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## Japanese firm moves in on Lubicon land

By Dorothy Schreiber

A Japanese forest products giant, Daishowa, will not harvest trees on lands earmarked by the province and the federal government for the Lubicon band, said Forestry Minister LeRoy Fjordbotten in an Edmonton Journal report.

The minister could not be reached for comment but executive assistant Peter Kinnear echoed Fjordbotten's comments saying, "The government has gone ahead and said that whatever the land claim area is, that area is protected or kept from (the) Daishowa Forest Management agreement.

But Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak disputes the province's claim. "It (harvest area) covers our entire traditional area. I just saw the maps this evening. Apparently the leases have been granted and as far as we're concerned nobody is going to start cutting our trees down."

The land claim issue, which has been unresolved for 48 years, has been hit by one controversy after another.

"We're fed up with these guys," says Ominayak. "The federal and provincial government have used oil development to undermine our rights and our way of

life, now they're going to come in for the kill...using foreign people."

Both governments will kick in infrastructure grants for the \$500-million pulp mill which Daishowa plans to work on this spring, north of Peace River.

According to Kinnear, the pulp mill is not anywhere near Lubicon Lake.

The Forestry minister's statement that the Lubicons are asking for 10 per cent of the province in their land claim was strongly refuted by Gregg Smith, president of the Indian Association of Alberta, during a Feb. 9 public forum on the Lubicon situation.

"Rest assured if the Lubicons were asking for 10 per cent of the province they'd have a lot of Indians down their backs."

Shocked by the announcement of the pulp mill which will create 630 permanent jobs, New Democrat Native Affairs critic Leo Piquette said, "I could not believe the provincial government could actually be so stupid to use that kind of approach because it's like throwing gasoline on the fire."

The Lubicons were not consulted during the Japanese-Alberta negotiations to finalize the forestry management agreement.

Although he could not say when, Bernard Ominayak says his community will assert jurisdiction on Lubicon land.

"We're going to try and be as peaceful as possible and if that doesn't work and they keep pushing (then) we're going to have to push back."

### Lubicon Lake land dispute

## Feds may settle claim in court

By Lesley Crossingham

The federal government will go to court to settle the Lubicon Lake band's land claim unless the provincial government accepts a new proposal that was outlined Feb. 4.

The federal government has asked Alberta to set aside lands for the band's reserve under a new formula and if the province



### CEREMONY TO SAVE A RIVER

Peigan Elder Joe Crowshoe lights the sacred pipe in a Feb. 6 ceremony on the Peigan reserve. He blessed 'Napi's river' because it is endangered by dam construction. See story on page 2.

— Photo by Lesley Crossingham

## Sawmill to create employment

By Mark McCallum

JANVIER — Treaty and Metis residents here have opened a sawmill operation in an effort to create employment in the logging industry.

Janvier Chief Walter Janvier says it's the first time the Metis and Treaty community have combined resources on any project. "We've had a lot of problems in the past (getting along)... but, now we're meeting regularly and things are working."

President of Metis Local 214, Henry Herman, in Janvier proudly adds, "It's a major step for people here to work together like this."

Work is expected to start on the permanent sawmill in April. Until then, loggers will be gathering timber for a portable mill, which will be placed at a permanent location on the

reserve in spring after the ground thaws.

The sawmill is a solid economic investment, says Janvier, noting the mill will create 15 full-time jobs for residents of the community. Syncrude and the Fort McMurray band are committed to buying at least a half million board feet each from the mill this year alone, he notes.

Syncrude is helping the mill "get off the ground" with a \$10,000 grant and a loan worth \$10,000. Syncrude human relations advisor Jim Carbery explained the loan will be paid back in trade for timber from the mill. Syncrude has also made a three year agreement with Janvier to buy up to one million board feet annually from the sawmill.

Janvier added they expect to supply building material to the twenty gas and oil companies operating

in the area.

The sawmill is also being funded by \$7,000 raised by the community and the site for the mill is being cleared free of charge by a Lac La Biche based construction company called Lasso Contracting.

According to Marvin MacDonald of the Athabasca Native Development Cooperation (ANDC), which represents communities in the Athabasca Delta area in negotiations with gas and oil companies, the Janvier sawmill is a good indication that the natural resources industry wants to work with northern communities toward economic recovery in the province.

MacDonald says the future of the sawmill largely lies in the hands of gas and oil companies in the area. He is optimistic and predicts a positive outcome for all parties involved.

does not agree, court action will result.

The new formula will determine the band's membership based on people living in Little Buffalo but excluding non-Indians and Indians on the band list that belong to other bands, says federal negotiator Brian Malone.

However, Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak has rejected the formula and

says there are no non-Indians or Indians who are members of other bands, on the list. And he pointed out that Malone is still using an old band list of about 200 members, not the list the Lubicons have compiled which has about 400 band members.

Ominayak adds the province has no constitutional responsibility for determining Indian status,

and the band should be allowed to determine its own members.

If Alberta refuses to adopt the formula, Ottawa will direct the province to, as an interim measure, transfer 65 square km promised in 1940 for the reserve.

Ominayak has stated his band will consider this 65 square km as an interim settlement.

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## Fort Chip to vote on liquor

By Lesley Crossingham

The Fort Chipewyan band will hold its third liquor plebiscite since 1981 to decide whether to end a ban on liquor sales.

The plebiscite takes place March 16 and is the result of the recently opened Fort Chipewyan Lodge's application to the Alberta Liquor Control Board to sell alcohol.

In 1984 about 51 per cent of the voters were in favor of liquor sales and speculators believe the upcoming plebiscite will again be close.

However, in the past the government required a vote of 60 per cent or more before allowing the area to sell liquor. Since then the rules have changed and now the small community needs a majority to decide the issue.

Chief Pat Marcel was unavailable for comment at press time.

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# Provincial



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**RIVERBANK GATHERING**  
...Elders unfurl flags in ceremonial blessing

## Elder leads ceremony to save river

By Lesley Crossingham

A special and sacred ceremony took place on the banks of the Oldman River on the Peigan reserve Feb. 6.

Peigan Elder and spiritual leader, Joe Crowshoe, was joined by Christian and Muslim ministers in a special blessing of the river which is threatened by a dam under construction just outside the reserve.

Crowshoe began the blessing inside a tipi where he performed many sacred ceremonies never before observed by non-Native people. He also permitted photographs to be taken.

As he unfurled the sacred waterpipes he told the assembled crowd they are very special and used during times of war. Helpers removed the fastenings of the tipi and peeled back the side of the canvas to allow most of the crowd to huddle around the fire and

watch the special songs and ceremonies.

"I have a great concern about nature, the waters, the stones, the trees. You are witnesses in this tipi ...you must try and teach the people to see what we have left is special and must be preserved," Crowshoe told the crowd.

He then blessed and smudged himself with the sacred pipe and passed it around the tipi to the ministers.

"We have got to draw the people together under one God Creator, that is why we are here today," he said.

Crowshoe blessed the waterpipes and held them in the four directions. Taking the rattles, he performed the sacred waterpipe song.

"These pipes represent the power of nature and of the river and of the birds. You take away that river, you take it all away."

After the blessing the crowd moved out of the tipi

to stand next to the river. As the crowd stood on the bank, a large golden eagle circled overhead for several minutes before flying toward the dam.

"Indeed, we have seen a sign," said Chief Peter Yellowhorn to the assembled crowd.

"This is Napi's river. It is the backbone of the world during the spring runoff, and we must not deprive our children of that heritage," said Yellowhorn.

Naturalist and author Andy Russell, who recently published a book on the river, said the eagle was a sign of the Great Spirit of the Oldman River.

"I feel very strongly that it's important for us to help matters with the power of nature to stop this dam," he said.

Catholic priest Father Gauthier blessed the river, in both English and Blackfoot, and then recited the Lord's Prayer.

Muslim representative Buff Parry spoke the opening prayer of the Qur'an (pronounced Korann) in Arabic. He then recited Sura 78 in English. This chapter of the Qur'an is called Napi's (nab'nabaa) great message. "It is significant that this chapter goes by the name of the river," he said.

Then special effigy blessings were inserted into the banks of the river.

In an interview after the ceremonies, band councillor Nelbert Little Moustache said people of all faiths are working to save Napi's holy river.

"We want to convince the government that the dam project should be permanently halted."

The dam is located about 10 miles upstream from the reserve. If completed, it will destroy more than 300 sacred sites, including medicine wheels and ancient tipi circles.

## Discovered bones a clue to ancient history

By Lesley Crossingham

HIGH LEVEL — A small band of workers on the Bushe River reserve got quite a surprise last summer when they unearthed a huge bone which once belonged to a now-extinct type of buffalo.

Dene Tha band manager Fred Didzena says the workers uncovered the bones with a backhoe used to build a road through the small reserve east of High Level.

Archeologists from Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism were contacted and soon managed to uncover the large skeleton of a young bison, ancestor to our modern wood bison which now inhabits the Wood Buffalo National Park area.

Archeologist Milt Wright inspected the bones and then analyzed them using a system called carbon-14 which detects the exact age of artifacts. These particular bones were found to be 10,000 years old.

