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"There's no telling how much force I'll use to get them off. It depends on how big they are." — Rancher Louis de Paoli, on Indians who hunt on leased Crown land.

'War' escalates with Indians, ranchers

By Jeff Morrow
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EDEN VALLEY, ALTA.

One Indian has been fired on and tension is mounting in a conflict between ranchers and traditional Indian hunters near a small Indian reserve in southern Alberta.

The Natives claim some ranchers are waging war against them because of a July 17 provincial court ruling which allowed Eden Valley band member George Alexson unrestricted access to Crown land.

Provincial Court Judge John Robbins ruled Indian hunting rights are guaranteed in the Treaty of 1877.

Alexson was found not guilty of hunting without a licence on Crown land and illegal possession of wildlife. That decision has been appealed by the province.

He was also acquitted of using a rifle to hunt during crossbow season.

Oliver Lefthand, also a resident of Eden Valley, which is 75 km southwest of Calgary, isn't so sure local ranchers accept that decision.

He said he was on Crown land across the highway from his reserve three weeks ago when he was fired on by an angry rancher.

"There was a guy up the hill in a grey truck, who said come over here, you damn Indian. I sure didn't go. He fired his rifle at me so I got in my truck and took off," he said.

"It's getting so bad you can't go anywhere around

there anymore," said Lefthand.

Turner Valley RCMP Sgt. Ron Wessner said his detachment received the complaint but there was little they could do.

He said the officers were unable to investigate the shooting because Lefthand couldn't accurately identify the man, who fired the gun or the truck he was driving.

"And there was no evidence the gun was fired in his direction. The woods were thick with hunters," he said.

Wessner said he is unaware of any violence between Indians and local ranchers.

Local rancher Louis De Paoli, 64, admits he's got hostile feelings toward anyone coming on his leased land near Longview to hunt without his permission.

But he insists his anger isn't focused on the Indians.

He said any unlicensed, unsupervised hunter is unwelcome on his land.

"There's no telling how much force I'll use to get them off," he said.

"It depends on how big they are," he quipped during a telephone interview Tuesday.

Lori Nelson, another local cattleman, denies there's any friction between ranchers and the Eden Valley Indians.

He said Native hunters

Indian claims rancher fired at him



Eden Valley Reserve band member George Alexson says local ranchers are using force to keep him off traditional hunting grounds

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haven't been denied their rights to be on Crown land.

"We've never had any problems. We know they're there," he said.

Alexson, who was charged last October by

provincial fish and wildlife officials for hunting elk on Crown land, said the problem is bigger than the RCMP are lead to believe.

He said traditional hunters, who are

designated to hunt wild game for the band, are consistently being denied access to the land and are threatened in the process.

Alexson, director of the drug and alcohol treat-

ment centre on the reserve, said the 353-member band has hunted in the area more than 40 years and is now seeing the elk supply

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Gadwa regains control at Kehewin

By Dana Wagg
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KEHEWIN, ALTA.

Gordon Gadwa is back in the driver's seat at Kehewin Reserve.

The 44-year-old chief had been locked out of his office by six of eight band councillors who voted Aug. 17 to oust him. They then appointed Gloria Badger as acting band chief.

Gadwa, who has been chief of the east-central Alberta reserve for the last decade, met with the group of mutinous band councillors in late September and threatened legal action.

The meeting between Gadwa and the rebels followed an earlier meeting in the day between the council and

Elizabeth Turbayne, regional director-general with Indian Affairs in Edmonton.

Turbayne told the two groups they either worked together until the next election in March 1990 or resign and pave the way for a new election.

Gadwa said he warned the councillors he'd take legal action if they didn't back down.

"It was just a misunderstanding and some people were just bulldozing their way. It was getting to the point where I either took it to court or we settled it and worked together," he said, in an interview Oct. 12 at Enoch Band reserve, where Alberta's Indian chiefs met for two days.

