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Remembering the departed at Hobbema round dance

A memorial round dance at Hobbema's Panee Agriplex was attended by about 400 last weekend. The dance attracted visitors from neighboring provinces as well as distant points like North Dakota, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Sponsors for the event were Ermineskin Chief Eddie Littlechild and his wife, and Eddie's sister, Theresa Crier. The gathering paid homage to their departed parents, two brothers and one sister.

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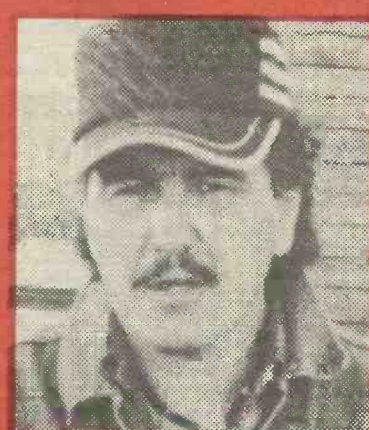
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Calling Lake's Cardinal seeks PC nomination

By Dianne Meili

Mike Cardinal, a Metis from Calling Lake, is entering the race for the Progressive Conservative nomination in the Athabasca Lac La Biche provincial constituency.

"Native people have grown to a point where we need to get involved in mainstream society...and at all levels of government," says Cardinal, who firmly believes he is the man to represent the multi-cultural constituency because he can relate to both Natives and non-Natives.

"I think I can manage very well. One of my strongest points is the ability to communicate with all people. I can sit down with trappers near Calling Lake and the farmers in the Athabasca area." He also feels his assertive, organized and optimistic leadership style will greatly benefit his constituents.

Cardinal has respect for traditional methods of economic survival such as hunting, trapping and fishing because he has fished and trapped himself, but he acknowledges the need for resource development in northern Alberta as well, which could encroach on these activities.

"All constituents have to come first. If constituents felt a pulp or paper mill is something they want in the constituency, then I'd have to listen to the majority," Cardinal says, but adds there can always be a compromise.

"There can be no development of resources unless it's done in a balanced and coordinated fashion with the province, the northern people and industry. But, I think development can take place. A reasonable compromise can be struck so all can benefit, which would mean certain areas shouldn't be developed."

Economic development in northern Alberta is a priority for Cardinal. "One of our biggest problems here is the lack of people taking part in economic development, says Cardinal. He hopes to see the same success in the Athabasca-Lac La Biche constituency

as has occurred in the Calling Lake area regarding employment rates. Since he has been involved as a social services advisor with a job creation program to provide an alternative to the welfare problems in that community, the formerly high unemployment rate has jumped to almost 90 per cent.

When asked why he had chosen to represent the Progressive Conservative

party, Cardinal explained he "believes in their party politics. Native people in general across the north are getting ready to join in mainstream society and participate in economic development and I feel the Conservative's policies suit the Native people of today."

Cardinal, to his knowledge, is the first Native person to run for the Conservative party in

Alberta. Since 1969 he has been working for the government and has worked up through the ranks, holding a number of positions in the social and economic development departments. He originally quit school in Grade 8 and then went back to the Slave Lake Community Vocational Centre to graduate from Grade 12.

Though the life of a political candidate is hectic,

Cardinal finds time to recharge and relax at his log home on the Calling Lake beach. He is married, with two children, and says he likes to read political and historical books in his spare time and hunt and fish with his son.

Elections for the Conservative candidates of the Athabasca-Lac La Biche riding take place in Boyle, Alberta on June 13.

City members to meet

Locals to decide on boundaries

By Dorothy Schreiber

Proposed changes to Metis local boundaries in Edmonton will be decided upon by a majority of members belonging to nine locals in the city.

Local 1885 president Butch Plante says options discussed during an April 21 meeting held at the friendship centre will be taken to the members of each local and "we agreed

that we would accept what the majority of the membership said."

In a telephone interview, Plante said five options discussed at the meeting ranged from having three locals in the city - two on the north side and one on the south side, four locals situated in the four quadrants of the city, eight locals which would emulate MLA constituencies, or locals follow the municipal

ward system.

A final option involves leaving the present boundaries in place without changes.

There are currently 10 boundary areas and nine Metis locals within the city and depending on which option is selected, some locals may have to amalgamate with others, says Plante.

He believes established boundaries will be an "asset" in defining who the presidents of the individual locals represent and will help to make the local leadership more accountable to the membership.

"To me, it's a step forward if you're seriously talking about self-government and taking over certain responsibilities that you're representing democratic institutions. That's what I see as the benefits of boundaries."

Zone 4 president Dan Martel, whose region includes Edmonton, says



STAN PLANTE ...likes boundaries

he was pleased with the meeting. "We've given it back to the locals to make the decision...and hopefully they will make a good objective decision."

Another meeting will be held May 19 to decide which option the membership will select.

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Foster child adjusting well on reserve

By Dan Dibbelt

Whitney Whitecap, a 5-year-old Native girl taken from her Calgary foster home a little more than a month ago is "happy" and "adjusting" to her new home on the Carry the Kettle reserve in Saskatchewan.

"Last time we had to take her to Calgary, she didn't want to go," says Carry the Kettle reserve Chief Joe O'Watch.

The little girl is the subject of a court case in which foster parents Norm and Marilyn Peters and her natural mother Corrine Whitecap are asking for the return of Whitney to them.

Whitecap argues that she gave Whitney up for adoption only on the condition that the Peters be the adoptive parents.

And the Peters argue that trickery was used by Social Services in removing Whitney from their home when a social worker took Whitney from the Peters southwest Calgary home on an alleged two-hour outing.

The child was never returned and instead was flown to the Carry the Kettle reserve and to the home of her aunt.

"We never even had a chance to say good-bye," said Marilyn Peters. "And she left without her belongings or toys — only the clothes on her back."

During the trial, lawyer

Michel St. Pierre, who represents the provincial Children's Guardian Janice Turner, argued that the Peters knew the child was going to be taken to an aunt on the reserve.

Much of the publicity surrounding the removal of Whitney and the subsequent trial has led the reserve to consider a lawsuit over allegations that the reserve is "one of the roughest in Canada."

"Over the past 10 or 15 years the reserve has really grown," said O'Watch. "We have quality housing, a health clinic, a new community and a kindergarten."

Whitney is attending the kindergarten and O'Watch says she has made friends and is doing well.

"When she came here she didn't really know who she was," he added. At school, Whitney learns the Assiniboine culture and language, something O'Watch doubts she would have had the opportunity to do in Calgary.

Whitney is the second child to be returned to the reserve of 1,200 under the federal government's policy of repatriation. The reserve is at present working to bring back another three.

"I think repatriation is good," said O'Watch. "I think the child has a right to learn the culture and language."

The Whitecap court case continues this week in Calgary.

CORRECTION

In the April 15 issue of Windspeaker a story on the front page entitled "Jobs found in joint Indian, Metis project" incorrectly stated funds for the employment program are provided through the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP). In fact, the funds are provided through the Alberta Northern Development Agreement.



PHILLIP J. STEVENS

...pledges to carry the battle lance of justice to recover Black Hills

Special ceremony held

Californian a last hope in retrieving Black Hills

By Doris Bill

A California millionaire, named special chief of the Sioux Nation will begin a long fight to have the Black Hills of South Dakota returned to the tribe.

Phillip J. Stevens, 58, was named "Waha-can Kala Uha Mani" or "Man who Leads with a Shield" on March 27 at the town hall in Mission, South Dakota.

Stevens, who claims to be the great grandson of famous Chief Standing Bear, had earlier held a press conference at which

he outlined the history of the Sioux's fight for the return of the Black Hills in a slide-tape presentation.

Stevens then answered a barrage of questions from reporters from around the world. Afterwards, more than 600 chiefs, elders, veterans and Stevens' supporters looked on as he was named a special chief in a name-giving and honoring ceremony.

Elder Grover Horn Antelope performed a peace pipe ceremony and burned sweetgrass as Stevens was given his

special name. He was then presented with a headdress and a beautifully hand-beaded shield, a symbol that his supporters are with him when he's in the walls of congress.

Stevens pledged to carry the battle lance of justice to recover all unoccupied lands in the Black Hills for the Sioux. Stevens said he would seek fair and just compensation for the 30 million ounces of gold and eight million ounces of silver taken out of the Black Hills since "the taking of the

Black Hills from the Sioux people."

Stevens has also sent an elk skin inscribed with a proclamation to interior secretary, Donald Hodel (Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and trustee of Indian people in the U.S.A.). The proclamation asks for a public hearing into the 111-year-old dispute with the U.S. government.

The day ended with a powwow, which packed the town hall. Food and other household items were given away.

Striking Kainai workers return to work

By Mary Anne Crow Healy

STANDOFF — Striking employees at Kainai Industries Ltd., a housing construction firm, returned to the production line this week with a six per cent pay increase split over two years, life insurance and disability coverage and the promise of a monthly meeting with management for better communication.

"It looks pretty good," says Fred Cross Child, spokesman for the 35 workers who shut down the Blood reserve-based modular home plant April 13 in an illegal strike.

Cross Child said the

production line workers at Kainai Industries knew they could have been fired for striking instead of receiving the concessions which management allowed because they were not protected by a union.

The workers at Kainai Industries had approached reserve elders for advice on how to deal with poor management — employee relations at the plant.

"The old people don't want unions on the reserve," said Cross Child. "It's not that they don't like the idea of a union but they have to know exactly what they are getting into. If they don't understand, there could be problems in the future."

Instead of a union, the employees formed an association to be the "sole bargaining agent for full time, hourly and non-clerical employees" at Kainai Industries. A year ago, Cross Child was voted in as the president of the association.

Cross Child said the employee association has attempted negotiations with management "since last year with no results."

Kainai Industries general manager, Howard Beebee Jr., said a meeting between himself and the employee association had been scheduled last fall but the meeting did not take place because lack of work had

necessitated a layoff prior to the scheduled meeting.

Beebee said another meeting was scheduled for April 14 but the workers went on strike the day before that meeting.

Cross Child said it may have been "just coincidence" but a few days before that meeting, the workers were notified of another layoff. He said they had been called back to complete an order for 35 houses less than two months ago and with all but seven done, the workers had no option but to go on strike.

The strikers' demands included a 20 per cent increase and job security. Cross Child said there had

been no increases since 1981 and with the cost of living having gone up 40 per cent since then, this was "not reasonable."

For better benefits, Cross Child said the workers wanted life insurance and disability coverage. He said their life insurance "cancelled last spring with no refunds on overpayments."

"I am really happy with the outcome," said Cross Child after the meeting. "This strike need not have happened. It was due largely to lack of communication."

The workers believed they had been without a contract since 1985 which

was reported by local media. But according to Blood band lawyer, Eugene Creighton, there was a contract in place — it just hasn't been renewed.

As for hiring non-Natives over Natives, it was another case of misinformation. The non-Native production manager hired by Kainai Industries is an efficiency expert being paid by the Native Economic Development Program, said Cross Child.

"They (non-Natives) will come in to teach the Natives and once this is completed, the Natives will take over which is good for the company," said Cross Child.

Local withdraws membership from MAA

By Dorothy Schreiber

The president of a local who has withdrawn her membership from the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) Zone 4 to join the Alberta Metis Nation Alliance says she was given

no choice but to leave.

Freezien Norris, now president of the Lac Ste. Anne Riding Association, claims she was "suspended" from the regional council during a meeting on Feb. 13.

Norris, who was then

president of Local 160 (Alberta Beach) said in January she had requested to see the financial records of the Regional Council after hearing rumors of "allegations of wrongdoing by the administration." Her request was refused but

Zone 4 president Dan Martel invited her to the Feb. 13 regional council meeting to discuss the issue.

Norris attended the meeting and says she was asked to leave without seeing the books.

"I left and that's when I decided there is just no way that we can work with them or they're willing to work with us."

On March 9, Local 160, which has 40 members, passed a special resolution to withdraw from the MAA and affiliate under the Alberta Metis Nation Alliance as the Lac Ste. Anne Riding Association.

Despite the move Martel says, "We consider the Metis people in Lac Ste. Anne still a part of the Metis Association and we'd like to sit down and talk with them. I know these things can be resolved."

President of the Metis Nations Alliance Ron Laroque says, "It has always been our view that we didn't ask members to withdraw their local or

themselves from the Metis Association. That's their personal decision."

Another Metis local in the Lac Ste. Anne area is planning to follow Norris' lead.

Wabamun Local 16 president Marge Friedel says she will be holding a meeting within a month to propose that she and 42 of her members withdraw from the Metis Association and join the Lac Ste. Anne Riding Association.

She says her local feels "completely ignored" by the Zone 4 regional council.

Onway Local 11 is also planning to affiliate with the Alberta Metis Nations Alliance and will withdraw its membership from the MAA. Local president Reg Laroque says the local has about 22 members.

Grant supports art activity in the west

By Dan Dibbelt

A \$250,000 federal grant to the Canadian Native Arts Foundation (CNAF) will help a regional foundation office in Calgary to open.

"We are presently looking for a location for an office," said Wanda Wuttunee, director of the CNAF regional office. "From there we will continue in our efforts to support the

national office."

The funding received by the national office will go towards two purposes, explained national president and symphony conductor John Kim Bell.

"First we have to change the stereotype in which Natives are perceived," explained Bell. "And second, create an organization in which businesses, companies and individuals are willing to invest."

Both of these goals are already being achieved through high profile events such as art auctions and concerts featuring top names in an effort to raise funds for the organization.

Bell said the next event planned nationally is a Native ballet at Toronto's National Arts Centre Nov. 15 and 16. The ballet will feature traditional Native music performed by an orchestra, conducted by

Bell, with costumes and sets designed by Maxine Noel.

On a local basis, Bell is tentatively scheduled to conduct at a concert in Calgary in the fall. And the opening of an Edmonton office is also in the planning stage, said Wuttunee.

"We've just met recently and are in the process of getting a committee set up in Edmonton," she said.

Framework Agreement for Metis — What does it mean?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an interview with Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) President Larry Desmeules regarding the Framework Agreement which he signed with solicitor general and minister for Native programs Ken Rostad last December.

The signing signals a move toward self-sufficiency for Alberta's Metis. It also set in motion a joint committee made up of association representatives and government officials to make recommendations to the minister on policies and programs. It will ensure Metis people will have a direct input into their own affairs.

Here, Windspeaker asked the MAA president to explain how the Framework Agreement will be put to work and how it will impact the lives of Metis people.

This interview is the first in a series of articles with Metis and government officials, political science educators and grassroots people in an attempt to understand the implications of the Framework Agreement toward Metis self-government.

Windspeaker: What is the Framework Agreement?

Larry Desmeules: In order to explain the Framework Agreement I would have to go back to before I was elected. When the constitutional talks were going on there were three forms of negotiations. There was the Aboriginal right to self-government, there were the land claims, and there was self-determination. Now, when the constitutional talks broke down the Aboriginal right to self-government is a federal jurisdiction, the land is provincial jurisdiction and the self-determination to a high degree is federal and provincial jurisdiction. Self-determination simply means this, you start taking over the affairs of your own life.

