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## Cree man to run to New York for sacred bundle

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EDMONTON, Alta.

Jim Thunder wants his great-great grandfather's sacred bundle back. And he's willing to run 4,400 km from Edmonton to New York to get it.

In order to put pressure on New York's American Museum of Natural History, which is holding the bundle in a storage room, Thunder plans to gain publicity by running for five months—32 km a day, five days a week. He will begin the marathon on Sept. 1.

The bundle he hopes to return from the United States, belonged to Big Bear, a famous chief who died in 1888, shortly after his release from Stony Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba. He'd been imprisoned for his role in the 1885 Metis and Indian resistance in the Northwest, led by one of Canada's most historical figures, Louis Riel.

According to Thunder,

the bundle protected his great-great grandfather whenever he went into battle and is "very sacred and its ceremonial value is priceless." His quest to have the bundle removed from the museum and returned to him began nine years ago when he first dreamed about it. He didn't pay any attention to the first dream, until a second dream came to him.

Since then "a number of supernatural events began to coincide with my life," Thunder states. "These dreams tell me that the bundle longs for its people and its homeland."

The main part of the bundle consists of a large grizzly bearpaw backed with red stroud cloth which was worn over the chest like a mantle and tied around the neck. The bundle, encased in nine calico cloth wrappings, also includes a bit of sweetgrass and a small plug of tobacco.

Thunder states that the bundle originally held other objects which have since disappeared but they are not of any importance compared to the bearpaw itself which is where the true "power" of the bundle lies.

In 1934, an American anthropologist, David Mandlebaum, was conducting research on Cree history and culture in Saskatchewan on behalf of the museum. While there, he was approached by Horse Child, the youngest son of Big Bear, to keep the bundle so it would be safe. According to Mandlebaum when he was interviewed by Windspeaker shortly before passing away last year, a traditional transfer occurred which did not involve any exchange of money as payment for the item.

Fine Day, a noted and respected war chief in 1885, once said, "The bundle will be spiritually powerful always and its strength will never die."

In a formal three-page letter to the trustees and staff of the museum,

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## Huichol healing dance

A group of Huichol Indians, from the state of Nayarit in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Western Mexico recently performed a healing dance for the residents of the Poundmakers/Nechi Alcohol Treatment Centre in St. Albert. The Huichols are among the three most traditional tribes in Mexico and have retained the most intact pre-Columbian religion. The group uses song, dance and prayer to summon spiritual energy to heal the sick and are seen here moving to the beat of an upright log drum called a tepu in the Huichol language. The group is on its way to Quebec to pass on knowledge of their traditional dance, music, art and aboriginal history to the Algonquins, Mohawks and Cree in that province.

— Photo by Dianne Meili

## 'Extinct' band elects two chiefs

By Mark McCallum  
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EDMONTON, Alta.

Descendants of the "extinct" Michel Indian band elected two chiefs and a council July 17 to help them regain a reserve ceded to the federal government 30 years ago.

The representatives plan to pressure the government for a land base by lobbying the media and leaders international and focussing attention on the details surrounding the now defunct band, says newly elected co-chief Robert Callihoo.

"I think most Canadians will agree that we deserve to be compensated," says Callihoo, adding they have plenty of documentation to prove a number of Michel band members were coerced off the reserve. "They were forced to live in tarpaper shacks."

Callihoo and Gilbert Anderson were elected co-chiefs and will head a seven-member band council made up of Frank, George, Joyce and James Callihoo; Lor-

raine Hope; Robert Vandel and Irene Rouchou. The election of two chiefs was a unanimous decision made by the 160 eligible voters who split their votes between the two leaders, 80-80.

"At first we were going to re-vote because of the tie, but the descendants are spread so far over the province they thought it would be in their best interests to have dual chiefs," says Ivan Stover, who helped organize the elections held at Calahoo, some 50 km northwest of Edmonton.

The Michel reserve, once spread across 25,600 acres on the south bank of the Sturgeon River near the tiny community of Calahoo. The Michels, originally of the Iroquois Indian band in central Canada near Brantford, Ont., became the first Indian band in the nation to collectively surrender all of their Indian rights and land to the federal government through voluntary enfranchisement in 1928 and 1958.

Many individual Native people were enfranchised to gain the right to vote or join the clergy or legal profession. But, enfranchisement of a whole band was unheard of before the enfranchisement of the Michel people.

Callihoo, who was 14 years old at the time of the last enfranchisement, called it deliberate "cultural genocide" on the part of the government. Enfranchisement was taken out of the Indian Act by the government in 1985.

Callihoo also feels "a majority of the band members at that time were ill-prepared to face society...many of them ended up in the Fort Saskatchewan jail or on welfare..."

Callihoo is against notions to recover the original land site of the Michel reserve because he believes they should avoid legal battles with people now living in the area, once occupied by Michel band members. "We don't want to pick a fight with our neighbors and we don't want to take

anything away from them."

He says they should aim their efforts at federal leaders who he feels have been "ducking" the land base issue for all reinstated Indians since Bill C-31 was passed in 1985. Many descendants have regained Indian status under the new federal law and have been placed on an Alberta general list. The government has refused to give these people a land base.

About 130 descendants have been reinstated and another 576 are waiting to hear responses from Ottawa regarding applications of reinstatement.

The election of the co-chiefs and council may pose problems for the descendants because the Indian Act requires that a band must have a reserve before such representatives would be recognized.

Ken Williams of the Department of Indian Affairs says the descendants are "not a legal band... because they are members of the Alberta general list." □

### INSIDE THIS WEEK



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■ **The story of Jesus Christ is told the Native way in beautiful stained-glass windows at Hebbema church. See page 15.**

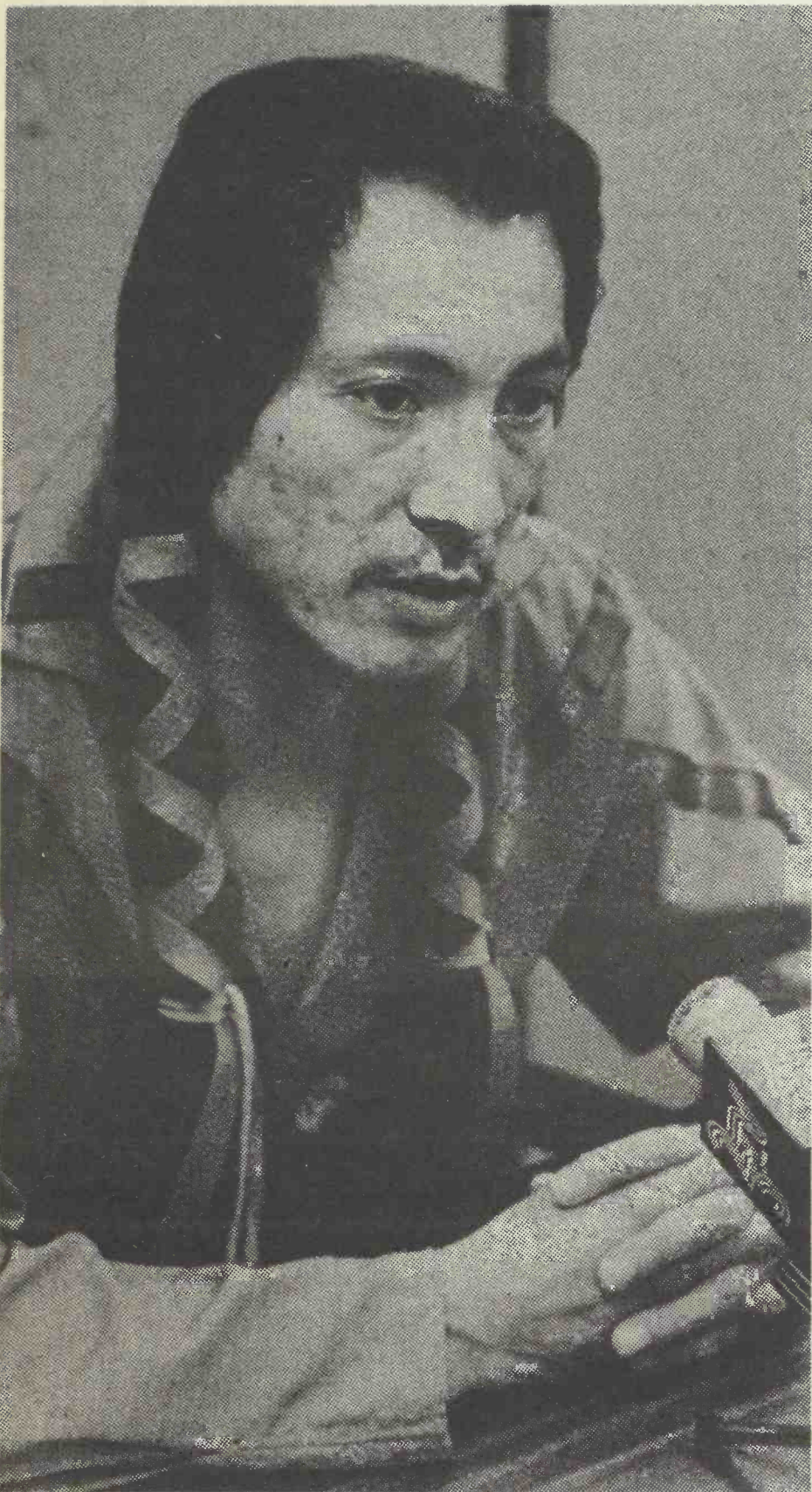


■ **An estimated 10,000 gather faithfully once again to the shores of Lac Ste. Anne. See pages 12 and 13.**

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## CLOSE TO HOME



"This is important to me and my people": Jim Thunder

## Return of sacred bundle sought

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Thunder requests that the bundle be returned to his people, the Plains Cree.

"This is something that is important to me and my people," he says, adding that it would be in fulfillment of the prophecies of the old people who claim that the bundle will someday return to the plains through a young Cree man.

"The importance of the bundle lies in the fact that the man who is the 'keeper' of it has the power to see into the future."

Thunder hints of the prospects for the bundle whenever he speaks about the "world of poverty, depression, sickness, and unemployment" in which his people live. Alcohol, drugs, suicide, and modern ways are taking their toll and Native traditions are losing ground to them, he adds. These, he claims, are the same "issues and ideals that Big Bear fought for a hundred years ago."

When Big Bear was alive and had the bundle, states Thunder, he saw that the white man would come west and make treaties and promises to Indians, almost 40 years before the fact. Thunder suggests that prior knowledge could be used constructively to better the Indian world and also tells of times when, in his dreams, he was with Big Bear in the jail that held him captive in 1885.

On the basis of his dreams, Thunder sought counsel from Cree Elders and leaders.

"The bundle is home-sick," and its spirit is restless, he comments. "If you were deprived of a special object that you loved dearly for 54 years, you'd want it back too," says Thunder, adding "the spirit of Big Bear longs for the bundle to be brought home to his people."

In keeping with the traditions of his people, Thunder asks not once but four times (in his letter) that the bundle be returned. He says he will likely arrive in February at the museum where he will offer gifts and tobacco to the present keeper of the bundle.

This, too, is customary of the Indian way, as is the run itself. Many years ago tribes constantly resorted to the use of runners to carry and deliver messages.

Thunder's message will be made all the louder and clearer with the publicity generated from his 4,400 km run. In addition, he states, "The prayers of my people will carry me to New York City."

A supporting cavalcade of vehicles is planned and organizers state that an estimated budget of \$75,000 is being sought from anyone willing to contribute to the cause.

Kathy Shirt, at Native Outreach in Edmonton, can be contacted for more information on the run. □

## RCMP lays assault charges against Chief Fox

By Patrick Michell  
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BLOOD RESERVE, Alta.

A Blood chief, who forced an inquiry into deaths on the Blood reserve in southern Alberta, has been charged with physically assaulting an RCMP officer.

If convicted, Chief Roy Fox may not be able to run for chief in an upcoming November election.

Chief Roy Fox is to appear in Cardston's provincial court on Aug. 15

after allegedly assaulting a Native special RCMP constable.

Jerry Simmonds, a staff sgt. with the Cardston RCMP, said Fox was charged following an incident between two RCMP officers and the passenger of a car which had been pulled over on Highway 2 north of Standoff for a routine check. Also charged at the time was the driver of the car.

The Blood tribe's executive director, Wallace Manyfingers, who would not comment on whether or not Chief Fox would be allowed to run for chief, said the Blood tribe's band bylaws will be "followed to the letter". He added that the tribe will be issuing a public statement to be released sometime next week.

Blood tribe lawyer, Eugene Creighton, was unavailable to comment on the Blood Band bylaw no.

6.02.01 which states a person is ineligible to run for chief or council if that person "has been convicted of an indictable offense during a 3 year period prior to the date of a Blood tribe election in which he might be a candidate."

None of the seven Blood councillors were available for comment prior to press time. Band office staff informed Windspeaker all seven were on holiday for the month of July. □

## ACROSS OUR LAND

### Leg hold traps heat trapping issue

## Anti-trapping tactics called 'negative propaganda'

By Susan Enge  
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OTTAWA, Ont.

Hunters and trappers breathed a sigh of relief a month ago only to get set for another fight looming on the horizon against anti-fur campaign activists.

No sooner did the British Government drop its proposed legislation to have all imported fur garments, made from the skins of animals that had been caught in leg hold traps labelled as such, when another bill was proposed in the European Parliament threatening this same action in its much larger market.

The fight aboriginal trappers are facing is an even larger one. If enough support is obtained from 12 countries in the European parliament, a proposed bill, to label all incoming fur garments with a tag indicating whether it was caught by the leg hold trap, will become law in all countries doing business with Canada.

Animal rights activists are busy trying to secure at least 250 signatures which would give them the power to bypass two parliamentary committees and deal directly with its council of ministers, equivalent to the federal government's cabinet. Half of these signatures have already been secured.

"There is a lot of momentum," says Dave Montour, Executive Director of Indigenous Survival International, an organization formed three years ago to combat the animal rights movement and protect the fur industry. Montour says they are gearing up for another round.

He said ISI intends to mount an educational campaign designed to inform the public and politicians in Europe about the hazards labelling would have on indigenous peoples livelihood.

Last year, over a hundred hunters, trappers and politicians flew to London, England to mark the opening of ISI's exhibition in the Museum of Man. Videos, photographic displays, and a real life trapline display were set up to educate visitors who frequent the museum every year, about the traditional life of the Canadian aboriginal family subsistence living off the land.

This same display will be flown to Strasbourg, France and set up on the grounds of the European Parliament to express the same message and educate as well as influence the decision facing its members.