"These are now extinct buffalo and we think that the animal was drowned when it fell through the ice of an ancient lake. The body was still intact so no predator had killed it," explains Wright in an interview from his Edmonton office.

The age of the bison makes the discovery of national significance, says Wright. It will provide lots of clues to questions to the ancient history of the area, as well as assisting historians pinpoint the exact time humans moved into the area.

"What is also very interesting is that this animal stood about two metres (six feet six inches) tall, yet it was only four or six years old," says Wright. "It is clear that this was a large animal, larger than any living bison today, and it was not even full grown."

Based on other evidence, geologists have learned the Peace River valley and lowlands areas were once parts of an immense glacial lake which formed during the retreat and melting of the glacial ice masses.

Most of what is modern Canada was engulfed in vast sheets of ice often two miles thick, and when the ice melted lakes were formed. Most of these lakes now dried up including the lake that this bison drowned in 10,000 years ago.

There is no evidence of man at the early bison site so far, says Wright, but more research and excavation may help uncover evidence of exactly when Native people came to the continent using the land bridge believed to have been part of the Bering Sea which linked North America and Asia.

Wright hopes to uncover more bones this summer if the chief and council allow him to return and excavate the area this summer.

"We have made a formal request to chief and council but we have not had a decision yet."

Didzena says the chief and council will make a decision on further excavation within the next few weeks.

### Antlers used for medicinal tonic

## Exotic game ranch caters to Oriental market

By Albert Crier

EAST PRAIRIE — Barns, corrals and fences are almost completed here in preparation for the raising of woodland elk and prairie bison.

The exotic game ranch, located 40 km southeast of High Prairie, will cater to a large Oriental market for velvet antlers in Canada and Pacific rim countries. A similar wildlife ranch is in operation at Kikino Metis settlement near Lac La Biche.

Since the 1985 Cherynobl nuclear accident, Chinese, Japanese and other oriental

buyers have looked to Canada for antler supplies to produce a medicinal tonic believed to increase the vitality of the human body, says wildlife expert Lyle Renecker.

The maral deer, indigenous to the Soviet Union and once the major source of antlers, are suspected of being contaminated from the accident and Canadian elk are the favorite substitute, adds Renecker. Antlers from elk (which regenerate annually) can sell for as much as \$150 a kilogram and are harvested around May, when there is

still blood inside, explains Renecker.

The Kikino Wildlife Ranching Association is at present raising elk and bison breeding stock for sale to 65 exotic game farms in Alberta and to many more across North America. After starting with a herd of 24 elk and 24 bison in 1979, Kikino operators now have about 80 elk and 120 buffalo at their 7,000 acre ranch, according to ranch director Lyman Bellerose.

"Elk are easier and cheaper to raise than cattle because it's like raising them in the wild when we

let them roam around a 5,000 acre fenced area. We don't have to watch them very closely, we just patrol the fences," says Bellerose.

"The elk market now, is for breeding stock. We sold two males last spring, but we are looking at the market for velvet antlers," he adds. The bison at the Kikino ranch are also for breeding sales but Bellerose hopes to eventually sell meat and hides.

The sale of elk meat is currently prohibited in Alberta, but game sales regulations are at present under consideration, says

Jim Struters of Alberta Fish and Wildlife.

Prairie bison, however, are classified as domestic animals and the sale of buffalo hides and meat is legal in the province for those with permits. There are about 5,000 bison being raised commercially in Alberta, according to Bill Hall, assistant director for the management division of Fish and Wildlife.

Government regulations must be followed for game farm permits. Licensed operators must own at least 60 acres of land and have a 10 acre fenced area, holding pens and facilities.

Provisions for Metis lands allow Metis operators to be granted licenses. However, Indians must first obtain ownership of private lands, since reserves are not considered private land holdings, explains Struters.

East Prairie Metis settlement ranch operators plan to start a herd with 50 elk and 11 bison.

"We hope to get the animals fairly soon," says Alphonse L'Hirondelle, chairman of East Prairie.

The game ranch will employ two full-time staff and hire more workers as required.



**Spiritual support****Ex-con spearheads group to guide prisoners****By Mark McCallum**

EDMONTON — A cultural awakening is surging within Alberta's prison walls as Natives practice spiritual ceremonies within.

But once prisoners are released there is no support program to help them continue building their spiritual awareness which many claim helps them stay on the straight path.

This concern prompted the Native Brotherhood Society in Edmonton to organize a support group to establish a program that will continue offering spiritual guidance through Elders and such ceremonies as sweats to those just leaving penal institutions.

Representatives from the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the Drumheller chapter of the Native Brotherhood Society showed their support for the program at a meeting held at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton on Feb. 7.

Most of the discussion focused around the problems that former Native

inmates face and alternative solutions to help them once they're out of prison.

Al Smoke organized the Native Brotherhood support group in 1986 following his release from prison after serving a 10-year sentence. "When I got out of prison, I saw our people eating out of garbage cans and freezing out in the cold."

According to Smoke, although Native prisoners are gaining traditional values from Elders and the support they get in jail, none of the halfway houses or rehabilitation programs being offered to ex-inmates by the government include these values. He adds that hurdles, in the form of probation orders, stand in the way of practising spiritual ceremonies. "It's hard for these guys to try see their Elders because they're restricted from leaving town or staying out overnight" while they're on parole or living in a halfway house.

The ex-inmates withdraw from everyday life because they don't have anyone with whom to relate their spiritual feelings. "You end up sitting around doing

nothing and you become your own jailer," says Smoke.

He adds the penal system doesn't prepare prisoners for the outside world and in some cases "guys are thrown out on the streets with 50 bucks and expected to make it without any support. Two weeks later, they're right back in jail... the system isn't working."

The support group has been meeting randomly for the past year, gathering support from Elders. Smoke explains the 15-member group plans to pull their financial resources together and find a house where they will invite Elders to stay with them on a regular basis.

Kehewin Elder Norbert Jeabeux expressed his support for the group and such a house. In a telephone interview, Jeabeux reasoned "there is a need for something like this" and to those cut off from their Elders by prisons or halfway houses he says, "I always stress discipline within the mind."

Harold Burden of the Canadian Human Rights Commission also showed

**AL SMOKE****...doing nothing, you can become your own jailer."**

his support for the group at the meeting. Burden said he would be willing to help the group by acting as a middleman for interested parties that want to contact the Native Brotherhood support group (call 420-4040).

An alcohol and drug abuse treatment centre near Edmonton, Poundmakers Lodge, is sometimes used by ex-inmates, says Poundmaker treatment coordinator Carl Quinn, adding some prisoners are sent to Poundmakers by the penal system to finish

their sentences with treatment. And, although the lodge emphasizes cultural values, client stays are limited to about one month.

Smoke says his support program will be an ongoing

self-help group that ex-inmates can utilize for as long as they want.

"This group is going to happen as long as we get the support of our Elders," he concludes.

**Esso grants to be up for grabs****By Mark McCallum**

Native students can cash in on new post-secondary education grants being offered by Esso Resources Limited.

Esso announced recently that grants up to \$4,500 per year will be available in the next school year to students in either college or university through Esso's Native Education Awards Program.

The initiative will assist Native students trying to get post-secondary educations. It's Esso's way of "putting something back into the community," according to Esso public affairs advisor Miles Shaw, who adds the Native Education Awards Program was established to get more Native people participating in the natural resources industry.

Students studying in post-secondary programs related to the gas and oil industry can soon apply for

the grants as application forms will be available at outlets such as Native Outreach, Metis locals and post-secondary education institutions in March. Inuit, Metis and Native students are eligible for the grants and financial need and past academic performance will be taken into consideration.

Miles explains Esso has not decided how many grants will be awarded because it's the first time students have been offered the opportunity and company officials want to see "what kind of response it will get." But, he says the grant will continue to be offered in an ongoing effort to enhance Native education.

Applications should be made no later than mid-June. For more information, contact Native Affairs coordinator Greg Barraclough at Esso Resources in Calgary (237-3443).

**Round dance at settlement is 'just what the doctor ordered'****By Mark McCallum**

PADDLE PRAIRIE — Residents will soon be enjoying the first powwow and round dance here in 20 years if all goes well.

And, a round dance is just what the doctor ordered, according to organizer Everett Lambert. He hopes the event will help bring the Metis settlement closer together, following political problems that threatened to split the community last summer.

Lambert explains the settlement erupted into "near violence" after some residents did not approve of the election of two illiterate councillors to office. He says the dispute has "settled down" now but "there are still some hard feelings."

Paddle Prairie, located 450 miles northwest of Edmonton, will host a cultural evening of traditional drum and dance demonstrations in early March if enough money can be

raised for the event. To date, \$250 has been contributed to the fund by Norcen oil company.

Lambert is "confident" the 600 member settlement can raise the estimated \$3,500 needed to put on the cultural evening. And, he awaits an answer from other gas and oil companies which have shown interest in sponsoring it.

Response from the community has been positive, notes Lambert. "A lot of the younger people

mentioned that they've never seen a powwow or round dance before."