What I did was I broke the three fronts down in negotiations to three fronts instead of negotiating individually on each front.

In other words, Metis people became indigenous people in the last constitutional talks. There's three types of indigenous people in Canada: Inuit, Treaty and Metis, but Metis have no rights, very clearly. Treaties have rights.

We then went into a framework agreement. Basically, what we're doing now is negotiating those rights, starting to take them over through the Framework Agreement. The Framework Agreement simply means it's an agreement to agree — to negotiate out sections of government that are relevant to our people. That's basically what it is.

The premier has given us the political will to make those particular departments sensitive to the negotiating process. That's basically it in a nut shell.

Can you give an example of a government department, will it dissolve?

Now, if you've noticed we've had a lot of meetings, zone meetings. These were to identify the projects to begin to start negotiating. That's what the zones were identifying — those particular projects. They have been identified by the six zones — basically what they're interested in getting into. It's an ongoing process. While the Framework Agreement is signed for one year, it can be ongoing year after year until such time as self-government starts to take on a meaning. Because basically that's what we're going

into is self-government. We're not talking about it anymore, we're starting to practice it.

What are the priorities of the six zones?

Education, welfare, there are six...

Can you expand on what you mean by education and welfare?

Well, you say education, it's rather huge — that's what we're beginning to identify. Okay, we take over a portion of it. We just got back from Vancouver...from looking at an education process in the city of Vancouver which we might be interested in. It looks very positive. So it looks very positive...the method that they're using. So, what we're going to do now is have a workshop on all the education that's available to us in the province and determine some form of policy.

Maybe on some of these, our Framework Agreement, some of it will be directly delivering services, some of it will be monitoring it by committee. There's no clear cut answer on it yet. I has to be negotiated out. But what we have on one side is the administration having to deal with this, which we never had before and the political will on the other side. We are basically a people that are trained to go to legislators for money, not to the administrative side where the real money is. We are basically a people that do not bother with municipalities, ID's or MD's or anything. We strictly go to the legislators for money and this is where we're starting to change our direction.

You just talked about going to Vancouver and you saw a process that looks promising. What would that process be?

They have 225 students in a school owned and controlled by a particular group which is an all-Native group. They blend both the new and the old. You'll see some people making moccasins and the other people working on computers. But they go even further, they get into job placements and counselling. And their placements are fairly high.

So do you envision a similar school?

No, I don't. What I'm doing is exploring the area with the government. We're not trying to re-invent the wheel. What we're doing is exploring some of these problems in the urban centres that haven't been really addressed. If you take a look at the University of Alberta track record in terms of Native education it's disgusting...their record leaves a lot to be desired.

With the Framework Agreement, are you still having workshops to decide what the priorities are?

We're all finished with the workshops now...we know what the priorities are. (The zones) are listing certain projects that they want to go ahead with now. This is more the planning year. I will be hiring two technicians to negotiate the process with the government. Now, when I say that, the technicians would of course have to put together the management infrastructure or the functional management plans.



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What do you mean by negotiate the process?

Suppose you're in foster care, in charge of foster care and you want to take over Metis foster care. That's a department. We would go to that department and start negotiating that process. Just like you see with Metis Children's Services. That's what they're doing. Isn't that what self-government is all about...

There are some very interesting things we could take over in forestry. And they seem to be fairly wide open to us.

When you say "take over" what do you mean? Hatcheries.

Do you mean Metis-owned?

Not necessarily. Metis-run hatcheries. There's a lot of things going on. For example, they spend \$3 million a year on relocating beavers, blowing up dams. There's a small restriction there for our people...we don't have dynamite certificates. See. We're knocked off the dime for frivolous things.

You see, all the Framework Agreement is — is we're just taking over, we're not asking for new money, we're just taking over existing services as we see them relevant to us. For example, we're talking commerce in a lot of senses. People have been making a living on our poverty. What we want to do is take over that part of it. That's putting it simply.

Give me a concrete example of what you would take over?

You see, I don't think in those terms. I expect my zones and groups to think in those terms. Let's take police, in isolated communities where there are no police. They don't enjoy the same police service that you do. And game wardens are needed — ones we set up on our own. Native police in the north who may be able to fly from community to community to keep a presence there of law and order. That's a good example. That's a perfect example. I think that's what I'd like to see.

Now, we get into the urban situation. There's a number of things that can be done in the urban situation. But it's really up to our zones to identify them and see them as they go along.

Wind speaker

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OPINION



By Owenadeka

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We need leaders who are rooted in tradition

Skanongohwe! Jesse Jackson finished second in the New York State primary the other day. It looks like he's not going to be the next president of the United States. I was disappointed when I heard the news even though some people up here will say, "So what? What difference does it make?"

The answer is that if Jesse Jackson won down there, he **WOULD** make a difference up here. And my reasons don't have anything to do with whether he would be a good president.

I should explain that I have been fascinated by Jesse Jackson since the 1960s. Watching him in action was unforgettable — the name Action Jackson doesn't even begin to describe him. I never saw him in person, though. I saw him only on television but I'll never forget the impact he had on the crowds he spoke to and I'll never forget the impact he had on me.

Jesse Jackson generates hope and excitement among blacks the way Bill McKnight generates anger and resentment among Indians. Jesse Jackson has spent most of the past 20 years speaking to poor blacks in urban slums. When he speaks, he combines the moral lessons of his faith with a strong political message.

Jesse Jackson was born poor and black in the American South when discrimination was legal. His mother was a teenager. She wasn't married. So when Jesse Jackson goes into the urban ghettos today, he tells the people: "I was born in a slum but the slum was not born in me."

He talks frankly to young people and tells them that teenage pregnancy amounts to babies making babies. He gets crowds of young people to repeat after him, at the top of their lungs, "Down with dope. Up with hope." He then gets them to chant — and believe in — the slogan that's become his trademark: "I am somebody. I am somebody." Let me tell you, it's a moving experience to watch the shining faces of poor, black kids shouting those slogans, growing in pride and confidence with every chant.

I was so impressed with Jesse Jackson that I wrote to him about 10 years ago to invite him then to speak to a Native gathering in British Columbia. I wanted him to do for our people here what he was doing for his own people there. He never answered my letter but that hasn't changed my feelings about him.

Now that he's running for president, he's still saying more or less the same things. He's talking about ending the economic violence against the poor. But his message is no longer aimed strictly at blacks. For example, in a recent interview he said that most of the poor people in America aren't black: "Most poor people are white or female or young. But whether white, black or brown, hunger hurts. Most poor folks are not on welfare. They work every day. They sweep floors. They cook other people's food. They raise other people's children but they can't afford to raise their own."

Jesse Jackson is one heck of a speaker, no doubt about it, but it won't get him elected president. That's too bad because as president, Jesse Jackson would be a symbol of hope and inspiration to young Native people in Canada.

The problem is, we don't have a Jesse Jackson of our own. Most of our leaders, with very few exceptions, are bureaucratic politicians. Their speeches consist of gobbledegook rhetoric that falls apart when you try to figure out what it means. Native leaders may speak about issues that concern Native people, but they don't speak about them in a way that touches the soul. They don't create the excitement that moves people to action.

The Native people in the mainstream political parties aren't any better. They couldn't inspire Native people any more than a moose could make a moccasin.

The shame of it all is that we come from an oral tradition. We are descended from a race of people who were known for their powerful oratory. The speechmaking skills of our ancestors were magic. They made rocks sing, trees dance and mountains laugh. That's not the way things are anymore, though, and that's a pity.

It's a pity because we need someone to do what Jesse Jackson is doing. I'm not saying that Native people should join the political mainstream. I am saying, though, that we need someone to motivate our young people. We need someone to lead us in our own chants. We need someone to preach an old-fashioned sermon, based on our own moral, traditional and religious values. We need someone who is deeply rooted in the ancient traditions.

We need many people like these. We need them to lead a moral crusade to build a better world of our children. If we had people like that, then maybe people like me wouldn't be asking people like Jesse Jackson to solve a problem we should solve on our own. Onengiwah.

Laughing makes life's misfortunes more bearable

Dear Editor:

I have read "Windspeaker" periodically over the last few years and during this time I have notably uncovered the extinction of "humor." I am Native and throughout my many encounters with Native people I have discovered the common trait of humor in which most of them possess.

I watch the news off and on — but only to keep up with the world. Each time I watch, I see depression, pain and despair which evidently negates my

perception of life and my world. So, at times, I would turn to Windspeaker and "look for a laugh" so to speak. Reassurance from my Native people kept me believing in love, hope and a desirable standard of living. But the humor is gone. Laughing makes life's misfortunes a little bit more bearable.

Please add some optimism (via humor) back into Windspeaker, I'm sure it would make all the difference...

Katheryn Caudron
Slave Lake

EDITORIAL

Cardinal walks in wisdom

Mike Cardinal, a northern Alberta Metis, exemplifies what a Native role model and politician should be.

He's gone from being a Grade 8 dropout to running as a candidate for the Progressive Conservative nomination in the Athabasca-Lac La Biche constituency. Come June 13, when the decision is made as to his nomination, the entire Native community of Alberta should cheer him whether he succeeds or not.

Mike had to think hard about whether or not to run. He had to consider what his life will be like if he becomes an MLA. The pressures, decisions and public image which must be kept up will certainly take their toll.

Perhaps even more difficult will be his desire to do what is best for his constituents, especially since the interests of Natives and non-Natives are so diverse. Mike has stated he is very traditionally-minded and respects the Native ways of trapping and fishing. What will he do if a huge pulp and paper mill, which will provide thousands of jobs for his constituents, becomes a monster devouring the land supporting the animals Native people harvest?

Conflicts of interest are bound to arise if Mike is successful in his bid, but he seems the sort of person who will make each tough decision in an unhurried, thoughtful manner — finally arriving at the choice which will benefit the most people.

In other words, Mike Cardinal is an optimist. He believes that for every problem there is a solution. It just takes time and a respect for everyone's values. He believes in concessions — that there's always a middle path that can be taken. Perhaps, in the face of resource development, sections of land can be designated as out-of-bounds and kept natural, he suggests. Not a new idea, but it is one Cardinal would fight for.

Cardinal is the kind of politician the world needs. He is aware that the land must be protected instead of being sold to wholesale destruction by mega-companies. And he also understands the importance of jobs.

Cardinal will have to walk a fine line if he eventually becomes the Athabasca-Lac La Biche MLA, but he will walk in wisdom.

OPINION

Abortion not a form of birth control

Dear Editor:

I have remained silent on the abortion issue due to the fact that I have always viewed issues objectively. I have spent many hours thinking about abortion and I have decided to express myself.

It does not matter what angle - religious, ethical, racial or biological one views it from; it interferes with life. When the sperm and the ova unite, a being is formed. You, I, and every

human being was conceived in this manner. It is called reproduction. Abortion ends this life.

If one of the arguments is to allow a woman to do with her body as she wishes, please inform her of the possible consequences - one of which may be pregnancy, when she couples with a male. Please inform her of birth control methods to prevent pregnancy. Please inform her that abortion is not and should not be used as a means of birth

control. If a woman should be allowed to do with her body as she pleases, why are we spending so many tax dollars on the prostitute issue? At least they are not ending a helpless and innocent life.

In conclusion, I am against legalizing abortion and with this stand, I wish not to have my tax dollars used for this purpose. I do not want to contribute to murder.

Liz Poitras
St. Paul

Reader appreciates Elders Speak

Dear Editor:

I have been reading the Windspeaker for the past year, and I want to commend you and your staff for the very fine journalism you provide each week. I was particularly impressed with a recent feature article called "The Elders Speak."

Since most of the students in the upgrading course I teach are Native, we take time to read and discuss certain articles. I believe I speak for the entire class when I say we found this article informative and enlightening. The differing views of these three

elders demonstrated the complexity of the issues in a poignant and sensitive manner, one which stimulated diverse thoughts and feelings amongst the students. It also proved to be the foundation of an excellent writing assignment!

Thank you for this type of journalism, a refreshing and a positive change from many of the negative, sensational stories we find in our daily newspapers.

Ron Guetter
AVC Instructor
Spruce Grove



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WANDERING WARRIORS

Out to count coup? Who knows! This acrylic on canvas by Oneida Indian artist Bruce King, is one of his untitled pieces at Edmonton's Bearclaw Gallery.

Born in '52, King is the artistic director for the

Buffalo (New York) Native American Cultural Centre. A man of many talents, he is also an author, playwright, composer, musician and singer.

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

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Community

Update from the heart of Treaty 6 country



KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker

Clifford Cardinal and Joseph Steinhauer take their hats off to Saddle Lake and its many activities.

Joseph Steinhauer Community Correspondent Saddle Lake

Tansi! Spring fever has hit the Saddle Lake community and once again it is my pleasure to give you, the readers of Windspeaker, the news on what is going on in the heart of Treaty 6 country.

Communications

First of all, I would like to take the opportunity to say that the Saddle Lake Radio & Communications program, where I work as the director, is off to an excellent start and many thanks to the Native Services Unit, Alberta Municipal Affairs in Edmonton for helping us

start this program which began Jan. 11, 1988. Also, I would like to thank the Saddle Lake council and the band membership for their cooperation and support in getting off to a strong start.

Our program has published five newsletters since we began. The bi-weekly newsletter is named "Mamo Acimonsa" which, when translated from Cree to English, means "a gathering of stories." Our office is located within the Manitou Kihew Complex in Saddle Lake, and we employ seven staff. They are: Joseph Steinhauer, director; Clifford H. Cardinal, assistant director; Albert Moses, sports editor; Jerome Delver, artist, cartoonist and overall layout engineer; Louis Kakeesim, cultural and advertising editor;

Julienne McGilvery, reporter, and last but not least, Carrie Delver, secretary/bookkeeper.

Busy, busy, busy

Saddle Lake has been a very busy community lately, and here is the latest news in our area. On Wednesday, April 6, the Saddle Lake Economic Development Planning Committee and Saddle Lake chief and council met with Deputy Prime Minister Donald Mazankowski in Vegreville, to continue negotiations concerning proposed economic projects. Also, the negotiating process involving a joint venture with South Korea is still in the initial stages of development. More details on these promising developments in the near future.

Meanwhile, I spoke with Andrew Jackson, the acting administrative coordinator who says "that the Saddle Lake Sewing Club is now a legal entity, and is an officially recognized club." The president is Mary Cardinal, the vice-president is Irene Redcrow, and treasurer is Delphine Steinhauer."

Raymond Steinhauer, the man behind the Saddle Lake Concrete Products has informed me that the business is expanding into precast products and concrete foundations. He says, "One of the things we're doing is giving good service and providing customers with good quality concrete and concrete products along with competitive prices."

Mexico bound

Moving along, Theresa Cardinal who is the principal of Onchaminahos school informed me that the school is planning a field trip to Mexico City, Mexico from July 6-19. The school will be taking 30 students and "the money for this trip has been raised by the students and parents through bingos and other fund-raising activities. This trip will be very educational and informative as we will be meeting with Mexican Indians, touring museums, and seeing for ourselves how people from Mexico live," said Cardinal.