A group of Native hunters, trappers and leaders will prepare themselves to lobby parliamentary members, whose lifestyle and country's landscape little resemble the natural wildlife setting and traditional subsistence living commonly found in all parts of Canada's north.

However, Mantour warns, animal rights activist groups will spend the next few months bombarding parliamentary members, too, with pure "negative propaganda". But, he adds, ISI will keep its "conservationist approach" which indigenous peoples historically believed in and continue to practice after thousands of years.

So far, ISI successfully campaigned against all radical attempts made by organizations such as Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund to eliminate the fur industry entirely from being marketed in affluent countries.

ISI is not fighting this battle alone, however. The Canadian Government joined the fight this year lending its support. An emergency debate was held just last month to discuss the possible threat to its fur industry in international markets. A statement con-

demning Britain's proposed fur labelling legislation was unanimously supported.

Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister, reversed her decision to implement the nation-wide fur labelling system just before she arrived in Canada as a participant in the economic summit. Some indigenous leaders believe this reversal was due to the poor publicity she would have received if she continued to support the proposal.

In addition, some speculate the Trafalgar nuclear submarine purchase agreement between Britain and Canada may have been jeopardized if a serious anti-sale campaign was set up by indigenous peoples, national groups and organizations and political leaders from across the country.

"That submarine contract alone was worth \$8 billion dollars," Montour said. "ISI planned to mount an attack against this agreement," he commented, unless Britain agreed to drop its plan to legislate the fur labelling scheme. Because Britain dropped its proposal, it was seen as a "major victory" for aboriginal peoples.

In comparison, Canada's fur trade is worth approximately \$1 billion dollars.

The fight is far from over, however. And, a national organization is also working to block the labelling campaign. The Fur Institute of Canada, a national assemblage of concerned organizations supporting the fur industry, is not taking this latest threat sitting down. □

## Natives to control big chunk of Yukon

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LITTLE SALMON, Yukon

Native leaders in the Yukon have recently voted to unanimously accept most of a land claims settlement offer which would see them control 26,000 sq. km of land and a cash settlement of about \$200 million. However, only 90 per cent of the settlement package was okayed by the voting delegates.

According to Council of Yukon Indians spokesperson Shirley Adamson the agreement is a "framework of a framework" and the issues of "taxation and financial compensation" still have to be agreed upon in future negotiations.

The agreement was ratified at a special assembly which was called by the Council of Yukon Indians to deal specifically with the proposal. The agreement was ratified when out of 70

eligible voters 66 voted for the offer. The final tally for the vote was: 59 voting in favor of the package with seven abstentions.

The assembly took place at Little Salmon, a historic Indian settlement on the Yukon River, and the vote on the offer took place on the final day of the assembly on July 21.

Historically, the agreement which is still unfinished, would be the conclusion of the longest running land claims negotiations in Canada. The Council of Yukon Indians were the first group to present a comprehensive land claims proposal to the federal government in 1971.

The next step for the Council will be to meet with federal negotiators on the issues of taxation and financial compensation and then bring back a deal to another assembly for a vote. □



## CLOSE TO HOME

# Non-Natives now honorary chiefs

## Gov't ignores flood complaints

By Jackie Red Crow  
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BLOOD RESERVE, Alta.

Three non-Natives who made valuable contributions to the Bloods were inducted into the Kainai Chieftainship thus joining ranks of such figures as Pope John Paul II, Prince Charles and Pierre Berton during the Kainai Indian Days July 23.

Inductees included Father Tony Duhaime, a Roman Catholic priest who spent about 15 years on the reserve as supervisor, principal and administrator of St. Mary's School; Ralph Thrall Jr., a Magrath farmer and rancher who was a founding member of other professional organizations; and Earl Warnica, associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the Lethbridge School Board, who has been active in the promotion of educational opportunities for Native children.

Under hot, dusty weather conditions, the three were given a headdress and a Blackfoot name as part of the afternoon Chieftain festivities. The Kainai Chieftainship was initiated in 1919 as a means of helping to preserve and celebrate Blood culture and honor those promoting Indian well-being and accomplishment.

Spiritual Elder Pete Weasel Mocassin, war veterans Art Wells and Johnny Tallow danced around the Indian Days arbor four times to 'capture' the inductees on the fourth time.



Inducted to chieftainship: Father Tony Duhaime (left)

They were then seated on a buffalo mat where Blood Elder Dan Weasel Mocassin and Harold Healy proceeded with the headdress ceremony. To the tune of drum beats, the two smeared red and yellow ochre on the inductees faces while praying. Again, while moving back and forth, a headdress was placed on their heads on the fourth time.

Elder Dan Weasel Mocassin and the war veterans then made public testimonies of their war exploits in Blackfoot. After that, the new Chieftains were given their new Blackfoot names. Father Duhaime retained his name, Black Eagle, which was first given to him by the late Blood Chief Jim Shot Both Sides Sr., shortly after his arrival on the reserve. Thrall was named Flying Eagle; Warnica was named Morning Writer. Each of the honored guests was given a scroll in

commemoration of the occasion.

Father Duhaime, who also devoted many hours to Native youth athletics, took the opportunity to reminisce about his years on the reserve. He described the reserve as "my second home" and the Bloods as "my lifelong friends. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart, and may God bless you in your work."

Warnica who had about "three Greyhound buses loaded with friends and relatives" said he was deeply honored in receiving the Chieftainship honors.

"It was a shame this society, this culture living so close and to have so many people living in Lethbridge who knew so little about you, your people and your culture," he said.

Thrall said he was also honored and that if his late father was still alive to see the event, he would have

been so proud. "It's unfortunate that my father isn't around anymore because he would have been so proud to know that his son was welcomed by the Native peoples of this country. You see, my father was a descendent of the Vikings when they first came to this country."

The new Chieftains then joined the Elders in a dance around the arbor later being joined and congratulated by Blood council members and past Chieftains in attendance.

Only 40 living members are allowed to be in the Chieftainship at any one time. Another ceremony may be held later this year to bring the total back to maximum.

Kainai Chieftains are members for life and are expected to assist and promote in the cultural, educational, socially and economic well-being of the tribe. □

By Patrick Michell  
Windspeaker Correspondent

ASSUMPTION, Alta.

Assumption band members quit asking government to help stop future flooding of reserve lands, said Fred Didzena, the band's manager.

"Since 1963 (to late 1970's), we have been asking the (federal) government to do something to alleviate the problem," said Didzena, referring to the one-third of his band forced by the flood to move to higher ground.

The federal government, however, has refused to either acknowledge the band's pleas for help, or to start a feasibility study on stopping the flooding, said Didzena.

Director of Indian Services, Fred Jobin, said Didzena's statement is incorrect, adding the federal government has helped relocated flood victims as well as provide food and shelter.

A 1979 Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (DIAND) study reported that stopping the flooding would be extremely costly, said Jobin, but added DIAND will be talking with Assumption members



Fred Didzena

about a new study.

An agitated Didzena explained how Ducks Unlimited - a North American conservation group - studied the flooding in the 1970's.

Apparently, Ducks Unlimited was concerned about the numerous duck and fish habitats jeopardized by the flooding.

"It's ludicrous that they consider ducks and fish more important than humans - mainly us," said Didzena.

The preliminary study revealed that it would cost \$10 million to stop the flooding. □

## Spirit Bay looks at Indian school

"When I was about twelve, some white men came to my reserve in a big plane and asked me if I wanted to go for a ride. When the plane landed, my parents weren't there and we were in a strange place, an Indian residential school — a thousand miles away. I didn't see my parents or my village for a year — until I ran away — to my home."

Where The Spirit Lives is the story of Amelia, a young Blackfoot girl taken away from her home in the mountains and forced to live in a culture she doesn't understand — a culture that looks down on her and her people. Left to her own ingenuity in a hostile environment with few friends, Amelia and her brother must find within themselves the strength to survive in the year 1937.

After three years of research and commitment by writer Keith Leckie (Danger Bay, Spirit Bay, Crossbar) Where The Spirit Lives is slated to go into production August 29th, for six weeks of shooting in Ontario and on location in southern Alberta. Paul Shapiro (The Truth About Alex, Hockey Night) has signed to direct with Rene Ohashi (Anne of Green Gables, The Prodigious

Hickey) as the Director of Photography.

This is the first feature from the enterprising producers, Eric Jordan and Paul Stephens, of the Spirit Bay series on CBC, also based on young Native people. Producers Mary Young Leckie and Heather Goldin round out the Amazing Spirit Productions team with many years experience in made for television movies, features, and various network series.

Both Leckie and Stephens agree that the Canadian public will be shocked by the revelation of the legalized kidnapping of Native children by the federal government. "It's a chapter of Canadian history that has been conveniently forgotten," says Leckie, "I know several people who were brought up in that oppressive environment and still have emotional scars."

Casting is currently underway by casting director Arlene Berman and Native casting coordinator Shirley Cheechoo.

Where The Spirit Lives is a joint project with funding from the CBC, Telefilm Canada, Ontario Film Development Corporation, TV Ontario, and Societe Radio Canada.

Where The Spirit Lives will be telecast on CBC television in the spring of 1989.

## Elizabeth settlement

# Fire blazes through buildings

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GRAND CENTRE, Alta.

A fire at Elizabeth Settlement in the early morning of Saturday, July 23 has resulted in two buildings being burned and a third damaged as a result of a suspicious blaze.

As a result of the fire the Elizabeth Settlement car-

pentry workshop and the Pimee Development Corporation building were destroyed. Walter Desjarlais, Pimee general manager says, "Right now it has slowed us down because we don't have an office set up."

Desjarlais adds that nobody will be thrown out of work from Pimee because of the fire. Five employees work out of the Pimee

administration office and it was supposed to be shut down for the week anyway.

The Elizabeth Settlement administration office, a separate building, also received fire damage to its first and second floors. The fire gutted the inside of the administration building and has temporarily displaced the administration staff.

The damage done to both buildings is estimated to be about \$150,000. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined and is currently being investigated by the Grand Centre RCMP.

Foul play is suspected and persons are asked to contact the police if they saw any individuals in the area at the time of the incident. □

## MAA to elect new VP and board member

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON, Alta.

Notice of nominations has been given by the Metis Association of Alberta that there will be an election to fill the regional vice-president's position and board of director's position for Zone 4 on September 26.

The election is being called to fill the vice-president's position, left vacant after Dan Martel's

membership to the MAA was suspended. The board member's position was left unfilled after Leonard Gauthier resigned.

"Joe (Blyan) is the interim vice-president replacing Dan Martel. Butch Plante is the (interim) board member replacing Leonard Gauthier," says Clint Buehler, MAA spokesperson.

In accordance to the rules for election, the MAA must receive a completed

nomination paper from all those qualified candidates who wish to run for the positions on or before 5 p.m. on August 26. Nomination papers were being accepted on July 25 by the chief electoral officer for the election, Bruce Gladue.

Nomination papers are available at the offices of the Metis Association of Alberta, the regional zone offices, and the Metis local presidents. □



Bruce Gladue



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## YOUR WORDS

### WINDSPEAKER GALLERY



Turquoise  
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Dear Editor:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the article in the May 13/88 edition of Windspeaker concerning page 36, CREATIVE HANDS.

The topic of turquoise and silver was everything I would want in an explanation and description for the novice and very easy to understand.

We are posting this page at our store in Winnipeg, Indian Pride Inc. in the satisfaction that the author Terry Lusty, has provided us with an in-depth working tool for our product.

Sincerely,  
Jean Baker and Sharon Colter

### What's it all about?

This little tyke was more than a little perplexed at all the attention he was getting at this year's Calgary Stampede in July. He was simply having a good time in the sun, and was so absorbed in watching tourists file through the Indian Village and admiring his traditional clothing, that he hardly noticed Windspeaker's roving photographer.

— Photo by Dan Dibbelt

## IN OUR OPINION

# New threat darkens trappers' horizon

For a while there, trappers could relax.

Britain had dropped the proposal to sew a label in all imported fur garments warning the buyer that the animal from whose skin the clothing was made, was inhumanely caught in a leg-hold trap. To the people in the fur industry, this likely would have meant a drop in fur sales, since the label would have made the buyer feel guilty and perhaps decide not to make the purchase.

It looked as though Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher dropped the proposal as a goodwill gesture from Britain, the mother country of Canada. But, she likely knew that an even bigger anti-trapping movement was forming and that her country could just ride along on that.

The new threat to a trapper's way of life is a petition being circulated among representatives of the European Parliament, calling for a ban on the manufacture, sale and use of leg-hold traps throughout the European Economic Community and a label on all wild furs similar to the one proposed by Britain.

The European Economic Community involves 12 nations which account for about 60 per cent of buyers of furs exported from Canada. This will have a drastic effect

on the estimated 50,000 Native trappers in Canada, about 3,750 of which are Albertan. When the extended families of these trappers are taken into account, it's possible a crash in the wild fur market could affect a quarter million people in this country.

So, Britain's proposal was just the tip of the iceberg. The new proposal involving the European Economic Community could have much more drastic implications.

Trappers cannot sit back and let this happen to their income and way of life. They must ensure the groups representing them are putting their own pressure on the buyers of fur garments. And that pressure must be in the way of education and the use of more humane traps.

Europeans must be convinced the animals are not suffering at the hands of trappers and that trapping is a natural tool in wildlife management, in other words, that Canada is taking care of its wilderness responsibly. European societies, which are far removed from the wilderness, have romanticized the Native lifestyle long enough, and should now be informed of the way things are in the real world of the Native trapper. □



## YOUR WORDS

# Wilderness area on Blood reserve should be saved from cattle

**Dear Editor:**

I am a Treaty Indian (No. 434) protesting along with others including Elders who have signed a petition with close to 300 names, we are protesting against the use of our wilderness area, the Blood Tribe timber limits for grazing ranch cattle.

Each tribal councillor of the Blood Band Council has been given a copy of the petition and protest letter but everything we have mentioned has been overlooked and consequently overruled by our Council. We were totally unaware of any action of this kind beforehand. There were no notices put up to let the membership know what was going on to occur, therefore, the band membership did not have the opportunity to voice their opinions on this issue.

Because of the lack of notice given we did not have enough time to get more signatures on the petition. I am enclosing a copy of our presentation paper which was overruled by the Blood Band

## Reader remembers brother in poem dedication

**Dear Editor:**

I am writing this letter to ask you for a special request. I lost my older brother on July 13/88 and I have written a poem for him from me.

