the two-day event of last

year which featured a talent show.

"Next year we'll probably go back to the talent show," said Quinney. "A lot of people were asking for it."

RESULTS

Wagons: Best Teamster, Bruce Quinney; Best Theme, Bruce Quinney; Best Overall, Allan Jacob

Pony Wagons: Best Overall, 1 Larry McFeeters; Best Team, Francis Quinney

Saddle Horse: Best Overall, Douglas Horse; Best Dressed, Lloyd Quinney; Best Saddle Horse, Bruce Quinney

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Cochet: 1st, Mary Fleming; 2nd, Theresa Ermine; 3rd, Brenda Quinney

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Pie Eating (men's): 1st, Jason Fleming; 2nd, Simone Horse; 3rd, Roddie Smith; (ladies) 1st, Wanda Fiddler; 2nd, Lorna Gail Quinney; 3rd, Rhonda Quinney

Nail Driving (men's): 1st, Victor Daniels; 2nd, Francis Quinney; 3rd, Lenny Quinney; (ladies) 1st, Murielle Cardinal; 2nd, Brenda Quinney; 3rd, Geraldine Stanley

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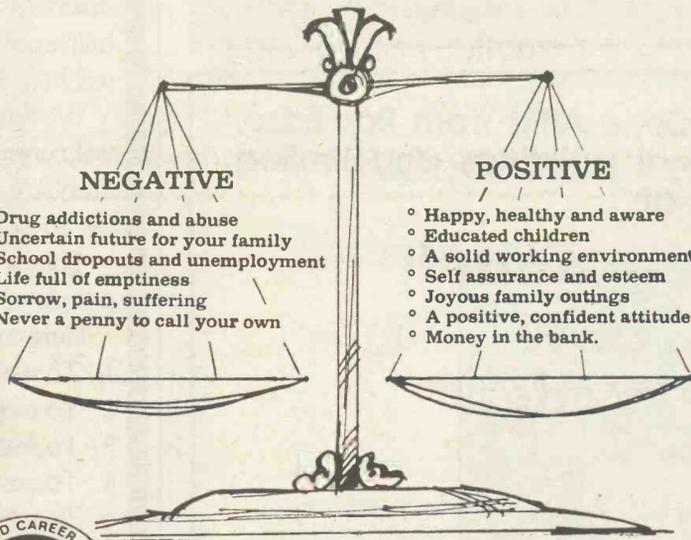


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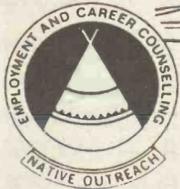


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Grande Prairie Native students host cultural awareness week at hometown campus

By Brian Calliou

Deemed a huge success, Native Awareness Day was held on Friday, March 18, at the main campus of the Grande Prairie Regional College. The college's Native Student's club sponsored the event with the support of the education club and the social awareness network.

Roy Inglangasuk, of Native Counselling Services of High Level, covered a variety of areas from a brief general history to the contemporary political and social issues of Native people in Canada in his workshop. This included coverage of Native culture, religion, beliefs, attitudes and values.

He utilized a story-telling approach to illustrate his points which alternated between humor and

seriousness. His program was developed from interviews with Native Elders and presents a combination of contemporary and traditional perspectives.

An excellent cultural display was set up in the concourse, generating a lot of interest amongst its viewers. Artifacts, handicrafts, books, newspapers and videos were loaned to the Native Student's club by the Grande Prairie Native Friendship Centre.

Many college instructors showed support for the event by either cancelling their regular classes or encouraging their students to attend the workshops and displays.

In the evening, a feast was enjoyed by all followed by two interesting talks on Native life by professors, Dr. Vince Salvo and John

Langenbach. A jam session of local talent wound up the day.

"Raising the awareness of Native culture in a positive manner rather than screaming discrimination to those who are ignorant of the facts or

issues was the main reason for the event," stated one of the event organizers, Cora Voyageur.