Grand opening

On May 2, the Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club together with Saddle Lake Counselling Services will be having a grand opening for the Saddle Lake Youth Centre. The centre will be located in the Native Counselling Services building. I checked it out and renovations are gradually being completed to coincide with the grand opening. Vincent Steinhauer, who is the Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club director and two board members attended

the annual meeting of the Boys and Girls Club of Alberta. Vince presented a report to the association and was greeted with enthusiasm and support from the Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club of Alberta and Canada. "This is the first club to be established on an Indian reserve anywhere in Canada, so it is quite a step," Steinhauer said.

Sunshine boy

Congratulations going out to Lillian Kakeesim and Ira "Candy" McGilvery on the birth of a bouncing baby boy. Desmond Louis was born Feb. 18 and weighed in at seven pounds, six ounces. All right!

Adult education

The AVC (Alberta Vocational Centre) program is just wrapping up a 28-week basic adult education course on our rez. Barry Brunner who is the instructor for the course stated, "We started in mid-October, 1987 with 12 adult students. The curriculum consisted of Math, English, reading, science and human relations. The AVC program stresses the human relations aspect of the course as it consists of job skills and basic skills that a person needs in order to cope in this world."

The students graduated April 15, with a level 3000 diploma. Brunner added, "This diploma basically enables them to go on to a high school level of education." The course is sponsored by Alberta Manpower and AVC. Congratulations go out to the graduates.

Two young men from Saddle Lake have completed their 4th year power engineering course at AVC Lac La Biche. Congratulations and good luck in the future to Casey Makokis and Andy Makokis (two good buddies of mine).

Sports

In sports, the Saddle Lake Bullets who are a men's fastball team are holding tryouts this month. We are entered in the Hillmont Men's Fastball League and scheduled to start in the second week of May.

That's about it on local events and happenings in the Saddle Lake area. A big hearty, congratulations to the staff at Windspeaker for their impressive showing at the Native American Press Association Awards competition which was held in Denver, Colorado last month.

Ekosimaka mina kihtwam kachimostatinawaw and until next month "to err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer." May the bannock be with you.

The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

The newly-formed Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities was founded to ensure that Albertans with disabilities are full and equal participants in the life of the province.

The Council will review, recommend and influence government policies regarding the disabled.

Gary McPherson, a life-long advocate for the disabled is the first Chairman of the Council.

Nominations to the Council are now being accepted.

Nominations to the Council, which will have up to 15 members, including the Chairman, are now being accepted. As it is expected that full Council membership will be announced in early July, 1988, the deadline for nominations is May 13, 1988. A resume should accompany each nomination.

For more information on the Council, please write:

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Community

Cultural evening planned

By **Everett Lambert**
Community
Correspondent
Paddle Prairie

HALOODARE! Gary Auger, alias "Tweety" (I don't know why they nicknamed him that -- the guy only weighs 200 pounds) is a local guy who wanted to see his name in print. Big times, eh Gary?

Cultural evening

Firstly, our "Cultural Evening" has been set and

confirmed for May 21. This round-dance-type cultural event will see the White Braid Dancers of Edmonton perform traditional Indian dances. There will also be a feast, a give-away, a round dance as well as the announcing of the "Spring Queen" by the Paddle Prairie School's Year Book Committee. P.S. If any of you over at the school would like anything included in this column, just give me a buzz. That includes students and anyone else.

Muddy terrain

Just when we thought Old Man Winter had retired once more, KAPOW! we got it right in the kisser. About half a foot of the miserable stuff fell on our already muddy terrain. Now we really are "Puddle" Prairie. A good handful of us took turns hitting the rhubarb. Yours truly tried twice (in one day yet).

Rodeos

Speaking with Glenny Bellrose and Gary Houle I learned that the Paddle Prairie Rodeo Association is thinking about the possibility of having three rodeos this summer. This active group has rodeos sanctioned by the Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association. Gary mentioned that if they don't have three they'll try for two and if not two then they'll have their annual for sure. By the way, a number of members were hoping to have a rodeo included in a possible Golden Anniversary of the Metis Betterment Act (1938). The rodeo association is made up of prez Darren Martineau, vice-prez Gary Houle, sec-tres. Norma Lizotte, and

committee members Glen Ridsdale, Priscilla Ferguson, Bruce Ridsdale, Tommy Parenteau, and Glen Bellrose. Carl Calliou was also threatening to join the club. They are also planning a dance for April 30.

Pulp mill

Also, Daishowa held their ground-breaking April 8. You may have seen new flicks on the matter. Speaking with a cabbie from the soon-to-be booming Peace River town, I was told things will be in full swing around the end of May. A lot of pre-construction work has already been done.

Birthdays

We have a whole slew of them. Must be a good month. Recently Nancy Ridsdale turned ? on the 3rd and bro Jesse followed with his special day on the 5th. Joan Wanuch turned twenty-? on the 4th. Claudia Cardinal followed on the 6th. Brenda Beaulieu had a birthday on the 13th. Rod Ferguson on the 22nd. Pam Calliou and yours truly will be getting older on the 26th, and last but not least Charlie Christian Sr. will



IAN DESJARLAIS

...Whitebraid dancer is Paddle Prairie bound

have his birthday on the 28th.

By the way if anyone wants to say "Happy Birthday" to someone or have a birthday in here just give me a holler. I accept bribes also... For that matter, just about anything can be included here as long as I don't end up getting sued.

Also any clubs or associations, committees, etc. who want something included here, we at Windspeaker are willing to help.

Well, I should let you go now. Bye. God bless.

Oh yeah. I was driving by Richard Poitras' cows the other day, just after I had washed my car. And I heard one say "MA."

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People

Metisism is back in Cardinal's work

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING Lake — Metis artist Morris Cardinal has come full circle in more ways than one.

Three months ago, Cardinal returned to live on the settlement to "get his head together." He returned to the land and his true love — portraying Metis culture and people.

The self-taught artist first became recognized for his pen and ink pointilism technique featuring Metis people.

"I was Metis and using this (art method) was satisfying because it was easy," said Cardinal from outside his cabin on the Frog Lake shoreline. "But Metisism wasn't getting in there."

He entered these pieces in art competitions and shows but never received top awards.

"Winning works were done by artists who knew their Native culture," said Cardinal.

During his transition into Native art, Cardinal found himself needing to know more about the Native culture — to understand the symbols and ceremonies.

"I started to study Native culture. You've got to find out who you are and what type of work you are doing."

The learning began to show through in his work and his art began taking first place awards.

"A lot of people wondered what happened to the

Metis artist, doing all that Indian stuff," said Cardinal. "Now, as an established artist I'm bringing my culture back in. That's another reason I'm back here."

Metisism is back in Cardinal's work but the

"It's going to help my people and make other people aware that our culture is very important to us also. That's why I'm doing this."

medium and techniques have changed.

"You've just got to adjust to different stages and I guess being self-taught you have to do those sorts of things. I dried out a few years ago and wanted to improve — try something harder and better. I changed over from pointilism to watercolors."

Pieces of Cardinal's past and current works are displayed on his cabin walls, TV and studio table set up in front of the big window, revealing the transition from black and white pointilism to pencil

sketches in rich vibrant colors. One of Cardinal's favorites is a watercolor of Metis men wrestling with wild horses, clouds of dust rising into the evening sky. Cardinal talks with excitement and enthusiasm about a new set of pictures that are yet only images in his mind.

"What I'm starting to do now is, I have a couple of cameras coming. I want to take some pictures of people posing (in historical outfits)," said Cardinal. The series of work will reveal how the Metis people survived in the 1800s according to articles Cardinal has been reading and researching.

"There is a beautiful sound in there (the stories) and you can get beautiful images like people dancing."

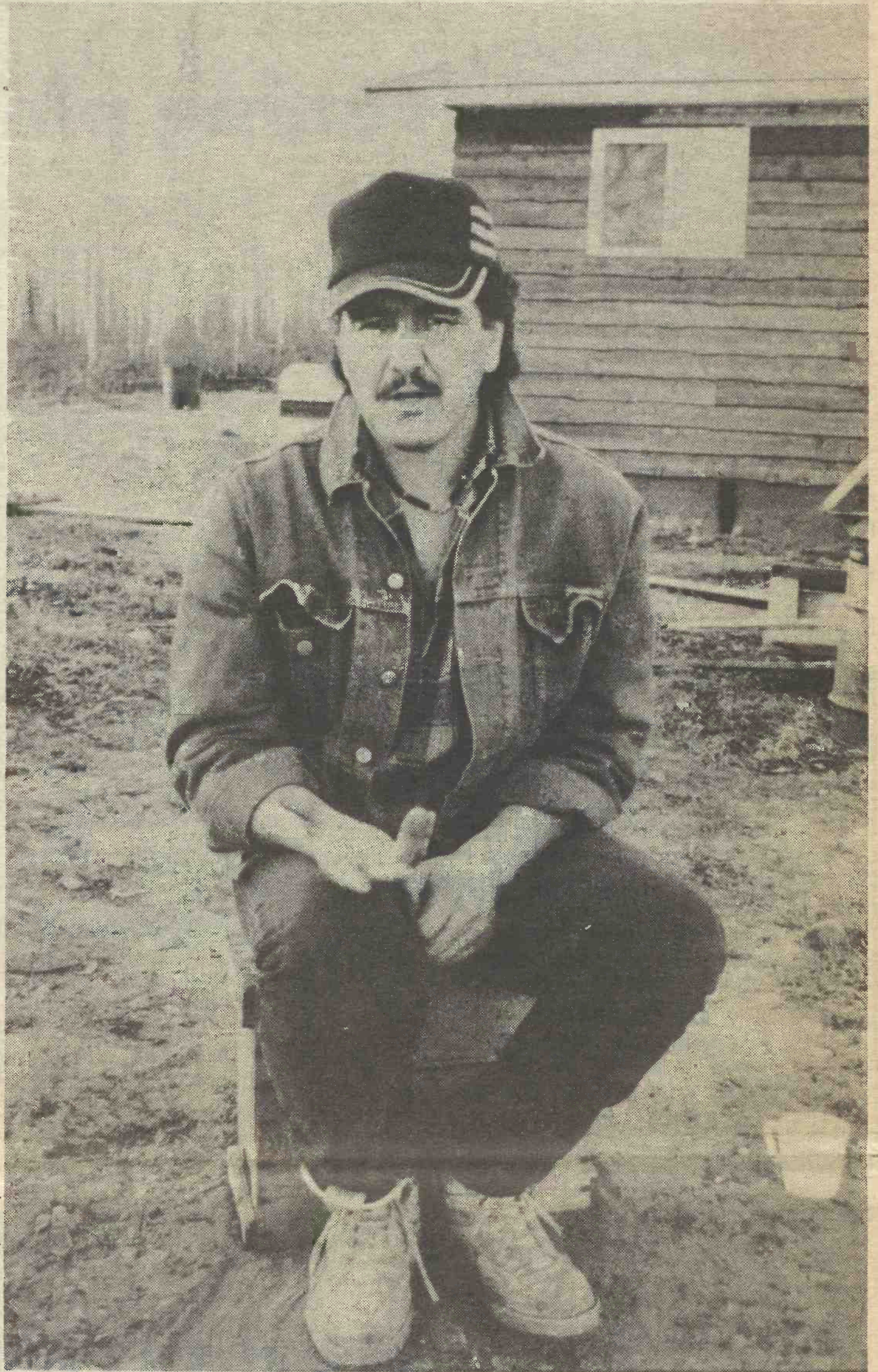
Cardinal has a picture in his mind about a certain attractive Metis woman with two handsome men. He has yet to find the right faces he needs to start what he feels will be a successful piece.

"I see Metis people that way. Beautiful women with good looking men dancing. I think it can't miss."

Just a short distance from the place Cardinal lives and works is a place known as Bear Creek, that was once part of Big Bear's hunting grounds.

"It still has some old buffalo trails through there," said Cardinal.

He wants to take pictures of a horse rider and other shots with the distant island and other landmarks in the



DIANE PARENTEAU, Windspeaker

MORRIS CARDINAL

...pictures the past in his mind and passes it to art work

background and put them back in time to the 1800s. The land could have easily been the same.

"People are going to

question it (his work) but it's going to help our culture and bring those things out in the open," said Cardinal.

"It's going to help my

people and make other people aware that our culture is very important to us also. That's why I'm doing this."



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SPECIAL DROPPIN' IN FEATURE: People of the Four Bands

Four bands folk proud and friendly



McCALLUM
...at Hobbema

Did you know the Hobbema reserve was named after a Dutch artist? The original Cree name of the reserve is Maskwachees (Bear's Hill). But before the turn of the century, Sir Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, changed the name in honor of Meindest Hobbema, a famous artist of the day.

I discovered this interesting fact at the Maskwachees Cultural College while I was on a week-long correspondence mission in Maskwachees recently.

I soon discovered the people of Hobbema are a proud and friendly bunch. The origin of the four bands in Hobbema (Ermineskin, Louis Bull, Montana and Samson) dates back to the 1800s in recorded history.

The people of Hobbema are considered to be Plains Cree Indians and speak a dialect from a branch of the Algonquin language.