I wrote this poem on the day of his funeral and I loved him very much. He was only 24 years old and now that he is gone I feel like a part of me is missing.

I didn't have the chance to let him know that I loved and cared for him a lot. I know that this poem will help me live on without him.

**Thank you,  
Julie Hameline**

## In Memory Of Rene Hamelin

As time passes by each day the

*We don't know what we have  
until it's taken away*

**Dear Editor:**

I am writing this letter to you to share a little of my own personal experience about life. You see, like every girl, I wished I'd get married and have a normal family. But unfortunately, my whole life has been the opposite of my dreams. Not because the chance of happiness didn't come my way, it did, but I just didn't have enough confidence in myself.

I always had a hard time in trusting love. Then I learned the hard way to admit I could love. It is alright after all to be loved and

**Council and our economic development department.**

They had an alternative of using the old Bradshaw Lease when they leased that area which is just north of Chief Mountain Highway in our timber limits, that destroyed the habitat of a large herd of elk that used to winter there and to this day we have not seen them again, as they have been forced to live elsewhere.

**John Tallow,  
Cardston, Alberta**

## To Blood Band Council And Economic Development:

We, the members of the Blood Band, are very concerned as to the fencing of Bee Bee Flats for the purpose of grazing some of the band herd cattle in that area.

**Concerns are:** This area was set aside for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting of rail fence posts plus firewood and is considered a

recreational area for the use of all Blood band members.

Where livestock have been pastured in that kind of landscape in other locations, the wild game such as elk, deer, moose have been driven away to seek other foraging areas. These animals will not return to the same regions for long periods of time. This area is their wintering ground and migration route during the winter months. 300 to 400 elk forage in Bee Bee Flats and it is one of the best spots for Indian hunting. All this is going to be destroyed by the domestic animals that are being put there. Where are we going to hunt then? There are many members of our tribe hunting in that area and it keeps them supplied with food for their families and relatives.

As far as recreation goes, the members of the Blood Tribe go into this area with their families and camp, eating out in the wilderness, barbecuing and fishing and totally enjoying the peace, the undisturbed landscape, hiking or picking berries and enjoying everything that goes with a wilderness area like Bee Bee Flats which was set aside for this purpose. The cattle are going to be a big attraction to bears in that particular area. Campers, family picnickers, and church groups are going to be in a very dangerous situation for an attack by bears and other predators. Just west of Bee Bee Flats is a large concentration of these animals. We've seen them and know that piece of land quite well. They migrate through there on into the Pole Haven area where there is a community pasture. The loss in that pasture in 1988 is approximately fifty head of cattle.

In the years gone by, our ancestors hunted there and also sought their spiritual guidance and visions from our Creator. There are many roots and other growth used with their Sundance and Spiritual activities. The only place they can freely go into and get these articles is at Bee Bee Flats. Let us not destroy the traditional elements of our Native people. Also, this region remains an important historical view of Charcoal's refuge from the Northwest Mounted Police and should not be destroyed to fulfill the economic needs of only a few individuals.

The ecology of the landscape will be severely damaged and will not be repairable by man in the years to come. It will not retain its natural look unless left alone. The flats should never have been fenced. It is just a sore and unsightly picture that does not fit in with a beautiful area like Bee Bee Flats. By doing this fencing and grazing of cattle, we are driving our hunting and trapping privileges out of existence. Tear the fence down. Use the north side of the highway that has already been destroyed by grazing. However, for our own people's concern, leave Bee Bee Flats alone so All Blood members can enjoy the land as the see fit. □

Yours very sincerely,  
Lilly McCallum

memory of you still goes on.

I can't seem to find enough strength to let you go.

You were my big brother and now that you are gone I find it very hard to live on.

I know that I must let you Rest  
in Peace and God has taken you  
into his beautiful place.

I wish there were times I could have told you how much you meant to me instead of thinking about what to say.

When I was a little girl, you were there to protect and love me, but now all of that is gone.

I don't know why God called you to be with him on this day but I do know your spirit will always be here with me to stay.

**With All My Love  
My Dearest Brother  
Love Always, Your Sister  
Julie Hamelin**

to love. Very recently, someone I cared for a lot passed away and it made me think a lot about life, then I realized how priceless and precious life and love is. I also realized that you can fool people but no one can fool God. Still I wish I'd learned this when I was young. But, I am still grateful for one thing, that my children are very understanding of my feelings that I can share with them openly instead of hiding.



## GRASSROOTS

Paddle Prairie Metis settlement

## Celebrating an anniversary

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

PADDLE PRAIRIE, Alta.

H'loo dare Sheila Potts. Sheila's a beautiful friend of mine from Edmonton. I saw her recently at a favourite night spot in that fair city. I often see some of our readers in there. That is the Trucker's Saloon on good ole' Kingsway. Sheila's from the Alexis Stoney Band, now residing in Edmonchuk.

An apology firstly (I think I'm getting good at this). Anyways, sorry to Adolphus Ghostkeeper and

clan. I mistakenly had ole' Adolphus at 97 years old when actually he's only 95. Sorry buddy.

Man oh man. I tell you our Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement Golden Anniversary is really taking off now (check out our ads).

So far we have Larry Desmeules and Jim Sinclair as special guest speakers. Who's "we"? We are the Recreation and Culture Society Paddle Prairie (1986).

That is Dwayne Calliou (chair), Martha Ghostkeeper (vice-chair), Tina St. Germain (sec-tres.), and

young George Ghostkeeper, Mona Calliou, Vern Cardinal, and yours almost truly, who are the directors.

Also we're having a Ms. Metis Paddle Prairie Pageant. There's lotsa foxes out this way you know. So it should be excitin'. Buddy Edna Forchuk says she's going to shift Nikki Lanis Metis Models of Edmonton into higher gear for this one. Entertainer Jeanette Calahasen is also going to co-emcee this Ms. Metis Paddle Prairie Pageant. Ms. Metis Alberta, Rose Marie Mercredi is coming up, boy! Also, Rodeo Drive will

be on hand. They're a 3/4 Native band from Peace River with Buddy Gaucher and Jim Doroucher. They're gonna come and sing their hearts out for us.

By the way, welcome to the hot seat Jeanette Calahasen. She's our new administrator. Also, welcome to all the summer students at the office.

I'm closing here with one I stole from Dave Sinclair who's Henry Sinclair's son. What did Custer say at his last stand? "These Sioux's are killing me." God Bless. □



Welcome to the hot seat: Jeanette Calahasen

## Calendar of Events

- **Sarcee Nation Powwow & Rodeo Classic**, July 29-31, Bragg Creek.
- **2nd Annual Metis Cultural Days**, July 29-31, Edson. Call Edwin Findlay (403) 723-5494 for more information.
- **Milk River Powwow**, July 29-31, Ft. Belnap, Mont.
- **Annual Powwow Days & Fish Derby**, July 29 - Aug. 1, Lac La Biche.
- **Heritage Days**, Aug. 1, Peace River.
- **Four Nations Powwow**, Aug. 5-7, Hobbema. Ermineskin reserve by Maskwachees Mall. Call Cecil Cryer 585-2800 for further information.
- **Blackfoot Indian days**, Aug. 5-7, Blackfoot Centennial Rodeo Grounds near Gleichen. Contact Fred Breaker 734-3804/3806 from Mon. - Fri. office hours.
- **Standing Rock Sioux Powwow**, Aug. 5-7, Fort Yates, ND.
- **Chippewa Cree Celebration**, Aug. 5-7, Rocky Boy, Mont.
- **Big Grassy River Powwow**, Aug. 11-14, Morson, Ont. Call Shirley 1-807-488-5552 or Pierre 1-807-488-5945.
- **Rodeo**, Aug. 13 & 14, Frog Lake reserve. Contact Larry Quinney at 943-2211.
- **Northern Alberta Native Slowpitch Tournament**, Aug. 13 & 14, Driftpile. Call John Giroux 355-3868 (office) 355-2141 (home) or Ross Giroux 355-3868 (office) 355-2128 (home).

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## Indian Association of Alberta Viewpoint

By Roy Louis

President, Indian Association of Alberta

### Greetings:

By now you have probably heard or read about my recent election in Fort Vermilion as President of the Indian Association of Alberta. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who attended the 45th Annual Assembly and supported me. At the same time, I want to thank all the people who ran for office, and all of their supporters.

Becoming President of the Indian Association isn't something I take lightly. While I fully appreciate the many well-wishers who have congratulated me, I realize I follow in the footsteps of some truly great leaders. I also realize the immensity of the job ahead of me.

In admitting that the Indian Association is not the strong organizations it once was, I hasten to add I am not pointing fingers at any previous leaders, as I know already what they were up against. Rather, I think the reason for the decline in the Association's standing over the past decade is a combination of several things, not the least of which is a failure to change with the times.

During the Fort Vermilion Assembly, a lot of time was spent discussing a proposal to alter the structure of the Association. Although the proposal was defeated I believe that some form of restructuring must take place if the organization is to regain the prominence and credibility it once had.

By changing I mean not only changing a structure that is no longer effective, but also changing the basic approach to the way in which we deal with the many problems we face.

Simply put, we must once again become an effective lobby force for the protection of our Treaty Rights and to achieve results from governments that are of benefit to all Treaty Indians in Alberta. I also feel that effective lobbying must be

accompanied by effective negotiations with government ministers and their bureaucrats.

While I respect the opinions of other leaders in the province on how issues should be dealt with, I am not convinced that confrontation is an alternative to vigilant lobbying and well reasoned negotiation.

Since becoming involved in Indian politics I have come to believe that government politicians and senior bureaucrats respond more to public pressure than confrontation. Such public pressure can and must be brought about through an effective public awareness campaign.

As part of this campaign I believe we must become less reactive and more proactive in bringing our concerns to the attention of the general public.

While we have many concerns facing us, I want to serve notice on the government that land claim negotiations must be dealt with as a priority and with expedience. Far too much time and resources have been wasted by bureaucrats while our people await equitable and fair settlements.

In any case, the coming months I hope to be able to use this column space to keep the I.A.A. membership informed as issues are tackled and decisions made.

I look forward to a good working relationship with other members of our executive and board of directors. As well, it is my hope to visit as many reserves as I can in order to meet person-to-person with Chiefs, their councils and their members.

Signed Roy Louis,  
President,  
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## GRASSROOTS



## DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

Singer Ernest Monias and his back up Band, the Shadows, gave their longest concert ever to a very appreciative crowd at the Whitefish (Atikameg) reserve recently, says Brian Tallman, a youth worker on the reserve.

The record setting performance lasted three and half hours. "It was excellent. Everyone really enjoyed it," says Tallman, noting Monias never let up. "He (Monias) was pretty tired out after."

The Manitoba entertainer brought his own special brand of Native rock and country music to the stage on July 15. Joining Monias was another primary performer, Alvis Grey. The stage was also shared with a pair of local singers, Jessica and Joanna Nahachick, twin sisters from the reserve.

The following evening Monias and Grey were in High Prairie to follow-up their earlier performances in Whitefish by hosting a dance at the Elk Hall Rodeo Grounds.

Sounds like everyone in that part of Alberta was treated to great entertainment by some standout performers. All this talk about music and entertaining reminds me of a time when I thought I could make singing a career. It was a very short career, lasting less than a weekend. At the age of 11, I aspired to become a singer but that quickly changed when I was laughed off stage. The whole thing took place at a talent show that was held in Athabasca at a Metis Association of Alberta annual assembly some years ago. I'll say this much for certain, Rocky Woodward I am not.

**Fort Chipewyan:** A bicentennial canoe trip is being planned to commemorate 200 years of pride and heritage for this community, first settled in 1788. The Fort Chipewyan Bicentennial Society, which has been hosting such events since the beginning of the year to celebrate the community's coming of age, is welcoming people who enjoy canoeing and peaceful waters to take part in the trip.

Organizers are splitting the trip into two legs. The first leg, to extend over some 225 km of river, will begin at Fort McMurray's MacDonald Island on Aug. 16. Participants, who will also be treated to a pancake breakfast before leaving that morning, will launch their canoes into the Athabasca River and are expected to complete the first leg of the trip in Fort Chipewyan on Aug. 20. A barbecue and dance will be held to welcome the arrival of the tired visitors.

Organizer Dan Creurer, director of the bicentennial society, says they are hoping the trip will be a relaxing adventure for all who take part in it. The river route they have selected should be suitable for even the most inexperienced canoeist. "There's no white water at all," notes Creurer.

The second leg of the trip, which will cover about 170 km of crisp river water, will continue on to Fort Fitzgerald two days later on Aug. 22. Participants are expected to arrive in Fitzgerald, Aug. 25, where Fort Smith residents will play host to the visitors.

Creurer notes all interested canoeists are welcome to participate in both legs of the trip. And, he adds quickly they can also choose between the two and take part in just one leg if they want. A fee of \$10 is expected to be paid for each leg of the trip.

Participants are also expected to supply their own canoes, food, cooking equipment and tents. "We're also encouraging people to come dressed in period costumes ... like voyager outfits," adds Creurer, noting there will be no limit in the number of participants who can take part in the trip.

Call the Fort Chipewyan Bicentennial Society for more details.

**Slave Lake:** Despite the recent floods in this part of the province, the staff at the Slave Lake Friendship Centre have been keeping spirits high. Friendship centre executive director Peggy Roberts says it's been "hectic" and "very busy" but it's still business as usual.

The centre staff is continuing to offer their services to the community and have just finished taking part in the Slave Lake River Boat Days. Down the road, Roberts adds the centre will be hosting a Cultural Days celebration September 16, 17 and 18.

**Chateh (Assumption):** The Dene Tha' people in this community have been less fortunate in the aftermath of the floods, which have left lasting bitter impressions on

## Fort Chip bicentennial canoe trip organizers welcome one and all

many residents throughout northern Alberta. According to resident Lorney Metchoooyeah, high flood waters have forced the Dene Tha' band to cancel this year's Habay Games. But, he adds the games will be held next year, weather permitting.

If you ever get the chance to see the Dene Tha' drum group, you may notice Metchoooyeah standing in the shadows behind them. The Dene Tha' band recreation director has taken on the extra task this year of coordinating the activities of the drum group.

It's a job he takes seriously. "I've devoted most of my time to the Dene Tha' drummers," he says, adding the group will be on their own by September if he feels they are ready.

In the meantime, Metchoooyeah has mapped out a busy schedule for the young members of the group, who are gaining a solid reputation for their excellent work since they began performing traditional songs of the Dene Tha' people in the early eighties. The group's last stop was at the Lac Ste. Anne holy pilgrimage.