Gadwa said he had a court injunction, which he planned to enforce on the councillors at the Sept. 25

meeting if an agreement couldn't be reached with them.

"I didn't do anything wrong and I wasn't going to be ousted the way they tried to oust me," he said.

"Their actions weren't legal at all," he said. "There's laws to be followed."

Gadwa said he hopes the issue will die down and that the bickering on the reserve ends.

"If the will is there, we can bring the whole thing back together. I'm hoping for the best," he said.

Gadwa said he'll hold no hard feelings against the six councillors if they mend their ways.

"If they can show they mean business when they say 'we should work together from now until then' (the March election), I won't have any hard feel-



Gordon Gadwa

Dana Wagg, Windspeaker

ings," he said.

"But if they're going to start fighting for this and that, then that's just opening up the wounds again and I'll use whatever means to get them on

track, so we work together until the next election," he said.

Former Acting Chief Gloria Badger declined comment as did band councillor George Dion.

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RCMP drop investigation of Kehewin couple

By Dana Wagg
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BONNYVILLE, ALTA.

Charges will not be laid by RCMP against Kehewin parents Vernon Soloway and Lila McCarthy following an investigation into allegations of physical and sexual abuse of their children.

"They're denying all allegations and we certainly don't have the evidence to go on with any charges in court," Const. Rick Carter of Bonnyville RCMP told Windspeaker Wednesday.

The investigation was completed this week after RCMP arrested Soloway on unrelated charges and interviewed him and McCarthy, said Carter.

Soloway, wanted on charges of driving while suspended, was apprehended by RCMP at Grand Centre Sunday, Oct. 8 on the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

The police investigation into the abuse charges is now considered finished unless new evidence comes to light, which Carter termed "rather doubtful."

Soloway vows to get kids back

The couple had their four children taken away by Alberta Social Services on the Easter weekend after a provincial court judge in Bonnyville gave Alberta Social Services a temporary custody order after hearing allegations of sexual abuse and neglect.

At the hearing it was alleged "the children have been left unattended and have been physically abused by their parents, who have failed to protect them from sexual abuse."

One child, Alexis, had been assessed as having suffered "severe psychological scarring." Physical findings were consistent with sexual abuse, stated an investigating doctor.

From the beginning, the couple denied the allegations and they've fought since then to regain custody of the children.

Their youngest child, three-year-old Dallas, was killed in a traffic accident Aug. 5 while in the custody of his foster parents. After the accident the other three

children, Brenda, Billy Joe and Alexis, were placed in a foster home on Kehewin Reserve but were removed when Kehewin chief Gordon Gadwa was ousted on Aug. 17.

The children are now in a foster home in the Glendon area, said Terry Aman, manager of social services for the Bonnyville and Grand Centre regions.

Kehewin Band has submitted the names of some potential foster care families on the reserve, who are being checked out, he said.

Whether the children are returned to Soloway and McCarthy is up to the court to decide, he said.

A hearing is scheduled at family court in early December at Bonnyville, he said.

"The department will present what it believes and the family will present its case and the court will make its decision," he said.

"Until then they're staying in our custody," he said.

Aman said "there was

evidence of sexual abuse of the children" before they were apprehended. The children are presently involved in therapy."

Meanwhile, Soloway said he'll plead guilty to the charge of driving while under suspension at a court hearing Oct. 20 in Edmonton.

"Once this is over, I will fight twice as hard (for the children)," he said.

"The fight has just begun for me," declared Soloway.

"Once this is done I'm going to be able to face the public without having to hide from the RCMP or anyone else."

McCarthy couldn't be reached for comment.

In an interview before police concluded their investigation into the abuse charges, Soloway said he was surprised to learn he's also facing a charge of theft of a Lincoln Continental at Vegreville and will apparently have to appear in court there Oct. 17. He intends to plead not guilty.



Vernon Soloway and Lila McCarthy

Alexander chief, council under fire

By Jeanne Lepine
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ALEXANDER RESERVE,
ALTA.

