

## Referendum deadline nears

# Paddle vote undecided

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

### PADDLE PRAIRIE

With a provincial referendum fast approaching, Alberta's largest Metis settlement remains undecided over whether they will pull out of the Federation of Metis Settlements, despite earlier protests.

Members of the Paddle Prairie settlement, 70 km south of High Level, voted to pull out of the federation at a May 24 meeting unless the June 20 referendum was pushed back to allow members time to consider the government offer of cash and land guarantees.

About 2,500 voters from the eight Metis settlement must vote on a 17-year deal providing \$310 million to upgrade housing and community facilities.

The deal also involves protection of the land in the Alberta Act and a new self-government mechanism. Under current legislation, the settlements could be at risk by a cabinet order.

"Nothing concrete is decided," said settlement chairman Mervin Bellerose.

Bellerose confirmed a majority of 1,197 members feel "uninformed and

### CLARIFICATION

Last week's issue reported the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement had pulled out of the Federation of Metis Settlements.

Windspeaker would like to make it clear that the settlement threatened to withdraw their membership only if certain conditions were not met by the federation executive.

rushed" about the package deal.

Although the controversy began with just a few people, Bellerose said the community now wants to read the fine print before they cast their ballots.

He said not enough information about the contents and implications of the deal has reached the community despite a door-to-door canvassing campaign launched by the FMS last month.

To answer the settlement's concerns, the council has agreed to let the settlement hold its referendum once it has had adequate time to consider the deal, federation president Randy Hardy said in a press release.

"The problem seems to be that there are several misconceptions about the package circulating at Paddle Prairie," it states.

"Some of the members are concerned that they could lose their interest in land to the General Council if the new act comes into effect. Others do not understand how hunting, fishing and trapping are protected under the agreement."

"The issue seems to be one of countering these misconceptions with what is actually in the proposed agreement," Hardy concluded.

Leaders of the other seven settlements decided May 29 to go ahead with the referendum, with or without Paddle Prairie.

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## Grandmothers, mothers and daughters

The Women of the Metis Nation recently sponsored a special Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Forum Inn in Edmonton May 27.

Organizers hoped the event would give the Metis women the opportunity to meet new friends and also give them a chance to honor their heritage.

"Meeting together like this will make us that much

stronger to pass along our heritage," said Marge Friedel, one of the organizers.

"I still have a lot to learn about the Metis," said an interested lady in the audience.

Pictured here are three generations of the Venne family: Grandmother Elsie Kopp, Muriel Stanley-Venne and Rachelle Venne.

# Ominayak still boss

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

### LITTLE BUFFALO

Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak swept to easy victory when he ran unopposed for re-election Wednesday night, holding on to his office for another five-year term.

Ominayak, who called a surprise election in an effort to quash dissent within the band, regained his title with a unanimous show of hands at the band meeting hall in Little Buffalo.

He was sure of the re-election, but remains cautious of hidden opposition

which has circulated a petition around the band's small hamlet challenging his leadership.

"I wasn't surprised by the win. I just didn't know what to expect. We're certainly pleased," he said.

Ominayak, 39, announced the election early last month. It would have normally been held in October.

He believes there was an attempt by the federal government to undermine his leadership by arousing dissent among band members.

Ominayak claims the government was secretly meeting with band members to encourage them to

challenge his leadership.

"We knew they were talking to people, we just didn't know who," he said.

Ominayak considers his election win another victory in his eight-year struggle to gain acceptable Treaty and land compensation from the Canadian government.

The Lubicon band has been at odds with the federal government for 50 years over land and Treaty rights.

Ominayak rose to international fame in 1984 by bringing the claim before the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

He again seized the opportunity to discredit the

federal government when the Lubicon band boycotted many of the 1988 Winter Olympic events in Calgary.

The last offer from the federal government was a \$45-million compensation package which Ominayak rejected last January.

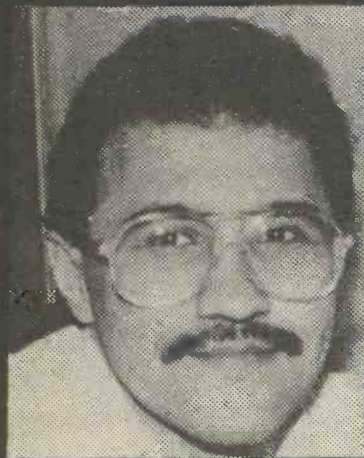
Talks with federal and provincial officials are currently at a standstill.

Ominayak was voted in for his second five-year term as chief.

Lubicon Lake councillors Larry Ominayak and Mike Cardinal were also re-elected.

Walter Whitehead, Steve Noskey and Dwight Gladue were elected to the council for the first time.

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- Everett Lambert, guest editorial, See Page 4

# Blood Inquiry

## Man beats women to stop murder rumors

By Gord Smiley  
Windspeaker Correspondent

STAND OFF

A man who admitted at a provincial inquiry he beat three women to quash rumors he was involved in the death of a Blood Indian testified he didn't kill Sedrick Morning Owl.

Jason Running Rabbit, 24, slapped his hands together three times Wednesday to show the force he used to hit the women.

The inquiry is investigating a series of Blood deaths and relations between police and the southern Alberta Indian band.

Running Rabbit told inquiry Commissioner Carl Rolf the three women had been circulating rumors about Running Rabbit killing Morning Owl. He said he had no idea how his named surfaced as Morning Owl's killer.

"He never did no harm

to me and I never did no harm to him," said Running Rabbit, who appeared nervous. "I didn't kill him, I had nothing against Sedrick."

Morning Owl was found dead of exposure with a blood-alcohol level of .13 per cent on Nov. 22, 1986, east of the old CP Rail Station in nearby Lethbridge.

Police said Morning Owl was either intoxicated or impaired when he attempted to crawl under a chain-link fence. His hair became tangled in some loose wire, he was unable to free himself and eventually died of hypothermia.

It was suggested in testimony two weeks ago by Running Rabbit's cousin, Marvin Red Crow, Running Rabbit and Morning Owl had been involved in a homosexual relationship gone sour. Running Rabbit denied however he is a homosexual, but testified Morning Owl was gay.

"What's your attitude

toward gays, faggots?" asked commission counsel Michael Stevens-Guille.

"I've got nothing against them as long as they don't come on to me," said Running Rabbit. "It wasn't me, I'm not gay. I did nothing to Sedrick."

Running Rabbit said he was thrown in the drunk tank the night Morning Owl died. However, he couldn't remember what time or where he was picked up.

Morning Owl was one of five Blood members whose deaths sparked the inquiry, expected to last about six months and cost \$2 million.

The inquiry, which resumed Wednesday after a two-week break, was called by Premier Don Getty after Blood members complained about a series of mysterious deaths which they said were never properly investigated.

It has so far heard that three of the deaths involved alcohol.

In earlier testimony, Morning Owl's grandmoth-

er complained she was given the "runaround" by both Lethbridge city police and Blood band police.

Jean Bellows testified a desk officer at Lethbridge headquarters showed little interest in information she had about Morning Owl's death, a week and a half later.

Testifying in the Blackfoot language, Bellows said the officer told her and her daughter, Lillian Morning Owl, mother of Sedrick, the investigation was over.

"I didn't find any interest at all, he just sat back in his chair and said it was over and done with," Bellows said.

The inquiry has already completed its investigation into the deaths of Travis Many Grey Horses, 18, and Alvin Shot Both Sides, 25.

Probes into the deaths of Christopher Twigg, 32, and Ivan Gary Chief Moon are expected to begin later this week.

## Recent Blackfoot death likely to be ignored by Rolf inquiry

By Gord Smiley  
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STAND OFF

It's unlikely the death of a 21-year-old Blackfoot Indian, found dead on the southern Alberta Blood reserve Monday, will be examined by a provincial inquiry, a lawyer for the Blood band says.

But Eugene Creighton credited the \$2-million inquiry, which is investigating strained relations between the Blood and police, for the quick handling of Donald Phillip Many Guns' disappearance.

An autopsy revealed Many Guns died of hypothermia.

He was last seen alive at 2 a.m. Sunday after being asked to leave a party in a home on the reserve.

He was found Monday by

an RCMP search team about one kilometre south of the St. Mary's provincial campground on the reserve, which is Canada's largest.

"You can see some effects coming out in how they were searching for this person," said Creighton. "Maybe it's put them on their toes."

However, Cardston RCMP Staff Sgt. Chris Lee disagreed with Creighton's assessment.

"We did not jump on this one. We did our jobs as we would in any investigation," said Lee.

Creighton said Many Guns' death would not be investigated by the inquiry since he was a Blackfoot Indian, not a Blood.

Lethbridge and Calgary RCMP are continuing to investigate.

The commission, headed by provincial court Judge Carl Rolf, has already com-

pleted investigations into three of the five deaths. It has yet to look into the deaths of Christopher Twigg, 32, and Ivan Gary Chief Moon, 25.

The inquiry, which began May 9, opened under less than ideal circumstances with four sudden Blood Indian deaths in the month leading up to the investigation.

Three weeks prior to its opening, a Lethbridge city police officer shot and killed Chester Heavy Runner, 35, on a downtown Lethbridge street.

Police said Heavy Runner had been wielding a pair of machete-like knives when he was shot.

Police will conduct an inquiry in conjunction with the provincial attorney-general's office.

Then only days before the inquiry was set to begin,

three more Blood Indians died; two in a house fire and the other because of suspected substance abuse.

Clement Darcy Morning Owl, 31, and Clayton Clarence Morning Owl, 18, were killed in a fire at Moses Lake near Cardston.

"Our preliminary investigation indicates the deaths may be the result of a high degree of solvent and alcohol abuse in the residence during the evening," said Cardston RCMP Staff Sgt. Chris Lee.

On the same day, in an unrelated incident, Tammy Wolf Child, 11, was discovered in a vehicle also in the Moses Lake area after drinking what RCMP said was a toxic substance.

Two other children were also taken to hospital as a result of drinking an unknown substance. The three were found together.

## Bloods plan rehab

By Jeff Morrow  
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STAND OFF

The Blood Tribe of Southern Alberta is planning the country's first on-reserve rehabilitation centre for minor offenders.

Planning for the 24-bed halfway house was approved last week in Edmonton by the Alberta Solicitor General's office, but construction of the facility is currently under negotiation, said Blood councillor Kirby Manyfingers.

The reserve's Kainai Community Corrections facility will be the first of its kind in the country to house Native offenders under the supervision of Native counsellors and elders, he said.

Manyfingers would not disclose the estimated cost of the project, but said the results will be well worth the effort.

"The money isn't important. What it means to the Native rehabilitation process is," he said.

The facility will be equipped to house 20 male and four female offenders.

Only minor offenders who have undergone an intense screening process will be eligible to serve out their sentence at the facility.

Manyfingers said the Lethbridge jail, where most of the Native offenders are now sent, has proven ineffective in rehabilitating band members charged with petty, alcohol-related crimes.

He said many of the cases need to be dealt with by band members and counsellors to help offenders better deal with their problems.

"That's why elders will be in every component of the project. It will be for rehabilitation, culture and spiritual guidance," Manyfingers said.

The chairman of the band's correction facility committee said he has been working on the project for a number of years.

However, the Alberta government has only recently made any headway in approving the plan.

The facility will be staffed by 20 paid counsellors and operated by a board of directors from the reserve.

It will be built on the reserve, located 90 kilometres southwest of Lethbridge.

## CLOSE TO HOME

# Louis: IAA top treaty fighter

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Native concerns are not always best dealt with at the national level, the president of the Indian Association of Alberta maintains.

Roy Louis told Windspeaker the fight for Treaty rights is done more effectively by the provincial body and not the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in Ottawa.

In a recent interview at his IAA office, Louis unveiled an agenda of future initiatives he wants to head without the AFN's approval.

He said his past decisions have proven worthy

and is confident he has the backing of Alberta chiefs and elders.

"We've done more than any other Native organization has. We brought the minister here (Indian and Northern Affairs minister Pierre Cadieux) to speak with the chiefs. It was a significant step," Louis said.

In defence of the IAA's position on the nationwide post-secondary cut-back protest, Louis lashed out at dissenters he believes are determined to undermine his leadership.

After failing to appear at a scheduled rally sponsored by the AFN in Edmonton May 12, Louis came under fire by Bigstone Chief Charles Beaver.

"I think the idea of failing to show at the rally is

really unfair. I had other commitments," he said.

Louis said the IAA was represented at the rally by Treaty 8 vice-president Bill Sewepagaham.

He said his own attendance was unnecessary because the IAA had already put forward its position on the issue.

"We've taken our stand. The AFN thought they were doing the right thing (when it called for a nationwide rally in support of the E-12 protest). But we have said openly that education is a Treaty right."

Louis credits IAA's initiatives with Cadieux's decision to delay the funding cutbacks until bands are further consulted.

Albert Crier, IAA protest co-ordinator, was with Louis during the inter-

view.

Crier said the IAA has been campaigning successfully without AFN involvement and should continue to do so.

He said the IAA has taken a policy to fight for itself and not in a united effort with the AFN.

"Every band should use what's at their means and fight differently," he said.

Louis said he is prepared to challenge the government on many other Native-rights issues without AFN's involvement.

He predicted health service cutbacks are going to be the next hardship faced by the Native community in Alberta and vowed not to wait for action from the national group.

He will be meeting with a government official from

Ottawa June 8 to discuss child welfare and health care.

Louis said he has also been ironing out agreements with RCMP officials concerning Native justice systems.

"It is the IAA mandate

to do whatever is necessary to fight an issue (especially) if Treaty rights are at stake," he said.

