

Western hopeful makes bid to lead First Nations

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
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PROVINCIAL

Leroy Littlebear, a member of the Blood reserve, wants to lead the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) despite the fact Alberta chiefs broke away from the national body in 1983.

Littlebear declared his national chief candidacy three weeks ago after giving it much thought, he said in an interview during an Indian Association of Alberta All-Chiefs Conference held in Edmonton May 24-25.

The AFN will hold an annual assembly in Edmonton from May 30 to June 2.

Alberta seems an unlikely place to produce a candidate as chiefs in the province broke away from the AFN over three years ago when they disagreed with the national body's stand to support Bill C-31.

But, Littlebear says Bill C-31 is "fait accompli" and believes the issue of greatest concern has now shifted to Treaty rights.

The chairman of Native American Studies at the University of Lethbridge was nominated by Chief Roy Fox of the Blood Tribe and says he has the support

of the Treaty 7 chiefs.

But, not everyone favors his candidacy. The chief of the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA) Vern Bellegarde says he has "mixed feelings" about an Alberta candidate.

He believes the move will give the AFN the opportunity to claim to represent the chiefs of Alberta. "Whether it's one or 10 or 20 bands that show up for the meeting, it gives the AFN the legitimacy to say that, yes, we represent Alberta."

The PTNA is made up of primarily western Indian bands who broke away from the AFN during the first ministers' conference on aboriginal rights because of provincial involvement in the talks.

However, Littlebear believes the fact that he is a western candidate will give him an edge over incumbent Grand Chief Georges Erasmus. "I would be in a much better position to deal with the prairie nations because I'm one of them. I'm concerned about Treaties as much as they are."

This is the first time the 46-year-old has run for a political position and says in the past he has preferred to work behind the scenes as a technician offering assistance to leaders.

"But more and more I (felt) that I needed to come out and voice the things I'm concerned about because the national leadership was not doing that."

Littlebear says the AFN has overlooked issues such as housing and education in favor of tackling bigger issues such as Indian self-government. "We're focusing on the war and not paying attention to the little attles," he contends.

The candidate, who also teaches law and Native philosophy at the U of L, says his priority is to look at day to day issues such as housing, education, child welfare, and police programs as well as the broader issue of self-government.

If he is a successful candidate Littlebear says he will not pressure Alberta bands to rejoin the AFN. "People are free to belong to any organization but that doesn't prevent cooperation," he said. □



HAIR RAISING EXPERIENCE...

The bars in the schoolground are a great place to hang out during recess. Leah Auger, Christine Anderson and Lorena Houle are three students at the

Calling Lake school who enjoy viewing the world in an upside down way every once in a while.

Dianne Meili, Windspeaker

THIS WEEK



■ A crowd-pleasing play about self-government, called 'NO' XYA' begins a national tour and is coming to Alberta soon. See page 2.



■ Droppin' In's Mark McCallum visits lands once controlled by the mighty Blackfoot Nation in the Rocky Mountain House and Red Deer areas. See pages 6 to 10



■ Capacity crowds flooded into Lac La Biche to hear country music stars perform at the Goodtimes Jamboree. See Pages 12 & 13.

Bloods take over education; hiring of new staff begins

BY JACKIE RED CROW
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE

Now that band control of Native education has been approved, Blood Tribe Education officials are busy screening applications for about 50 positions for teachers, administrators and support staff who will start work on Sept. 1.

Education coordinator Dr. Pierre DePoala said the Blood Education Board was finally given long awaited approval on May 10 by the Blood chief and council.

The historic move means that the education board will administer staff and programs at the three reserve federal schools — Levere, Stand Off and St. Mary's — instead of Indian Affairs.

The board will also negotiate and administer tuition agreements with

surrounding provincial schools which have a high Blood student enrolment. However, Dr. DePoala pointed out that the provincial school board, provincial department of education, federal justice department and the minister of Indian Affairs must give final approval on the tuition agreement.

Dr. DePoala said 200 applications have been received for the various teaching positions, including those held by previous teachers at the school. However, some of the previous staff did not submit applications, said Dr. DePoala. The federal schools have kindergarten to Grade 12.

Tuition agreements are almost finalized with the Willow Creek School Division in Fort Macleod and negotiations are under way with the Lethbridge public and separate school boards

said Dr. DePoala. In Cardston, where there are an estimated 600 Blood students enrolled, Dr. DePoala said that the board will commence negotiations in June.

Dr. DePoala said the board has insisted on two conditions in the tuition agreement: the first being the reaffirmation of the Blood parents' rights to choose to enroll their children in either federal or provincial schools. Secondly, a transfer policy is included in the tuition agreements to ensure that funds follow a student in the event that a student decides to transfer to another school.

In the past, if a student transferred or dropped out of school, the funds stayed in that school. Dr. DePoala said tuition payments will be issued on Sept. 28 and Feb. 28 to ensure that no problems of transferring

students will arise. About \$1,200 is allocated for each Blood student attending elementary or high school in both federal or provincial schools.

The school board has "delayed indefinitely" the idea of administering the post-secondary program for Blood university and college students and this job will remain with Indian Affairs, said Dr. DePoala. But, he stressed that the education board has recommended that an Indian Affairs official interview prospective post-secondary students at various high schools and other institutions to ensure that no one misses the June 3 deadline for financial sponsorship.

Also, the board recommended the Lethbridge Indian Affairs office remain open so that education services are not adversely affected. □

CLOSE TO HOME

Group to ensure mill is environmentally safe

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PROVINCIAL

An Edmonton environmental group will fight the construction of the \$500 million Daishowa pulp mill being protested by the Lubicon because its tree harvesting area takes in some of the band's traditional lands, through the federal system.

This decision comes after the Alberta Attorney General's department put a halt to the environmental group's court action.

The Edmonton-based Toxic Watch group launched a private action last month, charging that Daishowa had begun construction without having

been granted permits under the Clean Air and Clean Waters Acts.

However, the action was stayed by the Attorney General's department May 11 claiming the group had provided insufficient evidence. The group learned their court action had been stopped only hours before they were to go to provincial court May 18.

Project director Brad Wylynko says his group is looking at other legal options to challenge the stay but concedes "it is a very difficult process."

Wylynko believes the stay is "basically a political decision that's being made to protect the company from public scrutiny of the environmental effects."

In addition, Toxic Watch is calling for a federal environmental assessment of the project, charging that the provincial government is not interested in looking at the environmental impact in "any serious way."

"There's good grounds for it. There's federal money involved, there's the Lubicon people and land involved and it's (Peace River) the major waterway that leads into the Northwest Territories," Wylynko adds the group's action will also provide an avenue to support the Lubicon band.

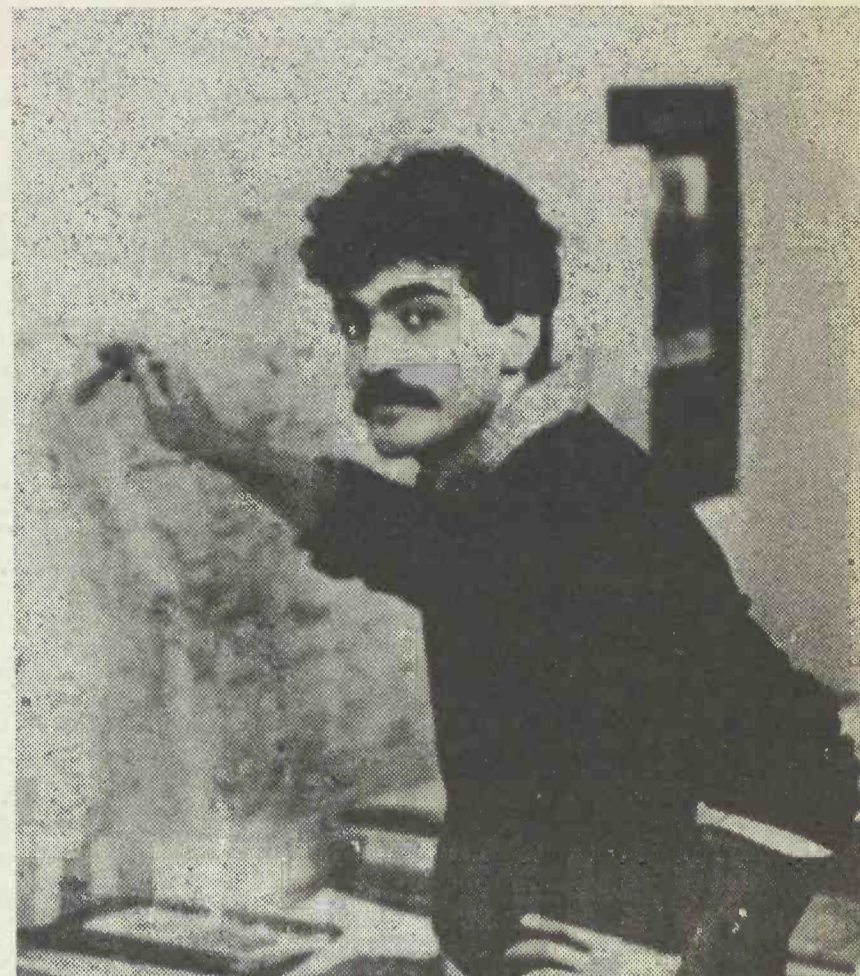
Wylynko says he and his group are not against the pulp mill itself but believe development should occur only if handled in an

environmentally safe manner.

He points out that an environmental assessment by the province was poorly done and inadequate.

"They did not require the company to do any studies of the fish or wildlife or the people downstream. There are no studies period," he says, calling the assessment a "sham."

Toxic Watch has put out an information package on the pulp mill which they are sending out to groups and individuals. The six page information package contains information on the pollution aspects of pulp mills and encourages readers to write the government and Daishowa. □



Trying to halt Daishowa: Brad Wylynko

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Happy with decision: Gregg Smith

Chiefs will give political direction to IAA officials

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
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PROVINCIAL

After an 11 year wait the Indian Association of Alberta finally gained approval to establish a Congress of Chiefs during an All-Chiefs Conference held in Edmonton on May 24-25.

After much debate and rewording of a resolution, the Alberta chiefs voted in favor of adopting the congress of chiefs in principle - to give overall direction to the IAA.

IAA President Gregg Smith says he feels good about the decision. "The chiefs are adamant in their position that the political direction has to come from them." He adds that the congress will unify the Alberta bands allowing them to more effectively plan their future political direction both provincially and nationally.

However, the structure and membership of the

congress is still to be decided and members from the meeting were appointed to set up a task force to begin looking into proposed structures and how the constitution and bylaws of the association will be affected.

Appointed task force members include: Chief Eugene Steinhauer of Saddle Lake; Chief Strater Crowfoot of Gleichen; Chief Ernie Houle of Whitefish Lake; Richard Arcand, chairman of the Yellowhead Tribal Council; Chief Al Lameman of Beaver Lake; Andy Blackwater, Blood councillor; Chief Alec Sewepagaham of Little Red River band and Chief Pat Marcel of Fort Chipewyan.

The task force will hold their first meeting at the IAA offices June 1.

Smith says the congress will recognize leadership at the local level, adding they are the people who are "in the know." □

ACROSS OUR LAND

Drama about self-government comes to Alberta in June

NO'XYA (meaning "our footprints" and pronounced No Ah), a provocative and visually stunning Native drama about self-government, is selling out theatres across Canada. With a swirl of white down feathers, an ancient symbol of peace, NO'XYA comes to Alberta June 8-18.

NO'XYA achieved national recognition in the fall of '87 while touring B.C., and the unprecedented acclaim led to the current national tour. David Diamond, playwright and artistic director of Headlines Theatre Company developed the play in co-production with the Gitksan Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council of Hazelton, B.C. It became a grassroots community project, growing out of workshops and private interviews with people directly involved with the issues. The result is a powerful work that communicates the concerns of the Gitksan and the Wet'suwet'en in their own terms.

The Gitksan Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council is currently involved in a major court battle with the province of British Columbia over their rights to 22,000 square miles of ancestral territory. This land, governed for centuries by the Hereditary Chiefs, has never been relinquished through treaties or other legal processes. Coupled with the move toward self-government is the desire for greater protection of natural resources - resources which are threatened by current land-use practices. NO'XYA addresses these issues.



Provocative drama: Edward J. Astley (above) and Sylvia-Anne George (below)

The original cast of NO'XYA - Edward J. Astley, Hal B. Blackwater, Sylvia-Anne George and Sherrilee Guilbert - has reunited for the national tour. The play unfolds in three movements, the first in "a time out of memory" before the arrival of European settlers; the second as the foreign populations arrive bringing with them a new vision of the land. The third takes place in the present and articulates the inevitable clash between the Native people's understanding of self-government and land use, and that of the newcomers'. The actors brilliantly portray multiple roles in each movement and person's commitment to the content makes him, her performance more moving.

Alberta play dates are: June 8, Lac La Biche; June 9-11, Edmonton; June 12,



Red Deer and June 14, Wetaskiwin. In Edmonton the play will be staged at the St. Pius X school auditorium at 12214-128 Street. Tickets are available at BASS and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. □

CLOSE TO HOME

Okemaw finds outdoor retreat to flush city out of kids

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
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When Wilson Okemaw sought out elders on the Hobbema reserve for advice on how to combat the high teenage suicide rate and the breakdown of families, he never realized this would lead to his own five year quest.

"I consulted the elders and they said 'get those kids out of the environment and educate them in our way.' They gave me seven points to look for in a camp: take them away from the bad influences or environment, bring them into the mountains, bring them to a calm and isolated place, bring them to a place with lot of trees, bring them to a place where there is fresh spring water, a place where there is a lot of unpolluted air, and finally ensure there is a creek or river running nearby."

Okemaw accepted this advice and set out to look for an ideal campground.

He contacted realtors in Cardston, Calgary, Rocky Mountain House and Edmonton and gave them these prerequisites.

"I knew it had to be in the Rocky Mountains, so first I tried the Brocket area, and then I moved up north. But still I could not find the campground with the seven points. Finally, after five years I found a place that had everything except the fresh spring, so I nearly bought it."

However, just before signing the papers, Okemaw received a phone call about another place. He travelled out to British Columbia and finally found a campground with the seven essential points which he now calls Willow Meadow Ranch.