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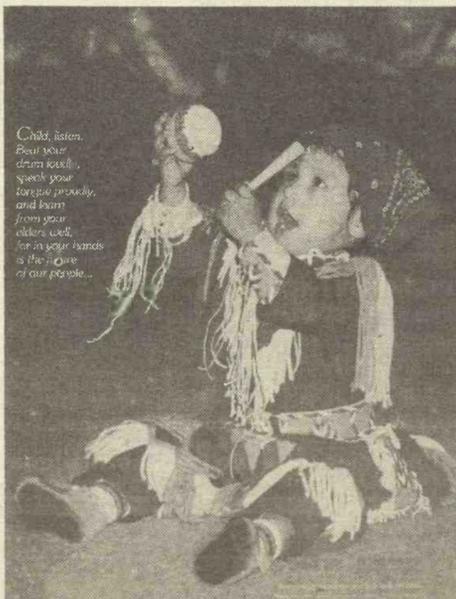
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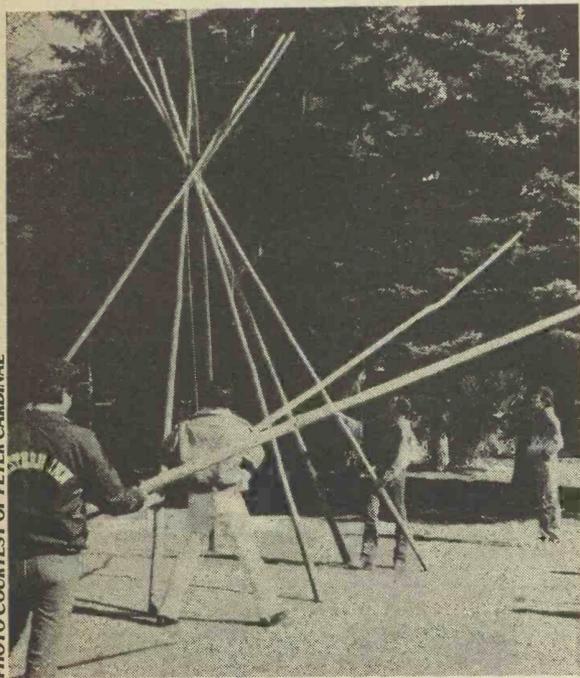


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NATIVE STUDENTS CLUB
...set up tipi on campus

Concordia serves up awareness week

By Terry Lusty

Native students at Concordia College in Edmonton hosted their first Native Awareness Week March 21-25.

Peter Cardinal, acting president of the Native Students Club representing about 55 students, says the venture was so successful "we're already thinking about next year."

The club utilized many Native resource people as speakers on important issues like education, economics and culture. Also sponsored were powwow performances by White Braid Society, square dancing and jigging by Kikino Northern Lights, songs by vocalist Terri

Daniels and a fashion show by designer Kathy Shirt.

Variety, cooperation and participation were key elements to the success of the event, says Cardinal, adding the club appreciated the participation of individuals and groups from the Native community who offered and shared their talents and knowledge cost-free. Without that input "we could never have pulled it off as well as we did."

Early in the week, the club set the stage for their activities by erecting a tipi in front of the college. They also sponsored a Native food day last Wednesday which, says Cardinal, attracted one of the largest cafeteria crowds ever.

Thanks to Dr. Anne Anderson's recipe book, and the efforts of cafeteria staff, the public was treated to such tantalizing delicacies as rabbit soup, buffalo burgers, fish, moose and deer roast, bannock and blueberry pie.

The Native club was officially formed last fall and has a board of six plus a facility advisor, Don Pimm who was instrumental in getting awareness week off the ground. About half the students are in the

University College Entrance Program (UCEP) and the other half are first and second year arts, business and education university programs.

The club also resorted to using some of their own people. The writing skills of several UCEP students were employed in the development of a select biography of accomplished Native personalities that were made available for distribution.

Hiring of Natives slow in Lethbridge

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE -- Natives are not taken seriously when applying for jobs in this city.