The AFN is a political umbrella group headed by National Chief Georges Erasmus, representing Indian bands across Canada.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Spy agency probes Innu

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service investigated whether Innu in Labrador were being influenced by foreign powers during their anti-NATO protests last winter.

A church worker was questioned by a CSIS officer in a hotel room in Goose Bay, Nfld. last December about whether the Innu protest was influenced by East European or Middle Eastern powers.

New Democrat justice critic Svend Robinson told reporters such apparent abuses could have a "chilling impact" on peaceful protests and freedom of speech.

An Ottawa spokesman for the agency said the interview was part of a nationwide effort to assess the potential for violence within the Native community.

The Innu staged sit-ins at CFB Goose Bay to protest low-level training flights by fighter pilots from the three NATO countries.

They fear the noise pollution could worsen if Canada is chosen as the site of a new NATO tactical weapons and fighter training centre that would boost the annual flights over Quebec and Labrador to 40,000 from the current 7,000.

### Natives protest segregation

About 20 Native members of the United Church of Canada are resisting the church's decision to transfer four Native congregations into a new all-Native section.

The protesters said they wanted to stay in the predominantly white Alberta and Northwest Conference of the church.

They also oppose the use of Native religious artifacts and rituals, such as sweetgrass and drums, during Christian church services.

United Church congregations make up about 98 presbyteries, which are grouped into 13 regional conferences. The four Native congregations are evenly split over the issue.

### Mohawks sue over pollution

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has filed an intent to sue three U.S. corporate giants for polluting their land.

The band claims General Motors, the Aluminum Company of America and the Reynolds Metal Company have irreparably damaged the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Grasse and Raquette River systems.

The natives claim they have spent up to \$300,000 to identify the source of the water pollution.

### Signing of agreement promising

The signing of a historic agreement between the federal and the territorial governments and the Council for the Yukon brought years of negotiation for a Yukon Indian land claim to fruition.

The deal provides for Yukon Indians to retain ownership of 41,459 square kilometres or 8.6 per cent of the Yukon land mass. The agreement also calls for \$257 million in cash compensation, \$25 million of which has already been used to fund the council's negotiations.

Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux also announced that Ottawa will spend \$71.6 million nationally to compensate Indians whose treaty rights were restored by changes to the Indian Act in 1985.

Indian women, who lost their status by marrying non-Native men regained their status under Bill C-31.

## PADDLE VOTE

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But Paddle Prairie has vowed to withdraw from the Federation of Metis Settlements if the other seven settlements take the vote and try to impose its results on their settlement.

For the first time since the Alberta Settlements Accord was reached between the federation and Premier Don Getty last March, healthy discussion about the deal has begun,

said Paddle Prairie administrator Lawrence Graham.

"They're communicating now. No one is sitting back on their chairs now," Graham said, noting the poor turnouts at meeting held two weeks ago.

Meetings are under way to discuss the settlement's next move. Dennis Surrendi, assistant deputy minister of Municipal Affairs, and the federation's lawyer Angus Macdonald plan to attend a June 7 meeting to answer concerns about the deal.

Paddle Prairie, with an area of about 161,000 hectares, is the largest of the settlements. It generates the largest share of revenues which are then pooled and split among the settlements.

But at least one settlement chairman fears the Alberta government may gain too much power without the deal.

Alphonse L'Hirondelle, of the East Prairie Metis Settlement, has doubts that the province may "in a bad mood" take away their land "with the stroke of a pen."

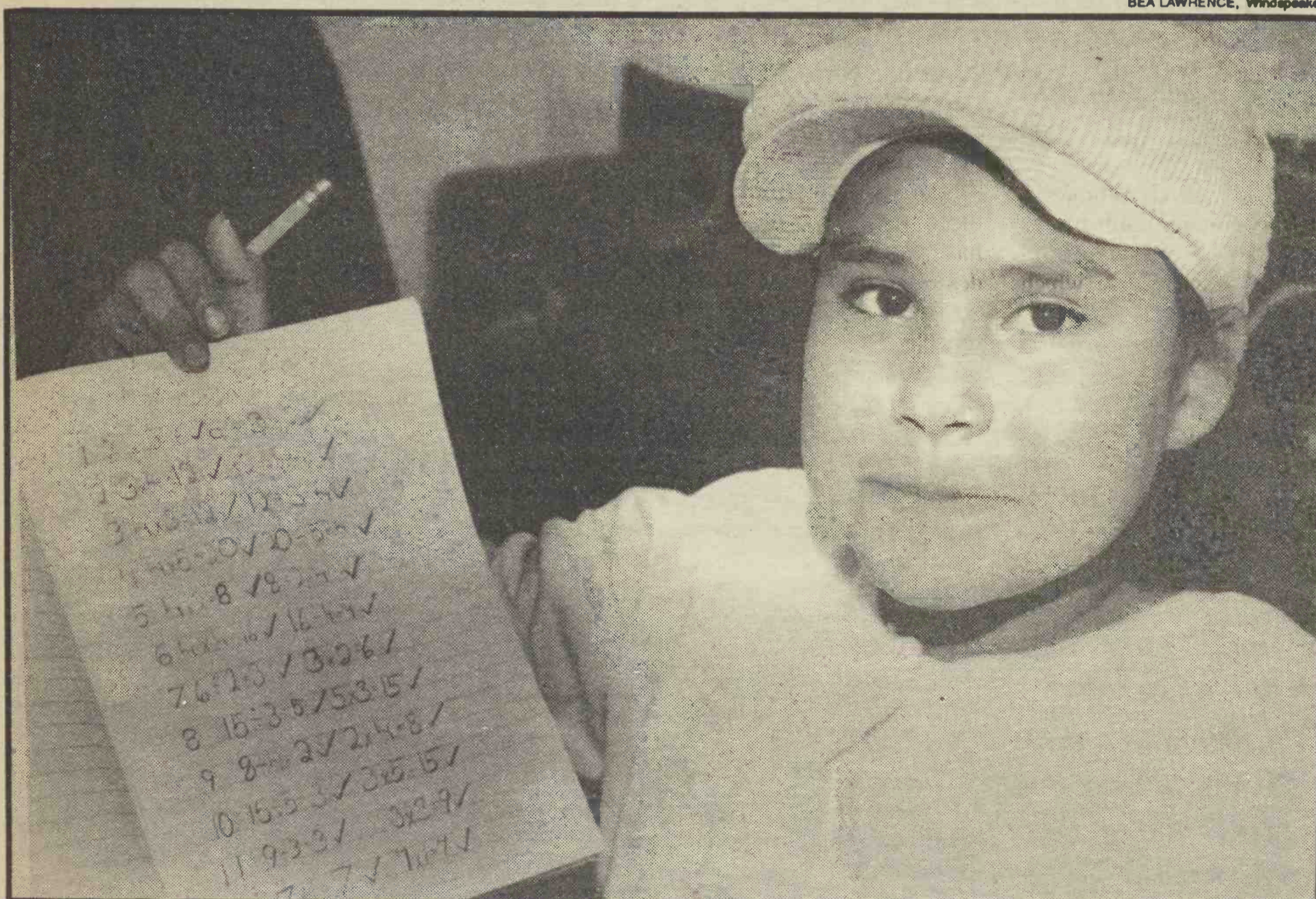
At the Elizabeth and Buffalo Lake settlements, members are anxious to cast their vote.

"The people here are excited. They're ready," said settlement chairman Archie Collins. "About 90 per cent of the people are in favor of the deal and voting."

"The people here are rarin' to go. They're all for it," said Buffalo Lake chairman Horace Patenaude. "We gotta get going, we're already 20 years behind. We want to catch up to the 1990's."

## EXPRESSIONS

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## Straight A's from now on, Ma

Red Deer elementary student Sammy Yellowhorn shows off her flawless work.

The young lady was doing her homework at the Red Deer Native Friendship Centre where her mother works.



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Settlement Metis vote

Save the homelands

EDITOR'S NOTE: Everett Lambert has some very definite views about the proposed agreement between the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlement Associations (FMS) and the Alberta government. He calls Paddle Prairie settlement home.

I strongly support this deal. One reason I back the deal is because so much work has been done towards this end.

I would especially like to thank Randy Hardy, our federation president. I have watched this man work many long, hard and frustrating hours so he can see a few words etched in our Canadian Constitution.

Those words would entrench our Metis homelands in the highest law of this land.

I'd like to reflect for a moment on how this all came about. One of the reasons our Metis settlements came into being was an effort by our Metis forefathers to stop the government from wiping out their homelands.

Today, we are again considering a deal which we hope will protect us from losing our lands again. We have come full circle.

In the 1920s, the Alberta government tried to get rid of squatter's rights, a move that would push Metis people from their homes. One family living in the Frog Lake area was faced with losing their home, where they had lived for 25 years.

After a great deal of organizing and protesting, we received 12 Metis settlements in northern Alberta. Four were later wiped out. In most, if not all cases, the government's reasoning was that the Metis were not using the land.

One of the main reasons our federation tried to make this deal was so this won't happen any further.

I say this with some pain, regardless of whether our rights are entrenched in the Constitution or not, our lands cannot be further expropriated or wiped out.

I think Canadian society in general, including Canadian governments have learned that Native people are no longer to be tampered with.

The days of stealing Indian reserve land and Metis lands have passed. Our people have become too organized, too outspoken, too educated and perhaps a little too mad to put up with it anymore.

Things are, as a matter of fact, beginning to turn around for us. Settlements are being proposed to such groups as the Lubicons. The Dene and Metis of the Canadian North. Two other examples are the COPE and James Bay agreements, signed some time ago.

Although these deals aren't supported by all Natives involved, I honestly don't think people will try to take anymore of our lands. Too many non-Natives back our demands. Even more promising is our youth today, who have their minds set on fighting for Native rights.

If you're going to support the deal, don't do it just so you can see a few words about us in the Constitution. It would be nice recogni-

tion and I'd be proud to be part of the entrenchment ceremony, but I believe Metis lands are here to stay.

An important part of this deal is the money package which comes with it. I have worked in settlement government and know how important it is that we receive this type of funds. Funding we presently receive falls well short of what we would get with the deal. Under the deal, it would at least double. And the money is badly needed.

Our housing on the settlements is still lacking, to say the least. We need recreational facilities, such as community halls and ice and rodeo arenas. We need better roads and administration buildings.

I think communities can be changed dramatically with the deal. We won't put up with anything less.

Another issue in this referendum is just who gets to vote. Our brothers in the Metis Association of Alberta are saying they want to vote, whether they are a member or not. First of all, let's remember that membership in the Metis settlements has always been there for those who wanted it.

Having membership doesn't mean you have to live on these settlements either. I haven't lived in Paddle for almost a year and I am an accepted member of that settlement, as many others are.

What the settlement people and leaders are saying is that they only want those, who have shown at least some kind of commitment to settlement life to be able to vote.

Memberships of off-settlement people are valid, if that member indicates an acceptable reason for living off a settlement. If a person really wants settlement membership, and meets all requirements, he cannot be taken off the membership list.

I have no objections to sharing the revenues from the proposed deal. I believe that no matter how little there is, there's always enough to share at least some. I ask those from off-settlement to remember this, however.

If it weren't for those people who lived on the settlements and were willing to make something out of them, there might not be any settlements or deals to consider.

One of the greatest aspects of this deal is the willingness our Alberta government is showing towards having us run our own affairs.

Our settlement governments, for all their problems, are increasingly becoming more efficient and sophisticated. And this will continue.

The days of white supervisors controlling many aspects of our lives are gone. If it weren't for the quality of our present leadership, we wouldn't be considering this deal.

The self-government part of the deal will usher in a new era in settlement government. It will speed the process up. The flame of Metis self-determination has only begun to burn.

Let's take this deal and make the best of it.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Sober Dance**, Last Saturday of the month, Poundmaker/Nechi. Admission \$6/person.
- **Memorial Day Handgame Tournament**, May 26-29, 1989, Fort Hall, Idaho. Call (208) 237-5239.
- **Zone IV Metis Regional Council 3rd Annual Meeting**, June 2-4, Grande Cache.
- **North American Indigenous Games Workshop**, June 6-8, Sarcee Indian Reserve. All interested delegates call 435-4424.
- **Elder's Gathering**, June 6-9, Bonnyville. Hosted by Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre (826-3374).
- **High Prairie Men's Fastball Tournament**, June 10 & 11, High Prairie. Contact Henry at 523-5498 or Vern at 523-5478.
- **3rd Annual Co-ed Redeye Slowpitch Tournament**, June 10 & 11, Howard Buffalo Memorial, Hobbema. Contact Vaughn at 585-3012.
- **3rd Annual Summer Gospel Music Festival**, June 14-16, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement Campsite, Caslan. For further info contact Mike Sigurdur at 470-0746.
- **Treaty Days '89**, June 16-17, Janvier, AB. (Mixed slow-pitch tourney & 2 nights of dancing). For more info call 559-2252.
- **6th Annual All-Native Fastball Tournament**, June 16-18, Louis Bull Reserve, Hobbema. For more info call Mel (Gooch) Bull at 585-4075.
- **Invitational Track & Field Meet**, June 17, Howard Buffalo Memorial, Hobbema. Interested teams please contact 585-3012 or 585-3088.
- **Powwow**, June 23-25, Saddle Lake. For more information call 726-3829.
- **Enoch Golf Classic**, June 23-25, Indian Lakes Golf Course (20 minutes west of Edmonton). For further inquiries phone Jerome Morin at 470-3555.
- **Peewee Fastball Tournament**, June 24 & 25, Howard Buffalo Memorial, Hobbema. Interested teams please call Vaughn at 585-3012.
- **Prince Albert Indian & Metis Friendship Centre Jamboree**, June 30-July 3, Prince Albert, Sask. Contact Eugene Arcand 1-306-764-3431.
- **Poundmaker/Nechi Powwow**, June 30-July 1 & 2, St. Albert, Alberta. Call 458-1884 for more.
- **Treaty Day**, July 1 & 2, Beaver Lake. A men's and ladies fastball tournament — true double knockout — will also be held. Entry fee: \$500 for both. Call Eric Lameman at 623-4549 for more.