"It has all the seven points, including the spring. I found the house on it is gravity fed from the spring."

Okemaw bought the land and last year held the first series of camps for young people aged 8 to 19. The camps usually last for

two weeks and include a series of talks on spirituality, Native traditions and culture.

"We keep the kids busy. They all sleep out in tipis which they pitch themselves. They go for hikes and canoe trips and every day the elder explains another part of Native culture to them."

The teenagers also cut and prepare a sweatlodge under the instruction of an elder. Later, after the procedure is explained they all take part in their first sweat.

"You start to see a real difference in these kids after four days," says Okemaw. "At first they want to listen to the radio or go to the video arcade or eat junk food. Then they start to really listen to the elders and on the fourth day you see the real person inside that teenager emerge."

Although Okemaw planned the camp for the benefit of the young people he has found the wisdom of the elders and teachers has also helped him and the other adult volunteers.

"When I consulted the elders about the seven points, I already knew something about the sacredness of the number seven, but then I learned more."

Okemaw explains the elders told him that each of the seven points is essential to the creation of the person within each teenager.

The spring water is essential as the elders say that only water that is ready to be used should be drunk. Well water has to be "chased" out of the ground, whereas spring water bubbles out of the ground and is ripe. This water, explains Okemaw, is clean and contains no sickness; it is spiritual water sent by the Great Spirit.

The mountains are special because they contain hidden power. They also contain mystery, as well as sacred birds such as the eagle and the thunderbird.

"Everyone feels the energy in the mountains. It is a direct link with the higher powers. When you are in the mountains, you can think clearly and receive spiritual messages."

It is also vital that the camps be clean and unpolluted, as well as secluded and far away from noisy traffic and other man-made disturbances.

"Cleanliness itself is essential too. We always took the kids down to the creek to wash before their prayers and walk barefoot so they can get grounded. There is an electric current within the body and it has to be let back into the earth

otherwise people become unbalanced and sick."

The fresh air again is essential because only through clean air will the teenagers be reminded of the four sacred winds.

"We take a lot of things for granted. Only when we have trouble breathing do we think about our bodies. We teach the kids to be thankful for this blessing."

The creek is also vital as it stands for balance and harmony.

"We Indian people find a way to live with the stream, to use it but not try to manage it. So often the whiteman sees a stream as something to use. He will dam it and try to change it."

The trees are also essential as they symbolize the human being who has roots but whose arms reach up to the sky.

"These roots are important, that is why we also introduce the kids to the Cree language. They have lost their language and have lost so much of their culture. The tree is based on honesty, straight wood



Regaining culture: Wilson Okemaw

is used in the sacred pipe, and its spirituality rises up to the sky. The tree helps us to see our place in the picture."

The camp is made up of 12 tipis surrounding a larger central tipi where the elders conduct their ceremonies. Each day at 5 a.m. the elder rises and performs the pipe ceremony, then the teens run or hike two miles before breakfast.

The hardest thing about the camp, says Okemaw, was the final day when

many teens discovered they did not want to go home.

"We had to promise them that the camp would be held again the next year," he said.

This year a series of camps will take place throughout the summer until September. There are block rates and prices start at about \$150 per person per week.

For more information call Wilson Okemaw at 585-3765. □

'New status' council doubles efforts to help

BY KEITH MATTHEW
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EDMONTON

At a recent meeting organized by the Indian Association of Alberta at the Canadian Friendship Centre, urban Native issues were brought to the forefront by the local leader of the New Status Indian Council, Don Cardinal.

Native people who have, or are going to, receive their status back via the Bill C-31 route feel they are receiving the short end of the stick from both their band councils and the service organizations that are set up to help them.

Cardinal's two-year-old group is doubling efforts to organize and promote their concerns. The organization is province-wide in its membership and, according to Cardinal, "We are going to develop our own membership and directives."

Cardinal says part of the problem of being an urban Native is that "service agencies short change Treaty Natives who are not living on-reserve. We are not represented by anyone."

At present the new Status Indian Council is made up of representatives from all parts of Alberta: Sue Ryan (Grande Prairie), Gordon Shaw (Back Lakes area - north of Lesser Slave Lake), Theresa Bone (Calgary), Sam Dumais (Treaty 7), Marlene Cardinal (Treaty 7) Russell White (Treaty 6), Clara Woodridge

(Treaty 6), Gerald White (Treaty 6, Fort McMurray), Madge McCree (Treaty 8).

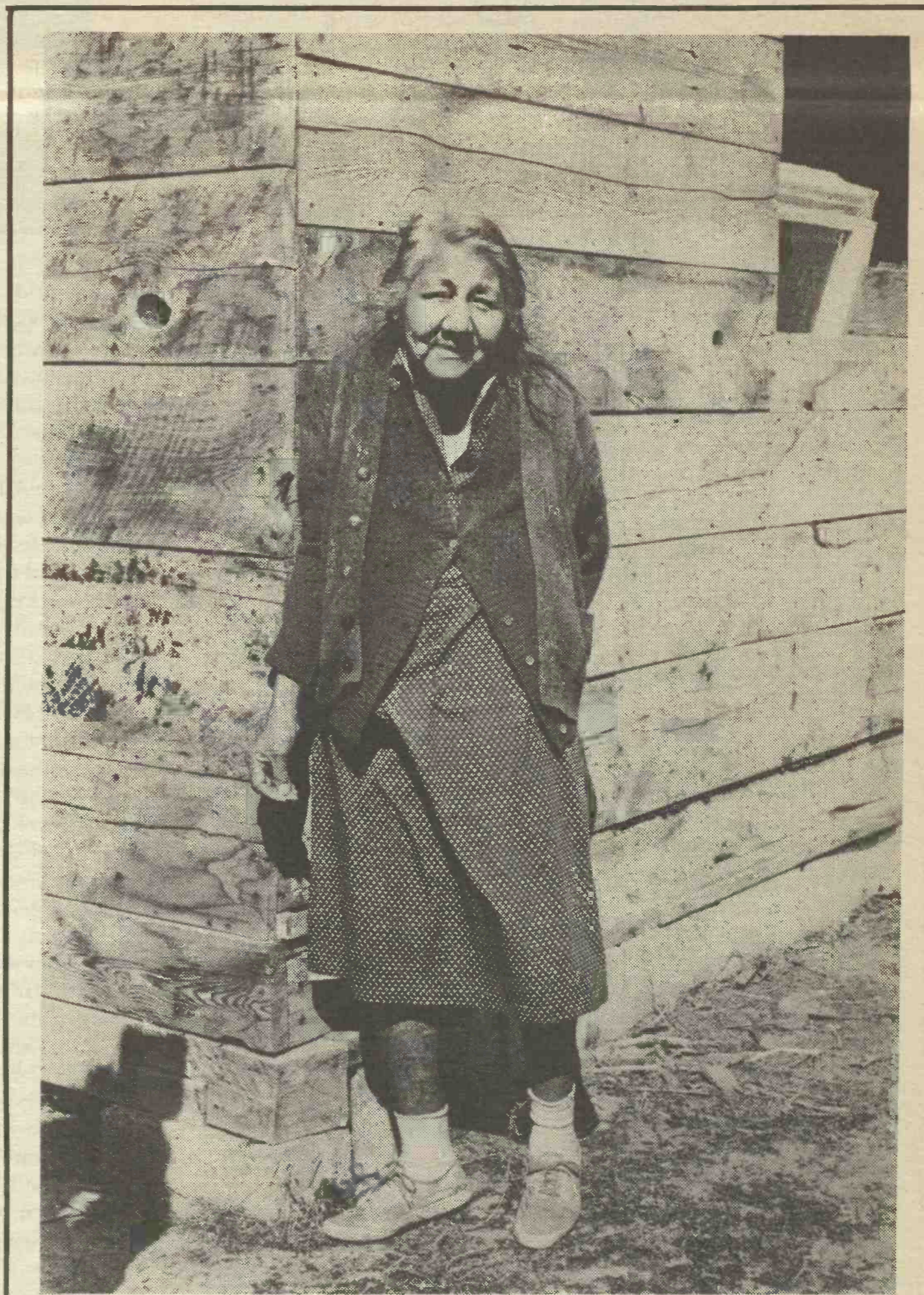
In the Edmonton area alone there are about 150 members who are signed up with the New Status Indian Council which is offered to Bill C-31 members living off-reserve.

The organization is currently on a membership drive and are organizing to secure funding from Secretary of State. They had already sent in one proposal which was endorsed by the former minister responsible David Crombie but was never ratified.

Cardinal said of their proposal for funding, "We were waiting for everything to be settled down, as far as band (membership) codes were concerned. We sent in a proposal to Secretary of State and they agreed that the organization should receive funding."

The organization will lobby the federal government to provide new reserves for the people living in urban settings. This is a result of the position taken by the Alberta bands that they will not take back Bill C-31 members.

The New Status Indian Council also proposes to look after the following programs for their members: education, health services, economic development, child welfare, social services, recreation and the attainment of status for those who have lost it. □



SIoux ELDER

During the March naming of Phillip Stevens as the chief who will regain the Black Hills for the Sioux tribe in South Dakota, reporters toured the Oglala reserve. There, they found poverty and poor housing conditions. This woman, who declined to give her name, is an Oglala reserve resident.

—Doris Bill, Windspeaker

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B.C. tribes plea for funds to help fight for land

Dear Editor:

An open letter to the people of Canada and British Columbia.

The Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people have been fighting the Canadian and British Columbia governments in the Supreme Court of B.C. for more than one year — fighting for our aboriginal title and jurisdiction.

Most tribal groups of British Columbia have never signed treaties, sold, or otherwise alienated their lands to the Crown. Previous land title actions have addressed aboriginal rights, emphasizing land use and occupancy. The Gitksan Wet'suwet'en case centers upon the fact that they have owned their lands since time immemorial.

The Gitksan Wet'suwet'en

Tribal Council, the administrative wing of the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, received \$1.49 million last year from the federal government. Prior to the delivery of those monies, a condition was imposed on the Hereditary Chiefs that no further funds would be forthcoming. At the signing of the agreement, the case was expected to be completed in June 1988. It is now estimated that the trial, at the B.C. Supreme Court level, will run until March 1989.

The extremely high costs of this major land title action has been escalated by a change of venue and an extended court schedule. The Gitksan Wet'suwet'en tribal council is now forced to lay off key court case personnel, for example:

researchers, librarians, secretaries and administrative staff. Effective June 30, 1988 we will be closing the Vancouver office. The Hazelton office will be left with only one court case staff person. In effect, these cutbacks will severely restrict our involvement, technical support, direction and leadership in this major court action.

Since the decision four years ago to go to court, the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people have raised large amounts of monies for the case through feasts, public appeals, raffles, bingos, etc. In the last four months the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en have raised about \$100,000. This has allowed us to complete our evidence to the end of June, at which time the courts go into summer recess. We must

now concentrate on building a fund that will enable us to continue with our court case in September when court reconvenes.

We thank all bands and individuals who have already donated funds to our cause and look forward to their continued support.

Please send all donations and inquiries to the Hazelton or Vancouver offices of the Gitksan Wet'suwet'en tribal council. Note that the Vancouver office will be closed after June 30.

**Thank you,
Don Ryan
President**

**Gitksan Wet'suwet'en
Tribal Council**

Media misses key facts in leaked document story

Skanongohwe! Those secret documents from the Department of Indian Affairs that were in the news recently make for some very interesting reading. The news coverage concentrated on the department's plan to hold the line on spending in almost all program areas but what the newspapers didn't say was that there are going to be a few increases.

The department plans to increase its overall budget by almost a billion dollars over a four year period — that's not counting any money it will have to spend to settle major land claims. Almost all of the increase will be caused by the need to provide services to a rapidly expanding Indian population.

The department will increase program spending in just two areas. The first priority will go to child welfare. But the department's support won't be wholehearted, especially when it involved child abuse. In Manitoba last year, an Indian girl was gang-raped while under the care of an Indian child care agency. But the department is "not enthused to meet with Manitoba" and will do so only if it has to. The documents say the department "cannot avoid support on child abuse since anyone would see this as 'basic care'." The department's only other new spending priority is economic development and it may spend an extra \$10 million this year.

But the documents also point out that "as we prepare for the next election, we may want to consider selected program extensions" regarding housing, education and economic development.

While the department may spend a little more in a few areas to help re-elect the government, the documents also say the department will continue to live by its mandate "to avoid any other commitments to expand



By Owenadeka

OWENADEKA

the scope of federal financial responsibilities beyond existing arrangements." For example, the department is not willing to give any more money to the national Native organizations to continue their work on the constitution. They also won't give any money to Indians in Saskatchewan for hunting, fishing or trapping issues. And they won't negotiate with some Indians about the land they're still owed under the treaties unless the department is forced to by the courts.

If you're confused by the department's strategy, you're not alone because on the first page of the documents is the admission that the department itself doesn't really know what it's doing. With regard to economic development, the documents say the department needs "to think through better what we are really doing." And with regard to education, they say the department needs "to determine where we are going."

With all the possibility for controversy, the department is very concerned about its public image. For instance, the documents call for a "big push" on land claims in British Columbia and a "substantial public profile, so (the) federal government is seen to be acting." On another front, the documents say the department has "no desire to move quickly" on the issue of Indian policing because it will likely lead to a (public) conflict with the provinces.

But the most astounding

admission in the documents is the department's bleak prediction for the future of Indian people. The documents say that the vast majority of Indian people live in poor conditions; that their social and economic standing is the worst of any group in Canada. Although the department promotes economic development, self-government and land claims, the documents say that: "the truth is that few reserves will ever be self-supporting in any conventional economic sense...for the majority of reserve communities, heavy subsidization will likely continue indefinitely."

So, there it is — in spite of the often glowing and optimistic public pronouncements about the progress that's supposedly being made, the department privately predicts that most Indian people will be poor and will be on welfare — forever.

Predictably, the opposition parties jumped on the government in the House of Commons, calling the documents callous and cynical. Bill McKnight tried to defend himself by saying he didn't write them.

And then the national Native organizations got into the act. The Native Council of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations issued news released the day after Canadian Press reported the story. The two groups slammed the government. What they didn't say, though, was that they both had the documents two weeks before they were leaked to the press.

This wasn't the first time the national Native organizations have sat on a secret government document and done nothing about it.