Gina Tailfeathers pointed out to government public affairs representatives, during the March 14 to 19 Lethbridge Native Awareness Week, that local businesspeople are "extremely slow" in hiring Natives for jobs.

The southern Alberta Native Outreach manager said the majority of her clients are males between the ages of 19 to 24, have an average Grade 9 or 10 education, and are relatively unskilled. However, one client had a bachelor of social work degree and a management certificate but was still unable to obtain employment, she noted.

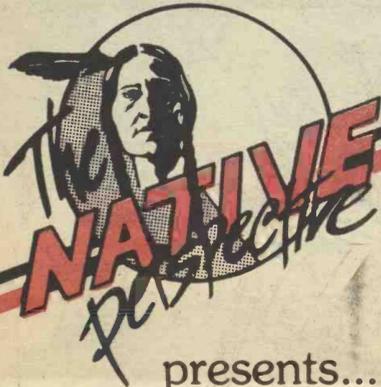
She acknowledges many

Natives lack the education and experience needed in some jobs and "do not have the luxury of returning to school to obtain the necessary skills."

Tailfeathers also cited the "depressed economy" as a factor in placing a high number of "quality placements" in the city. About 116 have been placed in jobs, mostly temporary placements, she said.

Lethbridge alderman Ruth Alezander countered Tailfeathers statement, saying, "It's not the fact that we are not hiring Native people but that nobody is applying."

She pointed out, though, the situation is changing, especially in Public School Board 59 where a number of para-professional Native liaison officers were hired to assist Native children in the classroom.



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McLeod self-proclaimed 'people builder'

By Dorothy Schreiber

Lucille McLeod has an obsession and she lives her life by it.

"I'm obsessed with this idea that self-esteem is where it's at," says McLeod.

"Feel good about yourself and like yourself" is a motto McLeod, 54, has brought to thousands of Native women in the past 20 years, as a staff member of Hilltop House and later as director of Native Women's Pre-employment Training.

"That's what I do, I build people," says the diminutive Metis woman who exudes warmth and positive energy.

But McLeod remembers a time when her own sense of self-esteem was not so strong. She says there were key people in her life who helped her overcome feelings of inadequacy.

"(They) told me and told me that I was worthwhile because obviously I needed that. And a lot of people need that."

One of those people was her brother Lawrence Laboucane who "was a real inspiration...he stood up for himself and was constantly developing and doing better things all the time."

McLeod was born in Owl River north of Lac La Biche but grew up in Fort McMurray until she reached Grade 9. From there, she attended a boarding school in the High Prairie area run by the Sisters of Providence.

She returned to Fort McMurray following Grade 11 when her mother wanted her home.

She later married and,

after several years of marriage, enrolled in a one-year business course at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Three days after graduating from the program in 1976, McLeod was offered a job at Hilltop House, a halfway house for women in the city of Edmonton.

The job marked the beginning of a 20-year career devoted to working with women, helping them to develop a more positive self-image.

"We (Hilltop) staff used ourselves as examples. What we did in our lives, what we did about problems that we had and the positive steps that we made. And many of the women took that up and just went ahead...we didn't hand-hold them all the time. Our philosophy was that we'd support them and let them go."

While working at Hilltop House she became aware of some of the situations faced by Native women coming into the city of Edmonton.

"They were coming in for a change of some kind, maybe they were looking for something better and they ended up not getting what they were looking for. And (they) ended up with more problems than they came in with because their self-esteem was not in place.

"I began to think there should be some kind of esteem building in an educational setting, so that's why I began working in the research and devel-



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LUCILLE McLEOD
...finds self-esteem and passes it on

opment of Native Women's Pre-employment program because that was an opportunity to work in the

field of building people, building self-esteem."

She worked as an employment counsellor

with the program up until 1985.

However, she flinches at being called a counsellor, saying she doesn't counsel - she just talks to people and offers them a more positive formula to live by.

McLeod believes low self-esteem is "our biggest drawback" and says "we weren't born with that."

She attributes it to family break up, community attitudes, the education system and discrimination.