## Fiddler pleads not guilty

EDMONTON — The former bookkeeper of Edmonton's Canadian Native Friendship Centre appeared in Alberta Court of Queen's Bench last week to face charges of theft and fraud over \$1,000.

Harriet Fiddler pleaded not guilty to both charges at a preliminary hearing in Edmonton.

Charges were laid after Fiddler, who worked for 12 years at the centre, quit her job in August, 1987.

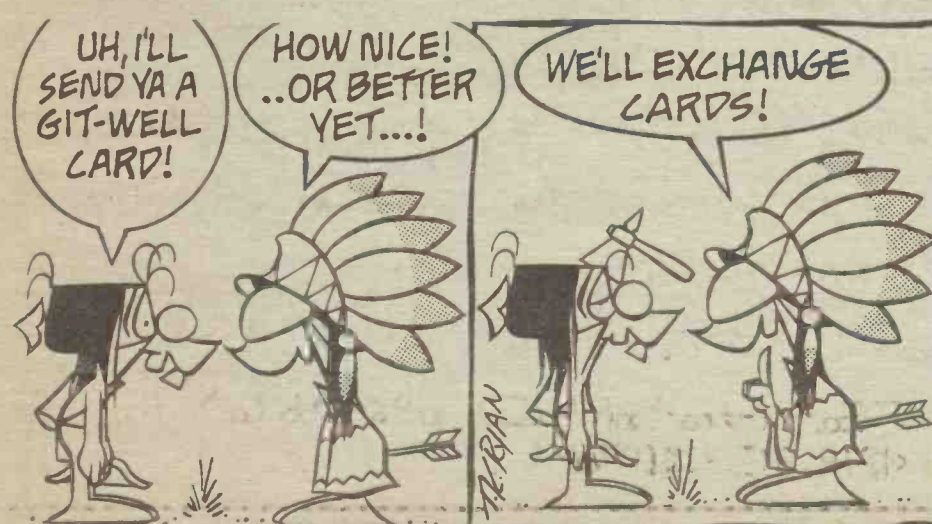
Soon after, the centre's board of directors called in city police to investigate their financial books.

Fiddler now lives in British Columbia.

The hearing continues.

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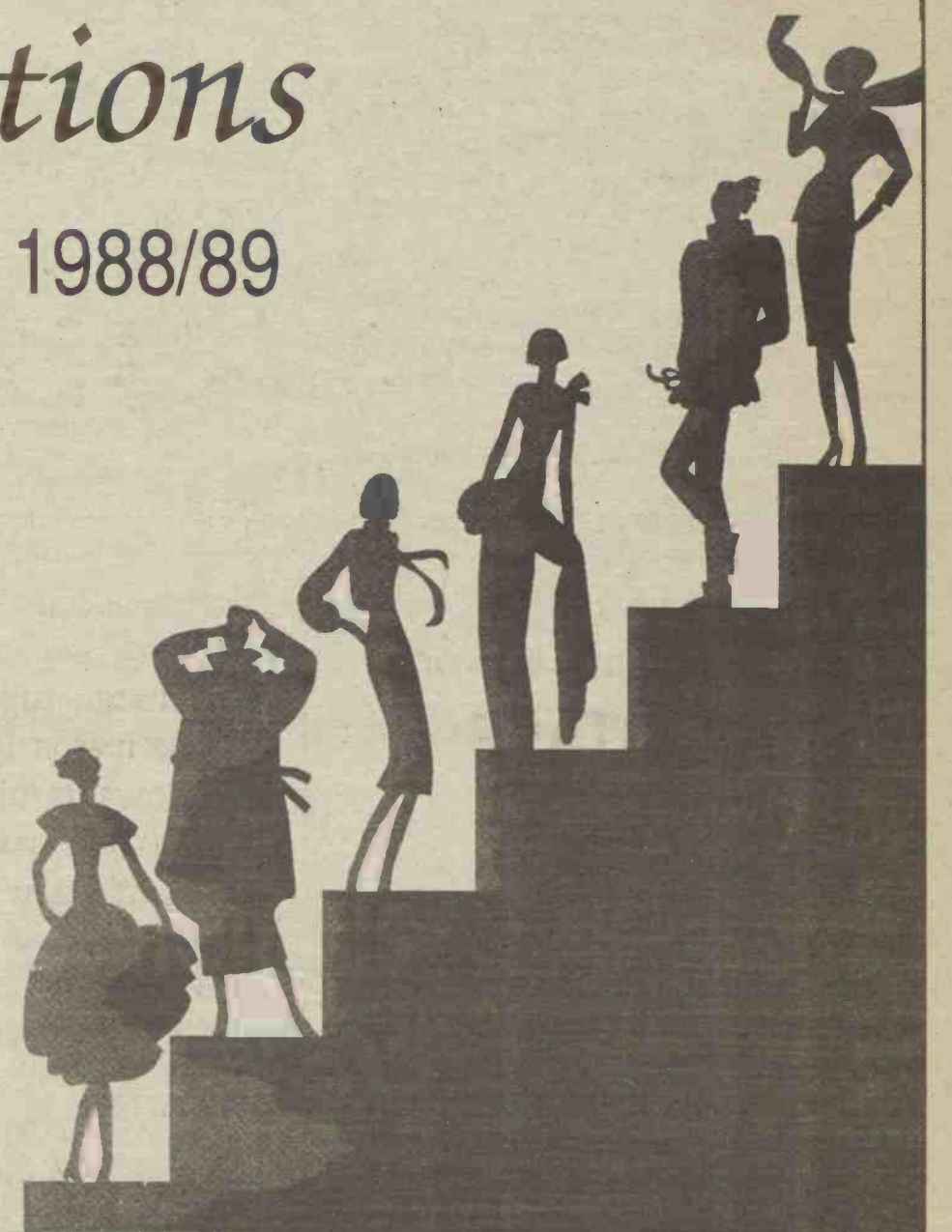


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CLOSE TO HOME

# Sketchy study reveals heavy poverty

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

One in every six Alberta children live in poverty and many of them are from Native families, says a

shocking study on poverty and children.

But the recently-released Alberta Facts report, issued by the Edmonton Social Planning Council, has left its researchers asking more questions.

Babies from Native fami-

lies die at 4 1/2 times the rate of other babies in Alberta.

However, the starting figure is only one of four references to the effects of poverty on Alberta Natives included in the four-page report.

There are "glaring omissions" in the study due the lack of information available about Alberta Natives, said student researcher Judy Daniels.

Daniels, a Metis, said she was shocked by some of the material she uncovered dur-

ing her research for the council, but was unable to use it because it was outdated or didn't specifically apply to Alberta.

She said the sources she used did not provide specific information on current living conditions among Alberta's Native communities.

"A 1986 Statistics Canada report indicated 50 per cent of Aboriginal people (in Canada) earned \$9,000 or less. I was shocked by that but couldn't refer to it in the report because it was too old," Daniels said.

Daniels, who did the research study while attending the University of Alberta's social studies program, said she used a variety of sources.

Data was taken from sources including the Assembly of First Nations, Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Alberta Social Services and Alberta Mortgage and Housing Association.

Statistics Canada research reveals how many children are living with families on or below the poverty line but doesn't break it down into specific groups, she said.

"The reason I wanted to do it (the council's fact sheet) was to let people know Native's aren't the only ones responsible for poverty," Daniels said.

Becky Garber-Conrad, spokesperson for the privately-funded council, said the researchers were able to determine how many Indians are receiving social assistance but not how many

Native children are affected by poverty.

She said it was frustrating because the lack of information pertaining to Alberta Natives made the study incomplete.

"Not all the information we wanted, we got. We really couldn't say a specific number of Aboriginal families are suffering from poverty," she said.

The report revealed that 6,000 Indian families or 22,000 people receive unemployment insurance (UIC).

Another 4,800 Native families, or 17,353 people are on welfare.

"There's a glitch in this data because we are unable to identify Native children," she said.

The report says that only 20 per cent of Native students finish high school, compared to 70 per cent of the national population.

It also indicates a family of four living on an income of \$23,521, or less before deductions is living on the poverty line.

Citizens for Public Justice spokesperson Kathy Vandergrift said she ran into the same problem while doing research on poverty.

Vandergrift worked on four of the last five issues of Alberta Facts. She said she had the same trouble obtaining the data needed about Natives and poverty in Alberta.

"There is no way of addressing the problem on a whole if there's no way of getting all the information," she said.

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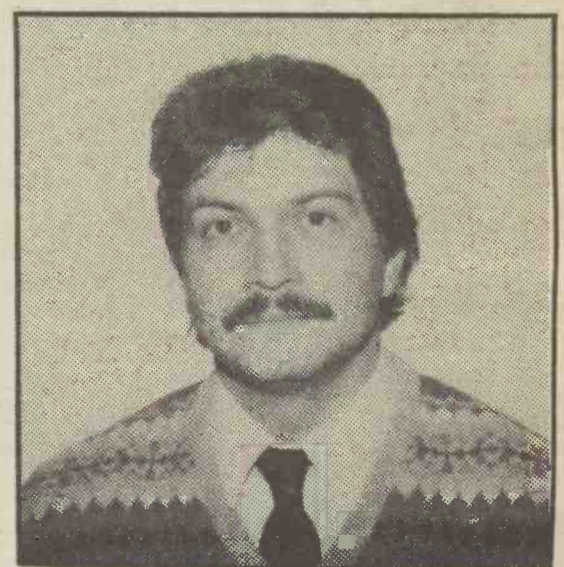
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## CLOSE TO HOME

# Tree huggers threaten to sue feds

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Alberta environment groups are demanding the federal government become involved in conservation issues around to the province.

And they are prepared to go to court to see it happen, said Friends of the North spokesman Mike Quinn.

If the provincial government refuses to play a role in the environmental impact assessment hearings on the Athabasca pulp mill currently being planned, Quinn said his group will go a step further.

"We're definitely looking at a federal law suit if nothing is done," he said.

Friends of the North (FON) is an umbrella group for Northern committees opposing the pulp mill development. It is demanding a delay in public hearings being sponsored by developers Alberta-Pacific

Forest Industries Ltd. until the public has time to understand what is being proposed.

Quinn believes the environmental impact of a kraft pulp mill is as important to the entire province as it is to

the residents at the site where the hearings are scheduled.

The hearings, set to begin May 29, will not allow for public input, Quinn said.

"We want to see alterna-

tives. We want to submit written briefs and talk to experts. We don't want to discuss it with the guys building the thing," he said.

The FON demanded last week that Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein

postpone the hearings for two months so environment groups could study Alberta-Pacific's recently-released Environmental Impact Assessment study

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GRASSROOTS

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker

# Fort Chip students trace roots overseas

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT CHIPEWYAN, Alta.

A Fort Chipewyan student has found his roots across the Atlantic on Orkney Island, north of mainland Scotland.

Rodney Marten, 20, was among 15 high school students, from Grades 9 to 12, who were chosen for the overseas trip.

Marten, a Grade 11 stu-

dent at Fort Chipewyan's tiny Athabasca Delta High School, returned home May 31 with good news about his grandfather's cousin.

The young Native lad actually had a chance to meet Bob Wylie, 89, a living relative on the islands.

"We have photos but they're packed away at the moment," said Marten.

He was just one of the students able to trace his roots back to the salty Orca-



Traced roots to Orkney Islands near Scotland: Left to right, Rodney Marten, Darlene Tuccaro, Warren Simpson, Kurtis Girard, Bradley Lepine and Melanie Cyprien

dians, who were recruited by the Hudson's Bay Company as laborers in the fur trade during the 1700s.

The Hudson's Bay trade ships would sail out of Britain and stop at the stormy Orkneys, a cluster of sixty-five bleak islands off Scotland's north coast, for fresh water and its hearty recruits before crossing the Atlantic.

Many Orcadians later married Indians in their new life on Hudson Bay.

"Several of them (stu-

dents) discovered they have cousins there," said Lynne Clarke, one of the two teacher-chaperones who accompanied the youth group.

The trip was organized after the small community's square dance club entered Scotland's international folk dancing festival.

In fact, square dancing and fiddling, brought over by the Orcadians, are still popular in the northern community of about 1,500 people, located about 650

km northeast of Edmonton.

But it grew into a two-week educational trip celebrating Fort Chipewyan's 200th anniversary.

"It was a lot more educational than I'd hoped it would be," Clarke said on their arrival home May 31.

The Orkney residents Reg Henderson, John Cummings, the Orkney Island Museum curator Bryce Wilson and a local art teacher billeted homes for the students during their visit.

"The people who lived

there many, many years ago, were very intelligent," Clarke observed.

The rock-built, thatched-roof homes of 5,000 years ago are magnificently built, according to the instructor.

"By comparison, Fort Chipewyan ... Canada is a new country which is only 200 years old," exclaimed Clarke.

The community of Fort Chipewyan, the students and the teachers pitched in to raise the \$38,000 needed for the trip.

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GRASSROOTS

# Getting personal with Windspeaker staff

Tansi? Gla ne ttou? Hello everyone.

Do you enjoy reading people profiles?

(Honk twice if you do.)

News around our office these days includes the story about our lovely receptionist Irene Willier who left the newspaper industry to enlist in the army. Wow!

The update is Willier is now stationed at C.F.B. Cornwallis, Nova Scotia as a private in the 12th platoon.