I've always thought that if an organization was really angry with the government over a secret government document and if it really wanted to do something about it, it would be far better to hold a news conference, release the document, blast the government and watch the reaction. But it never happens that way because the organizations seem to think that the documents are more valuable if they keep quiet about them. It's sort of a "we-know-what-you're-thinking-but-we-don't-want-you-to-know-that-we-know" approach.

I disagree with that approach for several reasons. For one, the organizations are only helping the government by keeping these things secret. For another, many of these secret documents eventually become public anyway. When that happens, the Native groups are caught trying to play catch-up.

This latest case was a perfect example. The Native Council of Canada and the Assembly of First Nations could have dominated the news from the start if they had released the documents. Instead, by the time they issued their news releases they were too late to be included in the news coverage. So the public never did hear or read what Smokey Bruyere or Georges Erasmus had to say about the controversy.

Naturally, I'm a little upset but not too surprised about the department's secret documents. I'm also a little disappointed with the Native organizations over the way they continue to help the government hide its dirty secrets. Lastly, I can't help wondering: How many more government secrets are they hiding? Onengwahe. □

DROPPIN' IN FEATURE: Red Deer & Rocky Mountain House area

Area once controlled by Blackfoot Nation

A trading post at Rocky Mountain House was caught in a tug of war between Indian tribes battling for territorial rights throughout the early 1800s.

From the time the first trading post was built in 1799 until the last was abandoned in 1875, tribes of the Blackfoot nation (Peigan, Blood and Blackfoot) controlled most of the trading activity in the area,

obstructing the path of the Kootenay, who were west of the Rockies in British Columbia. The Blackfoot nation also had to contend with two enemies on the same side of the mountain range. The Stoney and Cree managed to take some business away from them and the Sarcee conducted friendly trade in the area.

However, the Blackfoot by far did most of the

trading with the post, exchanging furs for provisions like blankets, guns, beads and tobacco. On the surface, the fur trade was benefit for all the tribes, but fur traders soon found it was easier to bargain with alcohol.

But, the worst was yet to come. None of the battles the mighty Blackfoot warriors had been in could prepare them for European diseases. In only one

outbreak of smallpox in 1837-38, three-quarters of the Blackfoot nation was wiped out.

Today, the fur trade is all but gone. Only small remainders are left behind at the site of the old Rocky Mountain House Forts where the ruins that remain are chimneys.

I visited the site recently and was fascinated to find much of the history recorded in a provincial park at

Rocky Mountain House.

I also travelled through Red Deer and recorded my whole trip on paper. Some of the places I visited included friendship centres, an elder's lodge and the Red Deer College. From what I discovered, I'm glad to say these places are accomplishing some great things. Pull up a chair. Sit and pour yourself a cup of tea and join me in a special 'Droppin' In' feature about



On the road: McCallum the Red Deer and Rocky Mountain House areas.

Nystrom sometimes seems like an elder

MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

BY MARK McCALLUM
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

People are often surprised to discover Eric Nystrom's real age. At 25, the Cree-Metis from Rocky Mountain House seems mature beyond his years.

At an age when his biggest worry should be dating or going to the movies, Nystrom is tackling serious issues like the

preservation of a local burial ground. He fears it may be disturbed by industrial activity in the area.

"He seems just like an elder sometimes," says Theresa Jenkins, who hired Nystrom to head a craft shop at the Rocky Native Friendship Centre Society. "But, that's just the way he's been raised... The elders took a liking to him at an early age."

There is much to rave about when talking about Nystrom. Yet he remains ever humble and wouldn't hesitate to show a stranger how to tan a moose hide, sew a mukluk or even catch a bear.

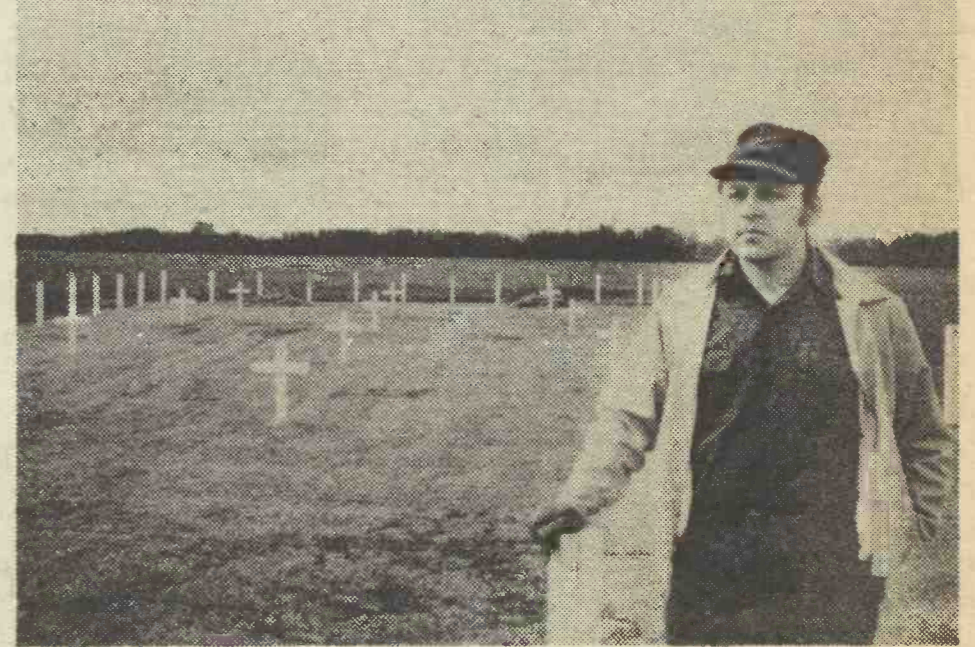
Nystrom is also an accomplished hunter. He has a gun collection that would be the envy of almost any collector. His pride and joy is a 44.40 Winchester rifle that is nearly a hundred

years old. "You have to use lead balls and pack in gun powder and caps to get it ready to fire," he says, beaming. "It only costs about 10 cents a shot, you know. Anything else would cost at least \$1."

Collecting is a hobby for Nystrom. He has a coin collection with some pieces dating back 400 years. "I know most coins, especially Canadian...you can't stump me on that." He has some Canadian "sawbucks" that date back to the turn of the century and some "shinplasters" that were used by the Hudson Bay Company in fur trading days. The shinplasters are 25 cent paper bills.

Nystrom grew up fast. His Finnish father, Ed (Solo), passed away when he was only nine years old. "My mom told me 'you're my oldest son, don't cry; you're the man in the family now.' I guess that's why I'm more mature," he explains. He did his best to help mother Margaret keep the family together. He has an older sister and two younger brothers.

Nystrom quit school at



Wants to preserve site: Eric Nystrom

age 15 and has since worked at several different jobs ranging from fire fighting and counselling to dishwashing and logging. He is currently working at the Rocky Friendship Centre.

Nystrom consumes much of his free time today attempting to convince local leaders to preserve a burial site he claims is located immediately north of the town at a spot he calls the "sand hills." He fears the site will soon be forgotten or destroyed by industrial activity in the area.

He says some graves

have already been unearthed at another site in town where 12 unidentified bodies were found. A memorial plaque at a new grave site confirms his story. "During the construction of a gas plant...graves were disturbed and the remains archeologically excavated...(the bodies excavated) were associated with the 1835-1861 post at Rocky Mountain House."

Nystrom plans to lobby the mayor for support. "Something has to be done before they built a 7-11 store over the other graves." □

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Following near brush with death Crane Bear leads spiritual life

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

RED DEER

"I believe I cheated death 15 years ago," says Elder Tom Crane Bear.

At the time, doctors told Crane Bear, 59, that he had liver cirrhosis and only had three months to live. But, he's still here — alive and loving every minute of it.

But, life was far from happy for Crane Bear the day he waited helplessly in his hospital bed as the end grew closer. His body had finally given out on him after several futile attempts by doctors to persuade him to stop drinking failed. It was the alcohol that caused the cirrhosis.

"I started praying. It was the first time I prayed from the heart, not my head. I asked the Creator to help me quit drinking."

Crane Bear calls that instance in his life the turning point. He stopped drinking and rediscovered his culture. "I'm not a saint," he confesses. "But, I'm giving the best I have today."

Crane Bear is a counsellor for the Native Brotherhood at the Bowden Institution and the Red Deer Native Friendship Centre. "I try to make their spirits stronger," he says, adding he performs sweats, sweetgrass and pipe ceremonies for people in these places. He also stages cultural awareness presentations at schools

and special events in Red Deer.

The Blackfoot Indian combines different tribal customs when he performs ceremonies. He has learned about the Indian heritage from Cree, Saulteaux and Blackfoot elders. "I believe Native people belong to one nation. We speak different tongues, but still, we are one people — brothers and sisters."

Crane Bear says attitudes are rapidly changing in the Indian culture. And once-strict customs are now being changed to welcome women who are now playing more significant roles in the Native community.

"At one time, women were never allowed to participate in ceremonies with men. A woman would never share a man's pipe or even dance with men at powwows. But, things are changing."

Crane Bear shared a pipe with a woman only once. "It was a very special thing. Her beliefs were so strong," he says, adding she was the only woman in a group of 30.

Crane Bear also says the attitudes of non-Native people toward Native customs are becoming more and more positive. He recalls his own dark experiences with non-Native society. The first time he had contact with this world was in a missionary school.

On the first day of school, missionaries cut Crane Bear's hair and for the seven-year-old, it was the beginning of a self-destruction trend that would last for the next 38 years.

"I was ashamed of being an Indian because the missionaries said we were devil worshippers, lazy, good-for-nothings. I started to hate my people, but deep down inside I loved them.

"I was an atheist; I didn't believe in God because of what they told me — that I was a devil."

Crane Bear ran away from the missionary several

times before finally making good his escape in 1944. It didn't take long for him to land in jail and soon cell blocks were becoming a familiar environment. But, still he managed to marry and had seven children with wife Lucy. He drank heavily.

But, everything changed after that short prayer in the hospital to a God he had denied for most of his life. "I wasted two-thirds of my life," he says.

Faith restored now, Crane Bear has put his bitter past behind him and is satisfied with his life today. □



Cheated death: Tom Crane Bear

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DROPPIN' IN FEATURE: Red Deer & Rocky Mountain House area

Mason at the helm of friendship centre, again

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Carrie Mason is looking forward to taking the helm of the Rocky Native Friendship Centre Society after officially being welcomed as its new executive director May 25.

"It's going to be a challenge," says Mason, explaining she plans to focus her attention on youth development and cultural awareness.

Mason is in familiar territory. She was the executive director of the Rocky Friendship Centre from 1982 to 1984 and is a native of Rocky Mountain House. Her mother, Mae Bouvette, was also the first executive director of the

centre when it was established in the mid-'70s.

"I'm really glad to see that Carrie got the job. It's her home town, and I think she'll do a great job," says Theresa Jenkins, the former executive director. Jenkins, who stepped down for personal reasons, will join her husband in Saddle Lake now.

Much attention will be concentrated on bringing down the drop out rate amongst Native students. "This is where it all starts.

The young people here are dropping out at a high rate and that only leads to more problems like unemployment," explains Jenkins. She says her successor will have to focus on helping students from the surrounding reserves (O'Chiese,



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

Facing new challenges: Carrie Mason, Theresa Jenkins

Sunchild and Big Horn) more so than others.

Many of these students are sent to Rocky to complete their studies at the high school level. But,

Jenkins fears they are not completing their studies due to a "culture shock" that is experienced when they leave the reserve.

"She is angry because

"almost nothing is being done to prepare these kids for a totally different environment. They dropped in cold and don't get much of a chance. They walk into a school full of strangers and stick out like a sore thumb...our ways are different."

But, Jenkins does not believe parents should turn a blind eye to the poor behaviors and attitudes of their children. In her work with a parents advisory committee, she recalls getting a lot of flak for speaking candidly about children that might need some restraining.

"I speak from experience because I'm a parent and I know every parent would like to believe that their child would never do anything wrong. But, this isn't always true and sometimes something has to be done to make a positive change in the long run."

Jenkins reasons the parents will have to cooperate with the school

board and respect their abilities. Likewise, she says the school board must have trust in the judgement of the parents. "Trust and respect these are the keys that can unlock a better future for our children."

Jenkins has passed on her ideas to Mason. The former executive director feels an exchange program would be beneficial to students on both sides of the fence, "getting the students to interact."

Jenkins also believes making the students aware of the friendship centre would also be a big help in building confidence and esteem. "They can see that there's a respectable establishment being operated by Natives...(and) for a change the Native people are the hosts."

Mason says she will work hard to keep her predecessor's dreams alive, but her main concern now is unpacking and adjusting to her new job. □

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PUSKEYAKEWIN HALF-WAY-HOUSE

Craft shop set up to help pay bills

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Friendship centre workers have placed high expectations on a small crafts shop here that they hope will be the first step to self-sufficiency.

The Rocky Native Friendship Centre Society executive, along with other friendship centre managers across Canada, is reacting to the threat of cutbacks from the provincial government.

"We don't want any 'Mickey Mouse' programs," says former executive director Theresa Jenkins.

"We want something that's going to be visible in the community -- permanent programs that will continue to help residents here."

Jenkins, who stepped down from the executive position in early May for personal reasons, is concerned with the funding structure of the friendship centre. She explains federal dollars have been put aside for staff positions but not programs. She says program funding has to come from the provincial government which is denying all friendship centres in Alberta any long-term commitments.

The Alberta government's lack of enthusiasm is no different than that of other provinces across the nation; none have been willing to give any firm commitments to friendship centres across the board. This resulted in the decision for all friendship centres to become self-sufficient.



Craftsperson: Alice Redcalf

Jenkins is the first to admit that their beginnings on the road to self-sufficiency are humble for the most part. But, she is confident that the centre's craft shop can cash in on the lucrative tourism industry in Rocky.

"We get a heck of a lot of tourists that buy by the dozens. It's there -- the chance to capitalize on tourism, we just have to do something about it."

One person is currently employed at the craft shop with a varying number of volunteers as well. The shop is located in the friendship centre and sells products that range from mulkuks to headbands to cigarette lighter cases at reasonable prices.