He says the settlement has held small round dances as well as tea dances in the past "but never a powwow." The powwow will be a "smaller version of what southern bands are used to seeing, but people here will be able to get an idea of what the dances are all about."

If the cultural evening is successful, Lambert concludes it will become an annual event.

**Inner city event****More networking needed - health symposium****By Albert Crier**

EDMONTON — Increasing cross-cultural dialogue between medical practitioners and the Native community is required to better serve urban Native health care needs.

This was the overall recommendation delegates submitted to the Inner City Health Symposium, held in Edmonton on Jan. 28, 29 and 30.

Allowing sweetgrass ceremonies, using medicine pouches and other traditional spiritual practices in hospitals, providing tradi-

tional foods to patients and adopting a consultation process with the Native community were suggested to improve health care services to Native people.

About 100 delegates attended the symposium which examined present health care delivery practices, in urban areas, and to share successful approaches to remedy problem areas in delivery to urban Native populations in Canada.

Elders, doctors, health services personnel, and interested public participated in workshops

addressing components of delivery.

Traditional Native approaches to health care, contemporary health services, health among the Elders, services for children, setting community priorities and linking agencies with Native people were some of the workshops offered.

Dr. Chan Shah explained how the Regina General hospital developed a Native liaison unit to meet Native health needs of children up to 14 years old.

"We have failed drastically in looking after the health care needs of the Native

community. Natives have a different value system; in Regina the Native community acts a massive extended family," noted Shah.

The Regina hospital studied the problems which brought kids to hospitals and this resulted in the establishment of an annual cross-cultural conferences on health care.

Elders present at the symposium supported the call for more dialogue between cultures, as a way of increasing awareness on health needs and services, said Maria Carey, conference organizer.

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**COLD PROTESTERS**  
...brave weather to show support

# FOLLOWING THE

## Government ignores demonstrators **Torch heats up protest**

By Dorothy Schreiber

EDMONTON — The air was bitterly cold, but even more bitter was the sense of irony that grew as droves of people gathered in Hawrelak Park to meet the Olympic torch runners for different reasons.

Some came in school buses, shuttle buses, and on foot to participate in a special ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the Olympic torch. But not everyone in the park was swept away by Olympic mania.

A group of about 100 Lubicon demonstrators wearing support buttons and carrying placards braced themselves against the cold and a swell of patriotism.

As students and adults waved red and white replicas of the torch, the Lubicon supporters hoisted placards which read "Corrupt PC's dirty Olympic flame" and "Pulp mill agreement signed in Lubicon blood" high into the air.

The peaceful demonstration was organized by the University of Alberta Aboriginal Student Council to lend support to the Lubicon band and its 48-year-old land claim struggle. The Lubicons are boycotting the Olympics because the oil companies who pump oil



TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

**PREMIER DON GETTY**  
...steadfastly ignores protesters

and gas out of their land are also major sponsors of events such as the torch relay.

As the torch runners entered the park *This Land is Your Land* played on the speaker system and the stinging irony of the song was not lost on one Lubicon supporter who mockingly remarked, "This land is our land? I don't think so."

And when the song ended another protester yelled "Where's the Lubicon's land?" through a bull horn.

After the arrival of the torch carriers it was time for the premier of Alberta, the mayor of Edmonton and the reeve of the County of Strathcona to deliver Olympic messages to the crowd.

And despite plunging temperatures the spirit of the protestors remained high as they chanted "Lubicons, Lubicons" while Premier Getty held the Olympic torch in his hands, calling it a symbol of Canadian pride.

The premier steadfastly

ignored the protestors who yelled "What about the Lubicons Getty? What about the Lubicons?"

Mayor Lawrence Decore and other dignitaries followed the premier's lead, refusing to see or hear the protestors.

As the celebration began to wind down, the Olympic torch song played over the speakers. As the words "share the flame" were sung the Lubicon protestors chorused back "share the blame."

## University rallies peacefully behind Lubicon

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — More than 200 supporters of the Lubicon Lake's land claim plight peacefully demonstrated during the arrival of the Olympic torch here, Feb. 5.

University of Lethbridge students, professors and a large contingent of non-Natives carried placards denouncing the government's failure to settle the 40-year-old land claim dispute in Northern Alberta. Three U of L Native students ran alongside the torch runners carrying tin cans turned upside down as the caravan approached the city limits. Other Lubicon supporters had demonstrated near Coalhurst, a few kilometres west of Lethbridge while others waited at City Hall where the torch ceremonies were held in the -15 C evening activities.

Gail Strikes With A Gun, a Peigan fourth-year education student; Delphine

Pipestem a third year political science student and Mike Paul-Martin, a fourth year English student ran about 5 km alongside the torch caravan. Paul-Martin, a Cree from Ontario, ran over 10 km to show support of the Lubicon's cause.

In an interview, Pipestem said the students ran to show they are protesting the Olympic torch major sponsors — Petro and Shell Canada. "They have been exploiting Indian land for many years to get to the many natural resources situated on Indian reserves," she said.

Although Petro-Canada tried to get the Lubicon supporters out of the torch parade route, the three Native students were determined to keep running.

The response to the Lubicon cause was mixed, said Pipestem. Some were sympathetic and asked questions while others

"heckled typical red-neck remarks."

Local media downplayed the Lubicon demonstration. Only a paragraph was reported in the Lethbridge

daily newspaper, while the electronic media showed a few shots of the rally.

The evening before the torch ceremony, acting president of the Native

American Students' Association (NASA) Don Chalifoux presented a petition to Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak. Over 50 Native students

has signed the petition urging the government to negotiate "a fair and just settlement as soon as possible" for the land claim dispute.

## Peigan runners carry torch

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — Inside the Peigan Community Complex, Elders Joe Crow Shoe Sr. and Eddie Bad Eagle blessed the two Peigan torch runners before they started on their early morning -25 C Olympic torch run, Feb. 5.

Against a backdrop of two Peigan tipis and chanting drummers, the torch-runners were given traditional Native honors. Noreen Plain Eagle, 26, and Raymond Cross Child Jr., 20, were blessed while Ada Plain Eagle sang a song for them. A small group headed by Peigan Chief

Peter Yellow Horn and councillor Nelbert Little Moustache, carrying the Peigan Nation flag, danced around the hall after Olympic officials ignited the torch.

Chief Yellow Horn told a packed crowd at the Olympic ceremonies the night before that "Sometimes we have laid down our arms and enjoy the true meaning of the Olympics." The chief and his council had publically announced their support of the Lubicon land claim in December.

However, the council made it clear that "we support the land claim of the Lubicons, although it's

up to individual Peigans to decide whether they agree or not," said Peigan councillor Leander Strikes With A Gun.

The next morning, Noreen Plain Eagle and Raymond Cross Child Jr. displayed their Olympic pride. Noreen, who is expecting a child in March, walked with her husband Richard and five-year-old daughter, flanked by horseback riders in the bitter cold. The night before, Raymond had carried the torch into the community hall to a rousing welcome.

Plain Eagle, in an earlier interview, said she applied to be a torch bearer 200

times because she wanted to participate in the Olympics so badly. "I thought it was a long shot. But to be selected is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Plain Eagle believes "politics should stay out of the Olympics" but also stressed that she is sympathetic with the Lubicon's long outstanding land claim dispute.

Cross Child, in an earlier interview, said he applied at the urging of his friends. His name was drawn much to his surprise because he had only applied once while his friends submitted applications many times.



# OLYMPIC FLAME



## FORT VERMILION WELCOMES THE FLAME

In flesh-freezing weather residents at Fort Vermilion came out to celebrate the arrival of the torch. Above, camera crews coax electronic equipment to work in the cold. At right, residents jig during the ceremony and below, local Roy Randolph gets a chance to carry the torch.

— Photos by Bert Crowfoot



## Lubicon chief honored with Blood name

By Jackie Red Crow

**BLOOD RESERVE** —Decades of hostilities between two traditional enemies — the Blackfoot and Cree — were laid to rest when the Blood tribe honored Cree Chief Bernard Ominayak of the Lubicons in a traditional hero's manner.

The young, unassuming chief who captured the hearts of both Natives and non-Natives alike in southern Alberta was bestowed the highest honor by a Blackfoot tribe. In a traditional naming and headdress ceremony, Chief Ominayak received a headdress and a Blackfoot name from Blood Elder, Dan Weasel Moccasin Sr.

Over 500 people jammed the Senator Gladstone Hall at the Treaty 7 education conference powwow, Feb. 5 to watch the traditional ceremony reserved only for individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their communities. Weasel Moccasin danced to the beat of the Old Agency drum group four times around the floor and finally "captured" Ominayak on the fourth time. He then led Ominayak to the front of the hall and, on a buffalo robe, painted Chief Ominayak's face with a dark red ocher. After that, Weasel Moccasin replaced Chief Ominayak's familiar baseball cap with a headdress while praying for his safety. He was led again around the dance floor while Weasel Moccasin announced Chief Ominayak's new Blood name — The Man Who Has No Land — to loud applause.