Willier has been confined to barracks except for her physical trainings for the past two weeks, said a memo on my desk.

"Running miles and miles in them army boots could be hard," ended the note. (All the best, Irene. Send us a photo caption eh?)

And, Windspeaker's hockey pool winner is none other than our own, Keith Matthew.

Rather befitting, don't you think?

Especially, since the young Shuswap Native from British Columbia is now our "awesome" full-time sports reporter. All the best Keith.

Yours truly was most relieved by this move. Sports is definitely not my niche in the newsroom, nor on any ball park.

As one person asked me, "ever think of changing your lifestyle?"

He was referring to the dumbest question I'd ever asked while on the sports beat, "what's the difference between a chuckwagon and a chariot?"

Rodeo talk, no doubt about it. Would I change my lifestyle for barnyard animals? Hardly. (Chuckle, giggle, laugh, cough, etc.)

Windspeaker's ad-sales representative John Glennon and editor Kim McLain were the runner-up and third place winners respectively, in our office hockey pool.

Now, for the rest ...



## DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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**Valleyview:** "Visit our (Windspeaker) booth," says Ron Louis, one of the ad-sales representatives who will be attending the tradeshow in town June 16-18.

Louis alias the "Drake" is most anxious to talk to you all. He is one character you don't want to

miss.

After all, he is dubbed after his favorite city watering-hole.

The tradeshow will feature farm equipment, according to the Drake.

**Edmonton:** Free! This month. Special screenings of Aboriginal films every Wednesday at noon, 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. at the National Film Board of Canada Theatre, 120 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Ave.

Films entitled Cree Hunters of Mistassihni, Dene Family, Last Mooseskin Boat, Nonoose Anishanake, North of 60 Degrees, Fiddlers of James Bay, Behind the Masks and Legends of the Life of the Inuit are just a few that are listed for your viewing enjoyment. Everyone is welcome.

Enter your name in for the free video and the NFB 50th Anniversary bag prize draw.

**From the Grapevine:** The topic is The Medicine Wheel.

An American medicine runner is scheduled to arrive in Alberta next month to host a series of seminars about the medicine wheel.

According to the young American Indian from the state of Minnesota, the seminars will hold many interests for community youth groups.

Lawrence Cheeknew, 32, is slated to hold the first of his talks after the Canada Day weekend here in Edmonton.

**Fort Normandeau:** Visit the fort-museum at Waskasoo Park in Red Deer. It is the place in history where the Red Deer story all began, said a brochure filled

with photographs of trails, parks, canyons, campgrounds and ponds.

"Waskasoo Park system is just amazing," says Lyle Keewatin Richards, the president of the local Native friendship centre.

"The city of Red Deer is a tourist zone and city council backs up the park with their time and money," said Richards.

Richards informed Windspeaker the centre plans to erect at least four tipis at the fort this summer.

"We have one 22-foot tipi which we are planning to pitch up at the fort. We'd like to see at least four tipis there."

**Miss Metis:** "Young Metis ladies get ready to compete in this year's Miss Metis Alberta Beauty Pagent which will be held in August," said Edna Forchuk, the founder of this annual event.

Time and place will be announced at a later date.

Metis ladies between the ages of 17-25 are asked to contact by phone at 453-2099 or write to Forchuk at 12732-133 Street, Edmonton, Alta. T5L 1S6 for further details.

By the way folks, Forchuk received immediate response for the convertible she had requested from the public through this column.

"I'm calling you again with this request because I know your column brings results," she informed me in conversation.

According to the founder, they now have two convertibles and a couple of chauffeurs to escort the present and former Miss Metis's in the Klondike Days parade through the city July 20.

Dennis Burns, an executive with Peace Hills Trust and Kevin Rosoli an oil-rig worker are the volunteer chauffeurs.

The two will escort the previous Miss Metis winners, Rosemarie Mercredi and Twila Turcotte.

"Also, we're looking for a couple of Klondike dresses for the girls to wear in the parade," said Forchuk.

That's a wrap for the week folks. Until next week.

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**Q.** *What will the population increases be with the new plant coming in?*

**A.** The expected creation of 1,925 jobs in the Athabasca/Lac La Biche region will result in a permanent increase of the population in areas that are within commuting distance of the mill.

By 1992, as a result of direct and indirect employment during operations, population growth in the region is expected to increase by 13% — or 2,000 people.

The estimated population increases by area are: Athabasca and Boyle, 925 (35%) Lac La Biche and Plamondon, 615 (22%) and rural, 400 (4%).

During the peak construction period, about 2600 short-term jobs will be created at the plant site.

**Q.** *Where are these people going to live? Couldn't there be a severe housing shortage?*

**A.** We estimate that 665 new housing units will be needed in the region to accommodate the population

increase. This estimate is based on 510 families needing houses and 155 single people requiring townhouses or apartments. We expect that 75% of the incoming population will need new housing, while the remainder will rent or purchase existing, vacant accommodation.

It appears that the present supplies of residential lots in the urban and rural communities are more than sufficient for the new building that will occur.

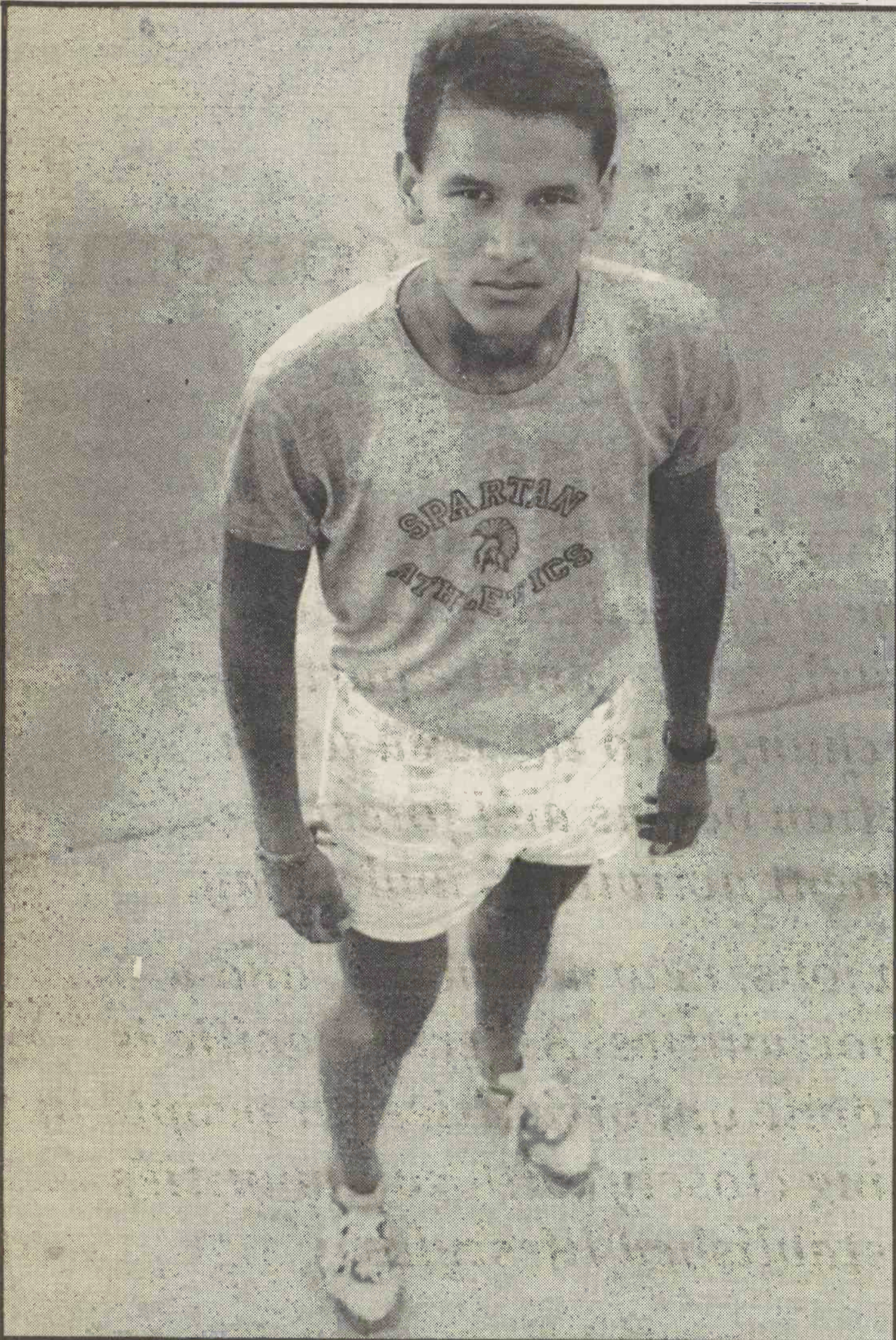
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KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker

# McKay aims for Olympic marathon

By Gary Gee  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Darrell McKay likes to play it straight, by the rules.

At 19, he says that's what he's learned after being involved in marathon running since junior high school.

"Running's given me a different way of thinking. It's given me more discipline and that really helped me in school. But you have to play by the rules. That happens in life, too," says Darryl.

When he was in junior high a few years ago, Darryl says he hung around with the wrong people and had he not discovered running, he thinks he would be into drugs and alcohol like many

young native people.

"My friends told me I was a good runner and convinced me to join the track club. In my first year in 1984, I placed first for junior high students in the 800 metres and second in the 1500 metres. After that I started training seriously."

Since then he's competed as a marathon runner. In the recent Vancouver International Marathon he came in second in the junior men's under 19 category and 161st out of 1,400 runners.

"That really boosted my confidence," says Darryl, who is considered one of the top junior male runners in Alberta and one of the few native marathon runners in competition. He's now shooting for a much higher

goal - to make Canada's 1996 Olympic Marathon team.

When he goes back to visit old friends from the Dene Tha' band, he still sees a lot of drinking and partying. "They always tease me about how square I am. A lot of them say I'm almost white. But I hope they can see that you can make it whether you're white or Indian. And you can still be yourself."

Although he runs with a different crowd now, Darryl says being involved in sport has given him a lot of satisfaction. "It changed what I thought of everything and the way I look at people. I'm more patient and understanding. Running has changed my life."

GARY GEE, Windspeaker

# Dancing and acting gives Cardinal freedom

By Gary Gee  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

When the curtain draws open for another show of Catalyst Theatre, actress Rhonda Cardinal turns into a different person.

"I'm no longer shy. There's really no reason to be. You don't pay attention to the crowd. You become almost a different person," says the 17 year-old.

It's the same feeling she gets when dancing at a powwow. "I feel free. I'm in my own world. It's just me

and the drum."

For Rhonda, acting and dancing are a major part of her young life. "It's a good thing for me. I would probably be lost like some of the young people I know who are doing drugs and alcohol. I'm not lost. This has really helped me."

Rhonda first got the acting bug as a student at the Ben Calf Robe program in St. Clare school in 1986 when she met performing members of Catalyst Theatre who asked her to join their program. The theatre

encourages students to become involved in educational theatre which they perform in local schools.

Since then, Rhonda has performed in a number of the company's productions including one with actress Tantoo Cardinal who Rhonda says is a role model of hers.

She will be playing a variety of roles in Catalyst Theatre's next production, 'An Evening of Story-Telling' at the Native Exhibit of the provincial museum.

Rhonda will also interpret Cree to the audience in the half Cree/ half English production. "It's exciting. The stories tell me alot about native culture. I do learn a lot about myself, who I am and where I came from. And I can show my feelings."

Rhonda says her friends and family are proud of what she does and doesn't know if acting will turn into a career someday.

"It's what I do for fun right now. When you do the show, it's exciting."



"I'm no longer shy": Rhonda Cardinal

BEN CALF ROBE SCHOOL STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

# A New Beginning...

**Editor's Note:** This page showcases the insights of Edmonton's Ben Calf Robe junior high school students.

The essays, on the topic A New Beginning, reveal well thought out opinions about their future.

These six students offer a vision full of hope and optimism. We hope you enjoy these inspiring and motivating messages.

## Quest reveals different self

By Kennedy Wolf Leg

A new beginning for me would be when I finish my quest.

When the closing of my quest had come I felt different in my feelings and in my heart. Before my quest I was very willing to do anything anybody had told me to do, even if I didn't want to. It bugged me that I was so easily led on, I didn't say or do anything about it. I was totally ignoring my family. My sisters, Jodi and Kerri would ask me for help and I would just walk away or just pretend they were not there. My mother, Sheila would tell me to help her around the house, but I would refuse and she'd get very angry with me. My father, Butch, would be trying to tell me something but I would be concentrating on

something or someone else. I didn't listen to what he was trying to tell me. It hurts me to think of other people that were like I was. They must hurt the feelings of people that are close to them. When I look at people like that I often think of the way my father, mother, sisters, brother and my relatives felt towards me. To them I'll have to say I'm sorry.

Now I will make my family, relatives and friends know that I'm there to help them in every way I can. I'm trying very hard to make them feel better than me and to make me feel better about myself. I'm making a new beginning.

As our late elder Ben Calf Robe once said, "Don't stand at the side of the hill, go all the way to the top and that's where new beginnings will start..."

## New beginning spelled out

By Stephanie Guilmond

"B" is for a beautiful, beautiful heritage that we take so much pride in.

"E" is for education; education is very important for Native youth, for our future we need education to make a better life for ourselves.

"G" is for great teachers; great teachers of Ben Calf Robe that guide us on the right path of education.

"I" is for initiative; we should take charge of one's own life to do things you think are right for yourself.

"N" is for Native; Native people have a lot to offer the world. I think every Native person has his or her own goal in life and if we want

that goal to be a reality, we must work harder to succeed.