The group plans to be on the road again in August, making their first stop at a Fort Vermilion hand games tournament Aug. 4, 5 and 6. They will then be entertaining crowds at the Fort Nelson Treaty Days event Aug. 12, 13 and 14, a Gift Lake Metis Settlement cultural event on Aug. 26 and Kehewin's annual powwow and rodeo Aug. 27 and 28. The drum group will finish the month at a homecoming bicentennial celebration in Vermilion Aug. 30 and 31.

The group's 16 members will then take a well deserved rest ... for awhile anyway. Metchoooyeah says he is currently working with Judy Middleton from the nearby High Level Friendship Centre to take the Dene Tha' drummers to the United States. "She has a lot of contacts in the States," he explains.

Metchoooyeah also notes the group is always open to new members. But, he warns: "We welcome new members to the group as long as they know what kind of songs we play because they're very hard to learn." □



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## GRASSROOTS

# Kikino Northern Lites to celebrate 10th anniversary

By George LaFleur  
Windspeaker Correspondent

KIKINO, Alta.

Like the Aurora Borealis dancing across the sky, the Kikino Northern Lites, a traditional Metis dance group, have danced across the stages of communities throughout Western Canada and into the hearts of the Kikino Metis Settlement.

On the eve of the celebrating their 10th anniversary, manager, Gerald White says the group is not about to slow down.

"In fact, we are getting better," says Mr. White. "We are now into teaching the young children of the Kikino Settlement the tra-

ditional dances of the Metis. We have regularly scheduled lessons every Wednesday at the community hall and so far we have been getting a few more children than we can handle. But the interest is great and we like it."

Gerald White credits Georgina Thompson, Delphine Erasmus, Doris Bellerose and Phil Coutney who were with Education North at the time with getting the dance group established in the fall of 1978. White would also like to thank the Kikino Settlement Council for their ongoing support of the group.

Many of the original

members of the group are still performing with the turn over rate being one dancer per three years. White would like to thank the current dancers that have contributed to the success of the Northern Lites. Tammy Thompson, Laurie Thompson, Crystal Youngchief, Denise White, Dawn Cardinal, Roger Littlechilds, Robert Calliou, John Whitford and Norman White.

Gerald also thanks those dancers that at one time or another were part of the group. The fiddler for the group, Ernie Cardinal of Lac La Biche, still provides the music when the Northern Lites perform.

When asked how the group decided on the name Northern Lites, Mr. White replied, "Delphine Erasmus was on her way home one night from a meeting and the northern lights were moving rapidly across the sky like they were dancing. Thus, the idea to name the Kikino dancers the Kikino Northern Lites was born."

The Northern Lites began dancing in 1978. However, the group did not make a public appearance until 1980 when they performed at a banquet in Lac La Biche. Mr. White recalled that there were only six dancers in the group at the time, "We did the duck dance three

times."

The dance troupe entered competitive dancing in 1981, but did not place in any competition. In 1982 the Northern Lites entered the Alberta Native Festival in Edmonton, sponsored by the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, and won most of the dancing competitions. Since that time the Northern Lites have won or placed in 30 dancing competitions. They have failed to place only once in competitive dancing since 1985.

The highlight for the group was performing at the World's Fair (Expo 86) in Vancouver where the group danced 35 performances at the Alberta Pavilion and the Folklife Pavilion.

The future plans of the Northern Lites are to continue dancing and train new dancers to carry on the tradition of the Metis dances and creating awareness of the unique Metis culture.

To continue creating the awareness of the Metis culture and expand their dancing horizons, the Northern Lites have entered into a working agreement with the Peace Region Organizations Presenters (P.R.O.P.) who will be handling bookings for the group in the Northern-most area of the province. The group enjoys travelling to new places and meeting new people and expect the working agreement with P.R.O.P. to give them greater exposure in Northern Alberta.

To celebrate their 10th anniversary, the Northern Lites plan to have a dinner and dance to honor the original and existing dancers, the founding members of the group and Kikino Metis Settlement Council Association for the support they have given the group since they were founded in 1978. The big celebration is scheduled for the fall of '88. □



Boarding School Angst by George Littlechild.

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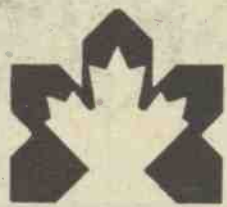
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Qualified candidates must have a completed nomination paper filed with the above office on or before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of August 26, 1988. Nomination papers are available at the offices of the Metis Association of Alberta, 123, 12520 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta. Also, at the Regional Zone offices and the Metis Local Presidents.

For further information contact your Local President or the office of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Association at 455-2200, Edmonton, Bruce Gladue, Chief Electoral Officer.



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## GRASSROOTS



'It'll pay off in the end': Karen and Gene St. Jean

## Metis singers please Klondikers

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent  
EDMONTON, Alta.

For the second year in a row, the Fourth Generation band is wowing audiences at the CFCW (radio) stage at Edmonton's Klondike Days and sharing the lime-light with such popular Canadian singers as Anita Peres and Tim Taylor, as well as hypnotist Harry Stokes.

The five-piece band, headed by 18 year-old lead vocalist Karen St. Jean, also includes Darlene, 20, on keyboards; Gene, 19, on lead guitar; David, 14, on bass guitar; and the youngest member Sarah, 13, on drums.

Fourth Generation negotiated their gig all by themselves says a proud and happy father, Sonny St. Jean. Darlene and Gene made the deal through R. Harlan Smith who runs his own recording studio in Edmonton.

Karen is quite pleased with their performances this year and says she has seen improvements. One is that more of the group is involving themselves in all aspects, including the singing. This has been a blessing, especially since she's recovering from a bout with the flu which left her with a sore and raspy voice.

Words of encouragement from singers Peres and Taylor have impressed the family band. "They've told us to keep practicing and to

stick together," said Karen.

The group admits they don't know what next year will bring. It's too early to tell, Karen explains, adding that one never knows what else may come along in the interim.

A major difference over last year explained Karen is "we've learned to listen to each other a lot better." She says it shows in their timing and rhythm.

The parents of the group

are pleased with their children's development in music and are aware that a recording scout from a major label was paying attention to and showing interest in Fourth Generation.

And, Karen has a message for the youth of today: "Keep going, really try ... it'll pay off in the end," she says. That comes from one who appreciates how far the Fourth Generation has already come. □

### NADC Public Forum

Fort Chipewyan  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 1988  
Community Hall

The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at this meeting may contact Council member Don Keith in Fort McMurray at 791-7625, or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274 for assistance.



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# Dene Tha' medical building fits the bill

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ASSUMPTION, Alta.

The medical station in Assumption, opened on May 2, has already been outgrown says program coordinator for the Dene Tha' band, Gloria O'Connor.

According to O'Connor the building, which cost just over \$800,000 and houses a counselling program for drug and alcohol, the community health representatives and three resident nurses, are already too small. O'Connor says, "We have outgrown it already."

She says activity in the community are putting the facilities to maximum use. "There have been a lot of changes over the last year.

There have been three tragic deaths in the last month and as a result we have had people coming in for alcohol counselling."

The alcohol treatment counselling is one of the more successful programs that the new medical facility houses. O'Connor says that over 30 people from the Assumption area have been booked for alcohol treatment for August and that most of them go to Poundmakers/Nechi Treatment Centre in St. Albert, near Edmonton.

O'Connor adds that "the building has enhanced all of the programs - people can see a number of different people at the same time when they visit the medical centre."



Alcohol & drug counselling program and several other medical services: a new \$800,000 medical building

The architect of the new health station in Assumption, Bill Wyness, says he designed the building for specific reasons. "I felt that people, when they went into that old health station, didn't feel right...like they had to leave themselves outside in order to go in. If you can only take part of yourself into a building then

you're not going to be in a good mood to get healed."

The building came in on budget and on time and according to Wyness, "The total project cost is approximately \$828,000. And that includes everything, the design, the development of the land, the construction of the building. The construction

of the building was just under \$700,000."

The building plans were revised because the community was growing faster than expected and the planning took place three years earlier. The building consequently was almost 7,000 square feet in size instead of the originally planned figure of 5,000

square feet.

The building is something that the people of Assumption are proud of and that is helping the people who work in the medical facility, Gloria O'Connor says. "They are proud of the building, they like to come and sit in here. Before people didn't want to come and see us." □

## Congratulations to the Dene Tha' Band on the opening of their new nursing station.

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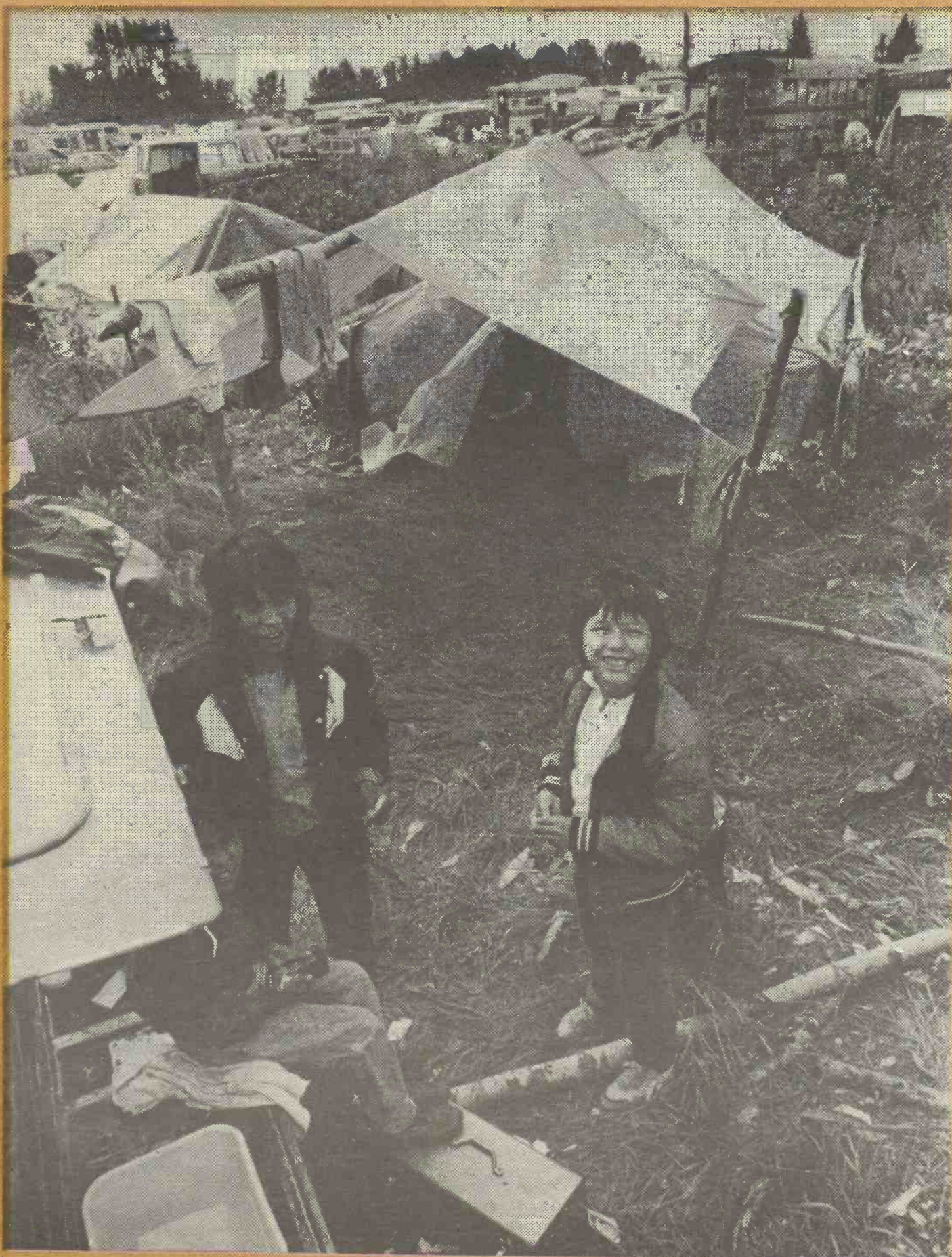
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# Lac Ste. Anne

By Patrick Michell  
Windspeaker Correspondent

LAC STE. ANNE, Alta.

She has returned each year for 20 years since she was 15 years old; he has returned each year since he was born. She is 45-year-old Marie Lund from Edmonton, and he is 10-year-old Alfred George from Meander River.

Their story is familiar to the many thousands who have journeyed hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles, to see the shores and to bathe in the waters of Lac Ste. Anne, located 100 kilometers from Edmonton.

Lund and George are among the estimated 10,000 participating in the annual Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage, which began 99 years ago in 1889 "when a severe drought brought Native people to pray for rain at the Oblate mission, located on what was then called Devil's Lake," reported an Edmonton Journal article.

They are drawn to the lake because it is reputed to possess healing powers and a now-submerged healing rock located 300 feet from the lake's south shore.

Years ago when the rock was above the water, many Natives reported that they had seen Saint Anne standing on the large rock, said Lund. She added that the rock is now imprinted with Saint Anne's footprints.

"Last year, I was praying at that rock — I could feel



A prayer by the lake: Helen Joseph

the footprints on the rock," said Lund, adding that she waded to the rock believing it would heal a hip problem. "I went out to the rock, prayed, and I was healed."

Another Albertan, who has often returned to Lac Ste. Anne, has not been as fortunate. Eva Houle, a Goodfish resident, suffers from severe arthritis. She is unable to walk without the aid of crutches, but is determined to enter the water this year, hoping it will cure or curb the pain which began 20 years ago.

"The arthritis is getting worse — I'm going to try to heal without pills," she said while making her way to a midday mass being conducted by Bishop Roy from St. Paul.