A round dance followed, as well as a blanket dance in which the audience generously contributed money towards Chief Ominayak's expenses in resolving the 48-year-old land claim dispute. The Blood education committee comprised of councillors, Gilbert Eagle Bear, Levine Devine and Richard Mills were instrumental in organizing the traditional ceremony. They also contributed \$1,000 towards Chief Ominayak's travelling expenses to create awareness and support of the Lubicon Lake. He also received many gifts including blankets while some people stopped and asked questions about the cause. Others simply shook the chief's hand to show support for his efforts.

Gregg Smith, Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) president and a member of the nearby Peigan reserve, was also honored with the same headdress ceremony.

Levine Devine, in an interview, said they honored Chief Ominayak "to show that we are supportive of his endeavors to get a settlement on his land claim." Smith was honored because of his support for Chief Ominayak and for the efforts of the Treaty 7 education conference.

The Crees and Blackfoot became traditional enemies when the Blackfoot defeated the Cree in the Last Great Indian Battle in 1873 near Lethbridge. But today there is hardly a mention about the bloody war as is evident in the gesture of the Blood tribe, said Devine.

One spectator, who did not wish to reveal his name, called Ominayak a hero in the Native traditional sense. "We don't have a lot of heroes in Indian Country but Ominayak was exemplified all the qualities of a traditional leader. He is quiet but he speaks clearly and passionately. He is very courageous to stand up for his people and all Indians and beliefs. He has managed to bring all Indian people together regardless of their background toward a common cause."

**At the Torch Relay Run Speaking out...**  
Why are you out here supporting Lubicon?



**Lawrence Courtois, vice-president of Treaty 8, IAA:**

"We have to keep a high profile along the torch relay to show the Canadian public that there are people, not only Indian people, that are concerned about the way the federal and provincial government are dealing with the Lubicon. But most important, we have to expose Petro-Can who's hiding behind the flame..."



**Carmen Loiselle, student:**

"I'm supporting the Lubicon because I don't agree with the fact that they had to wait some 50 years to have a home. I think that the government should share the responsibility, so that's why I'm out here freezing my feet."



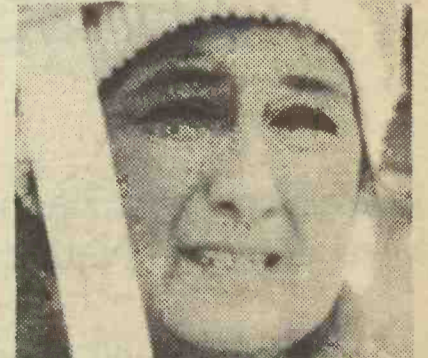
**Annette McLean, student:**

"Because I believe in what Chief Ominayak is standing for — the land claim. I hope they get what they want."



**Dave Crombie, concerned citizen:**

"I think the Native people of the Lubicon ask for justice to happen for the country at large to respect the traditional lands that were always theirs — a land from which they made a living hunting and trapping."



**Doris Ronnenberg, president of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta):**

"I think all Aboriginal people who think through the Lubicon cause have to stand in support of Lubicon. It's a claim, it's an Aboriginal right, that's why I'm standing here. I also believe in the fact that Ominayak is saying that government should not determine his membership."







## The Windspeaker Calendar of Events



- Exchange of Cultural Dance**, Feb. 17, Native Friendship Centre, Slave Lake. Come & see the Japanese & Slave Lake Aboriginal cultural dancers perform.
- Curling Bonspiel** (Ivor Wildcat & Bernice Wolf), Feb. 19, Wetaskiwin Curling Rink. For further info contact Gloria at 585-2221 or 352-0619.
- Round Dance**, Feb. 20, Native Friendship Centre, Slave Lake. For more information call the centre.
- Recreational Hockey**, Feb. 19 & 20, Blackfoot reserve. ANHC sanctioned.
- Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 19 - 21, McLennan. Sponsored by High Prairie Stingers.
- Cold Lake Winter Carnival**, Feb. 19 - 21, Cold Lake First Nations.
- National Native Conference on Addictions**, Feb. 22 - 25, Vancouver, B.C. Contact National Native Association of Treatment Directors at (306) 934-1646 (Saskatoon).
- 6th Annual Talent Show**, Feb. 26, Sagitawa Friendship Society, Peace River. For registrations call the society at 624-2443.
- Hockey Tournament** (Saddle Lake Old-Timers), Feb. 27 & 28, Saddle Lake arena.
- All-Indian Basketball Tournament**, March 4, 5 & 6, Blackfoot band. For more info call the Blackfoot Recreation at 734-7030 or 734-3833.
- Treaty 7 Mixed Curling Bonspiel**, March 11, 12 & 13, Blackfoot band. Call Blackfoot Recreation at the above number.
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# Opinion

## Police remove protesters

Dear Editor:

The Toronto Metro Police acted like the KGB when they forced the removal of 100 Lubicon supporters during the Olympic torch relay. These law-abiding citizens had

chosen to exercise their supposed right in this "free" country to peacefully assemble. Did Metro Police take it upon themselves to do this, or were they "just following orders" from Toronto City Hall? And was Toronto City Hall

just following Mulroney's orders?

At any rate, by the time the torch relay arrives in Cowtown, I sure hope Calgary Mayor Klein's police, and the RCMP, treat the Lubicon and their supporters better than they

did the participants of the Red People's Spiritual Long Walk a few years back.

Remember that one? Even babies were tossed in jail.

**Gordon R. Dumont  
Prince Albert, Sask.**

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**Windspeaker salutes  
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BUFFY

By Terry Lusty

Over the past decade the number of Native recording artists in Canada has increased from a mere handful to dozens.

In a tribute to fans and performers alike, Windspeaker is pleased to present a brief profile of well known and not so well-known artists. The following short biographies are intended as brief introductions to some of these performers. If space permitted Windspeaker would have included more profiles.

Generally speaking, the bulk of Native entertainers, particularly those who have records and/or cassette tapes on the market, are country singers or fiddle players. There's a smattering of folk, traditional and rock artists but their numbers do not compare to those in the country music field. Traditional drummers and singers, who perform at powwows and round dances have not been included but will be featured in our special powwow issue this spring.

This special feature has a Canadian focus with special emphasis on Alberta talent. An asterisk (\*) before the name of an entertainer symbolizes they have made recording(s).

The first dozen artists

hail from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and are well known throughout the country. Two of them, Buffy Sainte Marie and Lucille Star, have international status.

**Willie Dunn (Mohawk)**

From the province of Quebec, this singer has recorded two long-play albums and made many guest appearances.

A singer-songwriter, Willie has also produced films for the National Film Board. He is best-known for the film "Crowfoot" which he produced and wrote. He also sang the theme song, "Ballad of Crowfoot." His style is folk.

**Ray St. Germain (Metis)**

This singer-recording artist also hails from Manitoba. He has been a professional country singer and entertainer for over 15 years and remains active in the music industry. He still makes numerous guest appearances on television, and has done his own special series on CBC television.

His album, "Ray St. Germain," contains several of his own compositions.

**Winston Wuttunee (Cree)**

Dynamic! Humorous! These words fit just fine on

this popular Cree who was born and raised on Saskatchewan's Red Pheasant Indian Reserve. His style and ability never fail to win over an audience whether they be children or adults. His performances incorporate both the traditional and contemporary.

In great demand throughout Canada, Winston now attempts to direct his efforts much more to schools. He now has several albums on the market. "See the Arrow" is the most popular.

**Tommy Jackson (Metis)**

This strapping six foot-four, brown-eyed, handsome man has had many female admirers. A fine guitarist and singer, Tom's preferred style is folk or country. A guest of many radio and TV shows in Edmonton, which he used to call home, Tom now lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He travels extensively and is a newcomer to the recording industry. Tom is blessed with a rich voice, a fine style, good material and effective stage presence. In 1980, he was a finalist on CBC TV's Search for Talent contest.

By the way, don't let him con you into a pool game...he's good at that too.

**Harry Rusk (Slavey)**

Raised at Fort Nelson, B.C., Rusk was a tuberculosis patient in Edmonton from age 12 through 16. In hospital he was visited by Hank Snow, a country great he had always idolized.

With Snow as his inspiration, Rusk got into country music. Eventually he was on radio and television, and doing live shows. He has been on the Grand Ole Opry and has recorded several albums.

By the early 1980s, Rusk had taken up Full Gospel music and is now dedicated to the Lord's work.

**Laura Vinson (Metis)**

Operating out of Edmonton, Vinson has cut 20 singles and five albums. With her band, Red Wyng, she is more than busy touring the A circuit.

Although she was inspired by the music of Buffy Sainte-Marie, Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez, she has also been influenced by performers such as Janis Joplin and Jefferson Airplane.

Vinson's love for mountain country has kept her in western Canada.

**Shannon Two Feathers (Saulteaux)**

Saskatchewan born, Two Feathers is a multi-talented musician, singer, actor and artist.

After living in Edmonton

a number of years, he returned to Saskatchewan in 1980. In 1986, he married Metis author Maria Campbell. They live at Batoche Crossing, just north of Saskatoon.