"N" is for nobility; as Native youth we should have nobility so we can be proud when we accomplish our goal in life.

"I" is for interesting; Indian people have an interesting culture and people could learn a lot from the Indian ways of our elders.

"N" is for new beginning; a new beginning can mean a lot of things, but what it means to me as a Native, is to take from the old to make a better beginning.

"G" is for Great Spirit; Great Spirit to guide us through that path of life.

## Culture brings pride, respect

By Tara Kappo

A few centuries ago, the Native people of North America went through a great change. We were not fully prepared for such a change. By the time we realized what was going on, it was too late. Our language, culture, knowledge, pride and sense of worth was almost lost.

Today, once again, we have to prepare for a change. The difference this time is that we are the ones who have to initiate the change. Our people have to break away from the bad things in our life and make a new beginning for ourselves. To do this we will need the wisdom of our culture and our elders to make this new

beginning.

Programs like Ben Calf Robe help prepare us for a new beginning. Native people are beginning to have a say about our education. We come to Ben Calf Robe School to learn about our culture and heritage. We also learn about ourselves and about each other. We get strength from each other and at the same time we build a sense of unity. Getting a bigger we will be able to accommodate more peoples needs and bring more of our people together.

In order for Native people to find a new beginning, each of us have to find ourselves. We can't do this with drugs and alcohol. Our true culture is not about drinking or doing drugs; it's about

pride and self-respect. We have to face who we are and who we want to be. This will be difficult for many of us. To begin again we have to take with us the best of our culture and leave behind the harmful influences in our lives. We need to build our pride and confidence. Having confidence in everything we do makes achieving success in the world today a lot easier. If we lost our culture, we lose our pride and the best part of ourselves. We will also lose the true understanding of who we really are.

Pride, confidence, strength and respect is what our culture is really about. When we learn these important things about our culture, then we will be able to find

our roots. Our strength to grow comes from these roots. The more we know and understand about our culture, then the more we'll know about ourselves. We will have self-respect and we'll care more about ourselves, other people and our culture. We will be able to fight to keep our culture alive and in return, our culture will give us strength and pride.

Today, we have to look to our past to give us the strength and courage to build our future. Our culture will help us find our true identity. When we know ourselves, then we'll know what we need to build us a happier, brighter future. Our new beginning will be one filled with pride in who we are.

## Taking charge starts new growth

By Charity Gladue

As Native person in today's society, it is important for us to take charge of our lives and make new beginnings for ourselves. Returning to Native values and wisdom will help us be the best we can be. If we work together, we can make a better, stronger generation, full of hope and pride.

As the light of the new

beginning grows, a change of the Native image will occur. For us to be proud of this image, we must stay in control of our minds and bodies. This means freeing ourselves from all addictions such as drugs, alcohol and gambling. We have to return to the ways of the old, staying pure in mind and in body.

Each day brings new beginnings for all of us, so

we must be aware of it every morning. We look east where we see the sun rising. A prayer of thanks to our Creator will give us a special feeling. We will be prepared to meet the day and whatever it brings.

Ben Calf Robe School has been given a new beginning...their very own school. At their school, the students will be able to fulfill the hopes and dreams of the people who have

worked hard to make the new school a reality.

To me, a new beginning means leaving the peace on security I found at Ben Calf Robe. Leaving Ben Calf Robe means leaving friends and teachers I've come to care for. However, I must learn to accept what is over. Then I have to be able to look towards the future, for that's what a new beginning is about.

## New perspective found in education

By Kuni Albert

A new beginning. Do we need it? Do the Native people of Canada need a new beginning? Yes, we do. We have a proud past, we need a new proud beginning. One that blends the best of our past with the hopes of our future.

Young Native people need to finish high school

and make a contribution to Canada. Without education we will be nothing in the white man's world, but with our new beginning we will be seen in a new perspective. We must take a stand for ourselves as Native people. Our cultures and beliefs are also seen in a new perspective. We will then be getting respect instead of discrimination.

We will now have a new school and will have a great new beginning. The new school will give the students next year a greater chance of finishing their school years.

Some of us Native people need to make new personal beginnings. We need to give up the negative aspects of our lives such as drinking and neglect of our

children. We have the power in ourselves and in our culture to change the negative to positive.

We have to be willing to take a chance and make personal new beginnings.

Remember our greatest new beginning is in our children. We need to show them respect from which they learn to respect themselves and others.

## Accept past, then look toward future

By Jennifer Sewepagaham

A new beginning to me means a new start. To accept the past as it is and look towards the future.

I have accepted myself and try to be my own person, an individual. I respect my abilities and my skills. I finally know who I am and

have an idea about my plans for the future. I plan to attend university, to become a lawyer and fight for the rights of Native people.

To this point in life, other races see Native people as being uneducated. We have to prove to them that they are wrong. We shouldn't forget the past because we would be throwing away an

important part of our lives. We have to learn from our mistakes and accept them so we can get on with the new.

We have to grow up and realize that we as Native youths must show other races what is behind that smoky screen by becoming educated then to go somewhere in life. We should demonstrate our values by

displaying our heritage through our dances and our Native culture so other people can see that we are not what we appear to be.

A new beginning may mean many things to me as a Native person: I see it as a new start to develop a positive image for myself and Natives as a whole.

KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker



# Love Never Dies

By Emma Cross  
Grade 9

FROG LAKE SCHOOL, Alta.

She sees him walking with books in his arm. She sees him open his locker and throw his books in there.

He smiles when he sees his friends go by. He smiles when his girl walks up to him and whispers sweet nothings in his ear. They walk together arm in arm. She kisses him and leaves him standing in the hall alone.

He turns and finds a pair of eyes gazing at him. He studies her closer. She smiles for she's always loved him. He comes closer and smiles.

A force pulls them together and he introduces himself, "Robby Simpson." Then out of the blue he asks for a date for the dance that night. She accepts for she has always loved him.

He leaves for the next class. There he can't stop thinking about her, her beautiful blond hair, her blue eyes. He doesn't pay any attention to class, for he is dazzled by her beauty. He asks himself, "Why haven't I seen her before?" Then he remembers she hadn't told him her name. The bell

rings; class is dismissed.

He sees her standing by his locker. He walks up to her and asks, "What is your name?"

She replies in a sweet voice, "MariLynn Harper."

Then he says, "I'll pick you up at 7:00. Where do you live?"

She says, "No, I'll meet you there."

He counts the minutes to see her beauty again. He looks at his watch - 7 p.m. He turns around to see her in a beautiful white dress. She smiles and says, "Let's dance." They dance the night away. He senses he is falling in love with her. Then at the stroke of midnight. She whispers, "I'll have to go, I have enjoyed this night. I'll always remember this night."

He looks at her and notices a stain of blood on her dress. She takes his scarf and walks away into the crowd of people.

The following Monday he looks for her but she is not to be seen. He asks the librarian if she has seen MaryLynn Harper lately. She looks up and says, "My dear, it's Mary Beth Lynn

Harper. She's been dead for three years. She's buried in the West Side Cemetery. My son, why do you ask?"

He walks away astonished. Then all of a sudden, he remembers Mary Lynn Harper from Grade 9. She had always liked him; she had always sent him Valen-

tines and Christmas cards. He never paid any attention to her for he thought she was a plain girl. He remembers that she preferred "Mary Beth." That's why he didn't remember her when she said "Mary Lynn."

He remembers also that she died June 18, 1977. He remembers that June 18 was the night they danced the night away.

His Grade 9 Prom was in 1977. They were in the same class together. He alks to the hall and sees his prom pictures hanging on the wall. He sees her in the same beautiful white dress she wore that night of the dance. He looks to find everyone scurrying to their classes.

He turns again and sees a memorial plaque that reads: "In memory of Mary Beth Lynn Harper who was killed

by a drunk driver the night of June 18, the night of the 1977 grad/prom dance."

In a daze he walks out of the school and walks for many blocks and ends up at the West Side Cemetery. He walks among the graves and finds a tombstone that reads: Mary Beth Lynn Harper, Born: December 5, 1960. Died: June 18, 1977, 16 Years Old.

Below the tombstone is his scarf neatly placed there. He removes his scarf and reads the epitaph: "Love Never Dies."

He walks away. He goes back to the school. Kids are strolling in the halls. He sees his girlfriend. They walk arm in arm and she whispers sweet nothings in his ear.

He turns around and amidst the crowd he sees her standing there in the same beautiful white dress, smiling. She mouths, "Thank you."

He mouths, "You're welcome."

She turns around and disappears into the crowd.

He stands there with his girlfriend and whispers, "Love never dies."

She asks, "What did you say?"

He smiles, "Nothing, you wouldn't understand."

## Poetry Corner

### Vision Seeker

I close my eyes,  
and, grasp my hands together.  
I fall on my knees  
and reach for the sky  
I cry.

Shawna Paul,  
Junior high school student,  
Alexander reserve school, Alta.

### More Than Just Words

Many have wrote about drug and alcohol abuse.  
We need to take action and bring those words to good use.  
We need something more than a few months of rehabilitation.  
We need something we'll understand so we'll attend without hesitation.  
Give us the culture that we have all missed out.  
Give us the culture so we will understand what we're all about.  
Then from there we will all understand.  
Witout drugs or alcohol we can win back our land.

Anonymous 19-year-old,  
Valleyview, Alta.

### Claims

This land we took  
so long ago  
From people fine  
Who loved it so  
Then we ask them  
to please abide  
After all the years  
We cruelly lied  
We took their culture  
And their pride  
Under glass  
It slowly died.

Jason Swan,  
17-year-old non-Native student  
Canim Lake, B.C.

### My Tears

They are tears of hurt,  
They are tears of love,  
Then if i don't cry,  
What am i made of?

Jessica Arcand  
Junior high school student  
Alexander reserve school, Alta.

### Vision

I open my eyes  
to look at the skies  
then I offer, myself for vision  
To seek my purpose in this life.  
I then see the eagle, powerful eagle  
flying so high and bold.  
I recall the stories my elders have told  
of vision, my purpose in life.  
The sound of drums echoes through on years  
My eyes start to fill with tears.  
I fall, onto my knees,  
and I am very grateful,  
to hear, his voice, deep inside mine.  
Vision, is what I shall find.  
I hold my vision, close to my heart  
as my quest for vision, shall start.  
It will come at a point in my life;  
when I shall understand my purpose  
in life.

Shawna Paul,  
Junior high school student,  
Alexander reserve school, Alta.

# JUNIOR WINDSPEAKER'S ACTIVITY PAGE

## In search of Canadian Indian tribes

Names of Native tribes in Canada listed here may be found either vertically, horizontally, diagonally or backwards.

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| Mistassini Cree | Athapascan |
| Blackfoot       | Sarcee     |
| Blood           | Chilcotin  |
| Peigan          | Chipewyan  |
| Siksika         | Dogrib     |
| Assiniboine     | Beaver     |
| Stoney          | Slavey     |
| Nakota          | Inuit      |
| Dakota          | Inuk       |
| Lakota          | Iroquois   |
| Sioux           | Oneida     |
| Ojibwa          | Mohawk     |
| Chippewa        | Cuyuga     |
| Ottawa          | Huron      |
| Saulteaux       | Chilkat    |
| Malecite        | Shuswap    |
| Micmac          | Salish     |
| Algonquin       | Tsimshian  |
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|                 | Tagish     |

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This puzzle was designed by Charles Mills

**PROFESSOR DODDIE'S**

JUST FOR KIDS CORNER

5/28

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A. AT THE RIVER BANK.  
JOHN DYANGUREN, YUBA CITY, CA

During the construction phase, temporary workers will live in a 50-trailer construction camp near the plant site.

**Q. Will our schools be overcrowded with the increase in families?**

**A.** Depending on where families choose to live, there may be a requirement for an additional elementary school in Lac La Biche and in Athabasca.

We estimate that 575 students will be added to the elementary and secondary schools in the region. Of these, between 60% and 75% are expected to be in the County of Athabasca School System, and 25% to 40% in the Lac La Biche School System.

**Q. What are some of these business opportunities that Alberta-Pacific says will come about as a result of the mill?**

**A.** The project would increase the overall economic activity of the area, stimulating both services and retail growth. Tourism would increase because managed forests will be better for multiple uses such as fishing, hunting and recreation.

Business opportunities are real, and varied. Alberta-Pacific urges area business people to register with the

local Liaison Office, or with our Edmonton office, so we will be aware of your service and contact you when different contracts are put out for bidding. We already have about 300 businesses registered.

A partial list of services that Alberta-Pacific will require directly is:

**Construction:**

clearing and grubbing, fencing, trucking, camp set-up, catering, sand and gravel supply, employee training, housing, fuel supply, hotel/motel services, food and beverage.

**Operations:**

specialty maintenance shops, auto and truck dealers, warehousing and distribution, forestry consulting, security personnel, logging, wood chip supply and logging road construction.

**Suppliers:**

will be required for goods ranging from tires and paint to coffee.

**Q. Will there be permanent jobs for our local young people?**

**A.** Yes. Many of the young people currently moving away to find jobs may now have the opportunity to remain in the area and work for Alberta-Pacific or other enterprises associated with the project.

We are making presentations to highschools in the area concerning employment opportunities. We will hire 100 to 150 operators, for various phases of plant operation, locally.

**Q. What is the break-down between jobs at the pulp mill and jobs that will be created as a result of the pulp mill?**

**A.** Direct employment resulting from pulp mill operations is estimated to be 1100 people. Of these, 440 will be needed to operate the pulp mill and the equivalent of 660 more full-time people to supply wood to the mill.

In the overall project region total direct and indirect employment is estimated to be 1,925 jobs.

The plant operation is expected to create a total of 2,750 new jobs in Alberta.