Collectively, she says all of these things add up to feelings of low self-worth which results in low productivity, low academic achievement, depression and a block to keep people from fulfilling their potential.

"Low self-esteem straps you; it sort of cripples you."

She is convinced self-esteem courses should become a part of school

curriculum and should be "a prerequisite to anything."

Today, she works as the coordinator of the Family Support Workers' Training program with Metis Children's Services. She works with 20 Native women who are taking a 42-week course to become resource workers in the social services field.

"The whole program is based on well being" and encourages students to take risks and "to believe in themselves."

Her healing message has not changed in the past 20 years.

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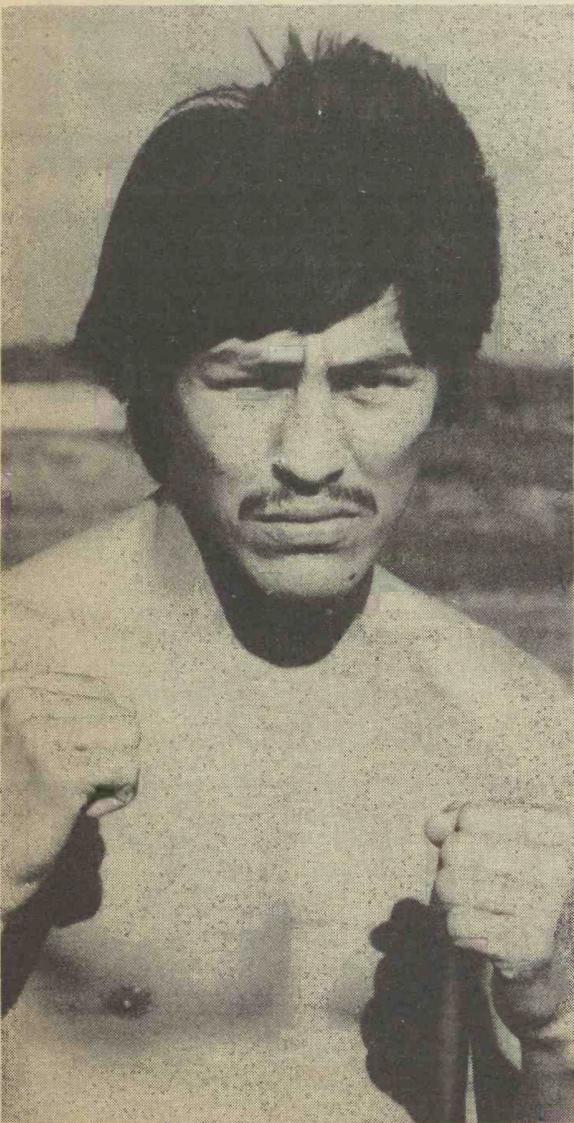
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Sports



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DANNY (STONEWALKER) LINDSTRUM
...improves boxing record

Cunningham and Lindstrum were thrillers

By Terry Lusty

EDMONTON — Though the main event fight between deWit and Tillman at the Northlands Coliseum March 29 was dull and slow-paced, the undercard matches featuring Natives Stan Cunningham and Danny (Stonewalker) Lindstrum were thrillers.

Before 8,000 boxing fans, welterweight Cunningham, 23 and from Edmonton, won a unanimous victory over fellow local Robbie Stowell in the first bout of the evening.

He was never in trouble and a win on his part was never in doubt. His opponent was continually backed into the ropes and corners even though Stowell had a reach advantage.