Two feathers is best known for his album, Dreams that Feed a Gypsy.

**C-Weed Band (Metis)**

This five-piece country rock band operates from Winnipeg. They do a lot of road work, are very well known in both Native and non-Native circles, and have particular appeal with young audiences.

C-Weed has been voted Canada's country band of the year. Their biggest single hit is "Evangeline." They currently have several albums out, including "High and Dry" and "The Finest You Can Buy."

Since the late '60s and early '70s, when singers like Buffy Sainte Marie and Lucille Star were going strong, many more artists have surfaced and are making their presence felt:

**Traditional/folk**

Billy Simard, (the late) Morley Loon and Charlie Panigoniak fit into this category. Few singers tread the waters of folk because it is no longer a style which draws attention or sales. \*Simard has quite a following in eastern

Canada and \*Panigoniak is an Inuit singer from Eskimo Point, N.W.T. who has recorded three albums. \*Loon is not very well known and comes from northern Quebec. He has an album out called Northland, My Land.

**Rock**

This is another category in which there are few recorded Native artists. In the U.S.A., a few bands immediately come to mind — Redbone, Xit and Winterhawk, which had a smash hit with the album, Electric Warrior.

Fred Morin and his band, Northern Fire, from Yellowknife, do a fair bit of touring and have recorded a few albums including All of Us and Northern Fire #2. Three particular bands are familiar on the Alberta scene: in the north, it is Wabasca's Star Seekers; in the central area, The Fourth Generation — a five piece family group; and in the south, Kinroq from the Blood Indian reserve which has recorded two extended play records — Afraid of the Dark, and My Friends.

**Country**

This category is extensive. It seems that almost every year there are more Native artists being recorded — some on albums, some on singles.

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**Donna Badger**





**BUFFY SAINT-MARIE**

In the past four or five years people have come to know the names of singers like Laura Vinson, Priscilla Morin and Don Bouvette. Not to be neglected are Manitoba's Edward Gamblin, Harvey Henry Band, C-Weed Band, and Riel's Rebels. From Saskatchewan, one cannot overlook Ernest Monias and the Shadows, Robbie Brass and Red Wine, Henry and Delores Gardipy, and Glory Ann Carriere who is a professional and married to country great, Ronnie Prophet.

Monias, under the Sunshine Record label from Winnipeg, now has five albums to his credit, the best still being *Ernest Monias*. The Gardipys who work out of North Battleford have a few albums, as does Robbie Brass. Another singer is Phil Boyer of Saskatoon who recently put out the album, *Slow Country*. A gospel album may be his next effort.

The album *Don't Stop the Rain* is the first of two recorded by Ed Gamblin, originally from Norway House in northern Manitoba. Another record *Metis Tribute to Riel* features several Native singers and musicians, including Suzanne Bird and Ed Desjarlais.

Alberta's Laura Vinson and her band Red Wyng have recorded several albums, the most recent being *Many Moons Ago*. She was featured at last year's colossal Big Valley Jamboree alongside such giants as Randy Travis and

Reba McIntyre.

Priscilla Morin of Lac La Biche is only 17 but has just cut her second single, *The Hardest Part of Love is Letting Go* through Crazy Fox Productions. Morin was the 1987 winner of the prestigious CFCW Country Star Search in Edmonton.

A couple of other Albertans who have singles out include Jeanette Calahasen, Rocky Woodward and Ernie Gambler. Arnie Stry has two cassettes out, the first being *Arnie: For my Friends Old and New*. He and his wife operate mainly as a duo and have been touring much of the north lately.

The Saddle Lake Drifting Cowboys are still in operation and now have another album to their credit called *Country and Rocky and Roll Sound*. A few other bands worth mentioning are Wabasca's Star Seekers, who also play soft rock; the Silver Creek Band led by Billy Joseph, who also happens to be an artist; Buckskin band which has two albums going, and the Tomahawks led by Tom Cardinal. Although not recorded, this group has been around awhile and sometimes features blind vocalist/musician, Elvis Gray.

Wabasca's Chucky

Beaver remains unrecorded but is a very big name throughout most of northern Alberta and some central areas. A few others not on label but who have been performing and are known to a number of communities, particularly the Native ones are: Gordon Norquay, Michael Ferguson, Albert Chalifoux, Albert Badger, Wilfred Collins, Andy Gladue, Ken Gardiner, Bob Ladouceur, Brenda Gladue and the late Frank Napier.

**Fiddlers**

In both Native and non-Native communities there exists a host of fiddle players, some more noteworthy than others. In the prairie provinces alone there are at least two dozen fiddlers worth naming.

Already mentioned are two notable Manitobans, the Late Andy Desjarlais and Reg Bouvette. A few others who have been recorded are Mel Bedard, Marcel Meilleur, Lawrence "Teddy Boy" Houle and Eugene Laderoute. Cliff Maypwayashing has an album called *Native Fiddling Fever* and Clint Dutiaume of the C-Weed band has one entitled *Here Comes the Kid*.

\*Johnny Arcand and the late Jules Morin of Green

Lake, Sask., were recognized for their prowess with the fiddle. The same goes for Hap Boyer who has produced a cassette of his self-compositions called *Red River Reel*. Young Kelly Atcheynum of North Battleford is a fine player who many are waiting on to record a cassette tape.

Some who have won or placed in fiddle competitions such as the Edmonton

Friendship Centre's all-Native festival include: Caroline Von Grad, Rod Sutherland, Peter Morin, Jim St. Germaine, Gilbert Anderson, Ernest Desjarlais, Gus Dion, Gordon Collins, Joe Rondeau and August Collins. As well, Billy Joseph of the Silver Creek band and Clarence Desjarlais of the Saddle Lake Drifting Cowboys are fine fiddlers.

It would not be right to dismiss the talented Lee Cremo, a Micmac Indian from Nova Scotia, who is a former Canadian title holder.

Although some artists record through small, independent studios, the majority are under the labels of Sunshine Records out of Winnipeg or Boot Records in Mississauga, Ontario.

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## WINDSPEAKER GALLERY



### HANGING THE DRUM

James T. Rice Sr. of Yellowknife hangs a Dene drum on a wall at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Edmonton.

The drum and art pieces in the foreground of the photo are original works in acrylic on canvas that were produced by Archie Beaulieu, a member of the Dogrib tribe at Rae-Edzo, N.W.T.

Beaulieu's work, along with that of Tony Gon — another Dogrib from Rae-Edzo, and Mel Madahbee, an Ojibway Indian from Sucker Creek, Ontario, were the main focus of a Native art show and sale sponsored by Rice from Feb. 4 - 6. None of the artists were on hand during the show which consisted of about 90 originals and a number of prints.

— Photo by Terry Lusty

### President recalls past programs

## AVC Day declared at Lac La Biche

By Elaine Boucher

LAC LA BICHE — This year marks twenty years of service in adult education to the people of North-eastern Alberta.

Last Friday, Jan. 29, was officially declared AVC Appreciation Day. To commemorate the day, the Centre celebrated with a luncheon attended by about 50 people, including the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and dignitaries from the region.

The Alberta Vocational Centre was preceded by two organizations before its establishment in 1973. The federal government's Alberta NewStart was in operation from 1967 to 1972 and Alberta Pe-Ta-Pun, a location Native organization operated from 1970 to 1972.

"Alberta NewStart first began actual operation of

its office in 1967," said Ted Langford, president of AVC Lac La Biche. "A board of directors, along with executive director Jack Shields ran the organization."

The objective of Alberta NewStart was to train adult students and research what ways would best help these people in the future.

Langford said NewStart ran out of funding and was partially shut down because too much money had been spent on the facilities. The Alberta Pe-Ta-Pun was established in 1970 after local Native students protested the closure.

"NewStart and Pe-Ta-Pun actually started the AVC in Lac La Biche," said Langford. "AVC Lac La Biche was not the first in Alberta though, there were other AVC concepts at that time. There were AVC's in Calgary and Edmonton. And now we have one in Grouard and the AVC in Slave Lake."

The success and devel-

opment of the Centre that has occurred was due to a lot of local community support. Langford stated that without the help of the community councils and boards, the region's seven Indian Bands and four Metis Settlements, the Centre would not have been as successful.

"There were a lot of problems that the Centre has had to overcome and everything didn't always go smoothly," said Langford. "For the future, we want to continue working cooperatively as we have in the past years."

Lynne Duncan, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, congratulated AVC Lac La Biche for being active in the past years. Duncan said the Centre was a very impressive facility and it still had the swimming pool to look forward to. Construction of the Portage La Biche Swimming Pool is expected to begin this fall.



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**Project boosts Native achievement****Family tree reveals new kinsfolk****By Donna Rae Murphy**

In Bonnyville, about 240 km northeast of Edmonton, a Notre Dame high school class recently researched their family trees and found most students were related to each other and hadn't been aware of it.

According to Ernestine Cardinal, Native liaison worker: "It was a valuable exercise because it not only led the kids back to their roots, it also created close personal communication with their parents." The Native students may also participate in a future sweatlodge ceremony at Kehewin reserve.