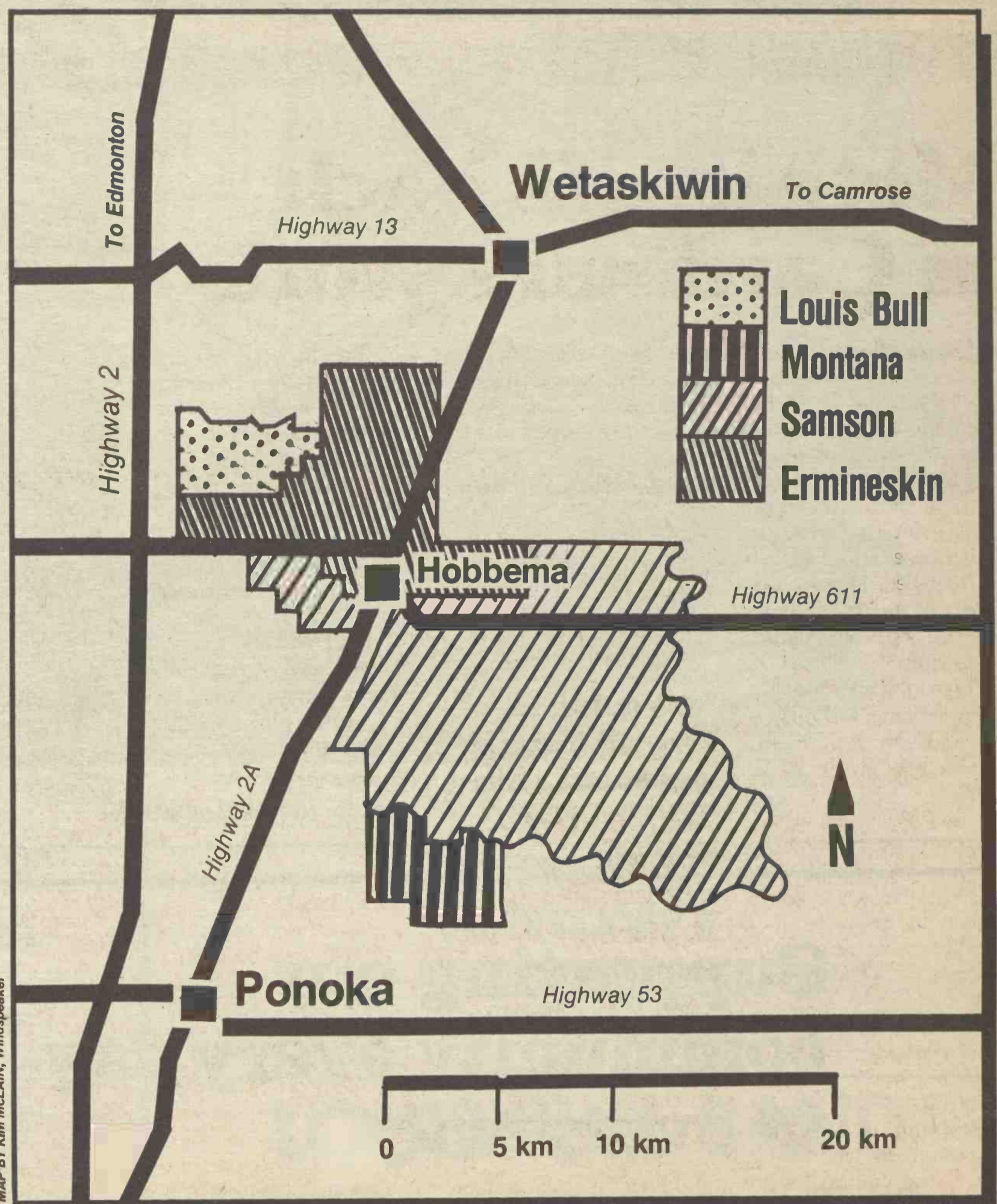
Traditional Chief Bobtail (Kiskayo) signed Treaty 6 at Blackfoot Crossing on Sept. 25, 1877. The treaty indicates that there was only to be one chief. However, the tribe later separated and four bands were established as follows: The Samson Band (1879), Ermineskin Band (1879), Louis Bull Band (1909) and Montana Band (1909).

In 1878, the first royalty payments were paid to the Hobbema bands. A treaty payment of \$5 a head was given to each member of the then 432 residents. Today, the population stands at about 7,000 permanent residents.

Although Hobbema is known for its vast oil resources, much of the 300 sq. miles (75,000 acres) that encompasses the four bands is prime Alberta farming and ranching flatland taken advantage of by a large number of residents.

Hobbema is also making giant strides in the business factor. There are some 50 businesses in the community and a recently established Chamber of Commerce represents all of them. Included in the list of businesses is an auto sales store, a mall and a weekly newspaper.

I enjoyed my visit to Hobbema (located about 100 km south of Edmonton) and I hope you will, too. Please take the time to turn the next few pages and see what I mean.



MAP BY KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker

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MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

POLICE CHIEF LAMBERT FOX
 ...Hobbema police are more accountable to band members

Louis Bull police gain respect of community and courts

By Mark McCallum

Louis Bull Police Chief Lambert Fox believes his detachment is building credibility in the eyes of the community and provincial court officials.

Fox says the police department provides a superior service to Louis Bull band members compared to what has been offered in the past.

"We're right here on the reserve...I think in the past people didn't rely on the RCMP much because sometimes it took them two or three days just to answer a call in Louis Bull," says Fox.

The Louis Bull police force gained more power and responsibilities in May last year and have been dealing with more serious offences, both summary and indictable.

"Now, we have to take our own matters to court, whereas before we relied heavily on the RCMP to handle the more technical parts of policing.

"It always takes a while for any new police department to establish any sort of credibility."

Fox feels the force is steadily gaining the confidence of the community. "Socially, I think we're more accepted by the people...we're closer to the community and we see them on a daily basis."

The police chief adds that members of the force

do not create a suspicious atmosphere and are not intimidating "like RCMP policing" tactics. "I don't think anyone in the community feels threatened by us and likewise we don't feel threatened by them," he explains.

The Louis Bull police created a stir across the province when the department decided to use a 3.57 magnum gun as a side-arm for members of the force. But, Fox reasons the 3.57 is more durable than the more commonly used .38 (specials) and that there was less chance of the magnum misfiring.

"With the 3.57 magnum, there's no way there can be an accidental shooting — a person has to pull the trigger (because of the size of the gun). So, it makes you more accountable.

"A person has to be mindful that these things take away lives. Your life has to be in extreme danger before you should draw your weapon."

The Louis Bull Police Department is one of six forces in the province using the 3.57 magnums.

Although there have been some requests for the Louis Bull force to provide policing services to Hobbema's three other reserves (Ermineskin, Montana and Samson) Fox says: "I feel we should concentrate our efforts on our own reserve...we'd like to prove that we can do the job here first."

Crime rate rises at Louis Bull

By Mark McCallum

The crime rate at the Louis Bull reserve seems higher now than ever before, says Hobbema Police Chief Lambert Fox.

This "surprising" discovery was made by the Louis Bull Police Department following its first full year of operation with full autonomy.

But, Fox quickly points out the findings of the force are "due to more accurate record keeping and accountability by (Louis Bull) police officers."

After the police department gained complete control and authority of policing activities on the reserve in May last year, Fox says the officers have been more aware of and are reporting more criminal offences on paper.

"I'm sure the criminal element is not much different now."

In the past year, Fox says more than half of the crimes were alcohol-related. Minor assaults and property vandalism were the most prominent criminal offenses on the Louis Bull reserve. Of the 800 permanent residents on the reserve, 10 to 15 per cent of the population were charged for such criminal offenses.

"We only see a small per cent of the population and most of them are repeat offenders," explains Fox, noting the offenders seem to be the younger members (aged 16 to 30) of the population.

No homicides were committed on the Louis Bull reserve in the past year, concludes the police chief.

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COLLEEN BUFFALO

...she's no dummy, her sporty clothes are selling like hot cakes

Alligators with headbands grace designer shirts

By Mark McCallum

The sports and leisure clothes at Colleen Buffalo's Hobbema store are selling like hot cakes.

Buffalo says the reason people are beating a path to Intertribal Sports and the secret of her success lies in silk screen and embroidery designs that she attaches to the clothes.

Buffalo explains the designs are a "big favority" because they are uniquely Native. In other words, Alligator Shirts in her store have the added feature of braids, complete with feather and head band.

"The designs are made with Indian people in mind," says Buffalo, adding designs can be created for almost anyone because she has six

Native artists at her beck and call. With two to three weeks notice, she says she can set up a booth at leisure events and "make something special for it that will reflect the concept of the event."

The Samson band member has done business with a number of businesses and recreational groups like WIN Sports and IRCA (Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association). She made 100 caps for the IRCA that have almost completely sold out, she notes. Buffalo is keeping the last cap left for memory's sake.

Intertribal Sports first opened its doors to the public at the Samson Condominium Warehouse in 1986 and has since gained popularity through unique Native designs that

come in all shapes and sizes.

The store does not specialize in sports equipment but does have \$14,000 worth of goods like caps, T-shirts, jackets, sports bags and trophies in stock.

"Right now, because my store's only a year and a half old, people here in Hobbema tend to forget about me. I think I have taken some of the business away from (nearby) places like Wetaskiwin and Ponoka. But, I'd like to take away even more if I can."

Buffalo is optimistic there is room for her to expand to other parts of the province and she hopes to open stores in St. Paul and Calgary over the next five years.

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SPECIAL DROPPIN' IN FEATURE: People of the Four Bands

Elder misses husband, sons

From her hospital bed, Sarah Jane remembers...

By Mark McCallum

Sarah Jane Lee was 16 when her aunt decided it was time for the young girl to marry and, without a second thought, Sarah was joined in wedlock to a complete stranger.

It was just after the turn of the century when such things were not unusual. But, for Sarah, the thought of marriage to a man she did not know and certainly could not have loved was frightening.

"My auntie gave me to a man I didn't even know, but I couldn't do anything about it. I had to go with him," recalls Sarah, who seemed as frightened and alone now as she was some 50 years ago. Her eyes dodge back and forth, seemingly searching for someone to help make her painful memories leave her.

Sarah, now 74, reveals her story from a sick bed at the Samson Elders' Lodge in Hobbema. She has received an operation only a few days previous for gallstones and was still recovering from the ordeal. She rested on her bed and began to recall the past, still fresh in her memory.

Sarah was an only child — an orphan. Her mother,



MARK MCCALLUM, Windspeaker

SARAH SWAMPY

...recalls past since her aunt gave away her hand in marriage

Peggy Lee, passed away when Sarah was four. And, her father soon followed his wife and was buried next to her eight years later.

John Lee, an Irish man, took Sarah's mother to be his wife shortly before the Cree woman from the Samson reserve was to have a child — Sarah. He

moved his new bride to Pigeon Lake.

After the couple died, Sarah was moved from one relative to another. She was placed in a nun's convent for a short time before her aunt grew tired of watching and waiting for Sarah to marry.

Magnus Swampy was a

widower. His wife had passed away some years earlier and he was tired of being along. Sarah's aunt was pleased with her choice of men. "He had a lot of land and a house — that's why my auntie gave me away to him," says Sarah, without the slightest note of resentment.

They were married in the fall. The year was 1929 and for many it was the beginning of the end. The "Great Depression" had sent world market prices and currency plummeting. For the next decade, families across the nation struggled through economic turmoil and great hardship.

But, life was good for the newlyweds. Magnus was a good provider and Sarah grew to love him. "He always treated me good...I loved him." Magnus did not have any children from his previous marriage. But, Magnus and Sarah had 16 children together and more than 100 grandchildren.

During the summer months, Magnus worked the land and the couple owned a good herd of cattle, which numbered no lower than 15 or more at any given time.

"In the winter my husband used to have to cut posts to buy groceries," says Sarah. "But, my kids never knew what it was like to go hungry."

Her husband continued to work the land. Years and decades passed. Soon the eldest boys were in the fields, helping him work the land. Sarah says Magnus never did adjust to progress and refused to acknowledge

such things as diesel-powered tractors, although their sons preferred the machinery.

Soon, their lives would be changed forever. Three of their sons died within a few short years. The first had a heart attack, another was murdered and the last drank himself to the grave, unable to accept the deaths of his brothers.

It was too much for Magnus. He began drinking heavily and sold everything but his land to buy liquor. He died of a stroke in 1972.

Sarah tried her best to keep the family together by working in a residential school as a janitor. But, doctors forced her to quit her job when her asthma began to worsen.

Today, Sarah is alone. She spends most days lying in her bed at the Samson Elders' Lodge recalling happier days. She prays each night she will wake up with her family.

"They treat me really good here. We have clean clothes, bed. And, the girls (workers) are friendly.

"I wish I could stay with my family, but I'm always sick — they can't afford to keep me. I go in and out of the hospital..."

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Hobbema's baby-boom welcomed at day care

By Mark McCallum

Ermineskin parents send their youngsters to "Smurphy Land" because they know the children will be happy and looked after properly by the staff at the Ermineskin Day Care Centre.

Smurphy Land is one of four day care rooms at the centre which has the capacity to care for 50 children. But, even with all the space and infants snuggled under one roof, centre manager Pat Jones says none of the youngsters ever gets lost in the shuffle.

Jones explains, "We don't divide children up into age groups; the kids are put in family groupings, so they get to see their brothers and sisters the whole day."

The manager reasons the "family grouping system" keeps the bond between

family members strong. With the exception of the nursery room (new-born infants), all of the 37 youngsters currently at the day care centre are put in these groupings.

To help the pre-schooler's growth in early learning years, Jones says day care workers are constantly being upgraded and trained in an Early Childhood Care course. She has found the training helpful.

"Now, the workers plan more and do more things with the kids...whereas before they were just babysitting."

Following one year of employment at the centre, day care workers are encouraged to get training from the Red Deer College which offers the course in Hobbema-Ermineskin at the Muskawchees Cultural College. Nine of the centre's 10 child care

workers have their first year certificate in Early Childhood Care. Jones also notes the child worker ratio never surpasses three to one, to make sure the children are getting all the attention they need.

The Ermineskin Day Care Centre is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The centre has very reasonable rates but is only available to Ermineskin band members. "We used to take the kids from all of the bands, but it became too overwhelming," explains Jones, adding the three other Hobbema bands have since built their own day care centres.

The baby population has exploded in Hobbema over the last decade. Following the "baby-boom" Hobbema began working toward a healthy and secure environment for its generation of baby-boomers.