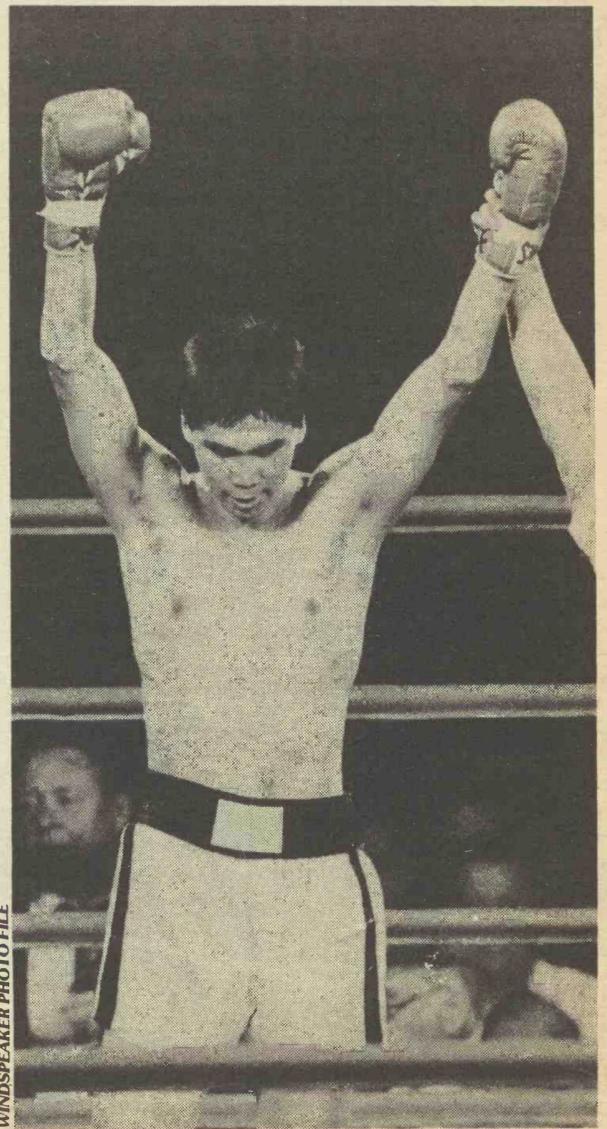
Originally from High Prairie, Cunningham has spent about three years in Edmonton but plans to be in the Las Vegas camp of Eddie Futch who had such previous charges under his

wings like Michael Spinks and Virgil Hill. He figures it may take about two or three years to attain world class status if all goes well and with it, perhaps, a shot at a world title.

Cunningham scored 60-55 with all judges improving his record to 5-1-0 and Stowell, now at 2-2-0.

On the final undercard, cruiserweight Danny Lindstrum improved to 10-3-0 in a unanimous decision over Halifax's Blake (The Angel) Gabriel, 8-3-0. Lindstrum was constantly in pursuit, driving Gabriel to the ropes and corners. More often than not, Lindstrum was overpowering his man more than outboxing him.

Lindstrum managed to come up with a few nice combinations but was unable to put his man with a knockout punch, an expectation of a number of fans. Judges scored the match 80-72, 80-74 and 80-72.



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By Kim McLain

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NORTH TALLCREE: If you've played hockey or baseball against the Tallcree Toros you might have been intrigued that most of the players seem to look alike. That's because most of the team was probably made up of the Meneen brothers — all seven of them.

You'll find the Meneens 27 miles south of Fort Vermilion in a small Cree community of about 400 people. Tallcree has a few ball diamonds, an outdoor skating rink but the school gym is too small for volleyball, basketball or floor hockey. Still, what Tallcree lacks in sports facilities it more than makes up for in community sports spirit.

Often borrowing players from Fort Vermilion and area, the Toros arrive at sports events with enough players for two teams. They'll play towns like McLennan, Grimshaw, Fort Vermilion, La Crete, Manning and sometimes High Prairie.

But the nucleus of the teams remain the Meneen brothers: Gabriel, 19 is the youngest, Bobby is the oldest at 33. Between them are Tom, Lester, Frank, George and Rupert.

Imagine 200 years ago, seven boys and five girls would make the Meneens a very powerful family — even more than they are today.

KAINAI PEEWEES: The "C" team from Stand Off

have defeated five challengers to win their provincial zone in a league called the Westwind League.

And according to Ed Knife, team manager, they managed to go through the zone playoffs undefeated, winning over Cardston, Raymond, Coaldale, Pincher Creek and Great Falls, Montana.