These types of projects are part of a pilot project aimed at boosting Native achievement in Lakeland schools in northern Alberta. Supporters of the program believe it has potential despite numerous resignations and dismissals.

Three of the four original Native liaison workers hired late last year to work in public and separate schools have been replaced. One worker moved to Lac La Biche for family reasons, one resigned and one was fired.

"We're still working the bugs out as we go along. We'll be reviewing some of the job descriptions to ensure the new workers know what they're supposed to be doing," says Catholic school board trustee and project chairman Phyllis Collins.

Assumption school principal Jack Kelly says it's important the new liaison workers are committed to the project.

"We need to have someone here who has a sense of kids and wants to work very diligently. On-paper qualifications are not as crucial as the ability to understand and relate to kids."

Angelina Boyd, the liaison worker who resigned, believes neither teachers nor liaisons fully understand the program's purpose. But, Ernestine Cardinal, the only original liaison worker insists the program has plenty of scope for individual initiative. She works with 12 students at Notre Dame high school and principal Doug Chase agrees the program is worthwhile.

Dr. Bernard Brosseau, school liaison in Bonnyville, and Dorothy Scanie started a peer support group and out of 16 students, almost half are non-Native. "We've talked about effective listening and communication, about relating to

someone in a different culture and just got to know each other better. We encourage the kids not to form cliques but to try and associate with others."

The dismissal of the worker assigned to both Grand Centre's Assumption school and the Elizabeth settlement school had no drastic effect, principals say.

Assumption's Jack Kelly says this is in part because of the high calibre of students coming out of Elizabeth into Assumption's Grade 9 class.

"Those students are mature and ready for town," he said. "Our problems here are minimal."

Officials say a positive change that came about

was a decision by the project committee to hire an Elizabeth resident and assign them that school only.

Principal Gerry Letal said "Our situation is different in that we are 100 per cent Metis and the problems that apply to town schools are not relevant here." He says the community wanted their own worker, but were given one with no experience with settlement students.

As a component of the Native education policy announced by Alberta Education last spring, the project is slated to run for three years. It will be evaluated for effectiveness and results at the end of June.

**Metis host weekly dances****By Dorothy Schreiber**

EDMONTON — Metis locals here are hosting weekly dances to raise money to send youngsters on recreational outings and to purchase sports equipment.

Treasurer of United Metis Locals Gordon Poitras says since the initiative began in January they have had five or six dances put on by different Metis locals.

So far, the dances held at the Elks Hall in the northeast Edmonton every Friday night "haven't been well attended."

But dance coordinator Gary Boudreau is deter-

mined to turn the situation around. He has a host of planned activities to draw more people to the dances which have a \$5 door charge. Future plans include a house band, theme dances, open stage, door prizes and taking bookings for celebrations.

"If a person has a birthday on a Thursday or Friday and wants to come and celebrate it there (at the hall) we'll help them celebrate it...we'll donate the cake, even," said Boudreau.

He says the dances are a way to help out youth and to provide people with an evening of inexpensive entertainment.

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# Community

## New chief steers Saddle Lake in positive direction

By Joseph Steinhauer  
Community  
Correspondent  
Saddle Lake

Hello out there in Indian Country! My name is Joseph Steinhauer, from the Saddle Lake First Nation, and it is my pleasure to present to you a report on what is happening in our area. But first I would like to give you a little background on myself and the program I work for.

I am a 24-year-old Cree Indian from the Saddle Lake First Nation and I began work here Jan. 11, 1988 as the assistant

director and editor of the newly formed radio and communications media program. My hobbies and interests include sports (volleyball and fastball), reading, writing, powwow drumming and singing, and the ancient, mysterious art of "snagging."

The community of Saddle Lake has seen noticeable changes since the inception of new Chief Eugene Steinhauer and Council last October. Most noticeable is the rapid rise in employment. About 160 new jobs have been created for band members out of economic development under the Employment

Alternatives Program and the Work Opportunity Program. These jobs have been secured for a 12-month period.

An Elder's Conference was held Feb. 3 and 4 in the council chambers to discuss Treaty and Aboriginal rights issues. The Indian Association of Alberta sent two representatives to update Saddle Lake band members on a 1925 outstanding land claim that requires the people's understanding and consent in order to take legal action. Goodfish Lake band members were also present at this two day meeting.

The Onchaminahos school in Saddle Lake hosted a very successful two day Native Educator's Convention on Feb. 4 and 5. Delegates came from as far away as Oklahoma, Montana, (U.S.A.) and Saskatchewan. Convention delegates included such noted dignitaries as Cree Elder and statesman John Tootoosis; Sam Windyboy Sr. (Rocky Boy, Montana); Dr. Anita Chisholm, director of the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma; and Gail Bear of the University of Saskatchewan.

Round dances held in Saddle Lake have also been consistent with two held back-to-back on Feb. 4 and 5. Both dancers were well attended as singers and dancers enjoyed the food and good music.

On another note, the Kehewin Treaty 6 Chiefs' Assembly held Jan. 26 resulted in a resolution to support the Lubicon boycott of the Olympics and invited Chief Ominayak to a Treaty 6 Chiefs' forum to discuss ways of demonstrating against the Games.

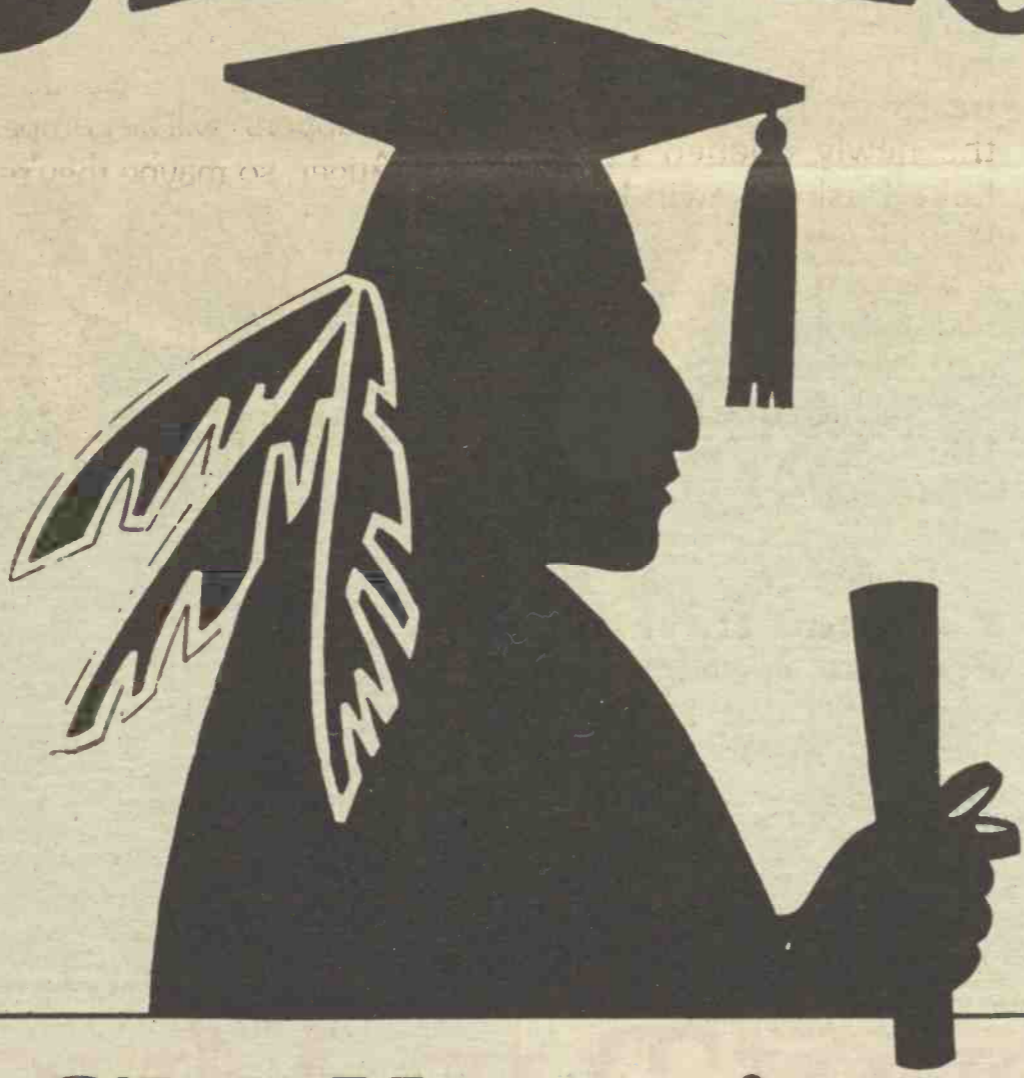
The Treaty 6 chiefs are also demanding the resignation of the director general of Indian Affairs in Alberta, Dennis Wallace, because

of his lack of attention to the interests of Indian communities in northeastern Alberta.

The Saddle Lake chief and council met with Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski and Affairs minister Bill McKnight on Feb. 8 to discuss financial policies and Treaty rights. More on that in next week's Windspeaker.