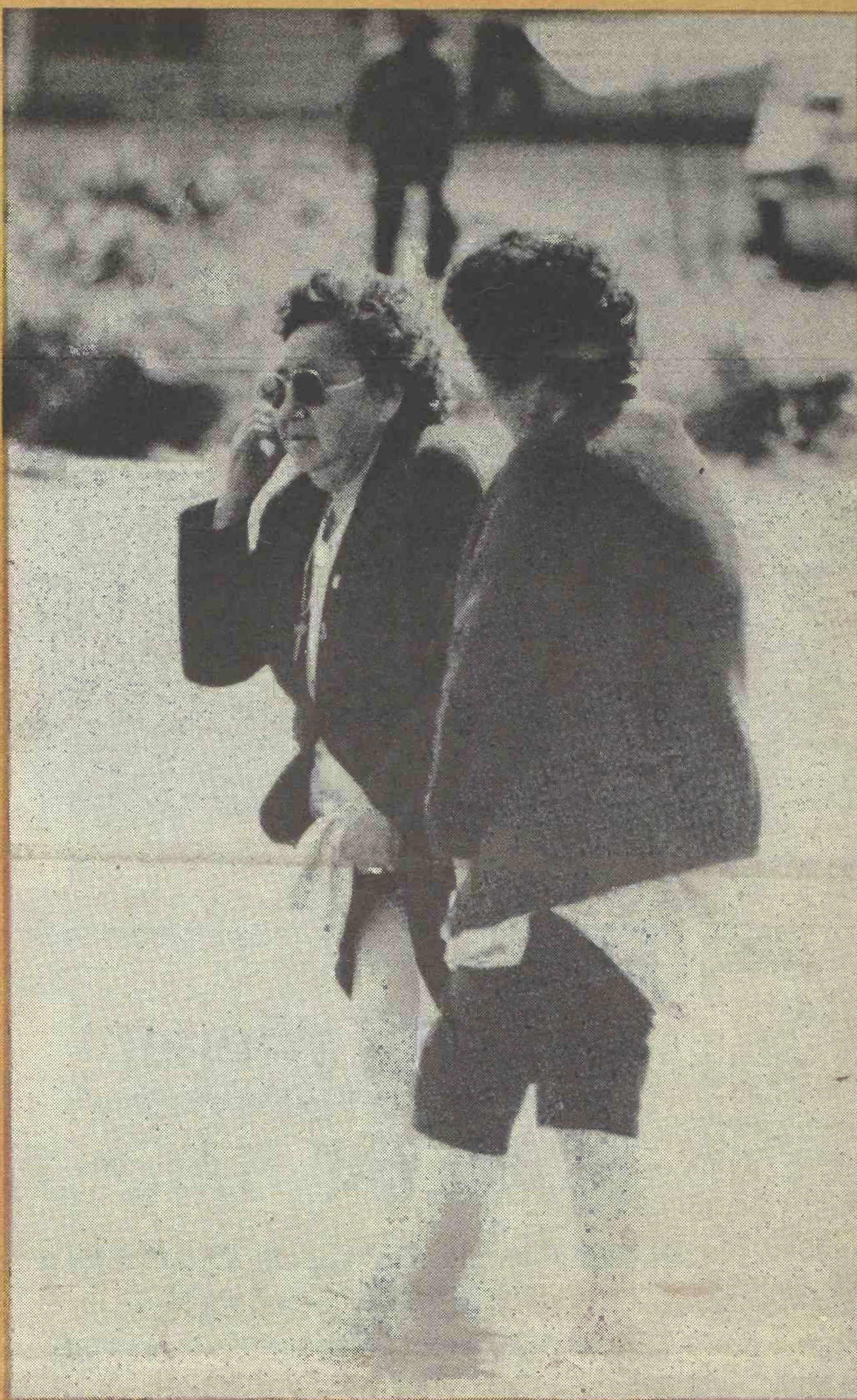
While many participating at the pilgrimage have visited the lake before, a few

others have travelled hundreds of miles to experience the holy lake for the first time, such as 93-year-old Helen Joseph from Big River, Saskatchewan.

Although she is not handicapped or disabled, Joseph is at the lake because "the water is good" adding that "it is a blessing to be here." Although camped not more than 20 feet away from the lake, Joseph's advanced age stops her from wading into the lake.

Her daughters, Juliette McAdam and Nancy Joseph, have waded into the lake as far as the rock. But as McAdam states "we didn't see anything (footprints). The water was cloudy."

But they had travelled the 1040 km from Big River, because "we heard that there's been a lot of healings



Seeking a cure: Emelda Wesley

— just by going into the water. When we really prayed, it felt good. We could feel something holy on that rock."

Others who have travelled a great distance to be at the lake are the Bourke family from Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. They have made the 1200 kilometer journey for the

last 10 years.

Asked why they had driven such a distance, Mary Bourke replied they returned "out of tradition," because her parents had repeatedly visited the lake. She added that it was also to meet with old friends met at the previous year's pilgrimage, and to collect "souvenirs and religious articles." □

Photos by Patrick Michell



Returning out of tradition: Marie Lund and the Bourke family



Hearing confession: visiting priest



## OUR PEOPLE

# Tea cups spill over in collector's home



From two tea cups 25 years ago to thousands: Millie Lacombe and her collection of cups

By Diane Parenteau  
Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. PAUL, Alta.

Millie Lacombe is known around town as the lady with the teacups and a visit to her cramped two story house justifies her name.

The 78 year old Metis lady has an unbelievable collection of teacups, mugs, and steins all incredibly displayed in three rooms and a staircase of her small home.

The collection that started with two fancy cups 25 years ago, today spills out of her 46 cabinets some stacked three high covering windows and doors. They line both sides of the staircase and hang from the ceiling. More than a dozen full

mug trees sit on the steps going to the second floor landing. Clothes hangers spin in the doorway of the living room with cups swaying from them.

All available wall space not covered by a cabinet holds a nail and a teacup. The sides of her kitchen cupboards display teacups, and a box of the most recent cups purchased from the weekend auction and garage sales sit unpacked on the dining room table.

"As far as I'm concerned, when we raised our kids we were poor," said Lacombe from her well worn couch that sat in the midst of the collection. A chair and mauve colored end table complete the other furniture. "My sister Charlotte gave me two fancy cups. It started with one buffet and look at it now. I just had a few (cups) to start and then a few more, now I've gone crazy."

The cups were something beautiful that she couldn't always afford. Now if she sees a cup that she wants and has the money, she buys it. It is a pleasure she allows herself.

Among the collection are cups from different provinces and countries. She has two with the queen on them, one with the pope, some are big and others are so very small. One cup that included china furniture holds no more than a single drop of water. She has wooden cups made by her son Albert and a cup said to be 100 years old that belonged to her mother.

"One guy said to me, lady you have a fortune here," said Lacombe. She was offered \$6,000 for her collection but didn't even consider selling.

She added, "another guy told me, lady you don't live in a house, you live in a museum." News of the teacup collection has attracted curious viewers from across the country and even the states.

"They come knocking on the door asking if I'm the lady with the teacups," she said with a laugh. "One lady who came to see them just stood in the living room. Everytime she turned she would say 'Oh My God' then she'd turn and say again 'Oh My God.' That's all she could say. She couldn't believe it."

Mrs. Lacombe herself kept repeating the words, "you have to see it to believe it."

Family, friends and neighbors add to her collection, some of her 11 children send her cups as gifts as do her grandchildren.

"At one time I knew who gave me which one but now I get mixed up I have too many." She knocked on her grey haired head and jokingly blamed her loss of memory on her age. "The old grey mare she ain't what she use to be."

"Sometimes when someone comes over and I want to give them something of a souvenir, I give them a fancy cup and saucer always one that I bought myself. If someone gave me one I wouldn't part with it."

She admits to being crazy with her cup collecting and laughed about something that happened a while ago.

"One time I just finished washing my buffet and I stood back. You know they shine so much I said out loud, just beautiful." Someone overheard her and said she had reached the limit with her talking to her cups.

"I even take down my pictures to hang up mugs, I've got boxes of pictures."

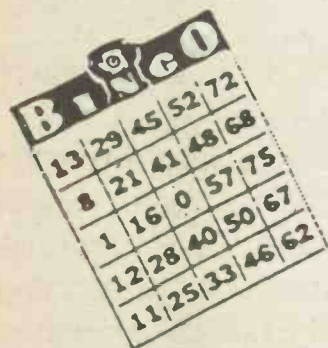
Some of the cabinets were old television sets that didn't work. Her sons converted them to buffets. She recently purchase another old television for two dollars in the hopes of getting a new place for more cups.

"That darn thing worked when we plugged it in," said Lacombe. She needed another cabinet more than another television.

In addition to thousands of cups, Lacombe has hundreds of salt and pepper shakers, dozens of teapots and many other nik naks and ornaments all of which are washed three times a year taking three weeks each time. "I got a lot of junk," she admitted.

When the good humored Lacombe isn't checking out boxes of stuff and auction sales or scooting from garage sale to garage sale buying up cups, she indulges in her other love — bingo.

According to her she isn't ready to quit any of them. "We're here today and gone tomorrow, I guess I'll never quit."



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## OUR PEOPLE

# Visitors delight in stained glass at tipi church

By Lesley Crossingham  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEWA, Alta.

The gentle morning sunshine cascades through the new stained-glass windows, creating hundreds of sparkling rainbows that criss-cross the floor and illuminating the tall tipi-like steeple that gives the Roman Catholic Church its name.

Artist Alex Twins points to the new windows he created in the church called Mary, Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, and proudly recounts the story of the "Indian" Jesus Christ's ministry.

"Here is the traditional manger scene," he says, pointing to the picture of the baby Jesus lying in a manger but instead of being surrounded by cattle and donkeys the baby is watched over by a pinto warrior horse and a buffalo.

In each scene Jesus and his disciples are depicted as Natives and traditional symbols such as the sweetgrass, the eagle and the circle are included.

Even when Christ is eventually crucified, he is hanged on the centre-pole of the sundance and the



Recounts story of 'Indian' Jesus: Stain glass creation

eagle feather in his hair is broken.

Many people have expressed surprise and delight at the "Indian" Jesus but Twins says that story of Jesus speaks to all Indian people because many of them have experienced the hatred and persecution that the Messiah received at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

"We've all been there," he says sadly. "Once they (missionaries) called us pagans and savages. They cut our braids, they told us

not to speak our language, they said Indians weren't spiritual."

Twins feels the early missionaries deliberately misinterpreted Indian spirituality and persecuted Indian people.

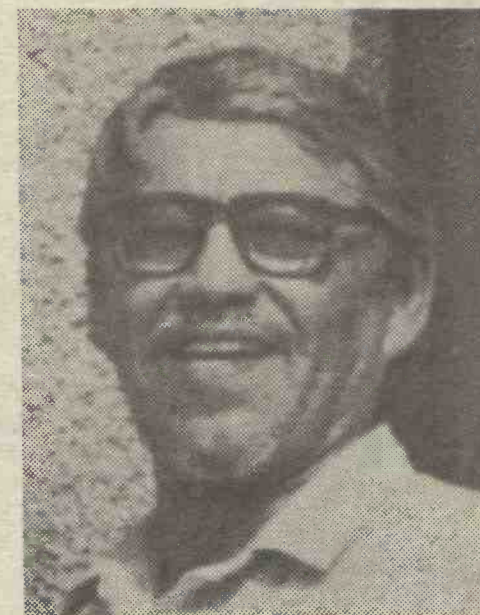
"We've never been pagans. They said we worshipped the sun in the sundance but that's just not true. The sundance means we sacrifice the way God gave his son to all the people. We have always worshipped the one God, the

God all men worship."

Twins feels more Indian people will be able to relate to Christianity if they see Jesus dressed in buckskin and wearing long braids.

"I had a lot of problems with the Catholic faith," he says recalling his years at the reserve convent. "And I had a lot of bitterness left."

After leaving school he "got mixed up in alcohol" and crime. But after spending many years in jail, he finally decided to seek help through Alcoholics Ano-



Artist Alex Twins

nymous. Eventually parish priest Father Gauthier sought Twins out and helped him return to the reserve where he has now lived for the past five years.

"It's funny but I had a lot of bitterness towards the church but it was a priest that finally helped me get straightened out," he recalls.

Now Twins wants to return that kindness and help the young people on the reserve.

"I am afraid for the kids here," he says. "There's a lot of suicides because we are too rich, we have too much oil monies, too much alcoholism and dope taking. They are so filthy rich, they don't know what to do with their money."

Twins says young people

have to be given something to live for and he feels that lies with their traditions and culture.

"But we mustn't dwell on the past, what is done is done, we must look to the future and be proud of being Indian people," he smiles.

And the years of alcoholism have taken their toll. Twins is now a diabetic and suffers from cataracts.

"I've had numerous operations, and I am nearly blind," he laughs. "But I still paint--I'll never give that up."

One of Twins' better known works is the stations of the cross he painted at the Lac St. Anne pilgrimage site north of Edmonton. But currently he is working on the portraits of former Louis Bull band chiefs, including his own great grandfather Louis Bull and his grandfather Francis Bull the last of the hereditary chiefs.

His next project will be the remaining windows in the tipi church which will be illustrated with scenes from the Old Testament and will include Moses and Noah.

The tipi church is located next to Maskwachees College on the reserve. □

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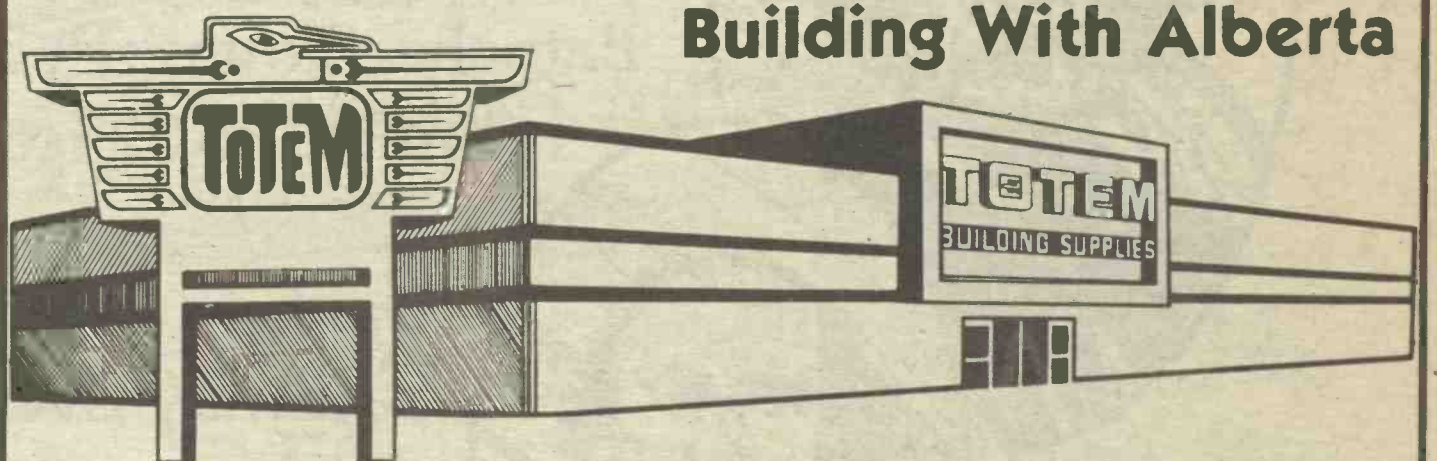
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## ON THE POWWOW TRAIL

# Outsiders get new Blackfoot names from elders



Name-giving ceremony held for non-Natives: Donna Coulter and Elder Joe Crowshoe

By Jackie Red Crow  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HEAD-SMASHED-IN-BUFFALO-JUMP, Alta.