The centre's new executive director, Carrie Mason, is hoping to get more ideas and a better understanding of the overall picture at a provincial meeting of the friendship centres later this year. In the meantime, Mason did not want to make any statements until she is settled into the new position. □

Friendship centre staff helps people adjust to urban life

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

RED DEER

The Red Deer Native Friendship Centre is striving to help newcomers feel welcome and adjust to the community.

"Our goal is to help people from reserves make the transition into urban life as smoothly as possible," says executive director Caroline Yellowhorn, adding many people come to Red Deer to find work or continue their education.

The centre's staff does what it can for these people, often referring them to social groups like the food bank or government housing agencies. "We are limited in some respects, but we can act as liaison and make sure these people are getting a fair chance to make it."

Natives make up about 10 per cent of Red Deer's population of 55,000 people. However, Yellowhorn says cultural and recreational programs offered at the centre are aimed at all sectors of the population. She feels the programs are



Belonging: Yellowhorn

beneficial to non-Natives as well as Natives.

Staff members and volunteers coordinate cultural displays, dance exhibitions and lectures for the Red Deer public at community celebrations like Canada Day and Heritage Day. And much time is spent in schools "where we try to teach young people before prejudices develop."


Yellowhorn explains, "It shows Native people in a

positive light in terms of lifestyle and I think it also gives Native people a sense of belonging to Red Deer."

The executive director also notes the centre is getting more support from social agencies now since it was established in 1986. The centre has three core staff members and relies heavily on volunteers who have responded favorably, adds Yellowhorn. She estimates the centre uses about 200 volunteers each year.

Yellowhorn says an evaluation of the centre will be conducted through the Department of Municipal Affairs, to determine whether current services are effective. She adds new programs may be implemented should the need arise as a result of the study.

The centre may also get more involved in money-making schemes to become self-sufficient. But, Yellowhorn concludes nothing will be done until she meets with other friendship centre executives at a provincial meeting at High Level in June □



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MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

Community health workers in Rocky deliver caring service to reserves

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

The medical team at Rocky Mountain House health unit remedies most health concerns on reserves in the area with a wide scope of services.

Community health workers stationed at the reserves are playing a big role in delivering these services to the communities, says Gopal Kurup, the acting zone nursing officer of the Medical Services Department. The department funds the health unit.

The health workers are selected carefully because they are often the communities' only link with the outside medical world. "We select these workers

from the community itself," notes Kurup.

"We want to make sure the workers are familiar with the community and that the people feel comfortable with them."

A community health nurse from the department is stationed at the Rocky unit but visits the surrounding reserves (O'Chiese, Sunchild and Big Horn) daily. The nurse works closely with the health workers who are in turn stationed at a permanent medical facility at the O'Chiese reserve. The workers also assist a doctor and dentist who both treat patients at the reserves periodically.

The workers stay on top of the state of health on the reserves. "They arrange home visits with residents and take the nurse around the reserve to people that need medical attention," explains Kurup.

"Not much of the actual nursing is done at the home...patients are monitored and family members learn to care for them in the home visits."

He says the workers are also instrumental in initiating services and identify many of the needs of the community. The medical staff works with both the elderly and young, treating chronic illness in older patients and attempting to detect sight and hearing problems in younger ones before it's too late. Youngsters are examined in a screening process at local schools, and the children are also immunized at an early age to prevent fatal diseases.

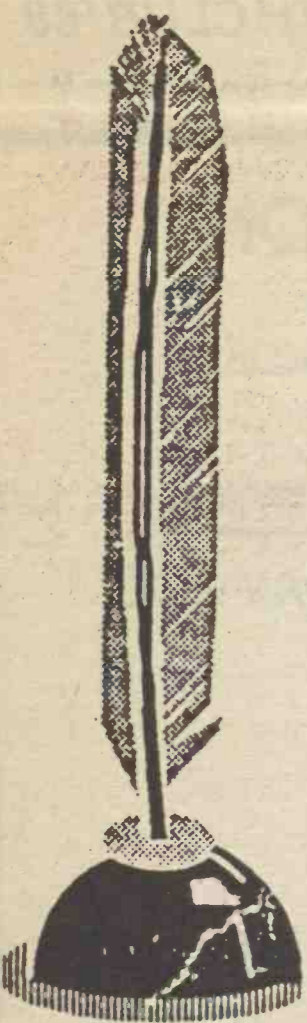
The staff also works with new parents in a maternal and child health care program. "They counsel the parents before and after pregnancy."

A communicable disease control program was also established to prevent the outbreak of serious illnesses like tuberculosis.

The community health workers are stationed at the O'Chiese medical facility during working hours on week days. The workers are Helen Goodrunning and Carolyn Beaverbones. □

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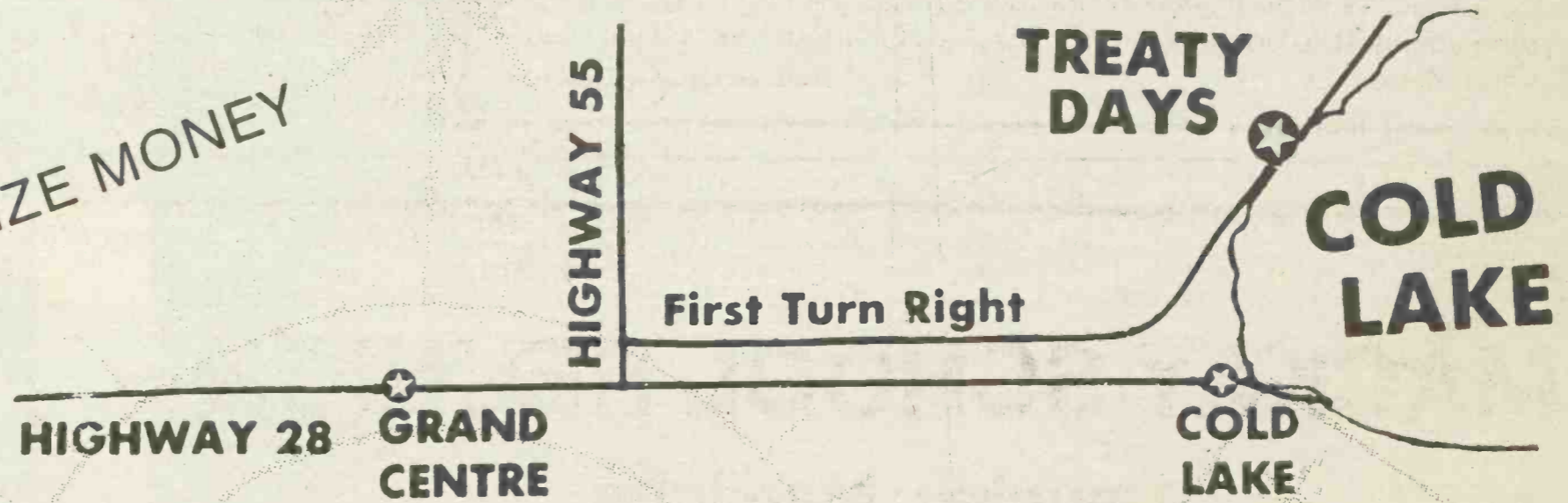
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Country stars spotlighted

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LAC LA BICHE

A three-year-old Sarcee girl delighted the crowd at the second annual Goodtimes Jamboree and First Persons Music Awards in Lac La Biche, opening the May long weekend show with an old favorite -- "You Are My Sunshine."

Marcie Meguiness received the audience's approval and the stage was set for what became a spotlight on Native entertainers from across the nation.

The Native Perspective radio broadcasting crew, hosts of the event, had little trouble attracting talent. "It seems like more and more is surfacing everyday," said one veteran performer.

Desmarais singer Chucky Beaver agrees with the generally accepted notion that there is a wealth of talent to be found in the Native community "but I think it's always been there. It's just that now more Native performers are coming forward than ever before."

Beaver was one of the many performers on hand for the annual event. Others included such talents as Alvis Grey, Ernest Monias and Reg Bouvette. Watching these greats from a spectator's seat in the crowd was a fine entertainer in his own right, Mr. Paul Del.

Folks in Lac La Biche might know Del better by his off-stage name -- Paul Desjarlais. Now a resident of Calgary, the Lac La Biche-born performer says the jamboree "will benefit

younger entertainers in the long run and maybe even open a few doors for them."

Organizers were pleasantly surprised to find that evening dances featuring live performances were completely sold out before the jamboree was even a day old. And the audience didn't go home disappointed either, with the possible exception of those not fortunate enough to find a seat near the stage. But nothing got in the way of good times at the jamboree and the dance floor was packed each evening.

"It was just great. The sound system and light show sort of blew people away here," said an excited Rick Wagamese. "I don't think anyone expected anything like it."

The Native Perspective deejay adds performers made the best of the high tech innovations which provided a colorful and sometimes dazzling show for the audience. Entertainers also made the most of the songwriters' workshop that was held along with the jamboree.

"They put on a good show," said onlooker George Mountain of the Beaver Lake reserve who "just came to see the entertainment."

Lorraine Courteoreille had more definite reasons for travelling from Calgary to see the show. "I wanted to see Ernest Monias and hear some tear-jerking music." She says the Cross Lake reserve, Manitoba performer is "as good in person as he is on tape."