Hockey has been dominating the Saddle Lake sports scene with the J.D. Blues fighting to make the playoffs in the men's Centennial league. The Saddle Lake Tykes have been making the news lately with two tournaments under their belt so far.

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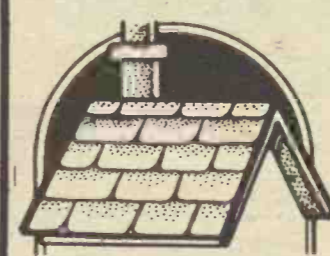
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# Fishing Lake buzzes with coming's and going's

By Diane Parenteau  
Community  
Correspondent  
Fishing Lake

FISHING LAKE — **Ann Gladue** has been hired by the Northeastern Alberta Health Unit as the home-maker aid in Fishing Lake. She will be assisting seniors and disabled people with light housekeeping. Best of luck with your new job, Ann!

Longtime resident **Oliver Parenteau** turned 71 (or 17 depending on which way you looked at the candles) on Monday, Jan. 18. He was born in Biggar, Saskatchewan and moved to Fishing Lake with his family in the 1930s. Happy Birthday and many more.

**Lloyd and Gayle Gladue** and son **Lonny**, have moved back to their home on the settlement after spending the last two months in Elk Point.

Following their single vehicle accident on Nov. 4, the Gladues relocated to town to be closer to the hospital. Welcome back.

Since returning home, **Gayle Gladue** has been hired as the Fishing Lake Development Corporation secretary/bookkeeper. This is a new position in the community. With her previous work experience, Gayle should do well.

A petition is being circulated within the Fishing Lake community for a combined ECS play school program in the fall of 1988. Parents and community members are urged to sign the document which is at the settlement office.

Fishing Lake girls are invited to enter the **MAA Miss Metis Zone 2** pageant. Winners will advance to the Miss Metis of Alberta pageant in August or September. If you're interested call the pageant representative **Lloyd Gladue** at 943-2288.

**Jeanette Cardinal** is back home after spending one week in the Elk Point hospital. She had a bad cold. Hope you're feeling better.

Local school board chairman **Bruce Desjarlais** and board members **Arlene Calliou** and **Ann Gladue** flew to Peace River Jan. 22 to attend the Corporate Board meeting on the weekend. It was the first time the ladies had flown. According to Calliou, "It was pretty scary." The high winds that weekend couldn't have helped.

**Clayton Trottier** and his four teenage children, **Tina, Tanya, Tyson** and **Tamara** have moved into their own place. They had been staying with relatives for the last few months awaiting a trailer. Home, sweet home!

This year in 1988, the **Fishing Lake Metis Settlement** turns 50 years old. Plans are being

made for a June home-coming celebration commemorating the anniversary. Anyone wanting to take part in the planning and preparation of the event should contact the settlement office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

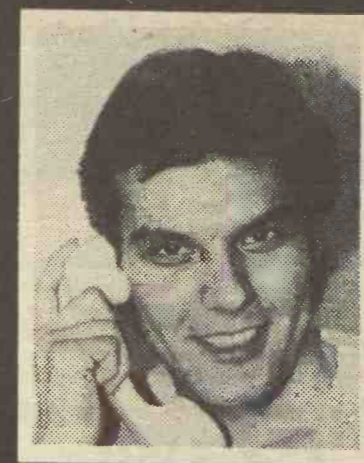
The card tournament held in January was the first fundraising event for the upcoming Fishing Lake homecoming. A second tourney was held on Feb. 1. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated and especially those who donated for trophies.

The two month newsletter contract was awarded to **Velma Atchinum**. The settlement office custodian position went to **Judy Wallace** and **Thomas Cardinal** will be looking after garbage pickup for the next couple of months. Welcome to the staff.

Fishing Lake Development Corporation has recently purchased a second cat. The D7 has been working on pasture clearing, lease sites and seismic.

On Tuesday Feb. 2, 13 community and administration staff members from Fishing Lake were treated to a personal tour of the newly opened Frog Lake Puskiyakewin Half Way House. Thank you to **Norman McCallum** and staff for your hospitality and lunch. Fishing Lake councillor **Bruce Desjarlais** is a member of the Puskiyakewin board of directors.

On Tuesday Feb. 2, **Kookum Harriet Bruneau** was admitted into the Elk Point hospital with pains in her side. The cold weather (-40 C) seems to be affecting her arthritis. Get well soon, Harriet!



## DROPPIN IN

By Mark  
McCallum

**B**ack in the days when a trapper's only means of travel was a sturdy sled and faithful dog team, his occupation was said to be only for the crazy few who could stand endless days and nights of being alone.

If a trapper wasn't already crazy before he started, it was certain madness would set in before too long.

But, gone are the days of mad trappers roaming the frozen north after being cut off from civilization for too long, right? Not according to Ernest Auger. The Bigstone Cree band member says he spotted a handful of them last year about this time in Desmarais.

And, Auger explains he's expecting to see the crazies again this winter. Believe it or not, he's not joking. But, he did admit that the mad trappers only roamed the area for a few short days in March. And, they're only crazy if they prove it at the "Mad Trappers" Winter Carnival Days.

The second annual winter carnival is being held at Desmarais on March 11, 12 and 13. The Bigstone Cree band recreational and cultural staff is putting on the event, which will feature the crowning of a new king and queen "mad trapper" of the year.

Auger says they expect competitors from across the province to be there again this year, competing in 11 events such as log sawing and squirrel skinning. "All of the events have something to do with the trappers' everyday life," he explains.

Last year's winners from Fort McMurray — Albert Peters and Annie Auger, are also expected to be on hand, defending their crowns against about a dozen other teams.

Although the contest is only open to people 18 and up, Auger says an ice fishing derby and snowshoe races will also be held for the youths, so no one gets left out. "Mad trappers" will be competing for BIG cash prizes, adds Auger, so maybe they're not so crazy after all.

**COLD LAKE:** The band office and school were closed down for a day last week due to freezing temperatures that dropped to -40 C, explains band councillor Sam Minoose, who drew the short straw and had to answer phones that day.

Although Cold Lake may be living up to its name, with icy temperatures of late, Minoose says they're expecting it to warm up in time for the second annual winter carnival on Feb. 19 - 21. The weekend celebration will be held at the Cold Lake First Nation's community hall. It will include about eight indoor events and six outdoor activities, including a horse harness parade, storytelling contest and snowshoe race to name only a few.

"Last year, the carnival was really a big success," explains Minoose, noting surrounding communities help make the winter time event take off.

**FORT CHIP:** In the spirit of its 200th "birthyear," Chip is hosting a Bicentennial dog sled race, Feb. 23-26. The race will cover 172 miles, starting at Fort McMurray. It won't end until all the teams cross the finish line in Fort Chip.

Bicentennial Society manager Skip Rodrigues says they estimate the mushers and their dog teams will be on the trail for four days and three nights. So, to help them lighten the load, tents and sleeping bags will be provided to each of the competitors at pit stops stationed near the race trail, courtesy of Alberta Forestry. Racers will be expected to carry their own food and clothing.

Rodrigues doesn't foresee any problems because "most of the racers are experienced" and know how to prepare for frigid northern climates.

Entries include teams from Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Fort McMurray and, of course, Chip.

If the event catches on, it may become an annual race.

**FORT McMURRAY:** The Nistawoyou Friendship Centre is still searching for a new "King and Queen of the North." When the event kicks off March 4 at a dance and banquet, judges will begin keeping score for the three-day celebration. To decide who will become the new monarchs of the North, contestants will be competing in 12 events such as squirrel skinning, jigging and northern traditional dress contests. "It's a big weekend that will be the climax to the whole winter carnival," says centre manager Jerry Cuthbert, noting that the carnival will begin in the last week of February. Have a good week!

## Tuc's Bakery goes full steam

By Dorothy Schreiber

FORT CHIPEWYAN — Local residents Jackie and George Tuccaro are rolling in the dough.

That's because the husband and wife team are the owners of a new bakery which opened on Jan. 11 in the tiny community situated 650 km northwest of Edmonton.

"We're the only bakery in town. Before everything used to be shipped in by plane," says George Tuccaro, co-owner of Tuc's Bakery in a telephone interview.

Since the store opened business has been "really good...I'm getting a lot of good comments...people

are phoning me saying they're really proud and it's great that Fort Chip's got a bakery," says Jackie.

Not only does the bakery supply freshly baked goods everyday — it pays off for residents who sometimes pay just over \$2 for a loaf of bread in local stores because of high shipping costs. Tuccaro's customers pay only \$1.39.

"The other local stores have put their prices of bread down. I think they've even gone lower than me but...I'm still getting the customers because every day it's fresh bread," says Jackie.

However, she is quick to point out that the price of

items such as bread are usually lower at this time of year because the winter road is open, making it less costly to ship goods.

Both she and Shirley Courtoreille bake yummy items which include everything from pies to cookies to strudel. They also make pizzas and submarine sandwiches.

The bakery has been so successful it is now open seven, instead of six, days a week at the request of customers.