A group of Alexander band members are challenging band chief Allen Paul and his council charging the band's last election in 1987 is invalid.

"Not only was the elections invalid, but our chief and council are not representing the majority of band members," declared Stanley Arcand at a meeting held on the reserve Oct. 11.

The group gathered a 129-name petition recently which supported a change in the term of office for chief and council from three years to two.

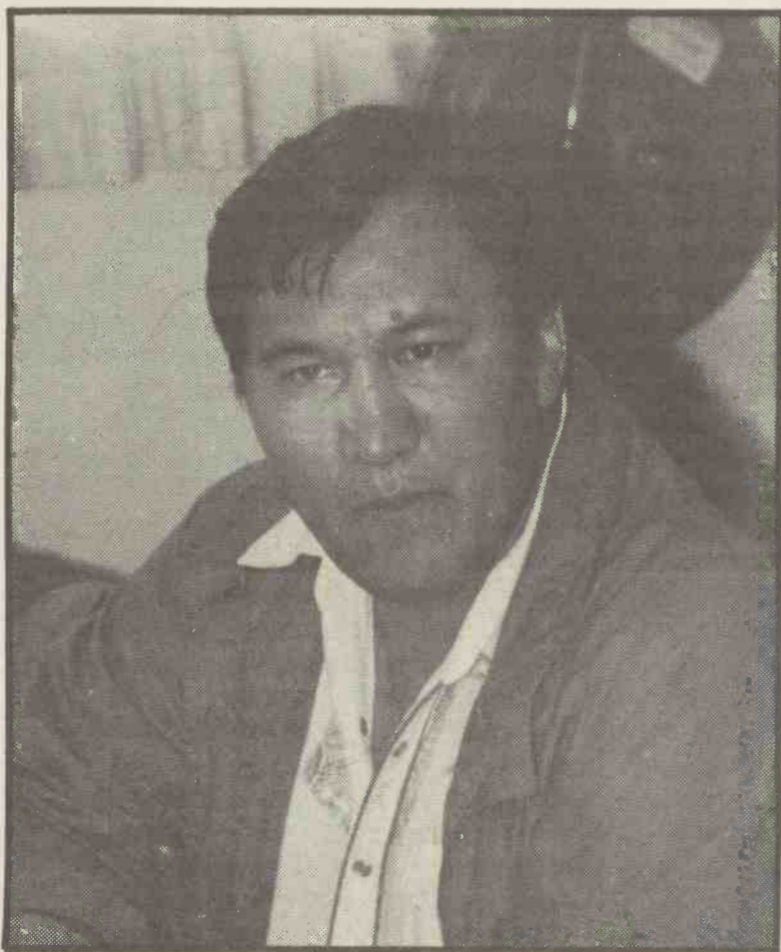
The disgruntled members have been unable to get previous minutes of band meetings but base their challenge on correspondence dated two years ago.

In November 1987, the federal and provincial governments wrote to the Alexander band, stating that the change of electoral system from two years to three years was not approved for the Alexander Band. The band was requested to hold its elections in accordance with the Indian Act.

The letters further stated that the department recognizes that the band does not have a legitimate council since the expiration of its term of office on Sept. 14, 1987.

But Chief Allan Paul strongly disagrees.

1987 election challenged by members



File photo, Windspeaker

Alexander chief Allan Paul is under the gun by band members

"The election was recognized by Elizabeth Turbayne, Regional Director General of Indian Affairs on Jan. 26, 1988 when she replied to a petition asking her to intervene, saying the matter was to be dealt with internally," he said.

But a spokesman from Indian Affairs Regional Director's office confirmed that a ministerial order dated Jan. 26, 1988 repealed the election giving the Alexander band the authority to have an election to be held in accordance

with band regulations.

Leslie Bruno, spokesman for the unsatisfied band members, said he had no previous knowledge of the ministerial order.

But he still disputes the validity of the elections, charging that the elections took place months before the ministerial order.