With a buffalo skull, an important religious symbol used in the Blackfoot Sundance, placed prominently in the centre of a buffalo mat, two non-Natives were honoured in a name-giving ceremony here on July 24.

Donna Coulter, who was instrumental in organizing the Friends of the Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump, was given the name Otter Woman, a religious symbol also depicted on peigan spiritual Elder Joe Crowshoe's painted teepee. Crowshoe was assisted by

Blood spiritual Elder Rufus Goodstriker in performing the name-giving ceremony for the two non-Natives during the Buffalo-Jump's first three-day powwow July 22-24.

Crowshoe had prayed and chanted before he announced their new Blackfoot names. He had chosen their names based on the religious significance of artifacts used in the Sundance. A dance around the circle was held after the announcement of the names.

Coulter was described as "the leading light" in getting the non-profit organization off the group last January. It is composed of both Peigan and Blood representatives whose purpose is to create understanding between the two groups and also assist in fund-raising and other programs for the interpretive centre.

Fort Macleod resident Hugh Craig, who recently received an Order of Canada medal among his long list of accomplishments, was given the Blackfoot name, Buffalo Skull. He was honoured for his long-time support and work with the Blackfoot Indians.

Goodstriker had cut short a presentation at the interpretive centre to explain the significance of name-giving ceremonies. He said a name is bestowed upon an individual when they have achieved various stages in their lives by an Elder who carefully chooses names based on cultural significance or from relatives who had acquired some unique feature such as healing powers.

"Everybody (Natives) had names from the time they're little babies to when they become an Elders," said Goodstriker. However, he stressed that many people don't realize that Natives "pay many gifts" when they acquire a new name.

In fact, Goodstriker stated some names are given out freely without even consulting the person possessing the name. He said he can speak from personal experience because his Blackfoot name was given to "a white man from Ontario."

"Before you make any mistakes, always look into the origins of Blackfoot names before you give a name away," he said.

The name-giving ceremony was part of the many festivities held just below the interpretive centre. Tipi inspection and tours, children's games and competition dances were held throughout the three-day powwow.



Rufus Goodstriker

Organizer Louisa Crowshoe said she was pleased with the attendance of the powwow. "We had close to 200 dancers registered and they came from all over Alberta and even parts of the United States."

About 28 tipis were erected on the grounds where one year ago thousands of people watched as Prince Andrew and Lady Sarah officially opened the interpretive centre.

"The Buffalo-Jump has become the number one tourist centre in Southern Alberta," said Crowshoe. They hope to continue the powwow and attract more people and visitors in the coming years.

The following are the results of the dance competitions: □

## POWWOW RESULTS

**Boys Fancy:** 1. Ian Desjardens, Edmonton; 2. Wee Boy Yellow Horn, Bocket; 3. Merlin Kicking Woman, Edmonton.

**Girls Fancy:** 1. Holly Lahr, Browning, Montana; 2. Romana Roff, Bozeman, Montana; 3. Joanne Good Eagle, Calgary.

**Boys Traditional:** 1. Clinton Roff, Bozeman, Montana; 2. Kyle Plain Eagle, Bocket; 3. Russell Strikes With A Gun, Bocket.

**Ladies Fancy:** 1. Rachael Snow, Morley; 2. Earline Healy, Standoff; 3. Audrey Sitting Eagle, Blackfoot.

**Ladies Traditional:** 1. Gloria Snow, Morley; 2. Michelle Michael, Browning, Montana; 3. Justine Roff, Bozeman, Montana.

**Mens Traditional:** 1. Art Scalp Lock, Morley; 2. Steven Small Salmon, Rozeman, Montana; 3. Philip Paul, Rozeman, Montana.

**Mens Fancy:** 1. Luke White Man, Browning, Montana; 2. Scotty Many Guns, Blackfoot; 3. Tim Yellow Horn, Bocket.

**Ladies Buckskin:** 1. Justine Roff, Bozeman, Montana; 2. Michelle Michael, Browning, Montana; 3. Gloria Snow, Morley.

**Mens Buckskin:** 1. Joe Yellow Horn, Bocket; 2. Eddy Bad Eagle, Bocket; 3. Harvey Sure Chief, Peigan.

**Old Style Chicken Dance:** 1. Tony Black Water, Standoff; 2. George Kipp, Browning, Montana; 3. Bruce Starlight, Sarcee.

**Mens Grass Dance:** 1. Radford Black Rider, Blackfoot; 2. Jason Left Hand, Eden Valley; 3. J.R. Many Heads, Blackfoot. □

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Windspeaker Correspondent

GOODFISH LAKE, Alta.

From the bull bucking bronc bustin' of the rodeo to the guitar picking fiddle playing of the talent show, the Goodfish Lake annual Treaty Days celebrations had it all. The notable aspect of it all was that the Treaty Days Committee, just months old, and other contributors were all working on a volunteer basis.

The three day event

which started Friday July 8th kicked off with a grand parade. It also featured a pancake breakfast, round dance, baseball and fastball tournaments, handgames, talent show, princess pageant, rodeo and fireworks display with an on grounds midway for the kids. It was difficult to take in all events.

In the rodeo grounds the western crowd were treated to some fast paced rides and fun events.

"This is the first year all the stands have been full,"

said rodeo committee secretary Jackie Cardinal. "We wanted more than the nine standard events this year so everybody can get involved. We even have such a thing as mutton bustin' for six and under and junior events like junior steer riding. We also have a staff donkey riding. Our chief is even going to ride. That's a real crowd pleaser."

16-year-old Goodfish Lake resident, Francine Houle, was crowned Treaty Days princess during the

Sunday afternoon intermission. She beat out five other local contestants.

The parade which attracted entries from local and surrounding community businesses was an astounding success, according to Treaty Days committee president, Adeline Half-Cardinal.

"The parade was terrific, I was amazed," said Half-Cardinal, "it was just marvelous."

Categories included floats from commercial businesses, clubs and senior's groups. There were prizes handed out for horse and rider teams, dressed teams and decorated bicycle and for the oldest and youngest participants in the parade.

The baseball and fastball tournament which attracted eight teams in the ladies' fastball event, 12 in the men's fastball and another eight in the men's baseball offered hard hitting competitive action for two full days. The local Goodfish Laker's team beat out the visiting Alexander Teepee Crawlers playing back to back games for most of Sunday afternoon.

Over in the ladies' mound, neighboring Kikino Spartans easily placed first over the North Battleford

Knights. Vermilion A's came in third.

The men's fastball A side winners were the Kikino Spartans who beat out the Vermilion Red Socks. In the B event, the Lac La Biche Dodgers took first over the Alexis A's.

In another corner of the Goodfish Lake recreation grounds, competitors tuned up their instruments and their vocals for the afternoon talent show. The outdoor stage snuggled in a grassy wooden area of the park provided a comfortable setting for relaxing and being entertained. Hundreds of people gathered around the stage to encourage participants and each other.

## RESULTS

Commercial Float: 1st. Whitfish Lake Band - Ernest Houle  
Club Floats: 1st. Day Care Organization - Janet Hunter  
Senior's Floats: 1st. Smoky Lake Senior's - K. Kulchisky  
Horse & Rider: 1st. Clint Hallé  
Dressed Teams: 1st. Marshall Hallé  
Decorated Bicycle: 1st. Tory & Leah Hallé  
Individual: (Oldest) 1st. Joseph Jackson (Youngest) 1st. Kevin Jackson  
Female Vocals: 1st. Faye Delorme, North Battleford, Saskatchewan  
Male Vocals: 1st. Floyd Thompson, Kikino, Alberta  
Jr. Girls Vocals: 1st. Carrie Thompson, Kikino, Alberta  
Jr. Boys Vocals: 1st. Travis White  
Duet Vocals: 1st. Floyd & Carrie

Thompson, Kikino, Alberta  
Air Guitar: 1st. Georgette Men-nook, Goodfish Lake, Alberta  
Red River Jig: (Seniors) 1st. Lorie Thompson & Roy Cardinal, Kikino/-Rocky Mountain House, Alberta (Juniors) 1st. Tammy & Liz Desjar-lais, Elinor Lake, Alberta  
Fiddle Contest: 1st. Charles Shott, Boyle, Alberta  
Mens Fastball: 1st. Goodfish Laker's; 2nd. Alexander Teepee Crawlers; 3rd. Canoe Lake Com-madores; 4th. Saddle Lake Silver Bullets  
Ladies Fastball: 1st. Kikino Spar-tans; 2nd. North Battleford Knights; 3rd. Vermilion A's  
Mens Baseball: (A Side) 1st. Kikino Saints; 2nd. Vermilion Red Sox (B Side) 1st. Lac La Biche Dodgers; 2nd. Alexis A's  
Bareback: Harold Blyan, Caslan  
Saddle Bronc: Loren Christianson, Camp Creek  
Boys Cow Riding: Don Byers, Edmonton  
Ladies Barrels: Rhonda Christian-son, Camp Creek  
Jr. Barrels: Buffy Romeo, Mayerthorpe  
Steer Wrestling: Ralph Danard, Edmonton  
Bull Riding: Nil  
Jr. Steer Riding: Shawn Fisher  
Princess Pageant: Winner: Fran-cine Houle; 1st Runner Up: Carolyn Jackson □

## High Prairie Metis Local #159

# SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT

## 2 DOUBLE KNOCKOUT

August 20-21, 1988  
High Prairie, Alta.

Men's: First 16 paid teams accepted -- Entry fee \$200

Purse: Subject to change depending on entry  
\$1,100 first place  
\$900 second place  
\$700 third place

Ladies: First 12 paid teams accepted -- Entry fee \$150

Purse: Subject to change depending on entry  
\$800 first place  
\$600 second place  
\$400 third place

Dance to follow on Saturday Night

To enter call:  
Olga Emard 523-5519  
Gerald Cunningham 523-3179

## Sports Roundup

By Kim McLain  
...is still on vacation. He'll return next week.

## Hobbema Invitational Track & Field Meet July 21, 1988 Results

A total of 55 children took part in the track and field meet. They ranged in ages from six years old to seventeen years.

Best team: Enoch  
Sportsmanlike and furthest travelled team:  
Peigan (Brocket)

Teams	Total Points	Team Members
Peigan (Brocket)	73	7
Louis Bull	156	13
Ermineskin	228	16
Enoch	315	19

## Girls WINNERS Boys

### 9 & Under

1st Cheyanne Morin, Enoch, 27 pts  
2nd Jenise Bull, Louis Bull, 21 pts  
3rd Allison Bull, Louis Bull, 16 pts  
4th Tanya Northwest, Ermineskin, 13 pts

### 10-12

1st Toni Wolfe, Ermineskin, 22 pts  
2nd Lucianne Crazyboy, Peigan, 15 pts  
3rd Michelle Rattlesnake, Ermineskin, 14 pts  
4th Cheryl Littlechild, Ermineskin, 13 pts

### 13-14

1st Angie Littlechild, Ermineskin, 30 pts  
2nd Tanya Bull, Louis Bull, 17 pts  
3rd Danielle LaBelle, Ermineskin, 15 pts  
4th Jolene Alexander, Enoch, 12 pts

### 15-17

1st Camille Hodgson, Enoch, 26 pts  
2nd Cheryl Ward, Enoch, 24 pts  
3rd Rhonda Larondelle, Enoch, 18 pts  
4th Louanne Ward, Enoch, 17 pts

### 9 & Under

1st Freeman Raine, Louis Bull, 25 pts  
2nd Gavin Bull, Louis Bull, 18 pts  
3rd Jensen Raine, Louis Bull, 12 pts  
4th Jesse Ermineskin, Ermineskin, 11 pts

### 10-12

1st Dustin Wolfe, Ermineskin, 29 pts  
2nd Tobias Samson, Ermineskin, 12 pts  
3rd Preston Bull, Louis Bull, 11 pts  
4th Edwin Currie, Louis Bull, 10 pts

### 13-14

1st Cody Hodgson, Enoch, 33 pts  
1st Jody Ground, Enoch, 33 pts  
3rd Joel Ground, Enoch, 29 pts  
4th Russel Burton, Enoch, 20 pts

### 15-17

1st Shane Peacock, Enoch, 38 pts  
2nd Sam Holloway, Peigan, 20 pts  
3rd Cameron Rattlesnake, Ermineskin, 18 pts  
4th Leon Rattlesnake, Ermineskin, 14 pts

Thank you to the following who made the Track & Field Meet a success:

Plains Auto Sales (Hobbema)  
Bigway Foods (Hobbema)  
Bow & Arrow Convenience Store (Hobbema)  
Littlechild Ranches  
Burger Baron (Ponoka)  
Louis Bull Recreation

Ermineskin Recreation  
Mameo Recreation  
Montana Recreation  
Enoch Recreation  
Peigan Recreation  
Shirley & Elvin Wolfe  
Samson Lumber (Hobbema)

## Hosted by Alexander Oldtimers Hockey Club

35 and over  
Fastball and  
Coed  
Slowpitch  
Tournament

August 13&14, 1988

Fastball 12 teams  
Coed Slowpitch 12 teams  
Entry \$175  
Call Jerome Yellowdirt or  
Ernie at 939-5887

Alexander Sports Days - August 19, 20&21, 1988  
-Rodeo - Pulling chariot & Chuckwagon races  
-Ball tournaments  
Call the Alexander Recreation department



# Panee Memorial Agri-plex

PRESENTS  
8th ANNUAL

HOBBEEMA

ALBERTA



## August 5-7, 1988

### 7 Major Events

Prize Money \$1,200

Entry Fee \$50

### 2 Minor Events

Junior Barrels & Boy's

Steer Riding

Prize Money \$750

Entry Fee \$50

Entries Open: July 27, 1988

IRCA Central Entry System: 12-6 p.m.

Call Back: July 29

Top ten cowboys and  
cowgirls in each event  
will go to the finals  
Sunday afternoon 2 p.m.

### August 5-6

Parimutual Races & Horse Shows

*Traditional Grand Entry - Saturday & Sunday*

### Beer Gardens & Dance

Friday &  
Saturday

Music by Nashville Sound  
Special guest Ron Curothers

Gregg Smith - Rodeo Announcer

Herb Chisan - Rodeo Bullfighter

#### Rodeo Producers

Crane Rodeo Co.