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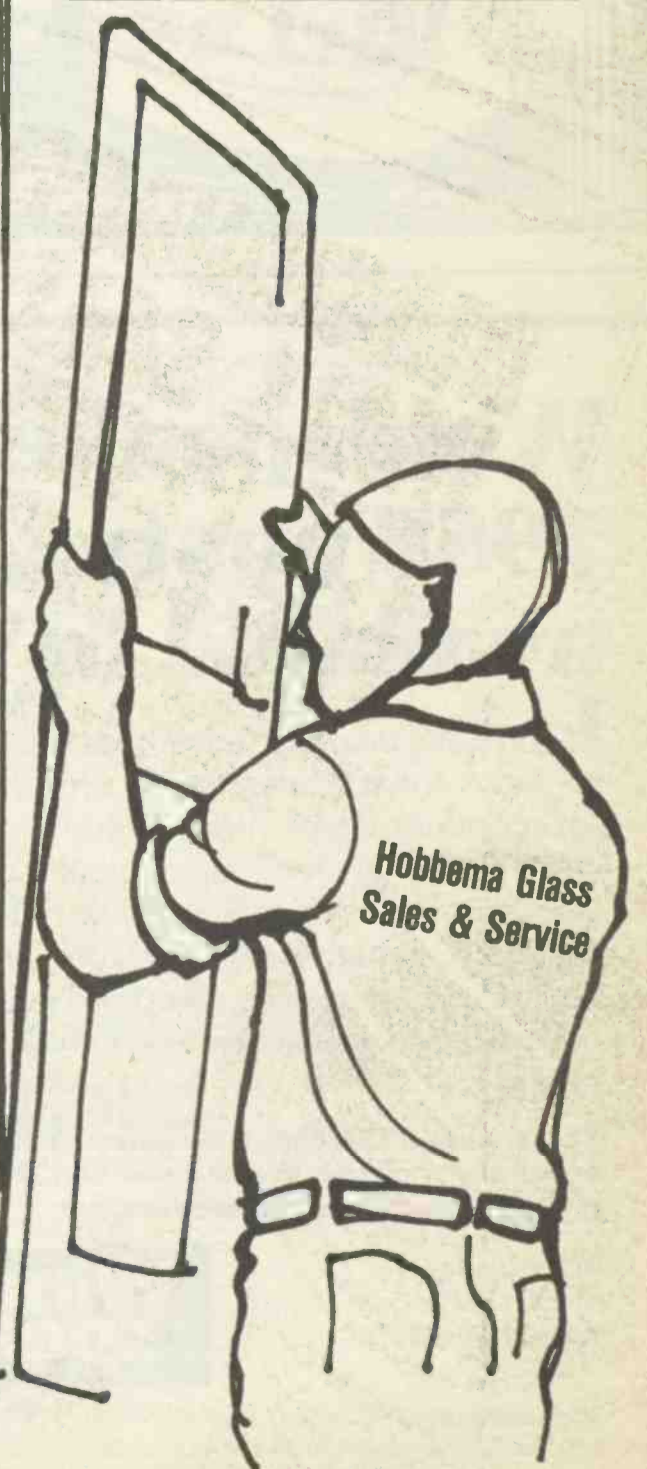
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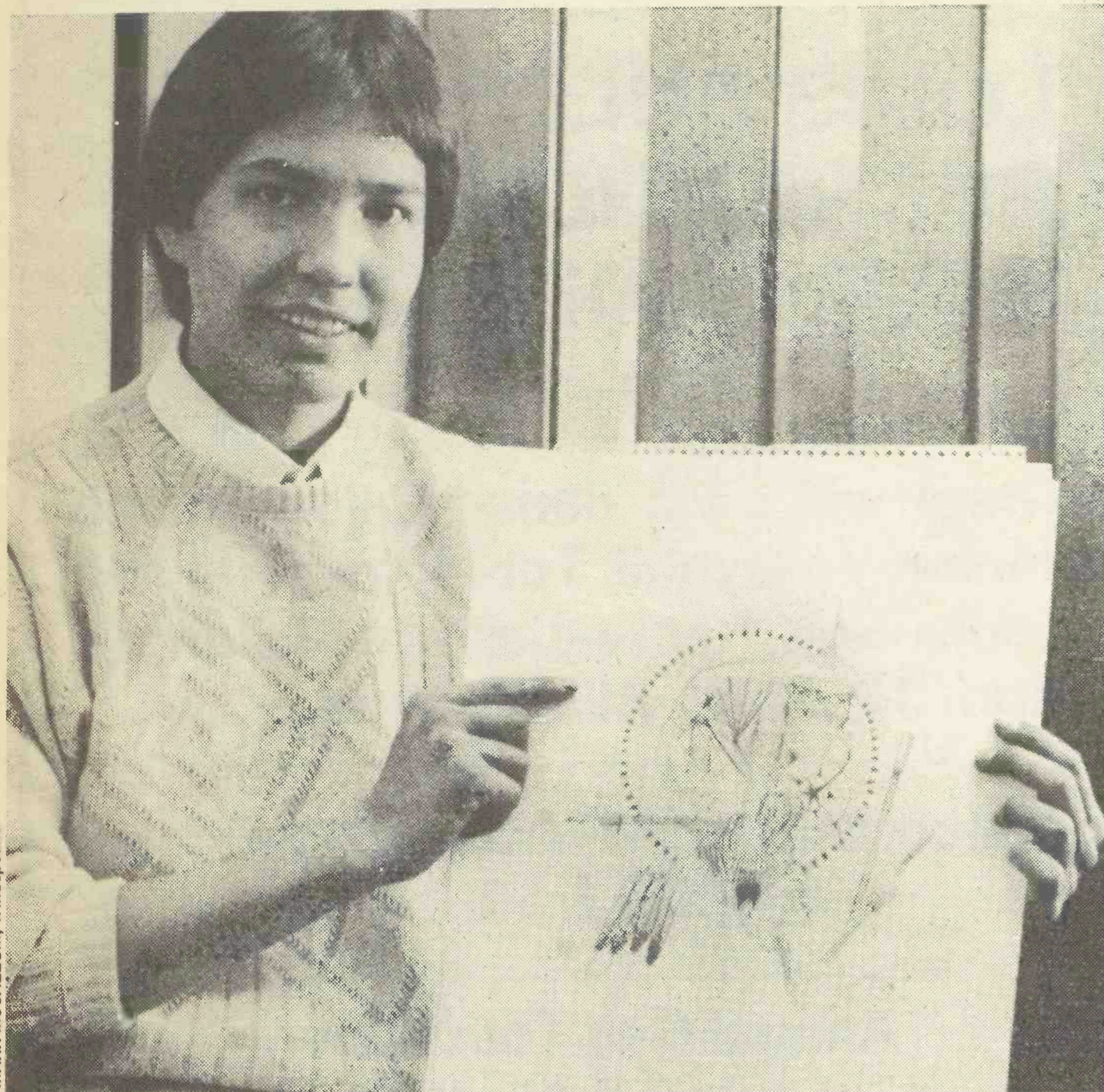
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MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

ARTIST GEORGE SADDLEBACK JR.
...learns art through Elders

When George Saddleback sketches each bead and feather is perfect

By Mark McCallum

George Saddleback Jr. has a unique way of sharing the wisdom of his culture. Without so much as a whisper, the 16-year-old Hobbema artist tells of a proud people and their traditions through pastel-crayon and pencil sketch drawings.

Saddleback's award winning art is filled with symbolism and each of his sketches tells a story though "it's more like a prayer," says the Samson band Cree Indian. And, his art is alive with the wisdom of his Elders.

"I've learned most of my art through my Elders. They tell me everything about my culture...I just put it on paper," insists Saddleback. His late grandfather, Joe Saddleback,

inspired him to start drawing before he had reached his sixth birthday.

"My late grandfather had told me never to let my culture and beliefs fade away...I guess that's what I've been trying to do since that time."

The Canadian Native Arts Foundation awarded Saddleback with a \$800 grant he plans to put toward art classes at Victoria Island's Shawnigan Lake College later in the fall to refine his talents. He's excited about the chance to study different forms of art like painting and photography but explains that he will continue to use the strong symbolism that is ever-present in his art.

The symbols reflect what he calls the "North American Church." Sometimes picturesque scenery will be used as the backdrop in Saddleback's drawings but always present are the symbols from his culture. A sacred tipi or perhaps a drum will be the focus of his works. Ever enticing, his art can be compared to a fascinating collection of

images, captured and cropped in a frame — like a window into Saddleback's dreams.

Although Saddleback plans to make art a career and sell his work in the commercial market, he says "some of it isn't made to be sold because of its religious content."

Saddleback has a remarkable eye for detail. "Every bead. Every feather. Every strand of grass. It's got to be perfect," he explains. "When I'm about halfway through a drawing, I step back and look at it. If I don't like it, I scrap it."

It may come as a surprise to some, but this serious and very talented young man has a lighter side to his personality. When Saddleback is not fretting over a sketch and creating a beautiful piece of art, he enjoys playing basketball or almost any other sport for that matter.

"I'm pretty crazy about sports," he says with a broad smile. "But, once I get a hold of a pencil, I can't put it down...It's my way of relaxing."

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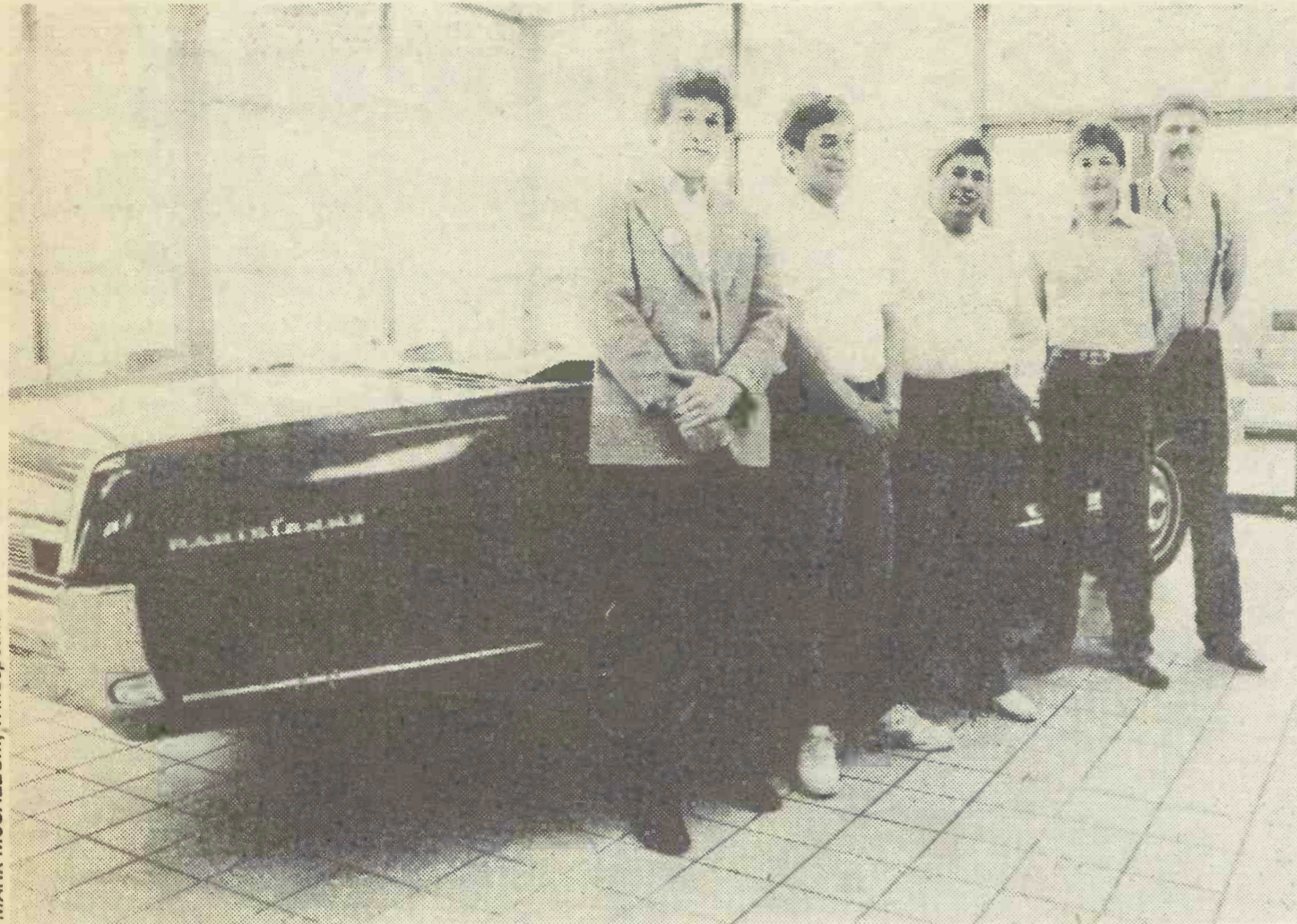
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Plains Auto Centre sales staff — (L to R) Red MacDonald, Tony Minde, Danny Littlechild, Mike Lawton and Warren Hansen.

Ermineskin auto dealership offers competitive prices

By Mark McCallum

When the Ermineskin band bought a small trailer and decided to sell cars from it in Hobbema, nobody thought the business would succeed.

The owners could not attract any major backing and would be competing with the "Car Capital of Canada - Wetaskiwin," says Tony Minde, the marketing director of the still operational and somewhat successful business.

"That was in 1984 and the car dealership is still here," notes Minde. And, it recently opened a new \$2 million facility that includes a roomy showroom, mechanic's bay, fully-stocked parts shop and an auto body repair shop (all sitting on one and a half acres of land in the heart of Hobbema, just off Highway 2A).

Hobbema Auto Sales is now called the Plains Auto Centre. It recently signed a five-year deal with Edmonton car sales king Ron Hodgeson, to give them some backing and above all else - expertise, explains Minde.

"We've had trouble attracting big dealers like Ford or GM (General Motors) because they have zones set up and we fall into the area of Wetaskiwin dealers that have already established franchises through these big manufacturers."

Aside from being beaten to the punch, Minde says "our lack of experience in the auto sales business also probably had a negative effect in the outcome of our meetings with dealers like GM."

But, they're not ready to pack it in just yet. Minde says the agreement with

Hodgeson has enabled them to increase their volume and offer more competitive prices. And, the Plains Auto marketing director claims it's keeping dealers in places like Wetaskiwin honest.

"There were always two prices - an Indian price and a regular price. We found that a lot of our people are getting shafted (when the dealership first opened). In other words, not getting fair deals."

But, that's a thing of the past and Plains Auto is concentrating on the future.

"It's pretty hard to get an all-Indian team together because the expertise is just not there. I think eventually what we're learning now will be a great benefit for our younger generations," concludes Minde.

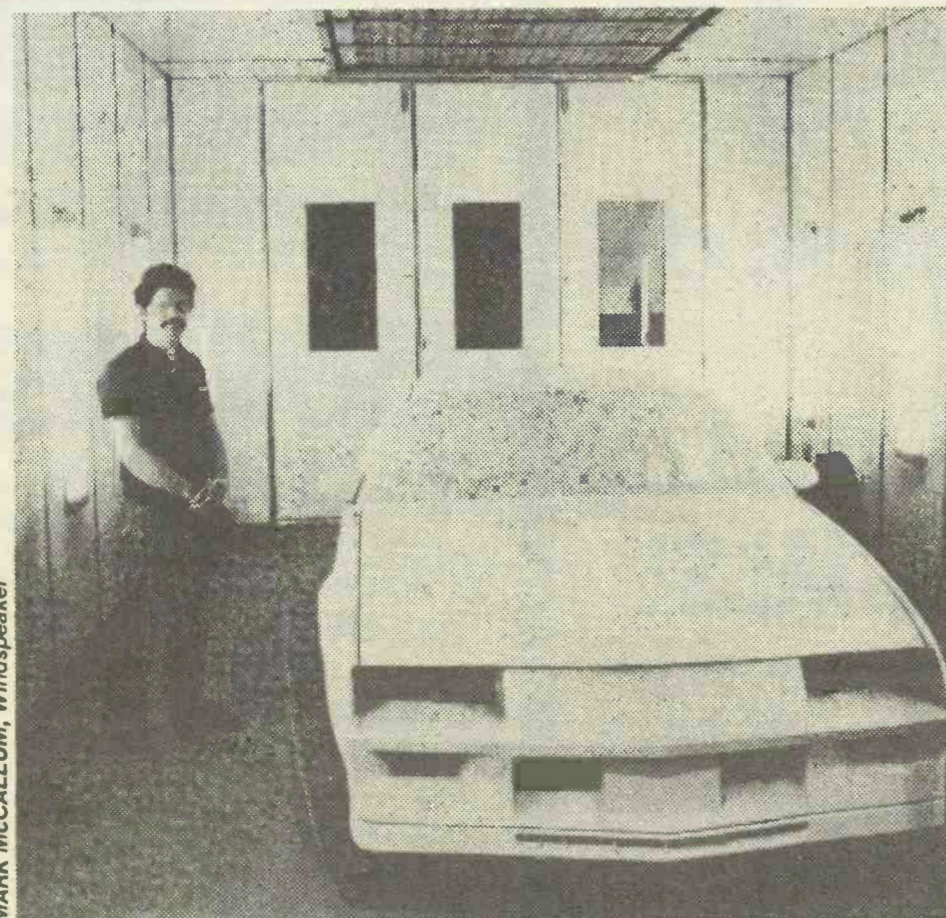
Plains Auto Centre Paint booth means quick service

By Mark McCallum

Plains Auto Centre in Hobbema is giving its customers the latest in technology.