"The order did not state that the elections were valid, but gave authority to the Alexander band to operate under tribal regu-

lations, in holding an election," he said.

"The unsatisfied band members have to find their own means to deal with this issue, as the Indian Affairs department will not intervene because the band is now operating under tribal customary regulations," says Ron Steinhauer, spokesman for DIND.

Elders George Arcand and Agnes Bruno, both claim that when the elders attend band meetings, they are not given any information and their concerns are never written down or addressed.

"When there's an announcement of a band meeting, the location is changed prior to the meeting, and it is usually held off the reserve making it difficult for many of us to attend," said Elder Bruno.

The validity of the petition signed by 129 band members is still under question by chief and council. They want a voter's list of eligible voters compiled.

The chief is expected to give his report on the validity of the petition on Oct. 20. If 51 per cent of the eligible voters signed the petition, then a general meeting will be called to address the petition, confirmed Paul.

In the event amendments are made, the regulations will not be retroactive said Paul.

Meeting to decide Chonkolay's future

By Dana Wagg
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ASSUMPTION, ALTA.

Yet another attempt is being made by Dene Tha' Band members to have Chief Harry Chonkolay removed from office.

A meeting will be held next Thursday at the Assumption community hall in a bid to bring the matter to a head, said band member Joe Pastion.

Coincidentally the meeting will be held one day after Chonkolay will receive an Order of Canada in Ottawa by Governor-General Jeanne Sauve for his contribution to helping his band over the last 51 years. He is the longest-reigning Indian chief in Canada.

"We've been stalling with this leadership for some time now. It's been dragging since February. We're going to ask the chief to step down on the 19th," said Pastion.

Over half the residents at Assumption are unhappy with the leadership of Chonkolay, he said. "We're willing to give him what he's asking for," said Pastion.

Chonkolay, 81, apparently would like a \$40,000 annual pension if he does step down.

"We don't hate him but we want the way clear for a new leadership," said Pastion.

A new, strong leadership is needed to deal with issues like an outstanding land claim, he said.

"If he doesn't step down, he'll be thrown him out. We don't want to do that to him," said Pastion.

A referendum on Chonkolay's leadership was postponed on a number of earlier occasions.

The band is divided in its support for the chief. Opposition to his leadership is centred at Assumption, where most of the band members live.

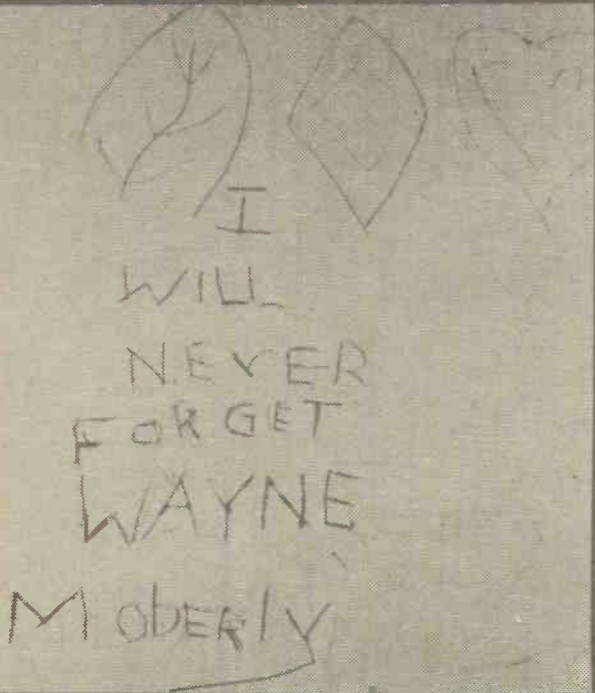
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SUICIDE INQUIRY



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This inscription is found on an oil tank, a short distance from Susa Creek Cemetery