During the construction phase, 1989-1991, direct employment will increase by 13%, with a gross payroll of about \$152 million. About 80% of this project-related employment will focus upon the pulp mill itself. The remainder will come as a result of construction of a rail spur and roads outside the mill fence, and housing in the communities.

**Q. Which roads will be used most heavily by mill traffic? Will new roads be built?**

**A.** Truck traffic to the mill site will be mainly trucks supplying logs or chips. The majority of this truck traffic will originate in the Forest Management Area and will use the proposed new highway to the mill site via a new bridge across the Athabasca River.

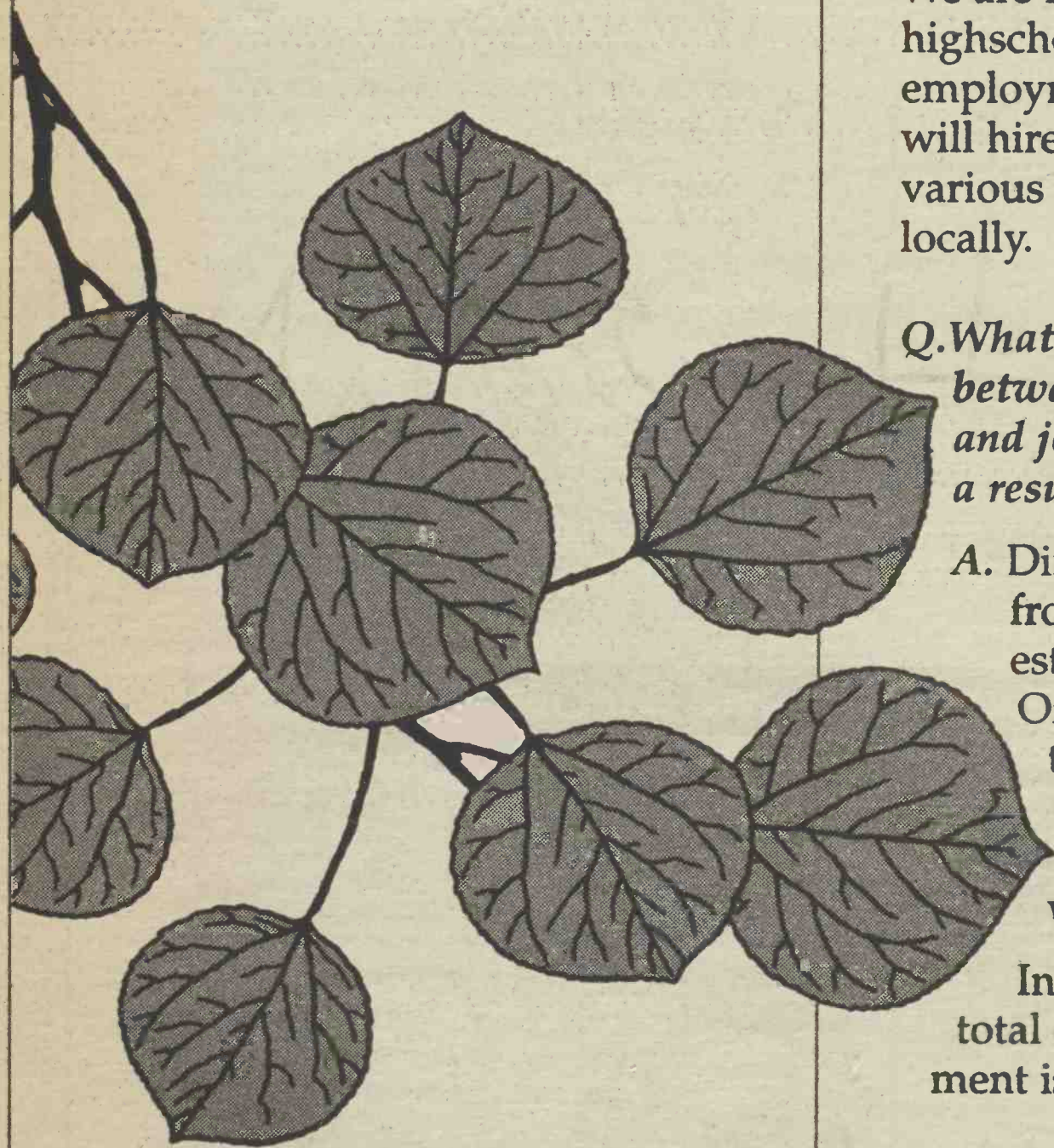
Another major source of truck traffic will be from the northeast, via Highway 63. The rest of the traffic increase will be on Highway 55, east and west.

Most of the wood haul would be during winter, when we would expect about 230 trucks daily from Calling Lake and 175 from Highway 63. These highways pass mainly through undeveloped crown lands. In summer, truck volumes are expected to be less than one-third of the winter traffic.

A network of off-highway logging roads would eventually be built, to reduce the amount of logging trucks on provincial roads.

There will be some road closures close to the mill site that will affect people living within the northern edge of the Spruce Valley/Sandy Ridge farming community. New roads will be built to replace the closed ones.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ELAINE O'FARRELL, Windspeaker

# Women writers sought for book

By Elaine O'Farrell  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Native women writers will find their voice in a new anthology to be published soon in Alberta.

"We're trying to reach Native women, even those who speak in different tongues, and try to give them back their voice," said editor Sylvia Vance.

Vance and Jeanne Perreault, a University of Calgary English professor, began combing Western Canada for the writing of Native women a year ago.

They recently received a \$4,000 Alberta Literary Arts Foundation grant to put together a collection of poems, essays, short stories and excerpts from novels and diaries of Native women.

The anthology, believed to be the first of its kind in Canada, will be published

by NeWest Press next spring.

The editors have collected material by advertising in Windspeaker and by contacting the more than 100 Western Native organizations and associations, including the Canadian Native Nurses' Association and a young offenders' group.

Unknown writers are being encouraged by word of mouth, Vance said.

So far, the response has been good, with Native women offering their writing for publication, many for the first time.

"We are anxious to publish women who have never been published before and have not been published because they are Native," Vance said. "We already have received poetry from women who have not been published, who are very good."

They have received several essays about Native

issues, a Native prayer and are waiting for an article by a N.W.T. woman about traditional medicine.

Their only regret is that more material has not been offered from older women or Native women from Saskatchewan.

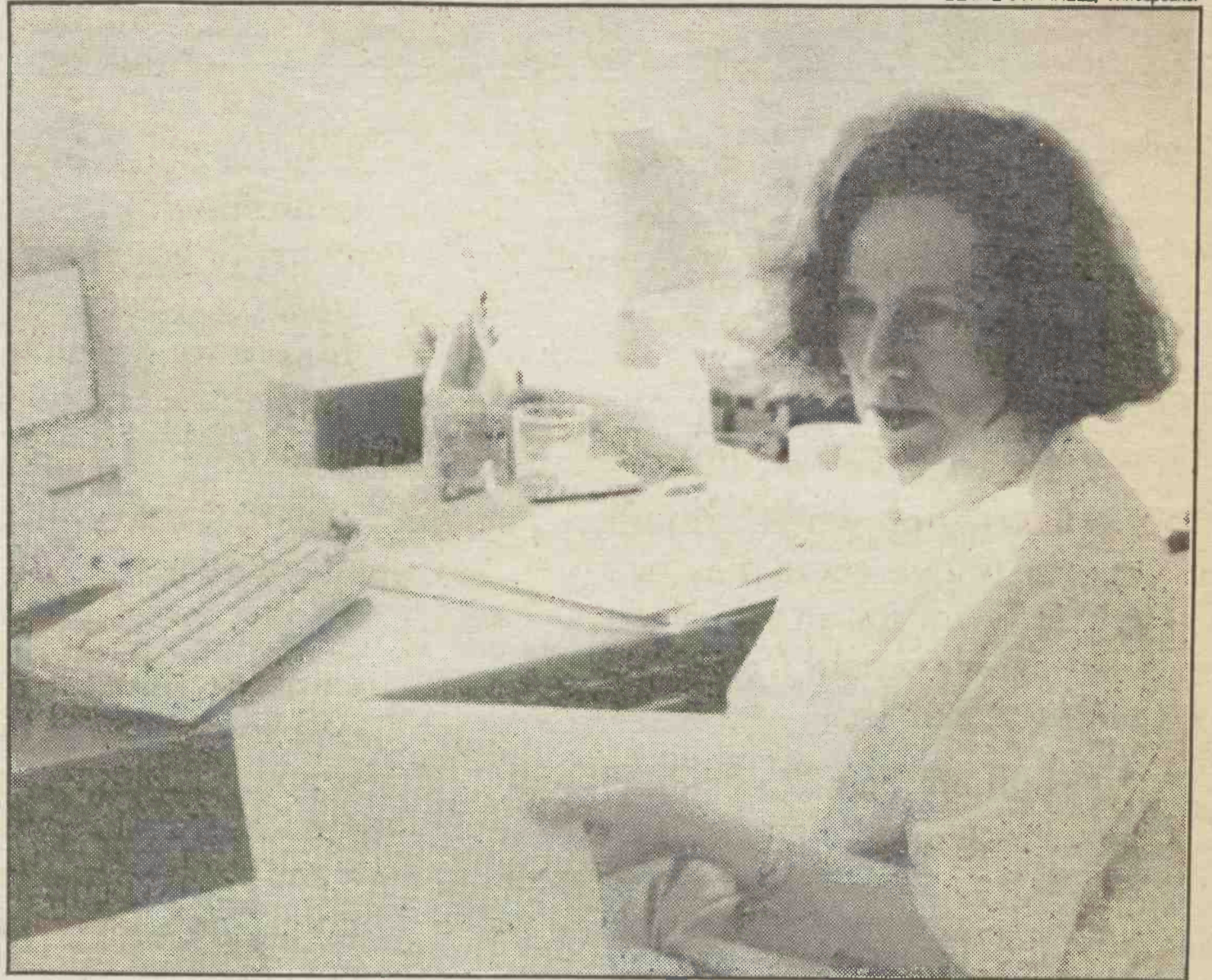
Vance is considering tape-recording several elders and writing their oral histories herself.

Gathering material for the book is difficult, she admits, because Indian women are very shy by nature and don't tend to see themselves as writers.

"We feel that Native men have many outlets and avenues, like politics, to make their voice heard. However, Native women do not."

But for Vance, the greatest reward of the project has been the thrill of discovering a new talent.

One woman, in particular, impressed her with excerpts from her journal,



Giving Native women a voice: Editor Sylvia Vance

filled with beautiful imagery and strong, rhythmic prose.

Facing the enormous task of selecting and editing manuscripts before a fall deadline, the editors are constantly aware they are two white women putting together a collection of Native women's words.

"We have tried to be as conscious of our whiteness as possible," Vance explains.

"Women of color have challenged white women who have access to the aca-

ademic and publishing world to use that power to get women of color published."

The pair are trying to collect writings from Native women of all tongues, bands and from a range of experience, both contemporary and traditional.

"We hope whatever Native women want to submit will decide the theme," said Vance, adding both editors see themselves as vehicles to helping Native women get published.

The Writings of Western Canadian Native Women will feature writings from women of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

The editors plan to donate part of the proceeds from the book to a project for Native women, the details of which have yet to be ironed out.

To submit material for publication, contact Vance at 433-9454.

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OUR PEOPLE

# City college grads set new career goals

By Jerry Bulldog  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

New goals were set for Norman Wanotch, Rhonda Jones and other students who graduated from Grant MacEwan Community College on May 19.

The new graduates were making drastic changes in both lifestyle and career when they started courses in career development and Native women's pre-employment training programs.

Rhonda Jones, 23, and Norman Wanotch, 38, changed their lives for the

better by enrolling in upgrading courses at the college.

The Edmonton couple were among 23 students who graduated from the career development and Native Women's Pre-employment courses at the city's Cromdale campus May 19.

Rhonda discovered she wanted to learn more in addition to her role as housewife and mother of two toddlers.

She will begin a work experience program while taking a job guidance counsellor training course at Alberta Social Services offices.

Upon graduation, she

hopes to find a permanent job as a social worker with the department.

Norman plans on working for Alberta Correctional Services when he graduates from the two-year course.

He currently works for Kochee-Mena House, a halfway house for Native young offenders, aged 15 to 17.

He enjoys working with young offenders and trying to set their lives straight.

Norman needed a change from his job operating

heavy equipment for Alberta Highways in High Level for the past eight years. Earlier, he underwent training with Edmonton City Police in 1974.

Career development and Native women's pre-employment training courses begin after a ten-week training program.

The next courses begin

June 27. For more information about the programs, contact Donna-Mae Winquist at Grant MacEwan Community College at 477-0227.



**Good News Party Line**

**North American Indigenous Games Workshop, June 6-8, Sarscee Indian Reserve.** All interested delegates call 435-4424.

**3rd Annual Gospel Music Festival, June 14 - 16, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement.** Call Mike Sigurdur 470-0746 for more.

**Treaty Days, June 16 & 17, Janvier, AB.** (Including a mixed slo-pitch tourney & 2 nights of dancing. Call 559-2252

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From the Dene Tha' Band —

**Georgena Kalay** who has just completed the 2nd year of University Transfer program in Elementary Education at Grande Prairie Regional College &

**Sharon Dahdona** who is graduating from St. Joseph's High School in Grande Prairie.





From the National Film Board of Canada

**Our Nation Wealth**  
Wednesday, June 14  
Noon: Bella Bella (27 min.); Rice Harvest (12 min.)  
3 p.m.: North of 60 Degrees; Northerners Take Charge (28 min.); North of 60 Degrees; The Third New Economy (28 min.)  
7 p.m.: The Other Side of the Ledger 1972 (42 min.); Fiddlers of James Bay (29 min.)