A new \$50,000 spray booth enables staff to paint and have your vehicle ready to go in about an hour and a half. "Once the paint job is done, the vehicle is baked in the booth at about 150 degrees (fahrenheit) to dry the paint," explains Fred Carsyn, the Plains Auto Body Shop supervisor.

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Health centre promotes well-being

By Mark McCallum

Doctors and nurses at the Hobbema Indian Health Centre are struggling to bring a health centre in the community into the 20th century.

"Our goal is to bring the level of health care to a level where it's comparable to anybody's," says the centre's executive director, Nancy Louis.

Concern that an epidemic would break out in Hobbema prompted leaders to demand federal funding for the centre following a study conducted by a health board comprised of representatives from Hobbema's four reserves: Ermieskin, Louis Bull, Montana and Samson.

The board's findings were not surprising; Hobbema was in desperate need of a new medical facility. Prior to the health centre being built early last year, Hobbema residents had to depend on a public health department that offered minimal medical care services.

The new health centre offers Hobbema's more than 6,000 residents medical and dental care, as well as having a pharmacy/drug store, alcohol and drug counselling facility, and dialysis unit for kidney patients within its confines.

The centre has a full-time staff which includes one dentist, a psychologist, two doctors, five nurses, four CHR's (Community Health



NANCY LOUIS

...helps bring Hobbema medical care into 20th century

Representatives), a pharmacist and seven addictions counsellors.

"We have doctors here that can provide patients with emergency medical

care," notes Louis. But, she quickly points out they rarely see emergency cases because Emergency Medical Technicians who work for Hobbema's Muskweches

Ambulance Service "are qualified to access these cases and decide if they should come here or be taken to a (Ponoka/Wetaskiwin) hospital."

The medical staff at the centre is currently focusing its attention on "bringing the mortality and communicable disease rates down." They are also concentrating efforts on vaccinating residents and keeping accurate immunization records to prevent the outbreak of disease.

"We've been lucky," says Louis. "Potentially, if there was an epidemic, we could have been in trouble."

The centre will be increasing its services in the near future. A home-care nursing program and a speech pathologist will be new additions to the centre, concludes Louis.

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Treatment centre helps clients break free of addictions

By Mark McCallum

HOBBEMA — A 16-bed alcohol and drug treatment facility is expected to be built here in the near future.

"It's been approved so we'll probably begin turning sod in September," says Nancy Louis, the executive director of the Hobbema Indian Health Centre.

The health centre is currently offering residents day treatment and counselling through a program called Nayo-skan Human Resources, which is operating out of trailers near the centre. But, unlike the proposed treatment facility, the program is not able to offer any residential/overnight treatment. Instead, it must refer residents to other residential treatment facilities "for the time being anyway."

However, Nayo-skan program director Clive Linklater says they are more than willing to help people break free of deadly addictions "by offering things like one-to-one counselling almost anywhere — in their homes, workplace or right here."

Linklater notes that since the program began operating when the health centre opened in May 1987, "We're getting a tremendous response from all segments of the community."

"A lot of people are starting to do things on their own without any promoting or assistance from us."

Linklater says there are

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an abundance of anti-drug and alcohol activities being initiated in Hobbema like the Samson Boxing Club, sober dances and AA groups.

The program employs seven counsellors, two at the local elementary and junior high schools. The staff has been attacking substance abuse by making residents more aware of the effects of drugs and alcohol and offering alternative support services like recreational programs.

"Very often people need to be trained to even begin to start talking about the problem. It's very difficult for them to open up about it, so we try to give them communication skills and encourage them to open up in a group setting."

SPECIAL DROPPIN' IN FEATURE: People of the Four Bands

Canada's first Indian-owned ambulance service gains respect

By Mark McCallum

The nation's first Indian-owned ambulance service at Hobbema is gaining international respect for its life-saving techniques.

The Muskweches Ambulance Authority Ltd. has been providing some 12,000 people in Hobbema and neighboring Wetaskiwin with advanced life support services since the Samson Band incorporated it in 1985.

"They (Muskweches) run a very effective ambulance service here in the community...it compliments our (Hobbema Indian Health) centre," says Nancy Louis, health centre executive director.

Muskweches earned international respect in Orlando, Florida recently when it finished in sixth place in a paramedic team competition, which was judged in several categories including speed and above all else — safety. Paramedics

from the ambulance station have also finished first in the provincials and third in the nationals.

The Samson band agreed to fund the station with \$130,000 initially because Hobbema was without such a service. If a serious accident occurred on the reserve, residents were left waiting for hours sometimes to get assistance from Ponoka or Wetaskiwin.

Muskweches director (and president) George Saddleback says, "Sometimes the ambulance drivers would even get lost because they're not from Hobbema and are not familiar with the area."

Saddleback agrees Muskweches saves time, but he stresses "it saves lives and that's the most important thing."

The station began operating with one ambulance and a few staff members. Today, the station has 40 employees, most of whom are paramedics and EMT (Emergency Medical



Muskweches staff — Milton Geddes, Lawrence Saddleback (board member), Florence Bennehy and George Saddleback.

Technicians). It also owns three ambulance units and two buses for handicapped children. The recently purchased \$40,000 buses

have removable seats and one has a hydraulic lift.

The Muskweches ambulance station is one of the few ambulance authori-

ties to provide advanced life support services in the province and is a member of the Alberta Ambulance Operators Association. Its

medical officer, Dr. Ivars J. Argals of Wetaskiwin, is a member of the Alberta Association of Emergency Services Physicians.



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Business supplies ribbon shirts, blanket coats

By Lesley Crossingham

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"We use some of the designs on the blankets for our coats and bomber jackets and now we use the pieces left over to make purses. Nothing is wasted," says Littlechild.

The band-controlled business has been in operation for 15 years and employs about 22 seamstresses and five or six bead workers.

"We mainly take orders for ribbon shirts, ribbon dresses, pendleton blanket coats as well as smaller items such as moss bags and baby bonnets."

Prices for ribbon shirts range from \$60 to \$160 depending on material and the amount of ribbon and applique designs used. Dresses range in price from \$60 to \$160 again, depending on material used and if any beadwork is added.

The store also has a wide range of beaded necklaces, head bands and moccasins. Again, these can be specially ordered and particular bead designs can be requested.

"We often get people coming in with a drawing of a picture or even a dress pattern for a dress or jacket. We can usually make the item within a few weeks," says Littlechild.

And Littlechild encourages her workers to experiment with designs and ideas. One idea that turned out to be very popular was the pendleton blanket change purse.

Situated within the factory is a small store where beadwork and moccasins are displayed along with traditional bustles, war bonnets and roaches.

"We buy these from craftspeople on the reserve. They always use eagle feathers rather than the turkey feathers and are all very traditional," says Littlechild proudly. "It (the store) is more as a service to the craftspeople."

Inside the factory, workers cut and then sew the dresses and shirts. And in a special room, five or six bead workers sit together on traditionally smoked hides.

"We have very high standards here," says Littlechild. "As you can see, all our beading is tight and all the lines are straight."

The small factory and store is located next to the Muskawchees College, but will move in June to new premises in a refurbished motel near the main highway.

"We are looking forward to our new place, this one's very old," smiles Littlechild.



BURNING BRUSH IN MONTANA

Arlie Peigan (above) of Montana Band spend the day recently burning brush at the Montana reserve. Peigan was preparing the site for work that was going to be done at the spot by Montana Public Works.

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Bear Hills Staff — Darin Keewatin, Cyndie Swampy and Karen Young.

Bear Hills cutback

By Mark McCallum

An anniversary party at Hobbema's weekly newspaper, the Bear Hills Native Voice, has been dampened by funding cutbacks.

Although the newspaper had made big plans to celebrate its 20th anniversary, Bear Hills program director Karen Young says all activities have been put on hold because the newspaper's operating budget has been cut in half.

The newspaper has been forced to layoff four of its nine staff members as a result. The cutbacks do not come as a surprise to Young, who says the four bands in Hobbema have been tightening the belt at all sectors of the community.

"They're cutting back all over (other services in Hobbema)," explains the program director, who would not disclose how much funding they would be losing from the four bands.

Nonetheless, Young



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College to be torn down

By Mark McCallum

Students and staff members at Hobbema's Maskwachees Cultural College will be forced to vacate the campus grounds because the college has been condemned and will be torn down at the end of the school year.

But, a college administrator feels it is high time that a new facility was built at Hobbema. "The majority of the kids here go to (post secondary) schools outside of the reserve because there's no room in the college for them now," says Phil Thompson.

Officials at the college have started a massive fund raising drive and are hoping to raise \$6 million to build a new educational facility on the reserve.

There are more than 200 students waiting to get into the college, adds Thompson,

who says some classes are being held right in the halls because the space is so tight.

"It's an old residential school and it just doesn't meet our present needs."

The Department of Indian Affairs offered the college \$1.8 million to renovate the school but the offer was declined. Officials from the college opted instead to build a new facility and formed a foundation board that will oversee the fund raising campaign.

"Our goal is to start construction by this summer because we want to move in by next fall," explains Thompson.

Indian Affairs acting community education manager Charlie Green says the department will continue to give the college funding for programs next year. "We have a commitment to fund the college,"

says Green.

College officials are pushing to make the new facility an accredited college. The college currently offers students accredited post secondary university and college courses but this can only be done through outside educational institutions and staff. The college is not yet recognized as an accredited facility.

The college has raised \$43,957 to date. Anyone



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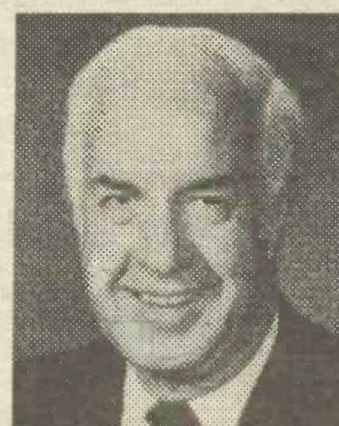
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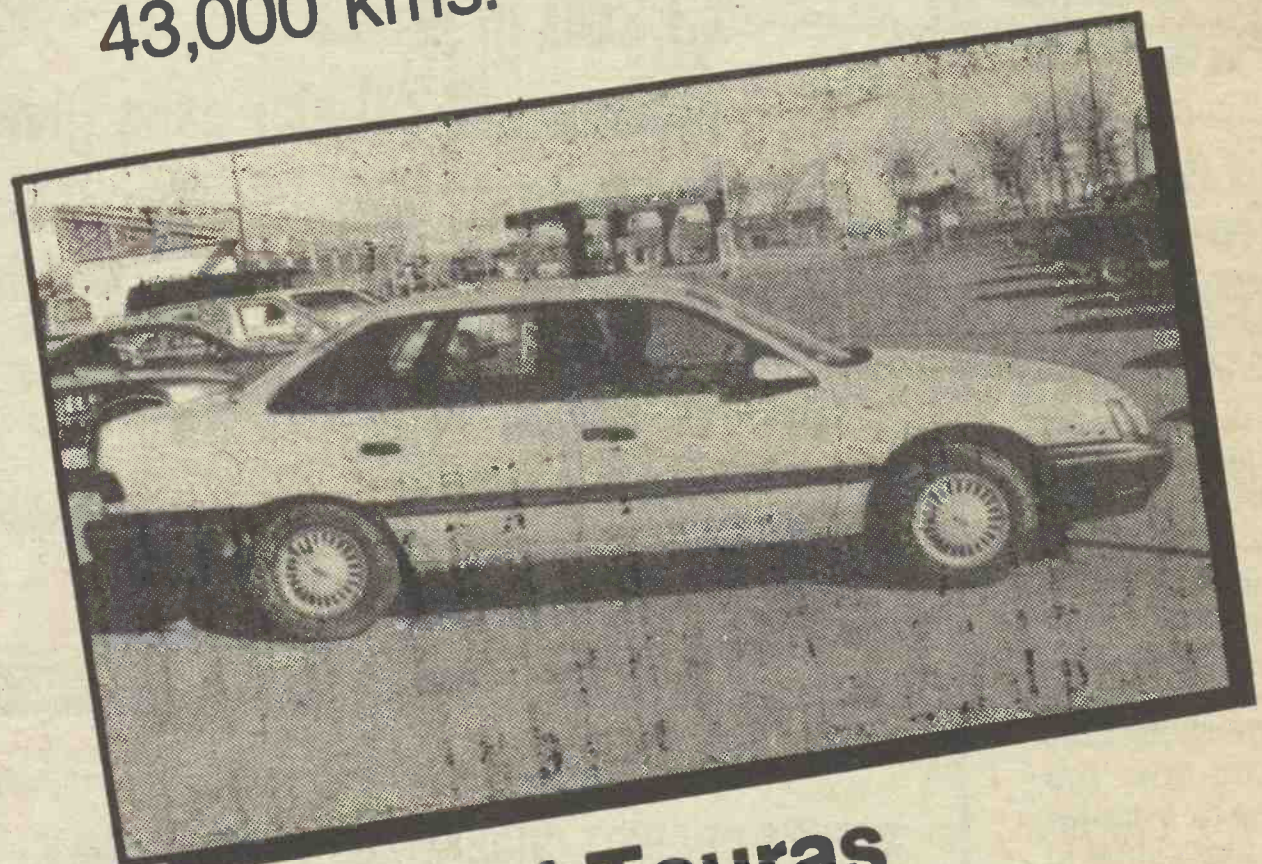
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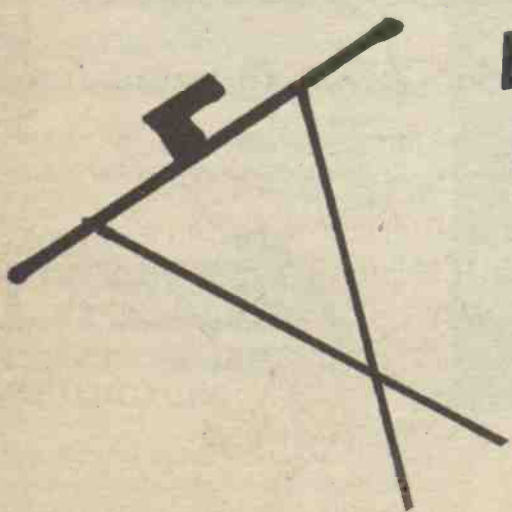


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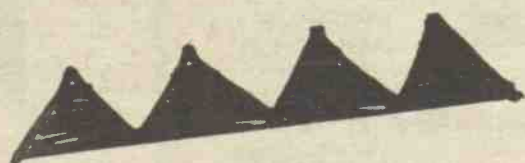
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Arts & Entertainment

Country band creating musical stir

By Terry Lusty

There's a new all-Native country music band making its presence felt on Canada's country music scene. "Freebird" has arrived and is already creating quite a stir.

The band was in Edmonton last week where it played to standing room only crowds at Cook County Saloon, Canada's Country Club of the Year in 1987.