The "Goodtimes Jamboree" was just that -- and more! □

Playing for a sold out house: Reg Bouvette and the Blue



LAC LA BICHE CLIPPER



Warming up backstage: Performers from across the nation

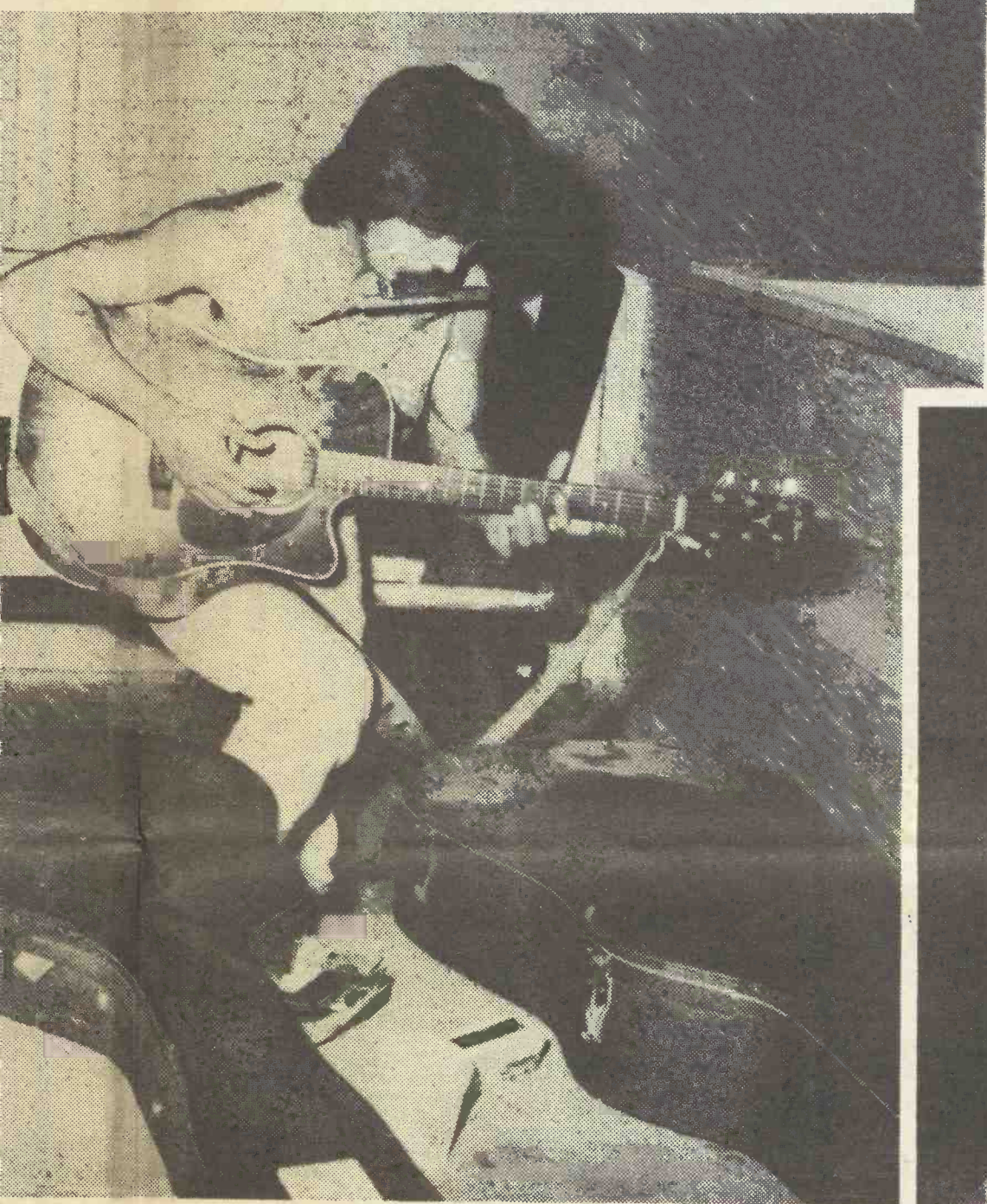


'Blew people away': Sound and lighting experts

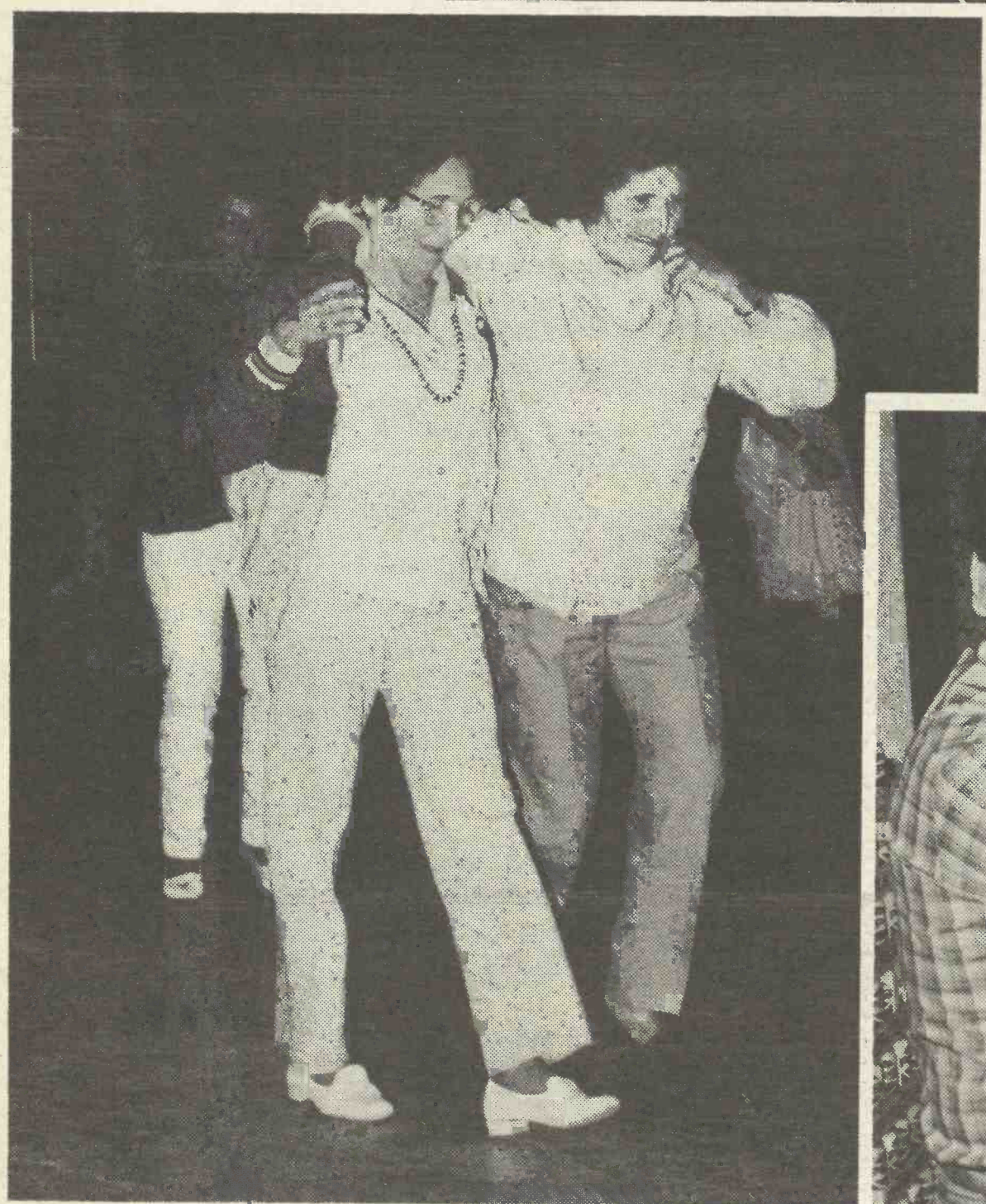
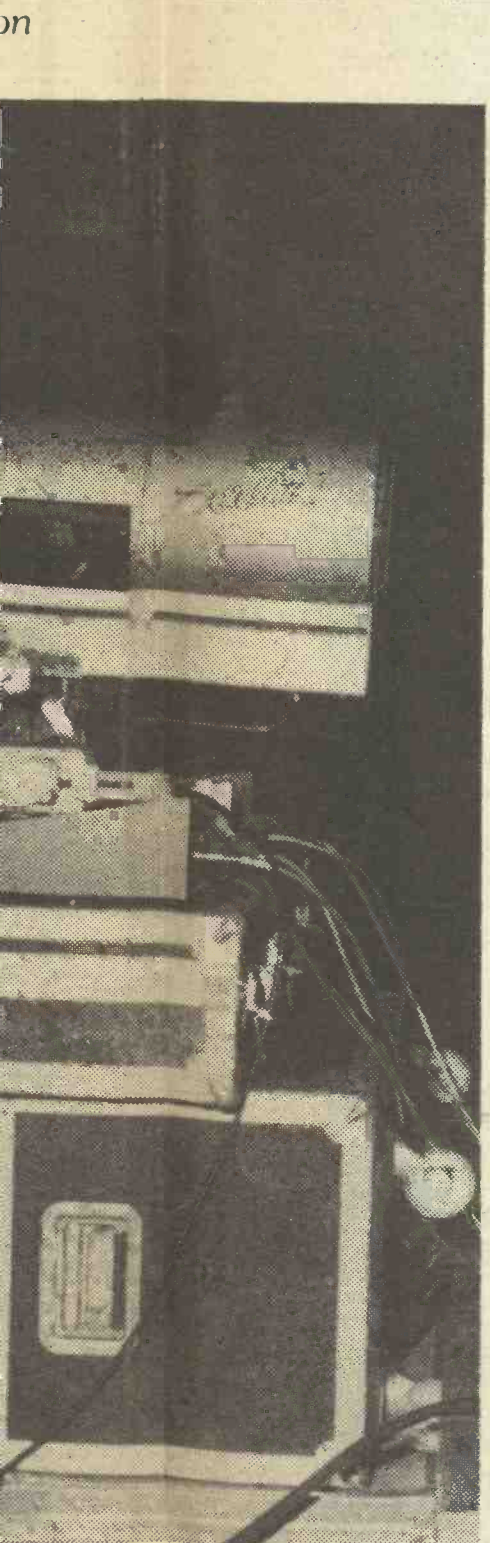
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Show stopper: Singer Marcie Meguiness along with Native Perspective DJ Rick Wagamese



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BREAKING NEW GROUND

Store owner takes cautious steps to make his business stable

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEWA

Hobbema store owner Curtis Ermineskin believes patience is required when starting a new business.

It's a rule of thumb that the Ermineskin band member has followed religiously since opening the Bow and Arrow Convenience Store in May 1987.

Ermineskin never makes an investment without carefully studying it and weighing its possible outcomes. He insists it's his conservative nature that stops him from becoming too excited about business propositions.

"I'll take the big risk, but only after I'm confident that I know everything there is to know about the investment," says Ermineskin.

His patience and careful business approach seems to be paying off in a big way following his store's first year of operation. The store has grown and



Business patience: Mitch Ermineskin, Curtis Nicotine, Sam Hajee and Curtis Ermineskin

although he would not disclose its value, he did say he's hired seven new employees. But, he remains ever careful.

"Now I should have a good idea of how a convenience store should work and how it shouldn't."

Staying in suit with his conservative nature, Ermineskin's expectations were much lower than what has materialized in the past year.

"I was expecting a lot less, but I'm satisfied. The response from the community has just been great. The dollar is now staying in Hobbema, at least a portion of it anyway...and that's a benefit," explains the 30-year-old.

Ermineskin is planning to expand, adding a gift and souvenir shop to his store in the future. But, rest assured, he'll be absolutely certain of its potential first.

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

When Waquan sees opportunity, he grabs it

BY JODY MacPHERSON
Alberta Native Business News
FORT CHIPEWYAN, Alta.

The phone rings and echoes through the halls of the house under construction. A petite brunette picks up the phone.

"What kind of propane tank is it? No, we can't fill that type," she says and then puts her hand over the receiver to get confirmation from her husband.

"Why don't we just call the company in Fort McMurray and find out what kind of rate they'll give us if we send up a bunch of tanks to be filled at once?" asks the husband.

A simple phone call has become a business venture. That's the story of Archie Waquan's life. He and his wife, Dawn, approach every day with a gusto that is exhausting to the onlooker and sometimes even to the couple themselves.

"I'm up pretty early in the morning — my day starts at 4 a.m. — I'm up ahead of everyone else, but by afternoon, I'm shot," says Archie with a smile.

Archie and Dawn are partners in their own plumbing and heating company called Mamawi Developments, which means "all together" in Cree. Waquan says he picked the name because it implies diversity. He doesn't want any restrictions. The company also does a little construction contracting.

Dawn does all the book-keeping and the business is run out of the Waquans' home in Fort Chipewyan. For the first five days, Dawn says they worked seven days a week, but now she tries to take the weekends off to relax.

"Archie likes to be busy," she says. "He feels guilty when he sits down and watches a football game on TV."

The couple say there are advantages to working out of their home, but there are also disadvantages.

"You can't leave things at the office at the end of the day," says Archie. "You don't go to work, you live with it."

A former Cree band chief and now a band councillor, Archie sits on the Fort Chipewyan Advisory Council and the Mistee Seepee Development Corporation. He is also the interim chairman of the economic development committee. The committee is primarily concerned now with a proposed granite quarry for the area.

"A lot of times, my wife asks me why I'm so involved in the community. I have to live here so I want to see things done right," he says. "We need to work to develop the economy. We can't get everything for nothing."

"Right now we're looking at the granite, tomorrow it may be another thing. It depends on what opportunities arise," says Archie. "I've always said, if you see an opportunity, never let it pass."

One opportunity Archie says he would personally like to take advantage of is the Alberta government's current emphasis on diversification. He says he wants to get into the tourism business.

"I think tourism is one area where future development can really take place. A lot of funds are available for tourism right now," he says.

Archie has reserved the name Mad Trapper Tours and plans to eventually cater to tourists interested in hiking, camping and boating, not just fishing, which is emphasized by other tour companies. There are those who just want to see the flora and

fauna, he says.

He would like to hire one or two tour guides and train them to know the area and its history, as well as how to deal with tourists. Dawn, a former archivist for the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA), will provide the historical background on the area.

A match made in heaven? Well, almost. Archie and Dawn met in Fort Chip when she came to the community to do research

for the IAA, on treaty and aboriginal rights. They married in 1980, and have one daughter, Patricia, who, at two and a half years old, already shows signs of being as determined as her parents.

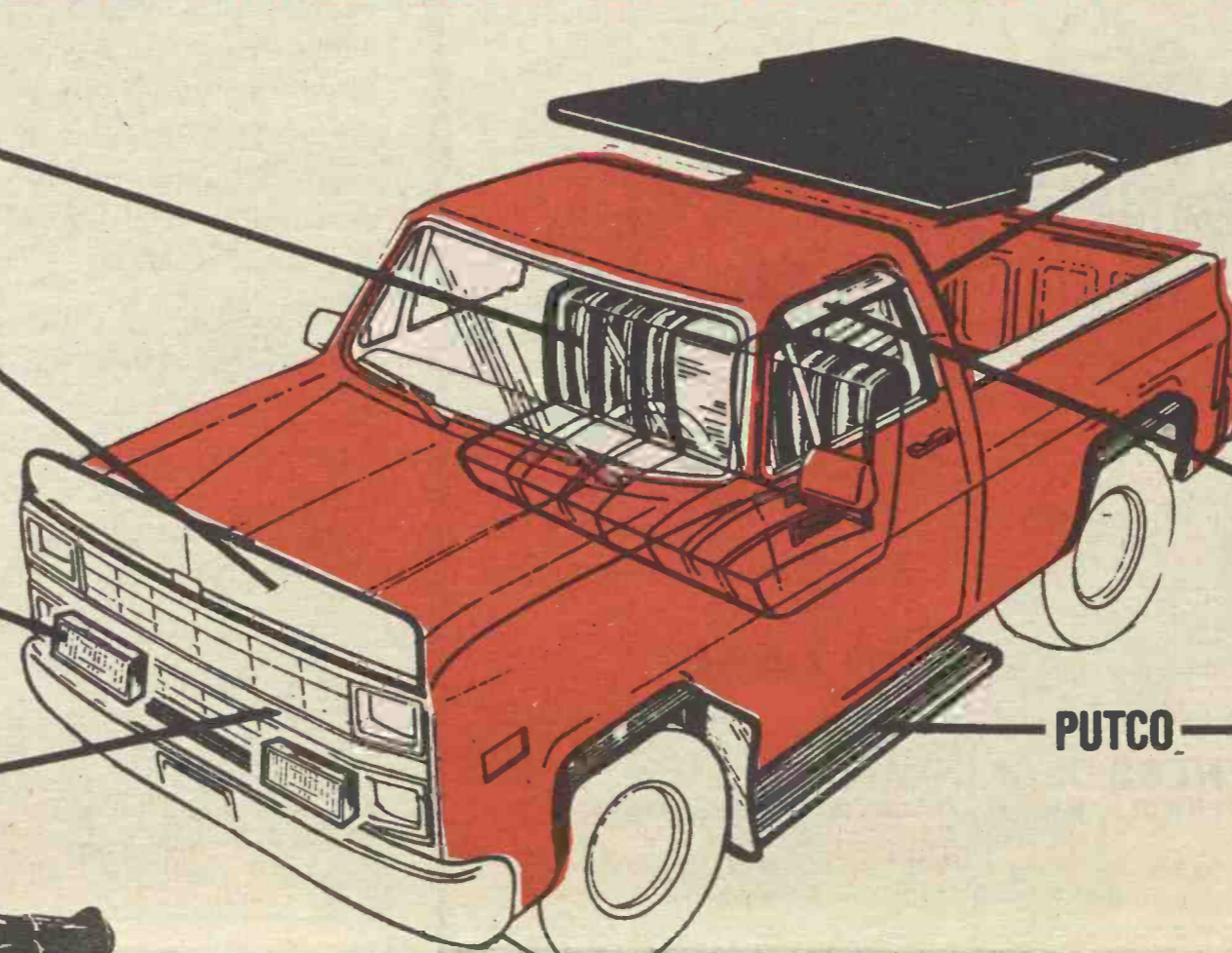
Before Archie went into business, he asked his wife to take a bookkeeping course. Dawn says every week she sits down with Archie and gives him a statement of expenses and receivables. They try to

cost account for every job, even the small ones, so that they'll know what to expect next time around.

Archie says a family business can be beneficial, especially when you're just starting out, but you have to be able to work well together. He warns prospective business people to "make sure you know what you're getting into."