Then, last March 25-27 weekend, the Kainai club went to Mayerthorpe for the provincial finals where they finished high in the standings. The eight team tournament saw Provost take home the gold while Ekville won the silver.

"And if there was a bronze, Kainai would have won that," says Vivian LeClerq, a volunteer for Mayerthorpe hockey. But there wasn't any bronze awarded so the Kainai club was just out of the medals.

"They did really well to get as far as they did," says LeClerq, echoing my sentiments.

SENIOR "A" HOCKEY: This hockey division is starting to sound like Stampede Wrestling.

Earlier a fellow on the Hobbema Oilers club commented that they had a "bone to pick" with their rivals, the Blackfoot Miners.

Most recently, at the Blackfoot Siksika Cup, the Miners earned the cup at that tournament, Sarcee placed second and the Oilers settled for third.

Now Malcolm Sitting Eagle, defenceman for the Miners, wants to rub it in.

"Tell the Oilers," says Sitting Eagle, "that they didn't dig deep enough for that bone." He goes on: "We're like the Calgary Flames and they're like the Edmonton Oilers."

Even though it sounds like rough stuff, many agree that Native senior "A" hockey is the best in the province. Too bad there aren't more tournaments for those teams, but the fad for this season has been rec hockey.

By the time you read this there will be enough time to make it over to Enoch for a senior hockey tournament April 8-10. Should be excellent hockey and it could be the last senior hockey tourney of the season. If you know different, phone me.

PEACE HILLS TRUST & CNFC: Peace Hills, the Hobbema owned trust company, and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre are sponsoring marathon runner Allan Beaver.

The Wabasca runner wants to thank the organizations for their financial help. The 23-year-old Cree will start out his 1988 season at St. Albert in a 10-miler. He hopes to end the season in Lethbridge, a 26-miler, where he's going to try and qualify for the next Boston Marathon.

Well, that about does it for another week, except for one more thing. April fools! Come on now — sheep, circular grazing habits, keeping the turf low and even, Australian consultant...

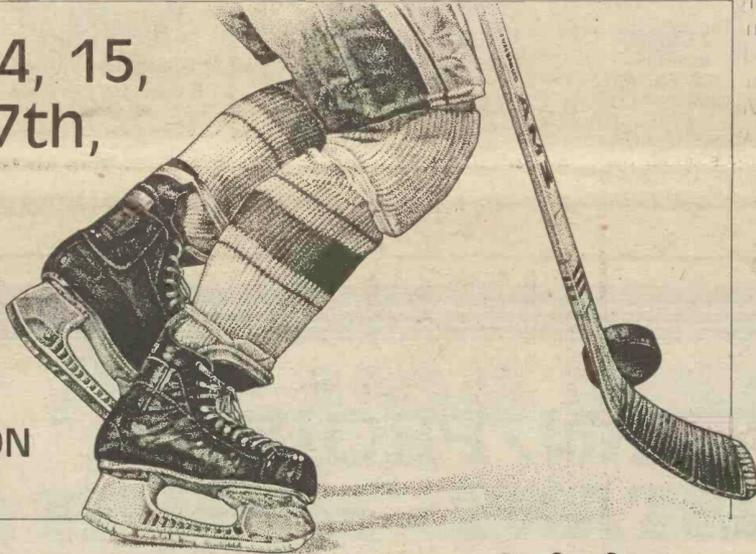
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That's all for this week, catchya later!

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Bulldogs undefeated at last blast

By Anne M. Crow-Healy

STAND OFF -- The Blood reserve Bulldogs advanced undefeated through the last Blast Tournament over the March 27 weekend for the all-Blood players championship.

When the Old Yellers didn't show for their first game, the Bulldogs went on against the Northern Knights, defeating that

team 9-3. The Bulldogs then took Road Crew 9-5 and advanced to the final game.

Second place Northern Knights advanced the hard way to the championship game via one win over Cree-Coulee 9-7 then a loss to Bulldogs 9-3, which dropped the Knights into the bottom tier of the double knockout. The Knights then defeated Kainai Industries 5-4 and

Road Crew 6-5 in an overtime shootout to take a stab at the championship.