Headed by former C-Weed band player, 36-year-old Wally Ranville, the group formed last fall initially consisting of three of C-Weed's original members — Wally, brother Don (on drums) and Clint Dutiaume (on fiddle, guitar, some vocals). Later, two more guitarists/vocalists were added.

Interviewed by Windspeaker at one of their performances last weekend, Wally confessed they went through a few name changes before settling on Freebird. "This one the people liked, so it stuck," he commented.

The newly formed group sounds closer to country than country-rock, as was the case with C-Weed, which often leaned too much in the direction of rock to suit the taste of many country fans.

It is difficult to single out or credit any one band member as the main character. The leader, Wally (on bass), is important but so is Dutiaume who does some lead guitar, sings a little and plays crowd-pleasing fiddle.

And, how can one ignore recent newcomer, Darren Lavallee, who also plays guitar and adds still more vocal variety for the group? Then, there's recent addition Phil Desjarlais (on rhythm guitar and lead vocals) who was voted Manitoba's male vocalist of the year and has been very popular, said

Wally. Desjarlais said his award came as a surprise.

"It blew me away. It also made me feel so humble to be nominated along with the Harvey Henry Band and C-Week," he explained.

Freebird's Ranville brothers, Wally and Don, were born at St. Rose du Lac, moved to Eddystone and then Winnipeg in 1968. Neither their mother nor father played instruments or sang although Mother did sing a bit in a church choir, explained Wally.

"We had an aunt who played guitar, an uncle on fiddle and other brothers (Brian and Sterling) on guitar." Later, he stated, Sterling got a group together with Don and himself included.

Originally, added Wally, his basic motivation in music came as a youngster about 10-years-old when, as kids, they would attract the attention of the community. "We used to entertain for people at home, at the community level and at parties almost every weekend."

As a teenager, he entered and won a number of talent contests. At 17, in the late '60s, he formed a rock group but crossed over to country music in 1970 through the influence of his other brother, Sterling.

Sterling had always been a country singer, had a lot of connections on the country scene, and steered the group to country bars.

In 1975, brother Errol got the urge to develop his own band, one that would play the country club circuit. The group did well playing to packed houses and selling C-Weed caps, T-shirts and cassette tapes. Within a decade, the band recorded several albums and became one of the nation's top touring bands and number 1 in Indian country.

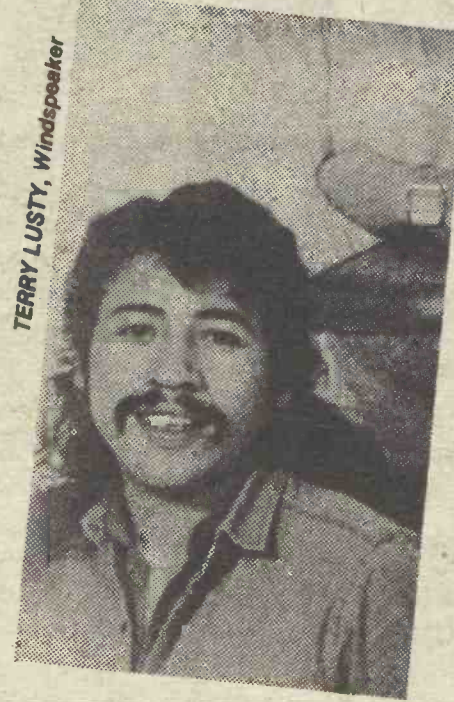
However, nothing is forever. Last year, Errol

broke away from the group because "he wanted a break," explained Wally. Since then, he's gone solo and now has a backup group called, C-Weed and Friends.

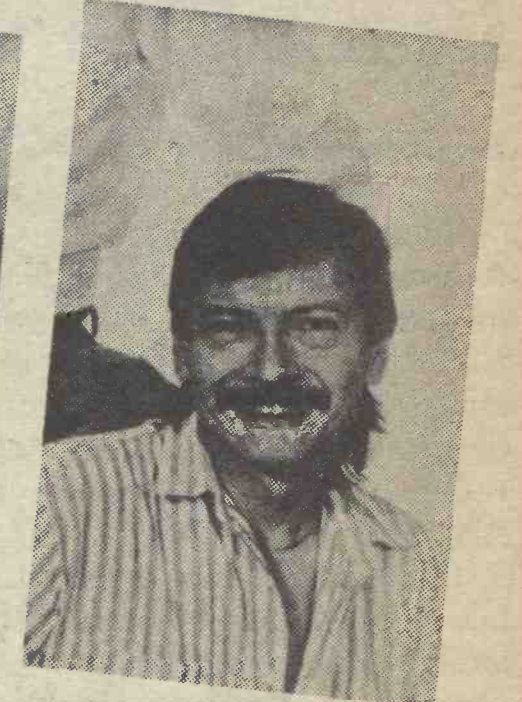
As for Freebird, before doing Cook County, they completed a stint at the Red Deer Inn where they played to sellout audiences every night, said Wally.

Right now, he adds they're not too high on road work. There's no need to be "because we're not recording yet. Once that is accomplished, we may get into more touring."

In the meantime, the band gets enough business locally.



TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker



FREEBIRD BAND — Clint Dutiaume, Don Ranville and Wally Ranville.

Freebird is looking at the possibility of pressing a record by the end of May. Likely, disclosed Wally,

they'll consider Craig Fotheringham to produce it and cut the record at Sunshine Studio in Win-

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Sports

Blackfoot tourney attracts top teams

By John Fletcher

Another fine basketball tournament, the Blackfoot Invitational April 1-2, saw Rick Running Rabbit, Blackfoot recreation director, attract top Native teams from U.S.A. and Alberta.

The winning teams were from the Montana All-Stars ladies' teams and Team Canada, an all-star field of fine basketball talent.

The Montana All-Stars

easily beat the Reno Lady Hawks 70-58.

The men's side saw a championship game that could match the final four in college basketball (U.S.A.). The team U.S.A. had control during most of the championship game.

The score changed hands in the earlier part of this match, but Team U.S.A. pulled ahead. The score was tied at 71 at the 4:30 mark and a new game was at hand. The score

went to 80-80 with a minute and 20 seconds left. Team Canada, with great hustle, stopped the U.S.A. upstarts and went on to win 87-80.

The ladies all-stars were Suzanne Weasel Moccasin, Lethbridge; Mandi McMaster, Calgary; Nita Harrowa, Reno; Glenna Cardinal, Montana North Stars and Jessie Doney, Montana North Stars. Ms. Hustle award went to Sissy Carlson, Montana North Stars and the MVP to Ivy

Christie, Reno.

The men's all-stars: Elliot Fox, Indian News Media; Hubba Tail Feathers, Indian News Media; Levi McLean, Browning; Harlon McMaster, Team Canada; Tery Garrow, Team Canada; Kurt Kelly, Team Canada; Lyle Bruno, Team Canada; Tiger Skenadore, Team USA; Buck Jones, Team USA and Merle Smith, Team USA. Mr. Hustle went to Tiger Skenadore, Team USA.

Top contestants to attend Reno rodeo

RENO, Nevada — Preparations are underway for the first annual North American Indian Championship Rodeo to be held at the new Livestock Events Centre in Reno, Nevada on Nov. 10-13, 1988.

The top Indian rodeo contestants from the U.S. and Canada who compete in the Indian rodeo circuits, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, the Canadian Professional

Rodeo Association and 1988 winners of leading Indian rodeos (where prize money is at least \$1,000 an event) will be eligible to compete in the four performance "All Star" event.

Contestants will compete by special invitation to ensure that only the best and most talented Indian rodeo cowboys and cowgirls will appear. The event is being produced by Rocking

HProductions, and spokesman Harlan Gunville indicated that arrangements have been worked out with several national sponsors.

Prize money is expected to be \$40,000 and along with entry fees and awards the total payoff is over \$110,000 — making it the richest Indian rodeo ever.

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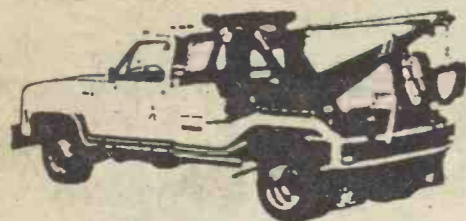
In addition to the rodeo, an arts and crafts and western trade market, plus ceremonial Indian dances will compliment the event.

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SPORTS PREVIEW

Junior Volleyball Tourney, April 30, Louis Bull rec.

Blood Tribe Pre-Season Men's Ball Tourney, April 29 - May 1, Mose Lake diamonds. Call Evan at 737-3926 for more information.

National Coaches Certification Program, May 6-8, Goodfish Lake.

Enoch Coed Slowpitch Tourney, May 13-15. Call Jerry at 962-8823 for more info.

Rodeo, May 14-15, Elizabeth Settlement. Call 594-6046 for more info.

Saddlebronc & Bareback Rodeo School, May 20-23, Goodfish.

Men's Fastball & Men's and Ladies' Baseball Tourney, May 21-22, Goodfish Lake.

Jackpot Rodeo, May 23, Goodfish.

1st Annual Leonard Flett Memorial Mixed Slowpitch tourney, May 20-23, Gift Lake.

Kehewin Slowpitch tourney, May 21-23.

Slowpitch Tourney, May 20-23, Grande Cache. Call Jen at 827-2826 or Bill at 827-3643 for further info.

Slowpitch Tourney, May 20-23, Joussard. Call 776-3970 for more information.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Slowpitch teams has unique players

If you want to talk about dedication look no further than the Windspeaker slowpitch team. We've already started practicing and have played a couple scrub games against other Native teams in the city. But what's really interesting is how some of the team players have prepared themselves for the season.

Take our back catcher, Margaret Desjarlais, she says she wants to improve her throwing arm so much that she presses her bingo dobber down harder for that little bit of extra exercise between games.

And how about handsome Mark McCallum, he's got a new haircut just so his head is more streamlined and aerodynamic. Now when he runs around the bases you can almost hear his head whistling as it cuts through the air.

Whenever shortstop Gwen Thiele scoops up the ball she always picks up about a half a cup of dirt, too. Then, when she snaps the ball from her glove hand to her throwing hand the dirt spews up like a little fountain, often spraying dirt into her mouth. "If it takes eating dirt to move that ball faster, then that's what I'll do," says a determined Thiele. I'm not kidding, just watch her at the next tourney.

GIFT LAKE: The people here are pleased to announce the first annual Leonard Flett Memorial Slowpitch tournament for May 21-23 (two women playing at all times). The entry fee is \$250 for the first 12 teams. Call Hector or Bonnie at 767-3894 for more info or Dale and Angie at 767-3935.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward the Leonard Flett Memorial Scholarship Fund for students who excel in sports.

SADDLE LAKE: The rec people are forming five teams, three fastball and two coed slowpitch teams. If you're interested in signing up, you'll have until May 2.

For fastball, contact Leslie Steinhauer at 726-2462 or Ken Kakeesim at 726-3829 extension 148. For slowpitch, phone Clifford Cardinal at 726-3829, extension 137.



LYLE DONALD, Windspeaker

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GOODFISH LAKE: Most of the ball clubs have their rosters full here but if a player has enough interest that'll be no problem, says rec man Rene Houle.

For fastball you can contact James Jackson at 636-2471 or Ron Whitford at 636-2125 or 636-3622.

There's two ladies' fastball teams, the Bravettes and a new one. For the Bravettes, contact Lynda Jackson and for the new team, without a name, phone Pat Hunter at 636-3622.

And don't forget that Goodfish will be putting on the Early Bird ball tourney -- that includes men's and ladies' fastball, men's baseball and midway excitement by Crown Amusement. That's Victoria Day long weekend, May 21-22.

Also, the band has a bingo license and are targeting for May 1 or 8 for their first bingo at the Lakeside arena. Houle says 50 per cent will go toward the development of a new community hall, 25 per cent to recreation program development and the rest will go to non-profit clubs and groups in Goodfish.

Always lots happening at Goodfish.

FISHING LAKE: They're ready here to start taking down names for their ball clubs -- usually they have slowpitch, men's and ladies', plus fastball. Just go to the settlement office and talk to the recreation director of call 943-2202.

Actually, they don't have a rec director right now, they hope to fill that position in a couple of weeks. They want someone who is university or college educated in recreation. For more info contact 943-2575, ask for Gary Parenteau.

CANCELLED: Our Windspeaker coed fastball tourney bit the dust. The event started out as a good public relations project but if our tourney competes against our reader's tourneys then it's not worth it. It was slotted for the May long weekend.

But, we'll reschedule it for another time this summer, so stay tuned.

Other baseball events that weekend are in Goodfish Lake, Kehewin, Gift Lake, Jousard, Grande Cache and Alexander.

HOCKEY CASUALTIES: Remember last week, my boss Dianne was way out in front of the Infamous Windspeaker Hockey Draft, well, she's just lost her top scorer, Richer of Montreal. Awww, that's too bad. Tsk tsk.

Now we're gaining on her. She has 70 points as I write this. Perry, our darkroom critter, has 64 points and has three Bruins and one Cap left. I have 65 points with most of my players being New Jersey Devils. Bert Crowfoot is sitting at 66 points; he's spread out with Oiler Anderson, Bruins, Flames and Wings. Mark McCallum has two Oilers and two Bruins and is running second with 67 points.

That's all for this week, except just to let you know that when more communities are ready to form ball clubs I'll get the contact names and numbers for you.