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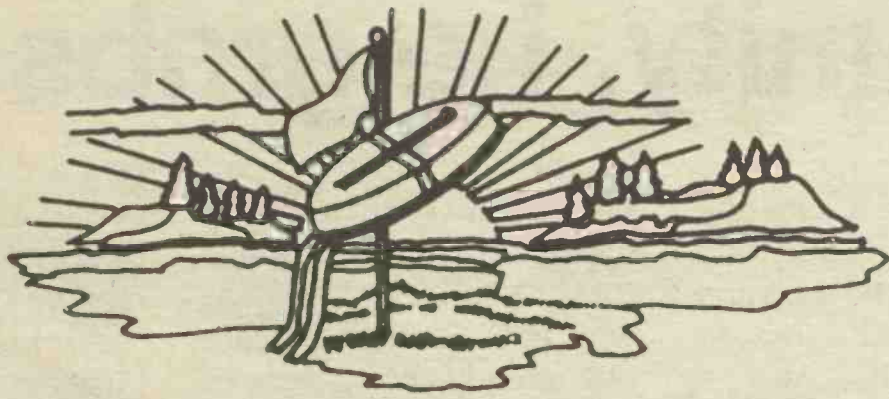
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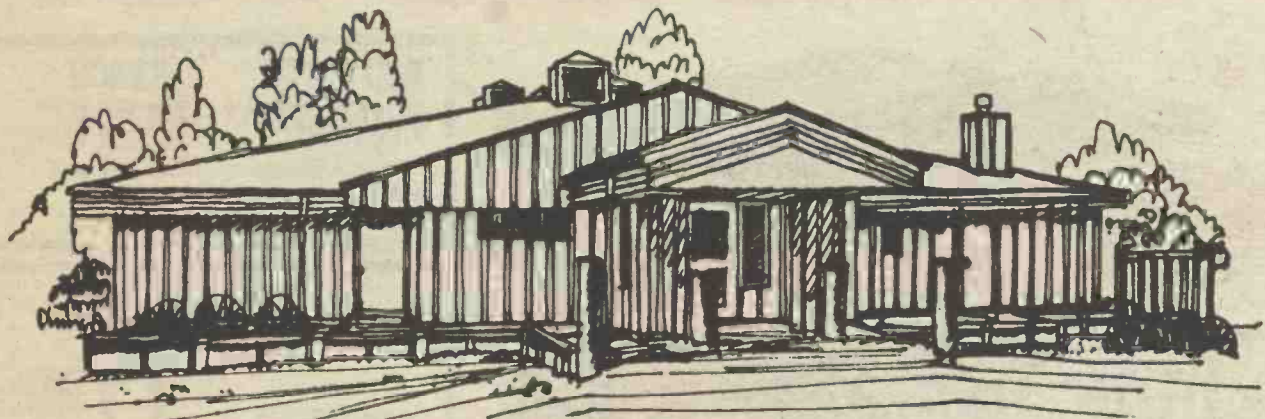
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BREAKING NEW GROUND

Millionaire began business because no one would hire him

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WABASCA, Alta.

Self-made millionaire Denny Cardinal says out running hunger is his motivation to keep pushing ahead.

His start in life was not easy. His father died when he was 10 years old and by the age of 11 he was already working in a sawmill in Slave Lake.

"I've seen the time when I took a bun from a garbage barrel and softened it. And it was very good to eat...and after that when you make your first dollar, you always feel that hunger behind you and that's what keeps me running," he says.

And the 51-year-old Metis from Wabasca has run a lot of business miles since he opened up his first gas station at the age of 28.

He now owns Apalilu Oil Field Services Ltd., a car wash, a gas bar, and Gourmet Pizza — a franchise.

He says he got started in business because nobody would hire him. "I couldn't read or write. I couldn't

hold a job. I don't even have Grade 1," says Cardinal.

But despite the fact that he is illiterate his first million is in the bag and the affable Metis jokes that, while he can't read or write, he does know how to count.

He insists he isn't in it for the money. "I like people and people like me...it's the people. I learn from people."

As well as liking people he also has a desire to help the people in his community. To this end, he initiated an ambulance service in Wabasca. During a quiet time while recovering from back surgery, Cardinal decided to set up the service for Metis people.

"At that time, the government didn't pay for ambulance service for the Metis, it was only for the Treaty...Metis would have to wait for a Treaty to get sick and hitch hike on the airplane."

To remedy the situation, Cardinal went to Slave Lake and bought an old hearse and began driving people to the hospital in Slave Lake.

"When the government saw me going up and down

making faster trips than the airplanes, they decided to hire me, he explains, adding the business is now operated by his son-in-law.

"I wasn't even thinking about a business. I couldn't do nothing. I got bored sitting at home so I thought (with the ambulance) I'd get to town and I'd help people."

When Cardinal isn't taking care of business he can probably be found down by a fishing hole or out hunting in the bush.

He "adores" fishing and says he likes guns. In fact he has a collection of 145 rifles, 29 of which are gold plated commemorative rifles. These include replicas of Buffalo Bill's gun, the gun used by John Wayne in movies, and a gun from the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

He says the latter is his favorite. "You know why?" he asks. "Because that's the one that killed Custer..."

Cardinal has no immediate plans for retirement. But when he does he'd like to help other Natives to establish their own businesses.

He agrees he has a good instinct for business and "sometimes I plan three years ahead and I seem to hit it pretty well."

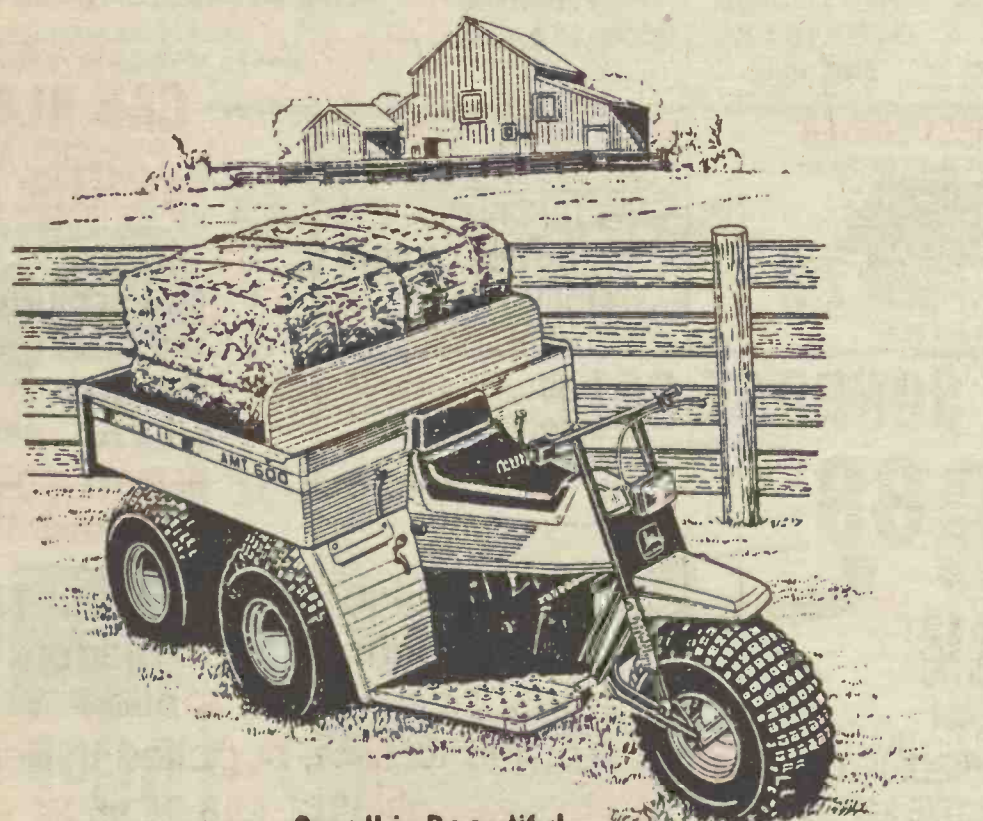
When asked if he is currently working on a three year plan he responds, "Yeah, but I'll just keep it under my hat."

As well as being able to take care of time he also seems adept at taking care of financing.

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While Cardinal refrains from calling himself a successful businessman, he is willing to admit to being "a good businessman." □

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

Advice ensures business success

There are many factors to consider before deciding to start or expand a business. Here, E.H. Macleod of BANAC lists a few pointers to consider.

Commitment: The entrepreneur, starting a new business, must be aware of the degree of commitment required to achieve a "reasonable expectation of success." In a lot of cases this means far longer working hours than a majority of people expect. Most new ventures require the dedicated attention of the operating principle officer 12 to 14 hours per day. He/she has to be prepared for this requirement to continue for at least the first year and in some particular cases much longer.

The commitment of the entrepreneur to a new venture plays a very important part in the decision of potential lenders or investors.

Equity: $Owner's\ Equity = Total\ Assets - Total\ Liabilities$ (What you own - What you owe).

It is very difficult to get a venture operational with

limited owners' equity. A very small percentage of business ventures can survive on a 100% financed basis. The greater the percentage of owner equity, the easier it becomes to obtain the balance of the required financing. The owner's equity does not always have to be in cash. Most venture capitalists and conventional lenders will accept "goods in kind." These items may be land, buildings, tools, equipment, vehicles, etc. The entrepreneur must also be prepared to pledge personal assets (commonly referred to as collateral or security) such as real estate, stocks, bonds and savings as back-up to a "personal guarantee."

Reasons: Make money! The primary reason for the existence of a business is to earn a profit. Purchases of assets or increasing payroll costs before revenue has been earned is a recipe for disaster. It is very easy to control expenses to meet projections. It is much more difficult to achieve the projected revenues.

Avoiding the "big" contract: Only accept contracts which are

within the abilities of your company.

The contract must not be bid below cost or at a very small margin of profit just to help the company's cash flow.

The contract must be within the practical, operational and technical experience of the company.

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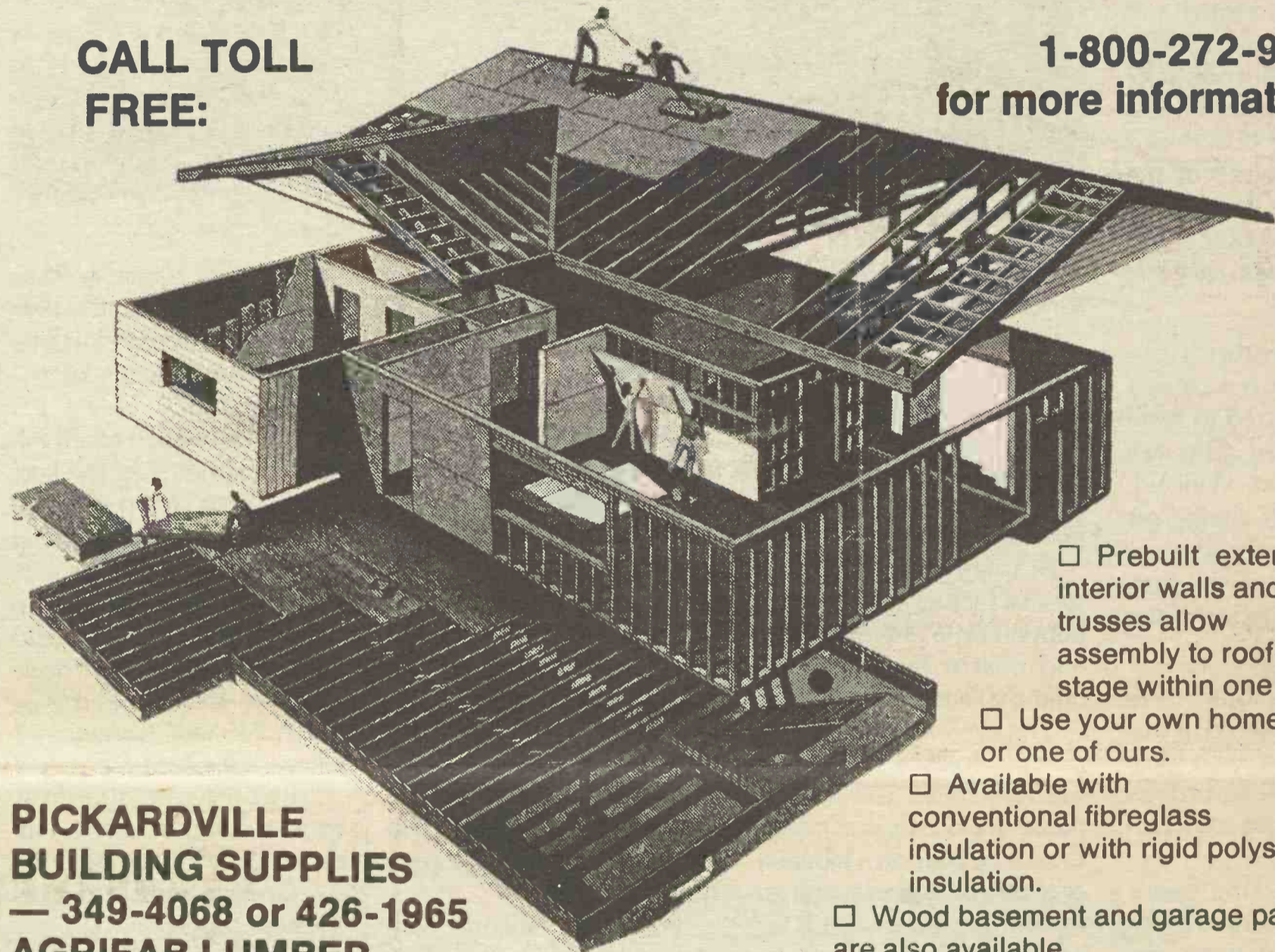
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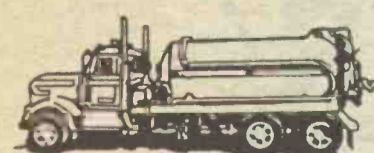
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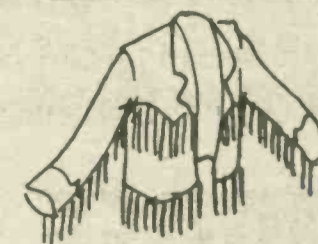
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Horse racers 'winded' at Alexander

BY JEROME YELLOWDIRT
Windspeaker Correspondent

ALEXANDER RESERVE, Alta.

The action was fast and furious, but the excitement spelled entertainment at the First Annual Dalton Arcand Memorial Race Meet and Spring Classic in Alexander.

The Victoria Day long weekend of May 20 through 24 will long be remembered by organizers and everyone who participated in the four days of fun-filled excitement and entertainment.