The championship game saw Northern Knights' Robert No Runner score the first game goal in the first period. The Bulldogs' Ken White Man made a successful response.

In the second period, one lone goal scored by Bulldogs' Gilbert Black Water put the Bulldogs in the lead by periods' end.

The Bulldogs' Patty Provost scored goal three in the third period with Clement Black Water making the fourth and fifth.

Then Northern Knights' Sonny Weasel Fat and Jim Plume made goals two and three respectively for their team.

The Bulldog's final response came by way of Gilbert Black Water at 16:02, ending the game with six goals for the Bulldogs and three for Northern Knights.

For the championship, the Bulldogs won \$350 while Northern Knights earned \$250 for second place and Road Crew \$150 for third place.

Tourney all-stars were Bulldog's centre, Shawn Yellow Old Woman; Northern Knight's left-wing, Rudy Heavy Shields; Northern Knight's right-wing, Kelly Weasel Fat; Bulldog's left defense, Len Day Rider; Road Crew's right defense, Tom Dickson and Bulldog's goalie, Louis Knife. Bulldog's Ken White Man received the MVP award.

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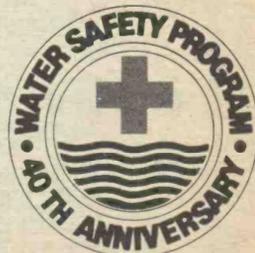
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DEADLINE: April 15, 1988

Applications should be sent attention: **Glenbow Museum Native Internship Program Coordinator (264-8300 loc. 178), 130 - 9 Avenue S.E., Calgary, Alberta T2G 0P3.**

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Lethbridge out-dribbles Kainai News team

By Anne M. Crow-Healy

STAND OFF — The Lethbridge Friendship Centre defeated Indian News Media 91-77 for the championship at the Kainai International Basketball Classic March 26 on the Blood reserve.

Top scorers for the winning team were Marcel Weasel Head and Winston Day Chief who contributed 28 and 25 points respectively. Elliot Fox was the top scorer for Indian News Media contributing 34 points.

The winning team started off the 5-team tourney by defeating Cardston Laker, 84-71. Lethbridge suffered a loss to Indian News Media in the third tourney game, 84-78, which meant a drop to the bottom of the round robin.

But that was Lethbridge's only taste of defeat as they won over the Golden Eagles, 90-84, and the Lethbridge Gophers, 74-67, for a chance at the championship.

Meanwhile, Indian News Media, having won its first game against Lethbridge, defeated its next opponent

Lethbridge Gophers, 90-74, but lost the championship game and earned second place.

Third place Golden Eagles took the first game by default when Stand Off Bucks failed to show. The Gophers took on the Eagles and won, 70-69; the Gophers' final game went

to Indian News Media, 90-74.

The all-stars were Lethbridge Gophers' Morris Many Fingers, Lethbridge Friendship Centres' Winston Day Chief and Jim Plume, Indian News Medias' Elliot Fox and Dick Doore. Marcel Weasel Head earned the MVP award.

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

Check it out!

- Spring Bazaar**, April 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton. For more information call Brenda at 450-1154 or Sharron at 455-6399.
- Native Senior Hockey Tournament**, April 7, 8 & 9, Enoch Rec Centre. For further information contact: Robert Morin or Lorraine Alexander at (403) 470-5645, 470-5646 or 470-5647.
- Rodeo**, April 8 & 9, Cardston Agri-Dome. For more information call 737-3963.
- Basketball Finals**, April 8-10, Blackfoot reserve. Contact 734-3070 for further information.
- Recreational Hockey Tournament**, April 14, 15, 16 & 17, Enoch Rec Centre. For further information call 470-5645, 5646, 5647.
- Canada West Volleyball Tourney**, April 15-17, Four Band arena, Hobbema.
- Sober Dance**, April 15, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Ben Calf Robe school, Edmonton. Music by Free Spirit Band. Admission \$5.
- Taxidermy Course**, April 20-21, April 27-28 & May 4-5, Goodfish Lake. Call 639-3622 for more information.
- Oldtime Fiddler's Contest**, April 23, 7 p.m., High Level Rural Hall. For tickets or more information call 927-3646 or 926-3274.
- Mixed Slow Pitch Tournament**, May 20-23, Grande Cache. Sponsored by Border Threshers. Contact the following people for more information: Dale at 827-4693; Jen at 827-2826 or Bill at 827-3643.
- Good Times Jamboree**, May 20, 21 & 22, Lac La Biche, AB. For more info call (403) 623-3333.