Metis teen's suicide known to friends

By Dana Wagg
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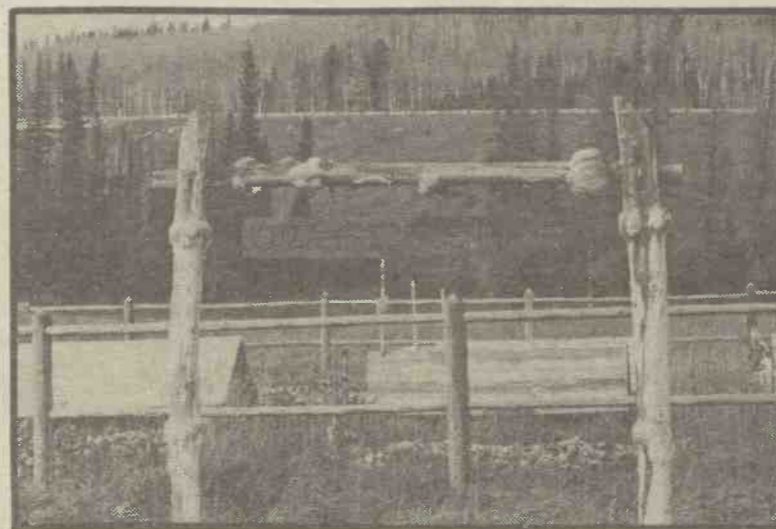
While Wayne Moberly was discussing his suicidal feelings with teenage friends, he was leaving adults in the dark, an inquiry into his death heard on Oct. 5.

The 16-year-old Metis boy, who hanged himself in the basement of his foster parents' home May 30, revealed to at least three young people he was thinking of ending his life.

But foster parent Michelle Delorme, Wayne's youth worker Margaret Slaney and Debbyann Solway, acting manager of the social services' office in Grande Cache, all denied any knowledge of him being suicidal.

Donna Moberly, 16, a

Social workers, parents in the dark



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Susa Creek Cemetery, Wayne Moberly's resting place

cousin of Wayne's, told the inquiry held before Judge Michael Porter Oct. 5 at Grande Cache that Wayne spoke of his suicidal thoughts to her and another student during a 10-minute conversation in typing class, a month before he killed himself.

"He was laughing and said he wanted to kill himself. I asked him why and he said: 'No one cares about me.' I told him he had a lot of friends, who cared about him," she said.

"At first I didn't think he was serious, but I did after listening to him," she said.

Donna said she didn't tell anyone what Wayne had said, although she and the other student did discuss it.

Darlene Moberly, 17, also a cousin of Wayne's, said she was like a sister to him.

She also learned of his suicidal feelings about a month before while they were strolling through the local mall, she said.

Out of the blue while he was teasing her, he said, "I think I should commit sideways (suicide)."

"I told him it wasn't worth it," she said.

They had also talked in mid-May about people they knew who had committed suicide.

"I think he just wanted his family to be together again," said Darlene.

Wayne's family split apart, apparently due to

family alcohol problems when he was nine-years-old. In the next seven years before he died, he had lived in seven residences, including three foster homes.

His oldest brother Paul committed suicide five years earlier with a shotgun.

The week before Wayne died he had been suspended from school for three days. That Sunday he was seen in church at Susa Creek for the first time by Donna.

The evening before Wayne died, Darlene and he had supper together at the Grande Cache Hotel, but he was silent about his plans.

"He seemed like he was a bit down; that was it," she said. "He was his normal self, but he wasn't as pesty. He's usually bugging me, pushing me," she said.

Darlene said "it was a kind of a relief" that Wayne wasn't teasing her, but she was bothered by his quietness that night.

She said she was surprised her friend killed himself. But said he probably couldn't have been helped.

"If somebody is going to commit suicide, how are you going to stop him?" she asked.

And 16-year-old Coline Bisson, a friend of Wayne's, said he threatened to take pills when she refused to go out with him.

She later learned from a friend he had once been hospitalized after taking an overdose of pills. Bisson was advised to keep an eye on him.

It was to Bisson that Wayne wrote a touching letter found by Delorme in a book on the kitchen table shortly before she discovered his body in the basement.