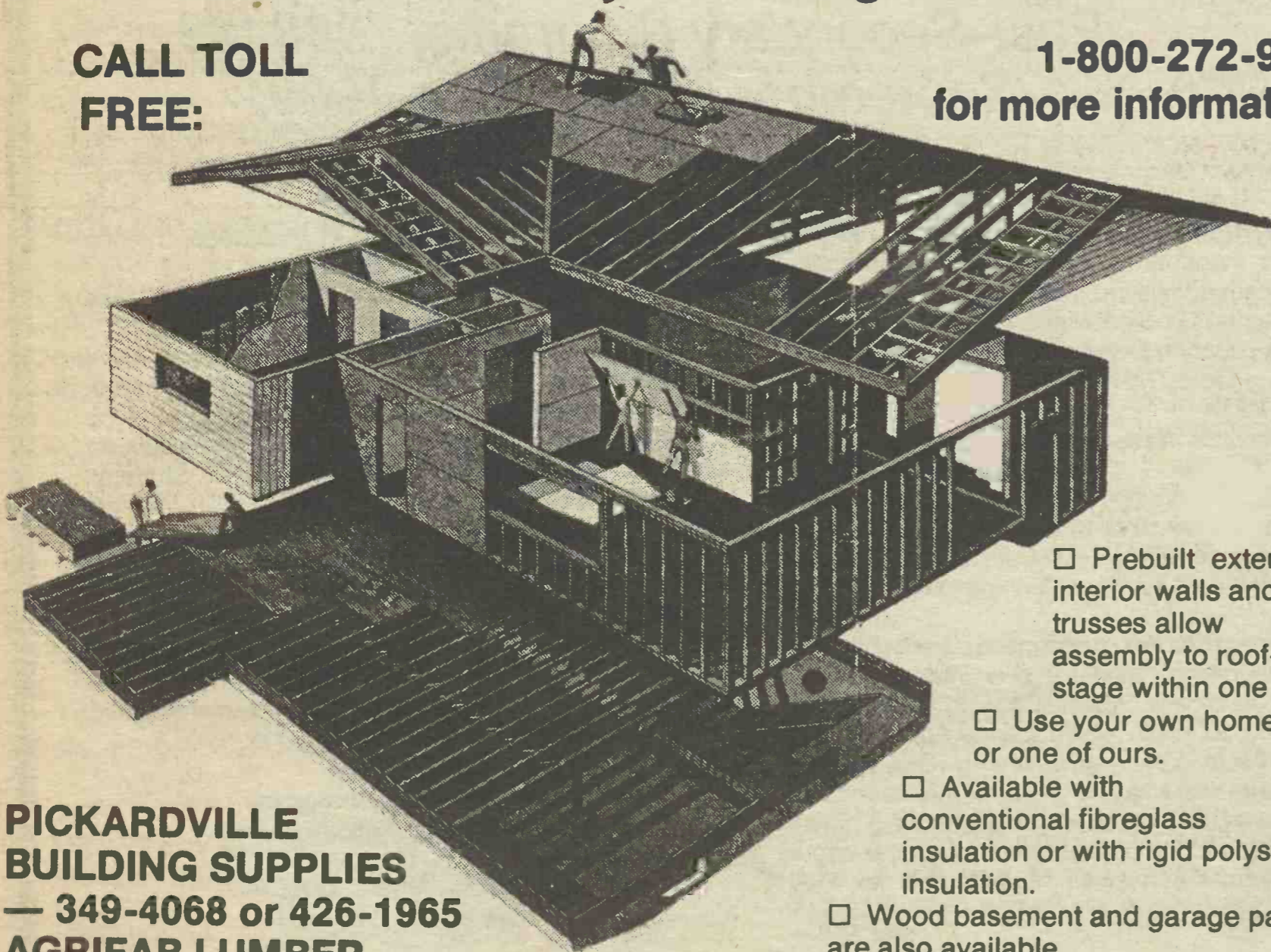
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Student wins stamp design contest

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — On the afternoon of April 20, the local Grade 1 and 2 class welcomed a visitor carrying a plain brown package.

"Good afternoon, children," said the Lady. "I have a presentation here for someone who has done something special."

Most of the class looked puzzled and listened eagerly for more information.

In the second row however, two seats from the end, one quiet Grade 2 student began to fidget in his chair. As the guest continued with the explanation, a shy smile appeared on the child's face. His eyes grew wider and unable to contain himself, a large dimpled smile broke through.

The lady was local postmistress Florence Parenteau and the child, Stephan Gladue, knew he was the someone who was getting something special.

Gladue, a talented 8-year-old, entered a Design and Stamp Contest in February while attending school in Elk Point. In early March, a panel of judges chose their winners. Stephan's entry was picked



Fishing Lake students cheer for schoolmate Stephan Gladue, who was the winner of a stamp-making contest.

as second runner up for Grade 2's in the elementary Alberta and Northwest Territories contest.

Sponsored by the Edmonton Stamp Club and

Canada Post, the contest was aimed at promoting philately (stamp collecting) within schools.

"The nice thing about the contest," said Elaine Sagan, communications officer with Canada Post, "was the limitless educational value. The students had to find their subjects, research them and do the art work."

All stamp designs were

to use winter sports as a theme and according to Sagan, the Calgary Olympics were depicted in many of the 3,000 entries received.

"Stephan's picture of the single men's luge was quite good," said Sagan.

Gladue described his picture and what it was to his classmates after the presentation.

"The luge," said Gladue,

"is like a slide and a sled — you push your hands on the ice when you want to go faster."

Shirley Gladue, Stephan's mother said her son was thrilled when she told him in mid-March, that his entry had won a prize. It came as a real surprise.

"He was really excited," she said, "yelling and everything. Everytime he

enters something, he figures he's going to win. This time I don't think he really thought about it."

All winning entries were on display at the West Edmonton Mall during the month of March. According to his mother, Stephan was pleased with the opportunity to show off his work.

"I think he liked the idea of other people seeing it," said Gladue.

Stephan, who's the dreamer in the family, has always spent a lot of time drawing and sketching.

"He's been doing it since he was small. Practically since he could hold a pencil," said Gladue. "He likes to use a pencil and he likes details."

Mom says he wants to be an artist when he grows up, but like other boys his age, career choices change every second day.

Homeroom teacher Sister Irene Paquin said Stephan spends all of his free time doodling.

"As soon as he has a minute, he's drawing. He really knows how to occupy himself."

Gladue received a stamp album courtesy of the Edmonton Stamp Club and a free day pass to Fantasyland courtesy of West Edmonton Mall and Fantasyland Tours. His entry will be framed and sent back to him at the end of April.

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(September 1988 - June 1989)

1. University College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEPP) for students requiring specific high school courses to gain admission into a university or college program. Contact Person: Marion Michaels 645-4455 Ext. 175. Application Deadline: May 30, 1988. Testing Dates at Blue Quills Trades Building: April 26, May 3, May 10 at 10 a.m.

2. Social Services Worker Program Grant MacEwan Community College — Year I - new intake. Contact Person: Doug Smith 645-4455 Ext. 170. Testing Dates: April 26, May 3, May 10 at 10 a.m. Year II - Continuing. Students with a complete Year I from a similar program may be considered for "transfer" into Year II at Blue Quills.

3. Management Studies/Accounting (Grant MacEwan Community College) Year I - new intake. Contact Person: Sylvia Leskiw 645-4455 Ext. 179. Application Deadline: May 30, 1988. Testing Dates: April 26, May 3, May 10 at 10 a.m. Year II - Continuing. Only students with a complete Year I may continue into the second year.

4. General Arts/Sciences/Pre-Nursing (Grant MacEwan Community College) Ideally, applicants must meet the regular admission requirements for a RN program. Contact Person: Robert Prodaniuk 645-4455

Ext. 176. Application Deadline: May 30, 1988. Testing Dates: April 26, May 3, May 10 at 10 a.m.

5. University Program — a) Athabasca University Courses: For students interested in either an AU B.A. degree or a transfer program. Contact Person: June Kaida 645-4455 Ex. 178. Application Deadline: May 15, 1988. **b) University of Alberta B.Ed. Program:** Plans are underway to offer a two year University of Alberta Bachelor of Education transfer program. Students interested in pursuing a B.Ed. degree will find this proposed program highly attractive. Contact Person: June Kaida 645-4455 Ex. 178. Application Deadline: May 15, 1988.

Admission Requirements: Admission requirements for Blue Quills Post-Secondary programs are similar to those of institutions offering the programs. These include high school matriculation or non-matriculated adult status. Enquiries may be directed to:

The Director
Post-Secondary Programs
Blue Quills First Nations College
P.O. Box 279
ST. PAUL, Alberta T0A 3A0
Telephone: 645-4455

Jr. Wardens learn about land

By Terry Lusty

EDMONTON — Sixteen Eagle Junior Forest Wardens recently completed a weekend campout and returned home with a higher regard for land and life.

The group, which operates from the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, spent April 8-9 in a wilderness setting, learning what it means to respect Mother Earth said Forest Warden group leader, Marlene Benson. All who participated "came away with a stronger bond with the earth and each other and a new sense of importance of

protecting our environment," she explains.

The children, aged 7 to 14, and four leaders took part in horseback riding, volleyball, tea making and tug of wars. A real highlight, added Benson, was a scavenger hunt in which participants had to find a tamarack branch, moose dung and muskeg tea.

Some amusement on Saturday evening helped to make the occasion all the more enjoyable. Recording artist/humorist/storyteller, Winston Wuttunee, and Indian fancy dancer Ron Manyheads delighted the youngsters with songs,

traditional Native stories and dancing. To kick off the event, Wuttunee got a jiggling contest started which put everyone in high gear.

The campout, hosted by Leonard Benson of Cree Country Guiding, is but one of many held during the year.

An annual May 27-29 provincial jamboree of the central and northern forest wardens is scheduled northwest of Athabasca at Long Lake. Anyone interested can contact Irene Giroux at 429-9350 (week-days) or Peggy LaFleur at 473-4097.



Photo courtesy Community Vocational Centres

TROUT LAKE STUDENT VISITS OTTAWA

Trout Lake Community Vocational Centre's Rodney Gullion recently took part in a forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa. Fourteen students from across Alberta and a total of 125 from across Canada took part in a week long forum.

During the forum, students had the opportunity to attend seminars on topics such as the Meech Lake Accord, Indian land claims and a number of other political issues.

During their stay, they also visited many of the important sites in Ottawa such as the Parliament Buildings, the

Supreme Court of Canada, Rideau Hall (residence of the Governor General), National Arts Centre and the Library of the Parliament.

They met Don Mazenkowski, deputy prime minister, and many other government leaders and had an opportunity to visit with Jack Shields, Member of Parliament for Athabasca at a banquet during the forum.

The whole experience was great according to Rodney, who says he now has a much better idea of how the laws and government policies and programs come about in Canada.



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SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER PROGRAM BLUE QUILLS PROGRAM, ST. PAUL

THE PROGRAM:

This is a two-year diploma Social Services Worker Program preparing graduates for a variety of positions in social services agencies. It is a Grant MacEwan Community College program and will be delivered at Blue Quills First Nations College near St. Paul.

THE POSITION: An instructor is required to assume a full-time term position from September 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989. This involves teaching courses, supervising field placement and other responsibilities related to student counselling and tutoring. Teaching content may include introduction to social services, family dynamics and social work practice methods.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have a M.S.W. plus extensive practise experience in a social work setting. Equivalent education and experience would be considered. Previous teaching experience especially with Native people and/or adult education would be an asset. Above-average interpersonal skills are required. All candidates should be members of the Alberta Association of Social Workers.

For further information please contact Doug Smith, Senior Instructor, Blue Quills at 645-4455.

SALARY RANGE: Based on education and experience in accordance with the Board/Faculty Collective Agreement.

CLOSING DATE: May 6, 1988

To apply for this opportunity please reply in confidence quoting Competition No.: 88-04-036.

APPLY TO:
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By Dan Dibbelt

Native Outreach may offer loans

It was a proud day for the five member staff of the Calgary branch Native Outreach office, April 22, when they opened the doors of their office to sponsors, clients and general public.

Not only could the staff boast a 128 per cent increase in placements but they also announced the possibility of soon having a loan service in place for their clients.

"It's not in place yet,"

said public relations spokesman Hart Cantelon. "But we're putting a lot of effort into it and hope to have something set up soon."

The loan program will help non-job ready clients to upgrade their employment skills, explained Cantelon. Whether the client needs high school upgrading or post-secondary education or apprenticeship training, the program will attempt to provide low

interest loans to cover the expenses.

Cantelon said the program will work similar to the present student loan program made available through the provincial and federal governments but for which many Natives do not meet the eligible requirements.

Should such a program become available, it will only add to the already tremendous success Native Outreach is achieving. "In 1986-87 we had 1,161 placements," said Calgary regional director Ron Vivier. "That includes both job and training placements. This year, however, we had

2,500 placements."

It is a statistic that makes the Outreach employees proud of the work they do, but each one is quick to credit each other as well as the group's team work for the success.

"It is a lot of team work," said placement officer and trainer, Maggie Mowry. "We all put a lot into our work and we all work well as a team."

Indeed, it takes a team to tackle the variety of tasks faced each day as well as the workload.

Some of the tasks faced each day include interviewing, screening and counselling job hunters, as well as

potential employers, instructing resume writing as well as writing them, and doing follow-up work.

"We also travel to different reserves and Indian associations where we hold all day seminars on applying and preparing for potential jobs, writing resumes and long-term career goal setting," said Mowry.

"We really stress the long-term goals, and with that, education," she adds.

While Native Outreach lists many jobs that do not require a higher education, they like to see their clients set goals to increase their education and with that

their job market.

"We work closely with all the colleges, SAIT and the universities," explained Mowry. "For many jobs a higher education or training in a specific area is a requirement."

And it is for cases like this, where a higher education is needed, that it is hoped a loan program can be implemented.

But what is perhaps most striking about the work done at the seven Outreach offices, is that all the services are provided to the Native population at no charge.

"All our services are free," explained Mowry. "All a person has to do is drop in to our office or call and set up an appointment and we'll try to help."

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Seminar offers oil patch info

By Dan Dibbelt

The opportunity for Northern Alberta Indians who wish to start their own oil service business, learn about future business opportunities or simply find a job in the oil patch will be realized June 17 and 18, 1988.

The two-day seminar on oil patch opportunities will be held at the Sawridge Hotel in Slave Lake, said seminar co-ordinator Patrick Trehearne.

"The seminar will be a series of five workshops with topics ranging from safety and legal requirements to bidding for projects and how-to get financing," said Trehearne.

"We hope to have time for discussion periods and time to discuss basic requirements in starting your own service business and even getting a job in the oil patch," he added.

Trehearne said that while the conference may seem to appeal to the people and businesses already established in the oil industry, many of the topics discussed will be very relevant to students about to enter the work force as well.

"There are a lot of opportunities out there and we hope to see students come out and take advantage of what these seminars have to offer," said Trehearne.

A total cost of \$5 for the entire seminar is within most students' budget and a special room rate of \$42, single or double, has also been secured with the Sawridge Hotel in Slave Lake for workshop participants staying overnight.

In addition to the conference there will be a dinner on the Friday night prior, featuring Walter Twinn, successful businessman

and chief of the Sawridge band.

The conference is part of the Peace Arch Project which is jointly sponsored by the Canadian Petroleum Association and the governments of Alberta and Canada.

For more information contact: Patrick Trehearne, Workshop Coordinator, Peace Arch Project, 204 Oakchurch Bay S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2V 4B6.



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In support of the Peace Arch Project, the industry and other agencies will offer sessions on preparing for the future, on safety, legal requirements, bidding, financing, as well as basic requirements for starting a business or getting a job in the oil patch. So come, ask questions, make contacts and begin to plan now for your continued or future success in the oil and gas industry.

Workshops will be held at the Sawridge Hotel in Slave Lake, so reserve your room early. As for the special workshop rate of \$42 (single or double). Plan to attend dinner Friday evening, June 17, 1988 and listen to a guest speaker discuss Native business opportunities from his point of view. Cost for the Native Business Workshop is \$5 at the door. Registration and reception Thursday evening, June 16, 1988.

Clip and return by May 24, 1988 to:
Native Opportunity Workshop
c/o Patrick M. Trehearne
Workshop Coordinator, Peace Arch Project
204 Oakchurch Bay S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2V 4B6

Yes, I shall attend the Native Opportunity Workshop to be held at the Sawridge Hotel in Slave Lake on June 17 and 18, 1988.

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Interested applicants please submit a letter of application quoting Competition #88-002 and supporting documents by May 6, 1988 to:

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Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52
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VICE PRINCIPAL

The Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52 requires a vice principal for the LaCrete Public School.

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