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The deadline for receiving your
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1988 Music Festival

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Fort McPherson Indian Band
Box 86
Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0
Phone: (403)952-2330
Fax number: 952-2212

NATIVE LIAISON OFFICERS

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The Rural Housing Branch requires Native Liaison Officers to be responsible for the delivery and/or management of the Rural Emergency Housing Program.

SENIOR HOUSING OFFICERS

\$27,924 - \$34,488

SLAVE LAKE AND LAC LA BICHE — Within a significant geographic area, you will be taking applications and liaising with program clientele consisting of Northern rural and Native people and will be involved in delivery, counselling and hands-on maintenance components within a property management mandate. **QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma plus extensive related experience including social program delivery, property management and hands-on maintenance or construction as related to mobile homes, supervision, and dealing with inhabitants of northern rural and Native communities. Equivalencies will be considered. **NOTE:** Position may involve extensive travel (air/car) and evening work. Must provide own transportation.

Competition No. MA6485-4-WDSP

JUNIOR HOUSING OFFICER

\$21,540 - \$29,112

SLAVE LAKE — Within the Slave Lake area, you will assist the completion of applications and upon approval, initiate an ongoing maintenance counselling relationship with the tenant, and ensure tenant is aware of his obligations respecting rental payment and unit maintenance. The applicant should have a desire to work with Native people. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Grade 12 education supplemented by considerable related experience including maintenance or construction experience. Preference given to candidates with social program delivery and experience working with northern rural and Native communities. The ability to speak Cree would be an asset. Equivalencies will be considered. **NOTE:** Must have own transportation.

Competition No. MA6484-5-WDSP

Please submit a separate application for each position you are applying on.
Closing Date: April 8, 1988

Please send an application form or resume quoting competition numbers to:

Alberta Government Employment Office
4th Floor, Kensington Place
10011 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3S8

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July 8, 9 & 10, 1988

GRAND ENTRY: Friday 7 p.m. — Saturday 1 p.m. & Sunday 1 & 7 p.m.

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EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Men's Traditional	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Ladies Traditional	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Men's Fancy	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Ladies Fancy	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Men's Grass	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00

JUNIOR'S (7-12)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Boys Traditional	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Girls Traditional	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Boys Fancy	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Girls Fancy	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Boys Grass	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00

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40 & OVER	1st	2nd	3rd
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Ladies Buckskin	400.00	200.00	150.00
Men's Traditional	400.00	200.00	150.00

JINGLE DRESS (ADULT)	JINGLE DRESS (JUNIOR)
1st Place	100.00
2nd Place	75.00
3rd Place	50.00
4th Place	25.00

TEEN'S (13-17)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Boys Traditional	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Girls Traditional	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Boys Fancy	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Girls Fancy	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Boys Grass	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00

JINGLE DRESS (TEENS)	DRUM COMPETITION
1st Place	1200.00
2nd Place	1000.00
3rd Place	800.00
4th Place	600.00
	5th Place
	6th Place

CONTACT:

Kirby Bird428-0188 or (403) 892-2922
 Alex Belcourt 428-0188
 Wilson Bearhead(403) 892-2691 or 892-2554

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Total Prize - \$7,200.00 Cash
 First 16 Teams (Men's)
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 Deadline for Entry July 6th, 1988

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