**Skills Not Lost**  
Wednesday, June 21  
Noon: Bill Ried (27 min.); Kevin Alex (16 min.)  
3 p.m.: Cesars Bark Canoe (58 min.)  
7 p.m.: Last Mooseskin Boat (28 min.); Nonoose Anishanake (10 min.)




**Ways of Seeing, Ways of Understanding**  
Wednesday, June 28  
Noon: Beauty of My People (29 min.); Christmas at Moose Factory (13 min.)  
3 p.m.: Behind the Masks (37 min.); The Living Stone (30 min.)  
7 p.m.: Legends of the Life of the Inuit (58 min.); Pictures Out of My Life (13 min.)

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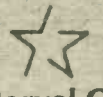
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# Let summer begin!

Hello sports fans.

Hey, how about them Calgary Flames (I know I am going to catch some flak on this one). They go into the Montreal Forum (where hockey was born and knock off Canada's national sports heroes in their own building.

Even the most devout Oiler fans have to admit that was quite a feat. The Habs were never beaten for the Stanley Cup in their own building before ever.

Dare I say it? Is Calgary building another hockey dynasty in Alberta? It sure seems that way now that they have shed that choke label and have some fine hockey players. I feel like the captain of a sailboat caught out at sea without any wind to keep me sailing — caught in the doldrums.

Anyway, sports in Indian Country is beckoning.

**Cold Lake:** Planning for the annual treaty days celebrations are starting in this community, says Bernice Martial.

Martial is the recreation director for the band.

She is planning a boys and girls softball tournament for July 7-9 in conjunction with treaty days. For more information, call Bernice at 594-7183.

**Horse Lake:** Dean Horseman of the co-ed slowpitch team, the Horse Lake A's, says although participation in fastball has diminished, he would like to see it revived in this community near Grande Prairie.



**SPORTS ROUNDUP**  
By Keith Matthew

Meantime, they will be hosting a 24-team slowpitch tournament June 24-25 at Beaverlodge (about 20 kilometres from the reserve). The entry fee for the tournament is \$250 and is payable by cheque or money order to Horse Lake A's.

The tourney is a true double knockout (if the team coming through the B-side of the tournament beats the A-side team in the final game, they have to beat them once more to win the tourney).

Prize money will be: first is \$1,500; second \$1,000; third \$700; and fourth \$700. Trophies will be awarded.

For more information, phone Dean Horseman at work at 356-2248 or at home at 356-2664.

**Edmonton:** Yahoo, let summer begin. Ralph RiChard has got a full slate of events lined up for school-aged youngsters wishing to do things for the summer holidays at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

Friends in Sport will be held July 12-13 (Wednesday and Thursday) at Southside Athletic Park. It is open to all friendship centres across the country, says Ralph RiChard.

Run, don't walk, to the nearest friendship centre in your area to enter the competitions through your friendship centre.

Ralph also said they are organizing an all-Native youth slowpitch tournament to be held at Rundle Park here in Edmonton July 6-7.

"We're going to invite teams from Hobbema, Paul Band, Enoch and Alexander — all the local reserves," explained RiChard.

The age limit for this tournament will be from 13-17 years old.

And finally, they are planning a wilderness trail ride experience at Rocky Mountain House July 24-28.

"It is very important that they get a hold of me on this because it is an expensive operation," stressed RiChard. "It will be about \$350 per person. We have to get the kids involved and get them to work raising money."

So Ralph tells me his job is pretty hard but someone's got to do it. Where have I heard that before?

**Prince George, B.C.:** Tom Ghostkeeper is preparing for the probably the biggest Native fastball tournament in British Columbia when he helps organize the 21st annual all-Native tourney on the July 1-3 long weekend.

"It is Canada's largest all-Native invitation fastball tournament hosted by the Prince George Multicultural Recreation Society," said Ghostkeeper.

"Based on 15 teams or more, award money will be: first \$7,000 plus trophy; second \$3,500 plus trophy; third \$1,750 plus trophy; fourth \$850 plus trophy and fifth and sixth receive \$450 and no trophies," he explained.

The tourney will be held at the Terry Jane Gray Park in Prince George June 30, July 1-3. There will be dances on Friday and Saturday nights.

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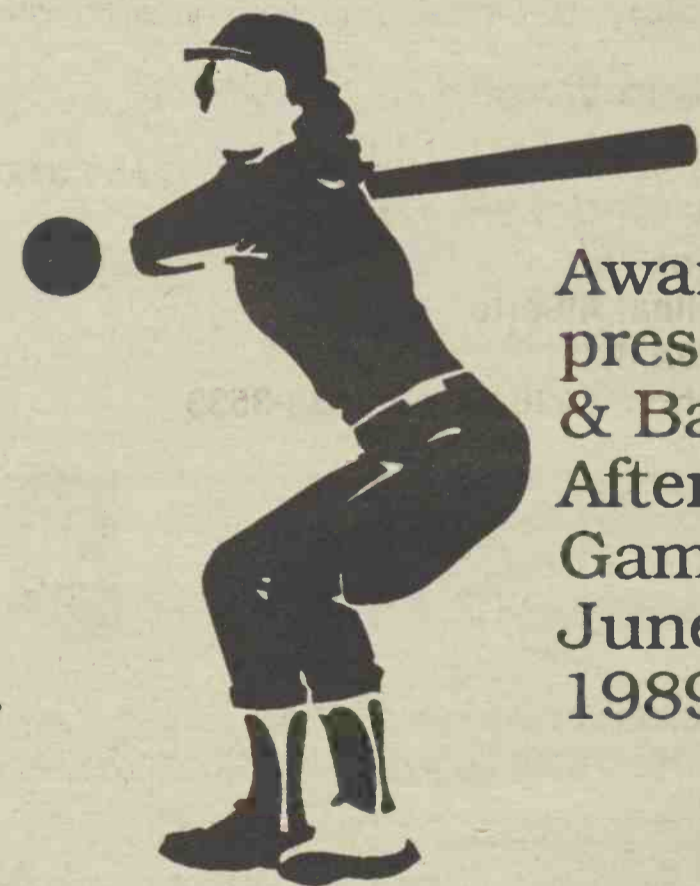
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## TREE HUGGERS

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"But he (Klein) said he didn't have the power to do it. We don't understand how a minister of the environment can say he's in charge if he doesn't have power. We're going to look at federal jurisdiction. We definitely think the federal government will step in," he said.

Before the FON takes legal action to get the federal government involved, it is going to wait for the outcome of a similar decision already expected for the Southern Alberta region.

Martha Kostchuk, spokesperson for the Friends of the Oldman River, said her group will be appearing in federal court in Edmonton June 15.

Friends of the Oldman River have been fighting development of a dam because the members says it could damage the river system and endanger area wildlife.

"We're going to court to get the federal government to quash the development permit. Under the constitution it's the federal government's responsibility to do a review," she said.

Although the circumstances requiring federal

intervention are different, Kostchuk said a favorable ruling could help the FON's case to stall development of the pulp mill.

A recent landmark court decision in Saskatchewan lead to the delay of construction of the Rafferty-Alameda Dam until a federal review is conducted.

Both Kostchuk and

Quinn are confident they will receive the same consideration in Alberta.

Ray Robinson, chairman of Federal Environment Assessment Review Office, said the issues in Alberta may not fall under federal jurisdiction since the developing companies are responsible for the impact assessment reports.

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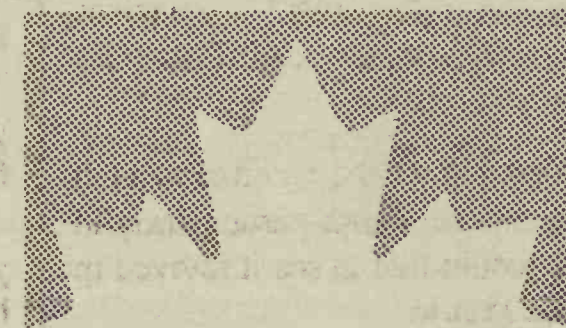
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## Metis Settlement News

# New act gives authority to settlement members and councils

*This is the third in a series of articles on the Alberta-Settlements Accord — the proposed agreement between the Metis settlements and the Alberta government, on settlement land, government and finance. The accord is subject to a referendum of the settlement people on June 20. This article deals with the system of settlement government established by the agreement.*

One part of the Alberta-Settlements Accord is the proposed Metis Settlements Act (Bill 64) — an act that essentially replaces the old Metis Betterment Act and sets up a system of local government for the settlements.

The Metis Settlement Act places the basic local governing authority in the hands of the settlements. This is different from the current Metis Betterment Act (passed in 1938) where this authority is held by the minister. Under the Metis Betterment Act, the minister has authority to make rules on settlement hunting, trapping, fishing, land allocation, membership and all other important settlement matters. On these and all other matters, the settlements and councils legally have only advisory status. In reality, of course, much of this has changed. Over the past decade or so, the settlements have been able to make more and more of their own decisions.

The new Metis Settlements Act reflects this new reality and builds on what has become current practice. Essentially, the act does two things. First, it sets up the basic structures that are involved in matters affecting settlements — settlement councils, general council and the provincial minister. Second, it establishes procedures for these structures to manage and make rules for the settlements. The principle is to put the real authority at the local level in the hands of the council and then to balance that authority with checks by the settlement members, the other seven settlements and the minister.

Settlement corporations are set up for each settlement. These are made up of the members of the settlements and are managed by a five-person council elected by the members. Settlements have the authority to pass bylaws. To be passed, bylaws must first be approved by the settlement members at a General Meeting held to discuss the proposed bylaw. Thus, the settlement people have to approve all settlement laws.

The new act also makes the settlement councils accountable to the members. Part of the problem with the current system is that while the councils have a lot of power in reality, the Metis Betterment Act gives them no legal authority and there is therefore no legal requirement for council to be accountable to the people. Under the new act, this is changed. Settlement councils are given the basic governing authority and there are specific legal accountability requirements that go along with that authority. For example in the area of finance council must report to the members with the previous year's audited financial statements, the current year's financial reports, and with coming year's budget. Council must also post and make public to the members minutes from meetings, council reports, all settlement agreements and contracts and other settlement documents.

While the Settlement Corporation has the basic authority to deal with settlement matters, the Metis Settlements General Council is set up to deal with matters of common concern to all settlements. Based on the current Settlements All-Council, the General Council holds the title to the settlement land on behalf of the members and it makes policies in the areas that affect all the settlements — areas such as hunting, trapping, etc. To be passed, the policy must be approved by six out of the eight settlements.

The third structure involved with the settlements is the provincial minister. The minister continues to be involved with the settlements — especially in the transition from the old system to the new system. Apart from the transition period, the minister is involved in three ways. First, the minister must ensure that all public funds are properly accounted for. Second, the minister must be consulted on General Council Policy and he has veto power over them (he must actually approve those policies that override provincial acts and laws). Finally

the minister continues to have the authority to pass regulations in important areas such as land and membership. The major difference from the current act in these type of regulations is that with the new act they must first be proposed in writing by the settlements, before the minister may pass them.

It is important to note that the new act does not generally set rules in areas such as land, membership, hunting, etc. It simply sets procedures for how rules on these matters can be made in the future. The old rules on these and other settlement matters will continue in place until the settlements are ready to change them. The key is that the province may not change these rules ever again. The current rules in hunting

and trapping, for example, are therefore protected. Under the current act, the minister is given the authority to change the rules whenever he pleases. Under the new act, these rights are protected as only the settlements can initiate a change in the rules. At the same time, the settlements may not change or make new rules as they please — they have to work with the minister to do this.

The proposed Metis Settlements Act, then, attempts to establish a system with checks and balances. Settlement Corporations run by councils have the basic law-making power. This power is supported and checked by the members (council's accountability), by the other seven Settlements General Council, and by the continuing involvement of the minister.

## Long term finance arrangement for Metis settlements

*This is the fourth in a series of articles on the Alberta-Settlements Accord — the proposed agreement between the Metis Settlements and the Alberta government on settlement land, government and finance. The accord is subject to the approval of the settlement members in a referendum to be held on June 20. This article deals with financial arrangements in the accord.*

The Alberta-Settlements Accord includes a proposed finance agreement between the settlements and the province. This agreement deals with both short term and long term financial arrangements for the settlements. The agreement covers levels of funding from the province, what expenditure items are covered by these funds, and the system for budgeting, administering, and accounting for funds under the agreement. It is proposed that the specific dollar figures will be dealt with in a court approved agreement that can be enforced by the courts.

Essentially, the proposed finance agreement sets up three stages of financing — a seven-year "Transition Period" starting in 1990 when financing will be provided to build up the settlement communities; a 10-year "Post-Transition Period" when the emphasis will be to maintain and support what the communities have built up; and a long term development fund to secure the financial future for the settlements. The overall goal of the agreement is to allow the settlement people to become economically self-sufficient and to participate and contribute positively to the regional economy.

During the seven-year transition period from 1990-1997, the province will transfer to the settlement \$25-million per year. This replaces the \$7-million per year that settlements currently receive. These funds are to be used to build up the communities — specifically, they are to be used for capital investments such as housing, recreation facilities, roads, natural gas, water and sewer, etc., as well as economic development projects. These funds also cover basic operation, maintenance and administrative costs.

During the post-transition period from 1997-2007, direct transfer payments from the province drop from \$25-million to \$10-million per year. On top of this base amount, the province will match funds contributed by the settlements — first at a rate of \$2 - \$1, then at a rate of \$1 - \$1. Settlements may use several different sources for their contribution — including industrial taxes which will now be going to the settlements rather than to the IDs. Also, starting in the post-transition period, the settlements will be able to access *municipal assistance grants* — those funds generally available to IDs, MDs and other local governments. (It is possible that these funds may be available to settlements from the first year of the agreement.)