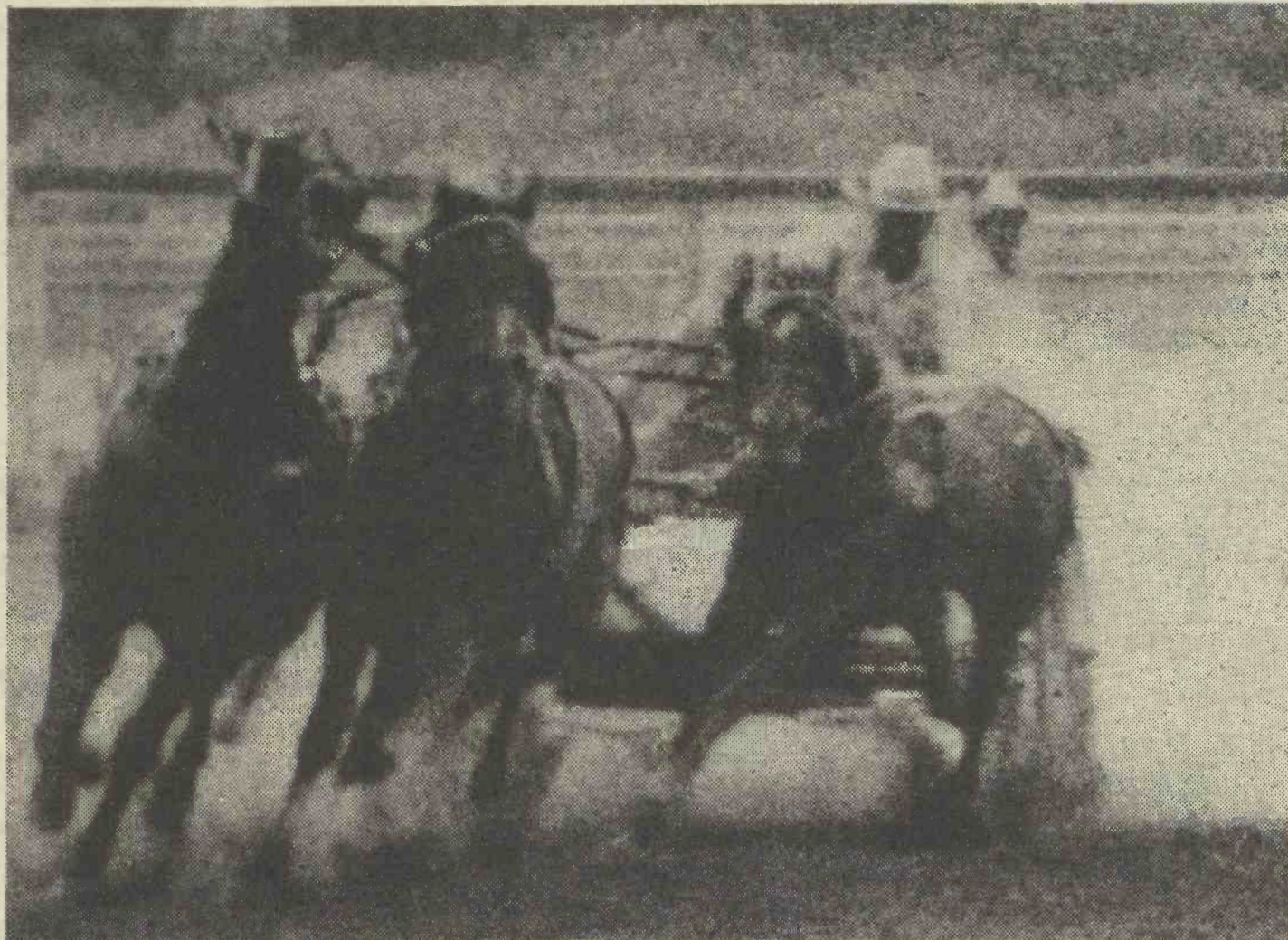
Even a dust storm and 100 kilometre winds, which toppled over a couple of ball diamond dugouts and a batting cage, could not dampen the spirits of the Alberta Pony Chariot and Chuckwagon Association to complete their races in the final day.

The Alexander race meet and tournament organizers, elected to have the Westland Pacers Association from Winfield, Alberta to kick things off with the harness races on Friday which saw the first leg of seven heats in four scheduled races.

Harness races: A total of 19 horses were entered in this particular event with only three being selected as winners in the overall standings.

Included in this event were three brothers from Alexander who were the only Natives to enter. They became involved in this type of racing three years ago.

Former chief of Alexand-



It takes guts and determination: Chuckwagon racing

er, Stanley Arcand and former band councillor, Arsene Arcand and their younger brother Roy did not place well in the overall standings throughout the weekend, but were happy to be part of the activities as host drivers.

Stanley says, "In this type of racing, anything can happen on a one mile pace and most of the time it's the time that's affected."

The overall final standings in the four scheduled harness races were: third place to Scotty's Choice, driven by Marvin Thibeault of Bluffton, Alberta with an overall time of 6:43:17; second place went to Johnny One Sock, with a time of 6:33:79 driven by Gaylene Chick of Bluffton; first place overall was taken by Kays Amanda with a

6:27:55 timing and driven by Raymong Thibeault also from Bluffton.

Dalton cared and believed: With nerves of steel and in a race against time, drivers and owners who entered the Dalton Arcand Memorial spring Classic Race Meet, gathered at the Alexander recreation grounds and race track, to honor a young former veteran of the Alberta Pony Chuckwagon and Chariot Association who lost his life just less than a year ago in a two vehicle head-on collision on his way home from a race near Camrose.

The late Arcand will always be remembered by many as a quiet and a very competitive individual in every sense of the win. He was a great team leader and a very strong competitor in

what every sport he was involved in. Arcand's love of horses brought him fame with the members of the association.

Weekend highlights: The high winds did not stop the final race meet of the pony chariots but it did affect some times.

Although there were some minor spills and crashes, the highlight race featured 16-year-old rookie driver Obrey Motowylo of Clyde, Alberta.

Motowylo is the first rookie driver to set an all new track record in Alexander with time of 59.89 seconds.

There was a total of 51 chariots including 18 Native entries racing against time in this four day affair, and to the victors, handsome prizes and expenses.

Although they were assessed extra penalty seconds, cousins Herb and Wayne Arcand from Alexander placed well in the top 10 leaving Dwayne in 8th place overall with a time of 257.06.

Herb needed 2.25 of a second to tie for second place but did not succeed. He nearly crashed into the outside rail going into the first turn and a two second penalty added to his overall best of 246.53 leaving him with a final total of 248.53 and taking home the third place trophy and expenses.

However, longtime veteran driver Glen Helmig of Leduc, managed to get a 246.28 overall final to beat out Arcand and was awarded a pair of horse halters for his efforts.

Top honors went to Motowylo who made his debut by claiming the new track record in his first race of the weekend and proved he could beat the oldtimer from Leduc.

Motowylo was rewarded with expense money and a pair of horse blankets donated by Richard and Isebel Arcand in memory of their late son Dalton.

Chuckwagon results: It takes a lot of guts and determination to handle four spirited horses and a wagon that can whip dangerously or roll coming off the starting barrels at speeds in excess of 50 km/h.

Although there were no records set or broken, the Alberta pony chuckwagon

races couldn't ask for better weather as temperatures rose and were topped off by an unusual dust storm.

Unlike chariot racing, the times in this event are somewhat slower by about 10 seconds.

However, each time the racers meet, more and more wagons are entered and this year in Alexander 27 wagons were involved. Included were three Native drivers and for the first time a lady driver.

Sherri MacFarlane from Clyde says, "It's exciting and I enjoy it. This is not my first time driving horses though I came in second overall last year with the pony chariots."

Although MacFarlane had some good times, the competition was too much to handle and the leaders came in with some respectable times.

Larry Langdahl of St. Albert came in with an overall total of 272.41 claiming third while Ed Jackson of Whitecourt captured second place with a 259.94. But the oldtimer from Leduc, Glenn Helmig, didn't go away disappointed for his efforts, and didn't want anymore rookies showing him up as he took top honors with a 256.75.

For winning first overall, Helmig took home a pair of horse blankets and more expense money and is determined to go out and try to beat the rookies next time. □

Wind and dust storm stop fastball play

BY JEROME YELLOWDIRT
Windspeaker Correspondent

ALEXANDER RESERVE, Alta.

The Spruce Grove Legion Lions were very determined to make a comeback and try to capture the Alexander Tee Pee Crawlers' Annual Spring Classic fastball tournament on Victoria Day long weekend, until without warning, an unusual dust storm, stirred up winds of up to 100 km/h forced organizers to halt play and scramble for cover.

Twelve teams were invited to this three day affair but only nine teams were able and willing to compete.

The final game of the

tournament had the Crawlers and the Lions up against each other, but before the game started, the wind began to pick up a little with the sun beaming down and causing a balmy 30 degree heat wave.

It wasn't long before Alexander racked up six runs to one in the middle of the third inning when the big dust storm hit, toppling ball diamond dugouts and a batting cage.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Time for another Sports Roundup contest. The question: Who plays first basewoman on the Windspeaker slowpitch team?

If you have the answer, call me at 455-2700. I'll take all calls until June 10 noon. And whether you answer right or wrong, I'll enter your name for a draw for four Windspeaker posters and one Windspeaker jacket. The jacket is black with red trim.

JOUSSARD: There are so few names in the Jousard phone book that Danielle White, manager of the village, has them all memorized. After all, the phone list is only a half-page long.

But last long weekend the little hamlet on the coast of the Lesser Slave Lake was busier than my moosum picking tchug-eggs. Their slowpitch tourney got all the Lesser Slave Lake baseball action, attracting 10 visiting teams.

"It was beautiful weather," said Danielle. So nice, in fact, that one team just camped out near the diamonds. Other players took advantage of the Jousard hospitality and stayed at friend's or relative's homes.

Saturday night the dance hall was packed. The building was shaking in time with the tunes, little musical notes floating out the windows and across the lake. Inside, the floor creaked and shook under 600 dancing feet.

Sunday it was back to slowpitch business. By the end of the day it was the Whitefish (Atikameg) Bears who snared the first prize of \$750. And nipping at the Bears' heels were the High Prairie Selects who bagged \$550 for second spot. The Driftpile Swingers just made the money with a \$350 third place finish.

The Valleyview Eagles won the only other award: most sportsmanlike team.

Teams that were close but no cigar: Fort Vermilion's Buff Bandits, Jousard, East Prairie Flying Dust, Peavine Rams, High Prairie Blasters, Sucker Creek and the Grouard Athletics.

GIFT LAKE: Ball fans here were disappointed when that long weekend slowpitch tourney was cancelled but the organizers have rebounded with a new date for the event.

The tournament, named the Leonard Flett Memorial, had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries said Hector Lamouche, rec man at Gift Lake.

The new date for the event is June 18-19. Entry fee is \$200 for the three woman-seven man tourney. There'll be trophies and cash for the top three finishes plus individual trophies for all positions and then some more.

There's a campground on the beach for those without a place to stay. And of course, there'll be a concession set up. Activities are planned for children, too.

The deadline for entries is June 13 and all proceeds go to the Leonard Flett Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Contact Hector or Cherry at 767-3894 or 767-3891 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Dale at 767-3935 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. for more information.

LAC LA BICHE: Get ready for the Friends in Sports here July 6-7. Hosted by the friendship centre the games officials are inviting athletes ages 13-21. There's three categories split into juniors (ages 13-15), intermediate (16-17) and seniors (18-21).

Naturally, there will be the usual spectrum of track and field events plus girls' and boys' softball and soccer tournaments.

The event is open to all youth who are part of a friendship centre team.

Of course there'll be medals and trophies like other years, even an opening ceremony, Olympic style, with marching and banners. Wednesday night athletes can get to know one another at the amateur talent night. Here's a chance to show off your singing, breakdancing, whatever. Thursday, after the last event, will be the closing ceremonies followed by a banquet dance that evening.

It's the hottest Native youth event this summer. Become a part of it by contacting your nearest

friendship centre to find out how you can join a team. Last year, centres from across Canada met in Edmonton. Over 500 youths were attracted so expect to meet a lot of new friends.

For more information about the Friends in Sports games contact the Lac La Biche friendship centre at 623-3249.

EDMONTON: Ann Cardinal of the friendship centre has a list of names from last year's Friends in Sports team, but has no phone numbers. So help give Anne some peace of mind and phone her at the centre and let her know if you want to go to Lac La Biche, or at least update your phone number for her.

Anne's our Windspeaker slowpitch team's first basewoman since she's such a good catcher. Throw her a curve, bounce the ball and she'll stretch like rubber with her foot stuck to the bag and snag that ball.

And how about Russel Patenaude, our short stop. Talk about smooth and fast, he'll catch the ball and throw to the bag all in one fluid motion. You could swear he's moving in slow motion.

Another Windspeaker all-star is Dennis Supernault (he's like a smaller version of Russel, only no moustache. Often he's playing the field. From the pitcher's mound he's just a little speck in the green. It's kind of neat to see a ball get batted out there only to bounce back infield like it hit a rubber wall.

There's so many on the Windspeaker team: Debbie "Wait for the Walk" Desjarlais, Darren "I Wear My Sunglasses at Night" no last name, Rodney "The Calm" John, Vern "The Burn" John, Bill "At Least a Triple" Chippeway, Gordie "Bannock Avenue" Shaw, and so many more, too many to mention here.

Oh, by the way, I'm done mourning the New Jersey Devils...just as long as coach Jim Shoenfeld gets the Coach of the Year Award.

WANTED: Teams for the Cold Lake Mariners' mixed modified slowpitch tourney to be held June 11-12 on the reserve.

Prize money will depend upon the number of entries (entry fee \$150) so contact Alfred at 594-3870 or Randy at 594-1457 (evenings) to join the fun.

There will be trophy awards for teams and individual players and, of course, that Cold Lake hospitality.

That's all for this week. Have a super spring weekend.

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Leverne track meet draws 400

M. CROW HEALY, Windspeaker

BY M. CROW HEALY
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, Alta.

The community of Leverne held its annual track and field meet May 23, attracting about 400 spectators and athletes.

Although the community leaders are unsure as to exactly how many years the meet has been taking place (they give 25 years as an estimate) it is a sure thing and renowned for its organization and entertainment value.

The Leverne recreation committee: John Chief Moon, Roderick Shot Both Sides, Leonard Chief Moon and Daniel Shot Both Sides — along with families, friends and announcer Monica Chief Moon did not disappoint this year's crowd.