Seven West Rodeo Co.

VOLD Rodeo Company

Herman Roasting & Sons Rodeo Co.

*For More Info Phone Marcel, Larry or Curtis  
585-3884 or 585-3898*

### RAFFLE

- 4-year-old  
Quarter Horse

- Indian Painting (value \$1000.)

### ADMISSION (daily)

Adults \$6.00 per person

Children aged 10-14 and

Senior Citizens \$3.00

Children under 10 free



## Help Around The House

### Electrical repairs need careful attention

Electrical power comes to your home from the power company. It flows through the meter, which records how much electricity you use, and on to the main power control switch located near your fuse box or circuit breaker box.

If you have electrical problems, your repairs will have to start at the fuse box or circuit breaker box, so you should know where it is. It is usually located near your meter. Don't wait for an emergency to happen before you locate the fuse box. Find out where it is

now, so you will be prepared.

Don't forget that electricity can seriously injure or even kill you. Always follow instructions about handling electrical appliances and never attempt difficult repairs yourself. When changing or repairing fuses, always make sure the main switch is off first and, if the ground is damp near the box, place boards over the damp parts and stand on the board while removing or changing fuses.

#### How to Repair an Appliance Cord Receptacle (female)

Note: The plugs with holes in them are referred to as "female." Those with prongs are referred to as "male."

You will need a screwdriver, knife, and scissors or pliers.

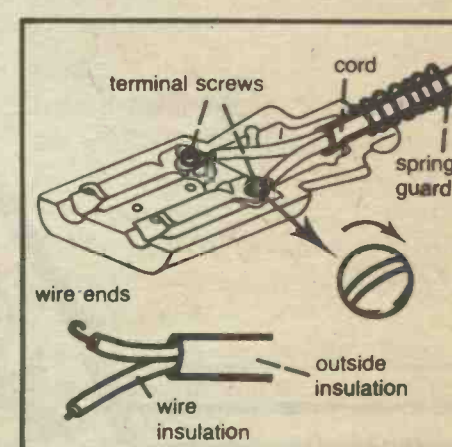
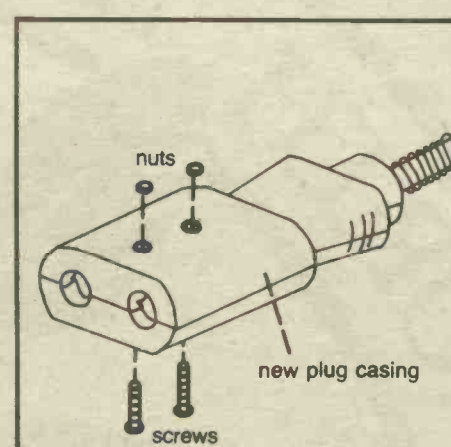
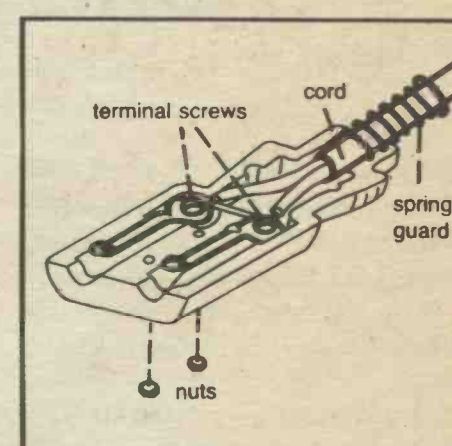
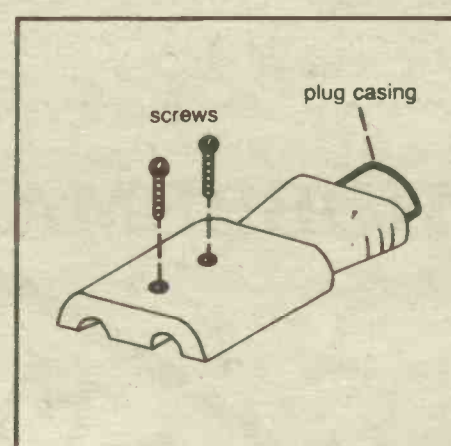
1. Remove plug casing from contacts and spring guard by removing screws and nuts.
2. Loosen the two terminal screws. Pull cord through spring guard.
3. Cut off damaged end of cord. Using the knife or scissors, carefully remove 60 mm (about 2 1/2") of

outside insulation.

4. Remove 20 mm (about 3/4") of wire from each end and twist each wire between thumb and finger to hold strands together.

5. Insert cord through spring guard. Bend each wire end into a hook shape.
6. Place wire ends around the terminal screws in the same direction as the screws will be tightened. Tighten screws.

7. Place the spring guard into one half of the new plug casing. Install the other half of new casing. Install screws and nuts.



### JOB OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

**Kind and Level of Work:** The Counsellor is responsible for all aspects of counselling psychology. The role of the Counsellor is the promotion of personal and cultural growth with emphasis on assisting clients to develop their abilities and interests in order to realize their full potential - self-awareness. In general, the Counsellor's primary responsibility is to the "clients."

**Duties:** Assist and participate in intake procedure - a) Record and compile all necessary admittance forms b) Orient clients on conditions of residential care including policies, house rules, ground rules, room assignments, meal times, laundry days, duties of key personnel c) Inquire and report clients on medication and clients with physical handicaps, especially to the evening Counsellor; plan, record and maintain daily and weekly session schedules of program content; prepare and facilitate sessions for residential clients; provide counselling services to residential clients including one to one counselling, group counselling and family counselling and assist them with other related chemically dependency problems; prepare and record all necessary clients reports such as intake, progress, discharge summary, etc.; report on problem areas and incidents with clients during daily consultation with Treatment Services coordinator (inpatient); perform other related duties and functions to supplement the program content such as showing films and other visual presentations; undertake other related and required duties as requested by the Treatment Services coordinator.

**Minimum education and experience required:** Experience in social work or other closely related behavioral science field with concentration in counselling; graduation from a standard high school supplemented by courses in basic and advanced counselling or any combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, abilities and skills.

**Other requirements:** Must have a valid Driver's License; at least one year sobriety and must be familiar with the Blackfoot language and Indian culture.

**Salary:** Negotiable **Deadline:** August 19, 1988

Send resumes to:  
**Leslie Tailfeathers**  
**Vice Chairman**  
**St. Paul Treatment & Training Centre**  
**for Alcohol and Drug Abuse**  
**Box 179**  
**Cardston, Alberta T0K 0K0**



### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Kind and level of work:** The executive director is responsible for all phases of management including administration, promotion, and supervision of all four components (administration, preventive services, treatment services and building maintenance) of the organization. The primary function of the chief administrator is to direct the total organization toward a high standard of operation in achieving the goals and objectives of the treatment centre.

**Duties:** Oversee the supervision of employees to ensure a staff of competent personnel to best utilize individual and group capabilities; recruit, hire and terminate staff subject to the budget, personnel policies, and approval of the board; assign and reassign personnel within the organization to meet the needs of the centre for a competent staff; arrange, prepare and attend all general meetings and board meetings; inform the board of all information regarding the condition of organization and all significant factors influencing it; insure that board directives, personnel rules and regulations are adhered to, and implemented, in order for the program to operate effectively and efficiently; ensures that accounting procedures are followed in order to have proper financial control and administration; arranges for the preparation of monthly and quarterly financial and program reports to the board, and all funding sources for review, comment, reaction and approval; consult and participate in research and development for continuous personal and intellectual growth of the total organization; maintain good working relations with the board of directors, agencies of government, professional associations, mass media and the public at large; counsels with supervisors on staff requiring training on the organizations time and expense; foster an environment of team work and commitment of total personnel through the organization by developing and improving methods of effective communications.

**Knowledge, abilities and skills:** This position requires a good planning ability, extensive knowledge of business management - to provide sound recommendations or alternatives to the board as a basis for effective financial and management decisions. Human relations skills are needed to guide, influence and motivate others to attain our goal - serve the public.

**Minimum education and experience required:** Extensive administrative and management experience in the service of a large organization, with some accounting experience desirable; graduation from a recognized college or university with a degree or equivalent in business administration or related field; or any combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, abilities and skills.

**Immediate supervisor:** Board of Directors - specifically the chairperson. **Deadline date:** August 19, 1988

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## Fall Jamboree

## Sept. 1, 2, 3 & 4

## BEAUVAL, SASK.

Cultural Evening  
Metis Music  
Fiddles  
Powwow Dancers  
Ball Games  
Canoe Races  
Arts & Crafts Display

"A Whole Lot of Fun"  
24 Hours of  
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A tribute to the people of  
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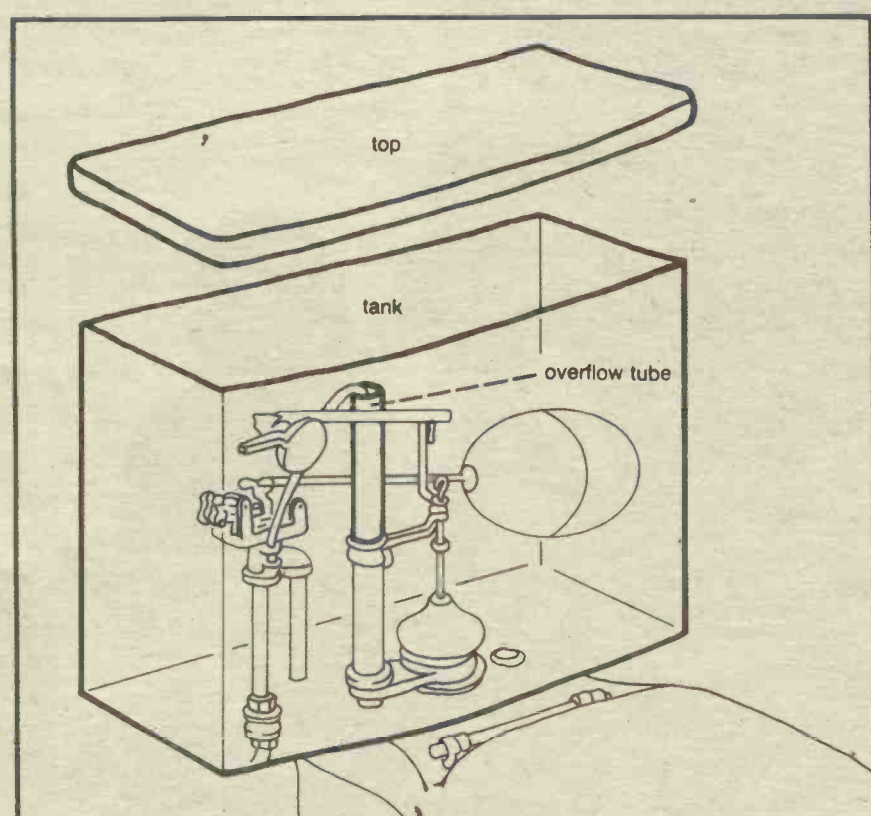
### Some hints for fixing plumbing problems

Properly looked after, your plumbing system should work well without causing you serious problems. Prevent such common problems as blocked drains by keeping sinks clean — don't put grease or food into the sink. Always have the strainer basket in position in your sink and throw the bits and pieces that collect in it into the garbage, not down the drain. Keep your toilet clear — don't flush large objects down it such as disposable diapers, sanitary napkins and so on. Fix dripping taps or leaking pipes right away to save yourself money.

It's a good idea to find out the position of the water and sewer lines on your property in case you or your service man ever needs to know where they are.

— Locate the water shut-off valve to your house. It is usually just inside the property line of your lot and is often marked with a stake during construction of the house. Your municipal officer or contractor can help you find it.

— Locate the sewer line and clean-out valve for your house before landscaping. make sure you leave free access to the main in case of future problems.



— Be sure to turn off the shut-off valve for your outside taps during the winter to avoid freezing. The valve will most likely be in the basement close to one of the outside taps.

— Don't forget, serious problems need a plumber, but many minor ones can be fixed by you.

#### Running Toilets

To find out where the problem is located, remove the top of the tank and carefully place it where it will not be damaged. Check the water level in the tank. If it is more than 25 mm (1") below the top of the overflow tube, the flush ball need correcting. You will

have to repair it. Clean the ball seat or adjust the flush ball guide. If water is running into the top of the overflow tube, the float ball needs correcting. You will have to repair it or replace it. If the problem is in neither the flush ball nor the float ball, the inlet valve may be causing the problem.

If you would like more information on basic home care and repairs, you can call the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, at 1-800-272-9674 (toll free) or drop into the Edmonton office: Suite 200, 10216 - 124 St. □

## Director of Social Services

**Duties.....**Assure that the social assistance guidelines in the manual are followed and implemented by the staff.

- ✎ Prepares the annual budget requirement for the program.
- ✎ Directs and supervises staff consisting from the social assistance program, Homemakers, and child welfare.
- ✎ Other duties assigned by the tribal administration or acting personnel.

**Qualifications.....**Must possess Bachelor of Social Work.

- ✎ Ability to speak Cree an asset.
- ✎ Valid Class 5 Driver's Licence, provide own transportation.
- ✎ Good physical and mental health.

**Salary commensurate with qualifications.**

**Closing Date: Aug. 12, 1988**

**Interviews: Aug. 16, 1988**

Please forward resume to:

**Bigstone Cree Band  
General Delivery  
Desmarais, Alberta  
T0G 0T0**

## Bigstone Cree Band — Education Authority Desmarais, Alberta Open Job Competition

### 1. Provincial Tuition Agreement Administrator 2. Assistant Administrative Clerk

**Required by the Bigstone Cree Band: Education Authority Office and Operations, 1. Provincial Tuition Agreement Administrator (full-time); 2. Assistant Clerk - Administrative position (part-time).**

The Bigstone Band Education Authority Office & Operations is a dynamic and growing service, serving the Bigstone Cree Band membership, either on/off reserve and the isolated communities in Northern Alberta.

Under the supervision and direction of the Director of Education, the successful, qualified candidates for these positions will be responsible for; as a unit; to work together and duties thereof:

Reports to the Director of Education and to the Chairman of the Bigstone Education Authority — board; and also to the Portfolio Holder of Education.

Responsible for implementation and development of, and maintenance of quality education support services to Indian children as specified in the Tuition Agreement on behalf of the Bigstone Cree Band.

Administers and monitors the Tuition Agreement in general, as specified to the terms of the Tuition Agreement are carried out and adhered to by both parties.