The finance agreement ends in the year 2007. Settlements will continue to be a local government, however, and should therefore have continued access to municipal grants and other ongoing programs. More important perhaps, money in

addition to the \$25-million per year will be put away for the first seven years as a "Future Development Fund." This fund will be allowed to grow over the 17-year period. With an inflation rate of 4% and an interest rate of 9%, there would be \$139-million in this fund at the end of 17 years.

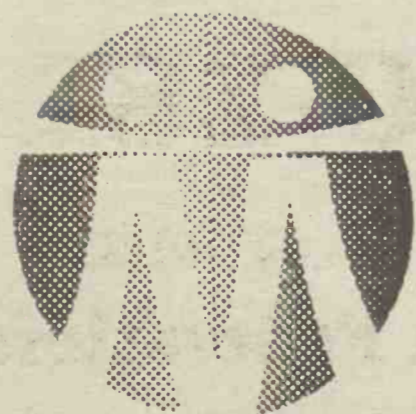
The monies transferred from the province to the settlements under this agreement only cover basic capital and operations items. Settlement people continue to have access to normal government benefits and programs in the areas of education, health care, social assistance, recreation, and job projects. Settlements also continue to have their Trust Fund separate from this agreement.

Also under the agreement, the government guarantees that settlement members will be eligible for all provincial agriculture, business, and economic development programs generally available to Albertans. Until now, settlement members have been denied access to many of these because of the settlements' land hold system.

As far as control over the funds from this agreement is concerned, there are two ways that spending is controlled. The first is from the settlement members. Settlement members must approve the settlements' basic annual spending plan — the *annual settlement budget*. This is done by a budget bylaw approved by the people at a General Meeting called with at least two weeks notice to discuss the matter. Settlement people also have access to essentially all settlement documents including financial reports and council must present annual audited financial statements to the people at a General Meeting.

The other check on the funds from this agreement is that for the first seven years, there is joint administration of all monies by the settlements and the provincial government. The mechanism to operate the joint administration of funds is a "Metis Settlements Transition Commission." This commission is to be set up by legislation for a period of seven years but it can exist for a longer or shorter period if both the settlements and the province agree. The commission will have a mandate to ensure that monies from this agreement are properly managed, properly accounted for, and are spent consistent with the budget as approved by the members. The commission will be appointed by and will report to both the settlements through the Metis Settlements General Council and the province through the provincial cabinet.

As far as local levies are concerned, the proposed Metis Settlements Act gives the settlements the authority to set these similar to municipalities in Alberta. On the settlements, however, these are set by bylaw — that means that no levy can be imposed without the approval of the settlement members at a General Meeting called to discuss the matter. This is different from the current system where the minister sets the levy at whatever rate he considers appropriate. From now on, any change in the levy will have to be approved by the people.



If you would like more information on the proposed agreement with the government of Alberta, please phone the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlement Associations, free of charge at:

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## Metis Settlement News

# Protecting our Land

## *The proposed agreement between the Metis settlements and the province of Alberta*

### Settlement Land

The Metis Betterment Act of 1938 enabled the establishment of our Metis Settlements, but the closing down of Wolf Lake, Touchwood, Marlboro, and Cold Lake Metis Settlements, taught us that our land was not secure.

As a result we have been working to secure our land base for the last 30 years. Under this proposed agreement with the province, we would achieve the goal of securing our land base for our children and for future generations.

### Land Ownership and Land Protection

- all existing Metis Settlement Land is protected in the Canadian Constitution (the highest form of legal protection possible under Canadian Law)

- the Province of Alberta recognizes our ownership of Settlement Lands (under Bill 65) and no longer considers our land to be crown land

- title to all settlement land is held collectively by the eight settlements (through General Council)

### Resource Ownership and Management

- the Province of Alberta would own the subsurface resources (oil and gas) and the settlements would own the surface resources (ie. forest resources, sand and gravel)

- Oil and gas is developed in a way consistent with settlement priorities and settlement needs. This means that oil and gas company activities are controlled jointly by the settlements and the province.

- Associated with this proposed agreement, the settlements end their litigation with the Province of Alberta over the money from the sale of subsurface resources.

### Settlement Government

The proposed agreement would establish a unique form of Metis self-government under **The Metis Settlements Act (Bill 64)**.

### Settlement Council

- The councils are set up as the legal governing bodies on the settlements with the power to make bylaws in areas of local concern. All bylaws are subject to the approval of the settlement members.

- financial accountability rules for councils and their administrations are set

- democratic election procedures are established for councils.

### General Council

- The general council is established. It is made up of the 40 councillors from the eight settlements and the four non-voting executive officers that they elect

- General council has the authority to make policies on matters that are of general concern to all eight settlements (ie. Surface Rights)

- General council policies must be supported by at least six of the eight settlement councils.

### Settlement Financing

Under the proposed agreement, new financial arrangements are made to ensure the long-term financing and economic development of the settlements.

### 17-Year Funding

- Settlements receive sufficient funds from the province to build up and maintain their communities — for housing, recreation facilities, roads, natural gas, and other community development projects.

- Guaranteed annual payments alone amount to \$310 -million.

### Long-Term Funds

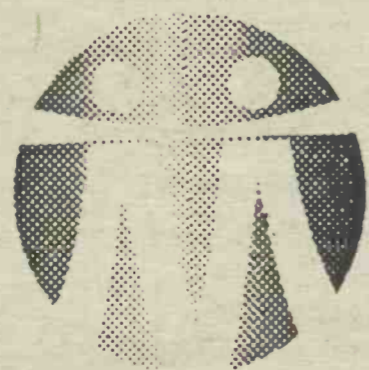
- Money from the province is set aside over the first seven years to build a future development fund. This fund will secure the financing of the settlements after Year 17.

- The settlements would continue to have their revenues from their current Trust Fund.

### Agriculture and Other Programs

- Settlement members are guaranteed access to provincial government programs that they currently cannot access (e.g. agriculture development programs).

*To allow all settlement members a vote on the proposed agreement a referendum will be held on June 20, 1989 with voting taking place on all eight settlements.*



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## Advertising Feature

# Exposition showcases options for over 50 group

EDMONTON — As a group, senior citizens are becoming a growing and major force in society as consumers as the demographic population of Canada is shifting from a population of young people to middle-aged adults.

This trend towards an older-aged population is resulting in a redefining and restructuring of many aspects of how we function in today's society.

In recognizing this profound change, Northlands Agricom will be host to Alberta's first exposition and workshop designed specifically for an older, mature audience from June 8-10.

Titled 'Prime Time for Seniors' and produced by Young Marketing, the seniors show will represent the new 'image of aging' for what it actually is: the healthiest, most active and most powerful consumer group in history.

Rick Young, producer of the show, says the variety of services offered in the show is unprecedented. Prime Time will showcase housing alternatives, financial planning, estates and wills, health care, travel and leisure, recreation, career opportunities, nutrition, meal planning and preparation, physical exercise programs, university extension programs, hobbies and much more. Three levels of government agencies will be among the groups which will be accessible in addition to non-profit agencies and businesses.

The 'workshops' are a series of speaker and panel representations on a variety of key topics for the 50+ category with special keynote speaker Maddy Kent Dychtwald, a communications expert, writer and speaker in the fields of aging and health promotion. She is vice-president of communications and co-founder of AGE WAVE INC., a communication and consulting firm from San Francisco, California which specializes in issues pertaining to lifestyle, health and aging.

Prime Time for Seniors will provide thousands of older consumers the opportunity to learn from, and enjoy

the exposition of products and services designed specifically for them. National, regional and local business leaders will have the opportunity to 'showcase' their products and services to seniors.

Young says such shows are springing up in various parts of the country and the United States out of a desire by business to reach an older audience with their services and products. "It's also arising out of a need for a proper and articulate dissemination of information," he added.

He says government agencies are now participating in

**The show will represent the new 'image of aging': the healthiest, most active and most powerful consumer group in history.**

this kind of forum with the hope that it is effectively reaching its audience. "We think it is. It's effective because of the variety of services offered and 60 to 70 percent of the show is specifically targeted to a 50+ audience."

"The speaker program, entertainment, the high energy, and ambience is what we hope to create to prove it's a very strong and viable way to bring business, non-profit organizations and consumers together."

Florence Giroux, co-ordinator and outreach worker, with the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, believes the show will benefit native elders with such problems as housing, financial budgeting, physical ailments, and loneliness.

"Loneliness is the biggest problem with seniors, especially those who don't have a family who have no one to turn to," says Giroux.

Giroux says her organization directs seniors to such services as home-care services, meals on wheels and extended care units. On June 8-9, she will have a booth at the seniors show in the Agricom hall.

Helen Gladue, who co-ordinates the Indian Association of Alberta's elder's council, says the senior's show might be useful to particularly widows or widowers. "The majority I see would like more information on such things as early retirement," she says. The IAA offers its own seniors programs, meeting once a week with elders, and all the reserves have community workers that look after elders, she says.

Young says the show is hoping to attract 10,000 people far exceeding other such shows in other cities. A survey conducted by his firm determined that there were no existing resources where seniors could access the kind of information available at the show. "Our range of exhibits and speech programs pulled from the survey told us what this audience is mostly interested in pursuing. All of these things are in one way or another important to that audience. The show came out of that need to pull all those things together in one venue."

He hopes that seniors will bring their families to the show, noting that a 60 year-old with a 40 year-old family are probably more close-knit and concerns such as health, the "empty-nest" syndrome and maintaining one's independence are current-day concerns that seniors face in the future.

He noted that government is spending funds through special programs to allow seniors the dignity of remaining in their own homes instead of being cared for in institutions.

Part of the reason for holding the show, he said, was that many seniors do not know where to call for help.

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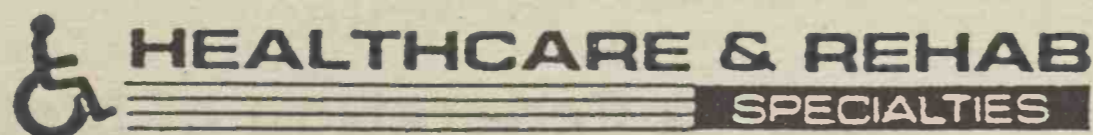


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Closing date for receipt of applications is June 23, 1989.



The Little Red River Cree Tribe operates three schools in the communities of Garden River, Fox Lake and John D'or Prairie.  
 Positions open for the fall include:

- 1 Principal
- 1 Physical Education Specialist
- 6 Primary & Elementary Teachers
- 1 Art Specialist
- 4 Special Education Teachers

Cross Cultural, E.S.L. and Native experience are desired. Salary at the four-year level is from \$30,880 - \$50,300. Benefits include health, pension and housing.

Interviews will be held in mid-June in selected centres.

Applications should be sent by regular mail or priority post to:

**Mr. M. Fyten**  
 Director of Education  
 Little Red River Cree Tribe  
 Box 1830  
 HIGH LEVEL, Alberta  
 T0H 1Z0

# Congratulations

and best wishes in all your future endeavors.  
We salute...accomplishments, goals, and the men  
and women from the...**Class of '89**

## English River Band Graduates 1988-89

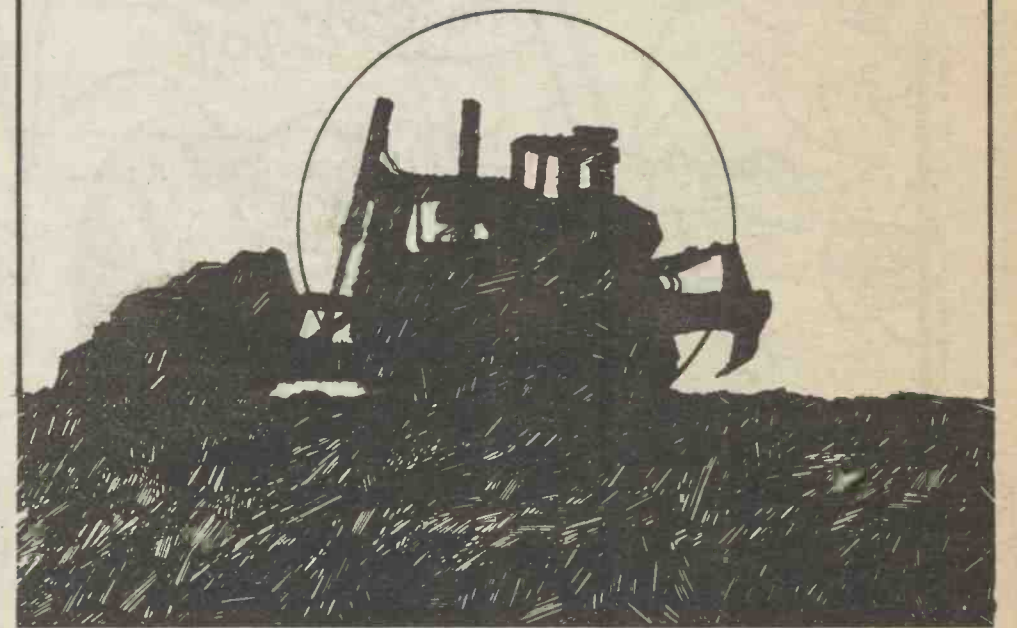
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# We salute the graduating class of 1989

and extend best wishes to our S.R.C.  
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## NADC Public Forum

Wabasca  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 1989  
Recreation Complex

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

The Council consists of ten members and is  
chaired by an appointed M.L.A.

Groups or individuals interested in making  
submissions at this meeting may contact  
the Northern Development Branch in Peace  
River at 624-6274 for assistance.