There were 39 events and the first, second and third place winners of each event received a monetary prize donated by community members and a hand shake



Crossing the finish line: Harrison Wolf Child, Ralph Hoof and John Red Crow

from the announcer.

The events started after the championship game of the fastball tournament which was on at 11 a.m. and by the time supper rolled around, there were many hungry people. The entire crowd was fed fry bread, moose meat fancy bake,

tender beef, potatoes, mint tea (and there seconds) by the community's women.

This is also the home community of Andrew Wolf Child, 72, who puts younger athletes to shame. Wolf Child took part in both the two and one half mile and five mile races. It

did not matter to him that the five mile race started 20 minutes after he finished the two and a half mile race. He just got on the track again and he finished both times running the final leg amidst the horn-honking, cheering and amazed spectators. □

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Jr. high students take medals at final badminton competition

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE RESERVE,
Alta.

The St. Paul Athletics Association Country Cup Tournament is the highlight and final competition of the two-month badminton season at Saddle Lake Onchaminahos school.

The junior high team was disappointed with their second place finish in the May 7 event but were pleased with the six gold and two silver medals they won.

Gary Jackson, coach and gym teacher, was quick to praise the team despite their loss and singled out some outstanding athletes on the team.

Grade 9 student Naomi Cardinal, the female athlete of 1987, continues to excel in sporting events.

"She's an exceptional athlete, all around, it doesn't matter what sport she's involved in," said Jackson. Cardinal took gold in girl's singles for the third year in a row — in the A category for players under 16 as of Sept. 1, 1987.

Bradley McGilvery, also in the A category, received a gold medal in the boy's singles for his victory.

"I don't think he had any close matches at all," said Jackson. "He went through the tournament without a loss."

Sheldon McGilvery, a 12-year-old student, was moved up from C (under 12) to B (under 14) because of his ability.

"I asked him if he felt he would be able to compete with the older kids," said Jackson. "He said 'sure,' he did...and he beat them." He was also a gold medal winner.

Size is not a big factor in the game of badminton according to Jackson.

Speed and the ability to place the birdie is what's needed.

"Sheldon is short and was worried about that," added Jackson. "He was moved and it raised his confidence level beating the bigger kids."

Other medal winners were: boy's singles, Sam Cardinal; boy's doubles, Elmer Delver and Edward Cardinal; girl's doubles, Jessie Redcrow and Shannon Cardinal, all winning gold.

The two silver medals went to mixed doubles teams of Aaron McGilvery and Jennifer Cardinal and Edwin Lapatak with partner Tamara Cardinal.

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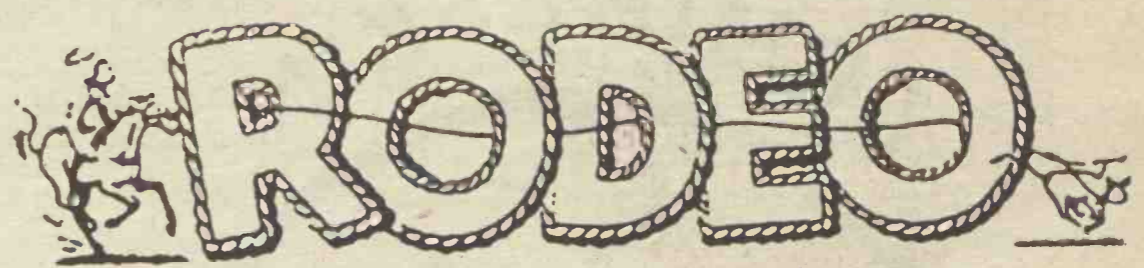
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Joint planning brings economic development to southern reserves

Four southern Alberta bands are joining forces to identify how they might cooperate to bring economic development to their reserves.

The Native Economic Developers' Association (NEEDA), established in November 1987 with offices in Calgary, is looking for common economic ground that will unite the Blood, Blackfoot, Peigan, and Sarcee bands.

"We were all trying to do the same thing for the same results," said NEEDA president, Chief Strater Crowfoot of the Blackfoot band.

The four bands have a collective population of 17,000, representing almost 40 per cent of Alberta's Indian residents, according to Crowfoot. The reserves have abundant agricultural and ranch land, oil and gas, as well as significant coal deposits.

"We are located close to large population centres and transportation corridors, and have good access to the United States market," said Crowfoot, who has a masters in business administration and served as his band's economic development officer for three years before becoming chief a few months ago.

Last July, Crowfoot talked to band economic development coordinators and discovered "the time was right" for joint planning. Each band kicked in \$5,000 to launch the organization.

"We have the same problems, it's only natural for us to get together," said Crowfoot.

"Whenever a government program becomes available, each band does the same base work..we have been reinventing the wheel. We will now be able to make more efficient use of

government funds," he added.

NEEDA will not replace the economic development activities of its individual members nor will it focus strictly on government-related programs.

In November, it ran an entrepreneurial training program for 18 band members with potential to operate successful ventures. As part of its efforts to design an economic strategy for southern reserves, NEEDA is developing an information data base and is currently looking at some attractive investment opportunities.

Crowfoot sees a dual economic strategy emerging for on and off reserve development. NEEDA is also looking to develop contacts in Calgary in order to provide urban opportunities for off-reserve residents.

"Almost one-third of the residents of our bands is living in Calgary. They are falling through the cracks. So who will serve their needs?" the chief asks.

"We are fighting an economic war. We are trying to unite to share our resources and find a solution to our problems," Crowfoot said with determination.

"We're still developing our plans and we don't want to sound our horn," said Crowfoot. "But this time next year, NEEDA hopes to have a lot to say about successful business development."

(Reprinted from Alberta Native Business News)



OLD SUN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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PART-TIME COORDINATOR

**Native Health Careers Preparation Program
Old Sun Community College**

An individual is required for three days a week to co-ordinate and oversee the Native Health Careers Preparation Program. The major duties would include promotion of health careers, recruitment of students, liaison with post-secondary institutions and government agencies and student counselling.

QUALIFICATIONS: 1. University degree in health or education. 2. Knowledge of Native culture and ability to speak a Native language. Preference will be given to those with a background in developing Native cultural programming. 3. Experience in dealing with academic institutions and government agencies. Please send you application and resume to: **The President, Old Sun Community College, Box 339, Gleichen, Alberta T0J 1N0**

Closing date is June 15, 1988.

A BIG THANKS TO ALBERTA'S YOUNG VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP CREW

All Albertans owe a thank you to the 10,636 volunteers from Alberta's 4-H Clubs, Junior Forest Wardens and other youth groups who took part in this year's annual highway clean-up campaign.

This year's campaign, cleaned 9,228 kilometres of Alberta primary highway and resulted in the removal of 67,343 bags of litter.

Thanks to those terrific young people and to Alberta motorists who drove with extra care while our "crew" was on the road.



Alberta
TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

ACTIVITY PAGE

Hey kids ... Why not make a new penpal?

Do you want to make friends with other young people in eastern Canada? Well, here's your chance. Below is a list of children who live in Ontario who want to be YOUR penpal. All you have to do is write to them and start your friendship.

In future issues of Windspeaker, we'd also like to list the names and addresses of children who would like to receive letters from other children. Since Windspeaker is received by a lot of people in the United States, you might receive letters from some very interesting penpals who live south

of our Canadian border.

But for now, here's a list of people who'd like you to write to them. And, if you're interested in having your name published on this kid's page to receive letters from other young people, just fill out the coupon below and send it to Windspeaker.

Shawna Sutherland
General Delivery
Constance Lake Reserve
Calstock, Ontario
POL 1B0
Age: 10

Kelly Auger
Box 505
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0
Age: 11

Travis Moberly
Box 562
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0
Age: 13

Jonathan Chum
Constance Lake Reserve
Calstock, Ontario
TOL 1B0
Age: 9

Mark Alook
Box 475
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0
Age: 13

Dennis Meneen
General Delivery
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0
Age: 12

Stacey Chum
General Delivery
Calstock, Ontario
TOL 1B0
Age: 10

Cindy Meneen
Box 434
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0
Age: 15

Darcy Hamelin
Box 342
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
T0H 1N0
Age: 13

If you'd like to make friends in other communities, just send us your name, address and age and we'll print it on the kid's page.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Age: _____

MAIL TO: **The Editor, Windspeaker, 15001 - 112 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 2V6.**

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES IN CONQUERING ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

*A Conference dedicated to overcoming
Alcohol & Drug Abuse in Native Communities*



"Mamawihkamototak"

June 10, 11 & 12, 1988
Slave Lake, Alberta



"Let's work together and help each other"

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

11 a.m. — Late Registration - Slave Lake Arena
12 - 1 p.m. — Hosted Lunch, Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre (SLNFC)

1 - 2 p.m. — Opening Ceremony: Prayer, Frank Noskey; Welcoming Address, Butch Wolfleg, Nechi Institute at Slave Lake Arena

2 - 2:15 p.m. — Break
2:15 - 4:15 — Community Involvement in overcoming alcohol and drug abuse. O'Chiese experience by Maggie Hodgson from Nechi Institute.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. — Feast, SLNFC

7:30 - 12 p.m. — Slave Lake Native Dancers, Blue Sky (Metis) Dancers; Waseskuan Cultural Dancers & Round dance - SLNFC

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 - 8:45 a.m. — Breakfast, SLNFC

9 - Noon — Concurrent Workshops: 1) Communities Getting Sober & Rebuilding, Alkali Lake Community; 2) Community Initiatives and the Mobile Treatment Process and Paul Hanki, Nechako Centre, Prince George, B.C.; 3) Solvent Abuse and Community Action, Dianne Moir, Nechi Institute

12 - 1 p.m. — Lunch

1 - 4 p.m. — Workshops repeated

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Buffet Supper, SLNFC

9 - 1 a.m. — Sober Dance, SLNFC; Ray Fox Show featuring Priscilla Morin & Band - Admission \$3

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:30 - 10 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast, SLNFC

10 a.m. - Noon — Panel Discussion: "Where do we go from here?" Sawridge Banquet Room

WORKSHOPS

Selection of workshops, Saturday June 11, 1988

Please indicate your order of choice. Limited seating is available per workshop.

1. Communities Getting Sober Alkali Lake _____
2. Community Initiatives and Mobile Treatment _____
3. Solvent Abuse and Community Action _____

(Indicate your order of choice.)

To register, detach and mail registration form to:

**Student Services
Community Vocational Centres
P.O. Box 1280
Slave Lake, Alberta
T0G 2A0**

Or for more information please contact:
Linda Massimo at 849-7160 or 849-7140

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Alberta Social Services
Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
Bigstone Cree Band (NNADAP)
Council of Community Education Committees
Community Vocational Centres
Lakelands Family and Community Support Services
Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council
Metis Association of Alberta Zone V Regional Council
Native Counselling Services of Alberta
Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES IN CONQUERING ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

Please register me in the conference.

- Registration fee for conference is \$5
- Campground facilities are available.

Name _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
Telephone _____
Organization _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Registration Deadline: June 8, 1988

Please make cheques payable to: **The Provincial Treasurer.**

This conference has been made possible by funding through: Community Action Programs of Health and Welfare Canada.



University of Alberta
Edmonton

Cree Language Instructor

The School of Native Studies, University of Alberta invites applications for a tenure track appointment in the Cree Language at the Assistant Professor level, starting September 1, 1988 or earlier. Salary range for this position in 1988-89 is \$32,564 - \$46,700. The successful candidate must have fluency in the Plains (Y) dialect of Cree and facility in writing Cree (both in syllabics and Roman orthography). In addition, the candidate must possess a successful record of teaching Cree at the post-secondary and/or secondary levels. Research interests in the curriculum development area are preferred. A letter of application and a curriculum vitae (resume) along with names of three references should be sent to:

**Richard Price, Director
School of Native Studies
11036 - 89 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T6G 2Z6**

The competition deadline is June 30, 1988.

In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

The University of Alberta is committed to the principle of equity in employment.

MEADOW LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Requires a Teacher of Home Economics

If you are interested in a new and innovative teaching concept with new facilities and you wish to respond to the needs and aspirations of Northern Saskatchewan communities at a time of intensified social and economic development, then we have a position for you.

POSITION

Home Economic instructor to Division III students with some exposure to Division IV. Mainly in the areas of food preparation and sewing.

TERMS

Successful applicants will be required to conduct classes in a mobile teaching unit. These teaching units will be self-contained and equipped with the latest equipment available.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should possess or be eligible to obtain a valid Saskatchewan teaching certificate and should possess a high degree of proficiency in the particular discipline for which they are applying. Ability to work with Indian and Native people is essential.

Please forward resume on or before May 30, 1988 to:

**Coordinator
Mobile Education Program
Meadow Lake Tribal Council
P.O. Box 1360
Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan
S0M 1V0**

**Howard Buffalo
Memorial Centre**



**Box 159
HOBBEEMA, Alberta T0C 1N0
(403) 585-3790**

1988 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 4 | Samson Boxing Show |
| June 8 | Howard Buffalo Memorial Staff Golf
Tournament |
| June 18 & 19 | Coed Slowpitch |
| June 22 | Pitching Clinic |
| June 28-30 | Soccer Clinic |
| July 1-8 | Small Boy Kid's Camp |
| July 12-15 | Summer Basketball Camp |
| July 23 & 24 | Hobbema Open Minor Softball Tournament |
| July 29-31 | Red Eye Slowpitch Coed Tournament |
| August 1-5 | Volleyball Camp |
| August 2-4 | Indian & Inuit Nurses of Canada Conference |
| August 5-7 | HBMC Fastball Tournament, Men's & Ladies
hosted by NISKREE |
| Aug 13 & 14 | Kid's Baseball Tournament |
| August 15-19 | Kid's Camp (Small Boy Camp) |
| August 19-21 | Open Fastball Men's & Ladies Tournament |
| August 27 | Open Slowpitch Classic Tournament |
| Sept. 5-9 | Badminton Camp |
| Sept. 17 & 18 | Open Badminton Tournament |
| Sept. 24 & 25 | Northern Lights Coed Slowpitch Tournament
(All night) |
| Sept. 26-29 | Basketball Camp |
| Sept. 29 | Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre Sports
Awards Night |

For more information call Reg Soosay 423-9115/585-3790.