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## Bone chilling weather doesn't deter teams and fans at Goodfish Lake

By Larry Erutse

Tournament organizer Dave White was counting on teams and fans for a successful hockey tournament at Goodfish Lake on Jan. 29 - 31 and they didn't let him down. Each team was charged a \$250 entry fee for the no-contact hockey tournament and all collected funds were used as prize money.

The Saddle Lake Bearcats were the big winners on the "A" side. They defeated the Bonnyville O.V.'s 9-6 and took home the first place trophy and \$1,000. The Bonnyville O.V.'s received a second place trophy and

\$700 for their great effort.

On the "B" side Goodfish Lake Kings defeated the Cold Lake Arrows 7-4 and received a first place trophy and \$800. The Cold Lake Arrows received the second place trophy and \$400.

Robbie Cardinal of the Saddle Lake Bearcats won the Most Valuable Player award. The eight other teams that were out of the money are as follows: the Kikino Nighthawks, the host team; Kikino Chiefs; Goodfish Lake Flyers; Vilna Flyers; Edmonton Old Timers; Alexander Knights; Saddle Lake Maulers and Kehewin Redwings.

The teams had similar abilities and this made for exciting hockey, says Dave White, who would like to

thank the teams and fans for braving bone chilling weather to attend the tournament.

## Just-for-fun hockey played in Saddle Lake

By Larry Erutse

The big surprise at the non-contact hockey tournament held at Saddle Lake last weekend was that the Saddle Lake Bearcats lost to the Kehewin Voyageurs.

"The Bearcats took the Voyageurs too lightly and they beat them," says Ken Kakeesim, coach of the Saddle Lake Badjits.

The big winner at the tournament organized by Norman Amahoose and hosted by the Kehewin

Redwings was the Ministikwan Islanders.

The Islanders defeated the Kikino Chiefs in a close 5-4 game to win the "A" side and take the first place trophy along with \$900. The Chiefs received \$600 and the second place trophy.

Although they lost on the "A" side the Bearcats defeated the Cold Lake Arrows 8-3 and captured first place on the "B" side. The Bearcats received \$500 and a first place trophy. The Arrows got the second place trophy and \$400.

The most valuable player of the tournament went to Gabe Alexan of the Islanders. The most sportsmanlike team went to the Cold Lake Arrows.

These six other teams helped to make the tournament successful: Kikino Nighthawks, Frog Lake All-Stars, Saddle Lake Maulers, Edmonton 1885, Goodfish Lake Flyers and Saddle Lake Badjits.

"The hockey games were just for the fun of the game," says Kakeesim, who would like to inform everyone there will be a hockey tournament every weekend at Saddle Lake until the end of March. For more information on the games and times phone 726-3829.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

I'm surprised at the number of people who phone up and ask me: "How much does it cost to put something in that Sports Roundup column?" The standard reply is, "Nothing."

This column is a free service for all sportsfolk. At the most, it'll cost the price of a phone call. The column is not intended to publish events in the future. For upcoming events we have our Calendar of Events section, which is also free. The column is meant for short items about community sports that Windspeaker may have missed.

But the column can't work without you. It needs your phone calls — letting me know about that minor hockey tournament, volleyball afternoon or even that eight-year-old who might have gone on her first ski trip.

By the way, the new Sports Roundup feature labelled "Wanted" is also free. It's for anyone looking for a sports person, place or thing.

Thanks to all of you out there who've been phoning in those sports tips. Some phoners even have long lists of results to contribute — I believe the more names the better.

Some regulars are: Edmonton's Metro Cardinal and Joe Blyan, Blackfoot's Malcolm Sitting Eagle, Frog Lake's Roland Quinney and Wilson Faithful, Striker's Robert George, Saddle Lake's Gary Jackson, Goodfish Lake's Rene Houle, Blood's Caen Bly, Morley's Jess Beaver, Hobbema's Leona Lafond, to name just a few.

**WINNERS:** I'd like to thank all of you who phoned in response to the last sports trivia contest — seems like each time we run the contest we get more and more response.

Droppin' In's Mark McCallum picked five names out of a hat — these five will get their prize packages in the mail: Edmonton's Karen Collins, Wabasca's Allan Beaver, Grouard's Lynette Chalifoux, Edmonton's Carl Quinn and N.W.T.'s Pat Burk.

Other callers were: Hobbema's Janet Johnson, Desmarais' Bordine Cardinal, Edmonton's Gary Gagnon and Adlard Beaver. Keep on dialing, you're bound to win.

**HIGH PRAIRIE:** The friendship centre's trophy case is starting to creak under the weight of gold medals won by the town's boxing team — three of those were won at the recent Alberta Winter Games at Red Deer.

"Our record is not too bad," says a modest Harry Laboucan, the club's 47-year-old coach of the seven-year-old team.

Right now the club boasts about 20 members — 10 who compete province-wide. New boxers are trained for a year before that can compete. Although the club is open to everyone, Laboucan has "found that Native boys are the ones sticking with the club."

One guy turned pro — Stan Cunningham.

"Another time in 1982," remembers Laboucan, "we won five gold medals at the Grande Prairie Winter Games."

Most recently, at the Red Deer Winter Games, the

## This column can't work without you

High Prairie boxing club came away winning three gold and one silver. Gold medalist were: Kelly Halcrow, 16, lightweight weight; Ricky Beaver, 16, 126-pound; Dale Tallman, 16, 116-pound. The silver medalist was Riel Gray, 129-pound.

Laboucan says he's hoping to take the team to Lethbridge on Feb. 20-21 for the Alberta Golden Gloves event.

**BLACKFOOT:** Was the site of the Treaty 7 coed volleyball championships, reported Rick Running Rabbit, rec director for the reserve.

Even though there was no prize money involved, the tourney attracted eight teams.

Winning first and hooded sweatshirts was Sarcee. Second went to the Blood Northstars. They won volleyball jerseys for their efforts. Earning T-shirts and third place were the Blackfoot Crusaders.

Teams just out of the top three were: the Blackfoot Indians, Blackfoot '88s, Blood Trailblazers, Shouldice Hawks and the Stand Off Warlord, who won the most sportsmanship award.

Taking home all-star honors and sports bags were: Crusaders Elroy Panther Bone and Maggie Mowry, Northstars Annette Black Forehead and Daniel Black Forehead, and Sarcee's Michelle Jacobs and Glen Eagletail.

Vince Pipestem of Sarcee earned the men's most valuable player distinction as Pearl Crane, also of Sarcee, won the ladies MVP.

**WABASCA:** The Wabasca Flying Tigers have

stepped down from the top spot on the junior men's division (ages 20 and under) in the Arctic Winter Games Alberta zone.

The Alberta reps are Grande Prairie. They'll get the chance to compete at Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska next March 12-16.

Wabasca lost to Grande Prairie in the final showdown two games straight.

Semi-final action saw Grande Prairie defeat Meander River two games straight and the Flying Tigers sweep Valleyview in two games.

The Arctic Winter Games are for athletes north of the 59th latitude.

Sports Roundup is waiting for a press package that will feature all the Alberta Native athletes who have advanced to the final competition in Alaska. So keep in touch.

**EDMONTON:** Congratulations to these gold medalists at the Alberta amateur boxing championships at the Convention Centre last Feb. 5-6 weekend: Jason Yellowknee, Edmonton Cougars and Darcy Bigthroat of the Bullhorn boxing club.

Native silver medalists were: Sheldon Heavy Runner, Bullhorn and Aaron Many Guns, Dunbar.

Other Native competitors were: Ardmores' Joey Collins, Cardston's Jimmy Badman, Edmonton's Reuben Yellowknee, Edmonton's Alex Grandbois, Edmonton's Jonathan Yellowknee, Lethbridge's Shawn Many Grey Horses and Cardston's Tom Badman.



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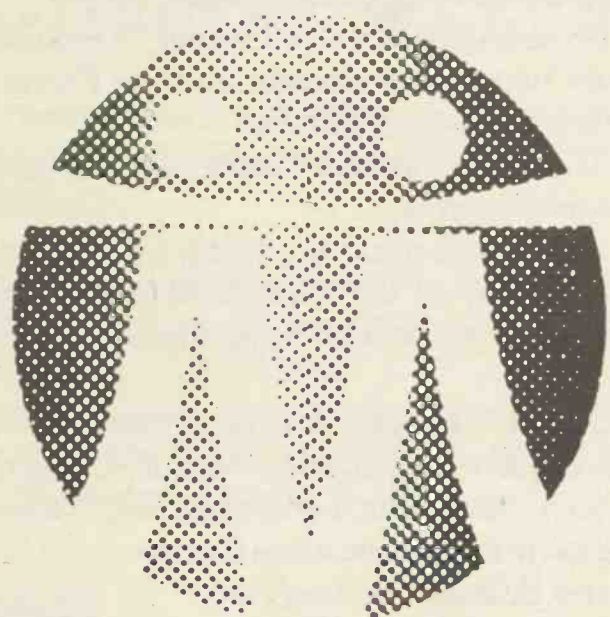


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