Performance of Duties in a working, cooperative relationship with the Northland School Division, the following:

#### 1. Planning and Organizing:

- enrollment statistics, nominal rollemtn count.
- annual school budgets and schedules.
- discipline policy for students.
- recommendations to Northland School Division, School Board.
- developing an orientation for teachers.
- selection of materials regarding history, traditions, and culture of the Cree peoples.
- development of language and cultural programs.
- development of a drop-out recovery program annually implemented.

#### 2. Staffing: Monitoring and Evaluating:

- participates in personnel committee.
- participates in school evaluations.

#### 3. Coordinating and Administering:

- administers nominal roll count.
  - administers tuition monthly payments.
  - interprets the Northland School Division Audit for purpose of the Tuition Agreement.
  - administers payments for special programs.
  - meets to discuss Indian students' welfare with the Northland School Division Board, Local School Board Committees.
- #### 4. Controlling and Managing:
- ensure that the terms of the Tuition Agreement are carried out and adhered to by both parties: the Northland School Division #61 - Corporate Board and the authority of the Bigstone Band Education Authority.

#### Qualifications Preferred:

1. University Degree, preferred B. Educ. with School Administration experience or related training.
2. Grade 12 Diploma or Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) with post-school training in computers, some accounting necessary.

#### Equivalents:

Equivalencies with related training and experience shall be considered for both positions applied for, either #1 or #2.

*Note: These positions are both permanent based on satisfactory performance (within a three-month probationary period).*

#### Salary:

Commensurate based on qualifications, pegged on present salary grid.

**Closing date: August 26, 1988, at 12:00 noon.**

**Interviews and Selections: August 31, 1988**

**Please Apply By Letter; Send Attached - A Resume To:**

**ATTENTION: H. Adrian Yellowknee  
Director of Education  
Bigstone Band Education Authority  
Desmarais, Alberta T0G 0T0**

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Imitating a kangaroo: Aborigine dancer Colin Kickett

## PERFORMERS



Playing the didgeridoo: Morton Hansen (left) and Trevor Parfitt

## Aboriginal dance troupe presents 'down under' culture

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent  
EDMONTON, Alta.

The Middar Australian Aboriginal Dance Troupe has been one of the most interesting and appealing free shows at this year's Klondike Days in Edmonton.

The troupe entertains their audiences wherever they go with dancing, music

and stories about the culture of Australia's Native people. At Klondike Days they played host to a packed theatre every time they performed.

The southwestern Australian troupe live in Perth and formed in 1978. They have toured over 30 countries and appear in various television and film productions.

Four of the six members

are dancers who usually do imitations of kangaroo movements. The troupe has been instrumental in preserving, even saving, the culture of the Nyoongah tribe which was threatened with extinction due to white influences culturally and otherwise.

Morton Hansen, the group leader, says they have really enjoyed their tour which "is a means of educating the public and creating an awareness of Australian Aboriginal culture."

Hansen acts as moderator for the group and also plays a hollow, wood-wind instrument similar to a huge flute. It's called, a didgeridoo and people from the audience are invited on stage to come forward to try to play the instrument. Veteran performer Trevor Parfitt accompanies Hansen on the didgeridoo.

The group also spins tales about the kangaroo and make a "boing, boing," sound with their didgeridoos to imitate their hopping motion. □

## National Aboriginal Communications Society Executive Director

The National Aboriginal Communications Society, NACS, is looking for a dynamic dedicated individual to work at its Ottawa location. The position has functional and reporting responsibilities to the NACS four member executive. A successful candidate will be responsible for the financial and operational management of the organization. The candidate should also be free and willing to travel anywhere in Canada and United States.

The NACS is a nineteen member organization. NACS members operate media agencies throughout Canada who produce radio and television programs and publish newspapers and magazines. The NACS is a national representative organization that assists these member groups in research projects as well as in presentations to government and other interested bodies.

All interested applicants should be knowledgeable in aboriginal cultures and languages and possess a keen desire to work with Canadian aboriginal societies.

Salary negotiable

Deadline for applications is August 12, 1988. Must be postmarked, or courier stamped on this date.

Send applications to:

Jeff Bear  
National Aboriginal Communications Society  
430, 47 Clarence Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6V6

FAX 613-230-6227 or Telephone 613-230-6244

## Alberta Girl Wins Princess Pageant

### Congratulations Anne Bird, Miss Skwlax Princess (8th Annual Skwlax Powwow, B.C.)



Winning on the powwow trail is a family tradition and Anne joins her grandmother Louis Bird in ladies fancy and traditional dances. Anne Bird's head drummer is Wabamum Lake singer Stanley Bearhead from the Driftpile band. Anne's mother is Barbara Willier from the Driftpile band. Anne was raised by her grandfather Peter Bird.

You can watch Anne perform at the following powwows:  
Kehewin, Wetaskiwin, Sarcee  
and North Dakota.



**Good News  
Party Line**

**2nd Annual Metis  
Cultural Days, July 29-31, Edson. Call Edwin Findlay (403) 723-5494 for more information.**

**Annual Powwow Days & Fish Derby, July 29-Aug. 1, Lac La Biche.**

**Heritage Days, Aug. 1, Peace River.**

**PUT IT HERE.**

Call or write the editor to include good news of non-profit events you want to share, courtesy of AGT.



## North American rodeo classic kicks off at Panee agriplex

On August 5, the largest annual Indian rodeo, the North American Indian Classic, kicks off at the Panee Memorial Agriplex in Hobbema.

The performances begin daily at four o'clock with what promises to be the largest entry of top Indian cowboys and cowgirls. The likes of Andrew Hunt (1986 All-round Indian World Champ) Lethbridge, Alberta; Ken Whyte, Crown Point, New Mexico; Spike Guardipe, Browning, Montana; Sam Bird and Dick Powell (the 1987 All-Indian Champion Team Ropers) from Montana; Collin Willier, Edmonton, Alberta and Roddy Baptiste (1986 Canadian Boys Steer Champion) Hobbema, Alberta, will be just some of the cowboys competing for the \$9000 in added prize money. It promises to be

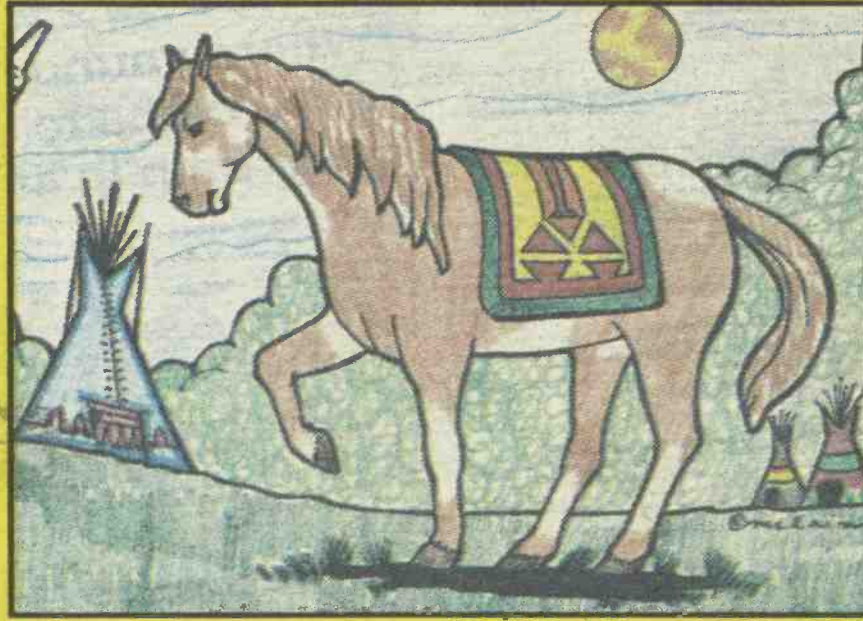
Indian rodeo at its best because these cowboys also compete in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

There will also be a total of 16 paramutual races on August 5 beginning at 4 p.m. and on August 6 beginning at 1:45 p.m.

Last, but not least, will be the Western Canada All Native Pony Chariot and Chuckwagon Championships commencing on Friday, August 5.

Nashville Sound and special guest Ron Curothers will be performing at the dances and beer garden on Friday and Saturday night. A special thanks goes out to one of the rodeo major sponsors, Coors, for the contribution they have made to ensure the classic is a success. □

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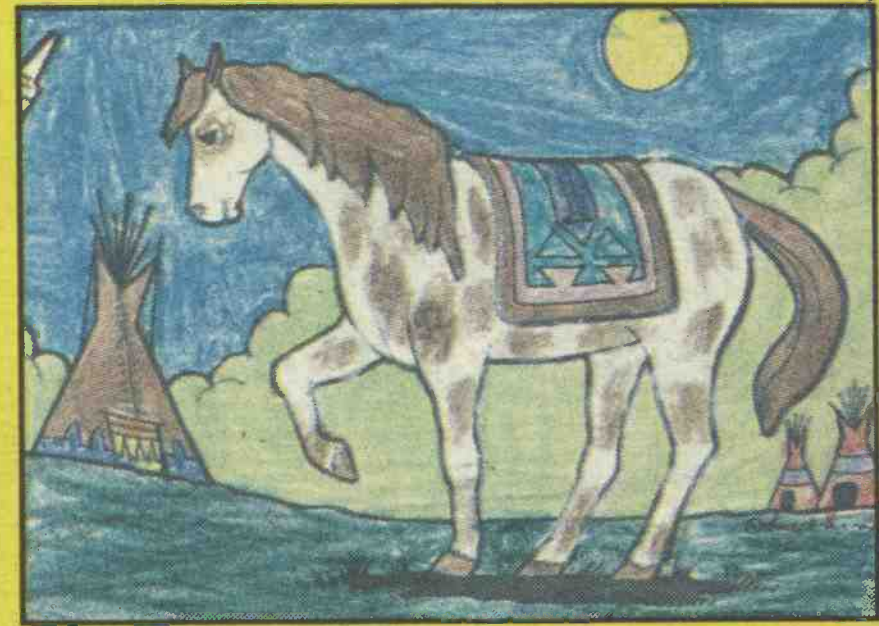


### CONTEST WINNERS

Windspeaker is proud to announce the lucky winners of the coloring contest. First prize goes to Cody Jacknife, age nine (left picture) of Grand Centre, who wins a BMX Motocross bike donated by the St. Paul and District Co-op Association Ltd. Second prize, a portable radio/cassette stereo goes to Terra-Jayne Harris, 11 (top right) of Cardston. Third prize, a baseball glove and ball is awarded to Daniel Cardinal (bottom right) who is six years old and lives in High Prairie. All those who submitted an entry in the colouring contest will receive a consolation prize of a 1988 Windspeaker colour poster.

Entries were judged on neatness and imagination used in colouring the picture. The decision was extremely difficult as judges had to choose from 237 entries mailed in from kids all over Alberta.

We at Windspeaker would like to thank all those who entered our contest and are especially grateful to the St. Paul and District Co-op for donating the first prize.



### LITTLE RED RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### Principal (Fox Lake) Assistant Principal (John D'or Prairie)

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- ☛ Training and experience should include multi-cultural education, E.S.L. and special education
- ☛ Community involvement in educational decision making is mandatory.

Positions will remain open until suitable candidate is found.

Send detailed resume to:

Mr. M. Fyten  
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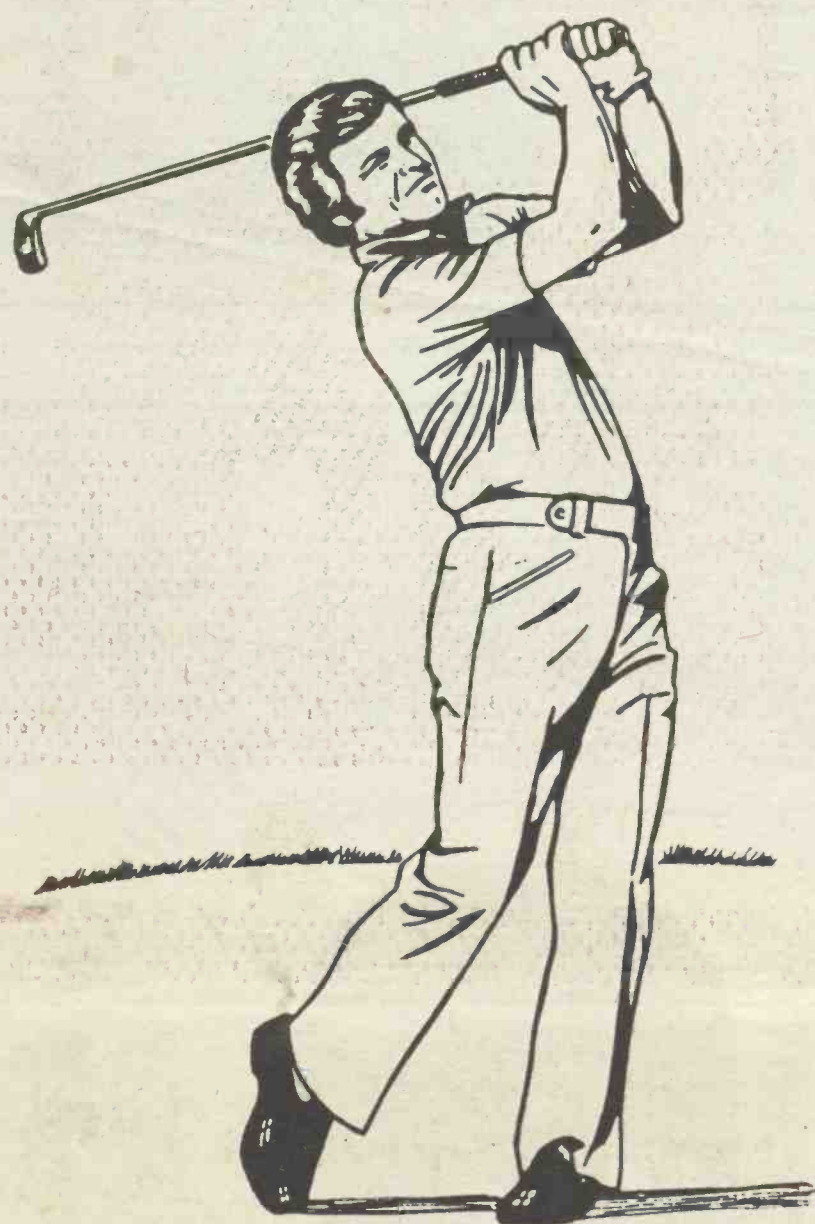


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