He had attached a picture of himself to the letter.

"I am really sorry for everything I have done to upset you," he wrote. "I will always remember you."

"I know I have been a jerk to you, but it's just that I will do anything to get you," said Wayne.

"Why don't you give me another chance?" he asked. "I promise to God I will change my attitude towards you, because I don't want to lose you over some stupid thing I did."

Solway, who had never met Wayne, said social services was trying to teach the teenager skills so that he could live on his own once he turned 18 years old.

She described Wayne as a "very quiet person, who found it difficult to share his feelings."

"I'm not sure how if you have someone, who's not able to share their feelings, how you can assist them if they've made a decision," she said.

Judge Porter has asked her to submit a list of all homes in which Wayne lived since he was apprehended.

"I think it's important to know where and when he was from the time he first came into the realm of social services," he said before adjourning the two-and-a-half-hour hearing.

Wayne's mother, Victoria, attended the inquiry as did a sister. They did not testify.

Wayne was buried June 2 at Susa Creek Cemetery, 10 km east of Grande Cache.

Grande Cache Natives in 'crisis', says counsellor

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GRANDE CACHE, ALTA.

Social problems of Natives in the Grande Cache area will get worse before they get better, says a Native Counselling Services worker.

Loretta Belcourt, Native courtworker with the Grande Cache organization, said area Natives have been in a crisis situation for 15 years and a joint co-operative effort between government and Native leaders is needed to address their problems.

Only two Native people in the Grande Cache area in the last 10 years died of natural causes, she said.

Most of the other deaths were alcohol-related and the problem is going to get worse before it gets better, said Belcourt.

"This town is only 20 years old. The people are integrating into another world," she said. "What's happening in this town is really, really sad."

Belcourt, a Metis woman who has worked with Native Counselling Services for seven years, is pressing for provincial aid in having Grande Cache Native social service agencies located in one building so organizations could work together on common problems such as wife battering, sexual abuse and alcoholism.

The recommendation was made to Provincial Court Judge Michael Porter at the Oct. 5 inquiry into the suicide of



Loretta Belcourt

Wayne Moberly.

Alcoholism was apparently a factor in the break-up of Wayne's family, which led Alberta Social Services to intervene and take custody of him when he was nine-years-old.

"It's time for a facility to be placed in the Grande Cache area so people could get special care for any problem area that is affecting them. We have to deal with the problems. Alcohol is only a crutch," said Belcourt at the inquiry.

"This would be, in my opinion, the key to holistic healing — spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally," said Belcourt.

The idea is being discussed with social services, she said.

It would give something back to the Native community, which was sent reeling 20 years ago when resource development companies arrived like the coal mine and Grande Cache Forest Products, said Belcourt.

The two industries scared away game and led to a loss of the Natives' food source and disruption of their way of life, she said.

It's like the mother robin, which abandons its young if the nest is

breathed upon by humans, she said.

"This town has breathed on the Native people's nest and so they abandon their families. They just give up. They turn to alcohol," she said.

"There's no more freedom to roam around, the traplines are gone, the hunting rights were taken away in 1985. The children are now starting to be taken away through suicide, through alcoholism. To me that's really sad," said Belcourt.

When there are problems in the home, she told Porter, parents should be sent to facilities for healing, while the children are left in their homes in the care of a homemaker.

"The children would be able to visit the parents while getting treatment. This is very important so the children do not miss that bonding with the parents. If the children do not have that nourishing bond they become highly suicidal," she said.

Meanwhile, Belcourt said she believes Wayne could have been helped if he had gone to the right person for counselling.

She said she has counselled a number of suicidal people and is aware of a number of people in the community, who are now thinking about taking their lives.

Asked if the inquiry into Moberly's death would accomplish anything, Belcourt said: "I know social services is looking at (helping) the Grande Cache area now."

'War' escalates over hunting

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dwindle as the herds are driven deeper into the Kananaskis wilderness by grazing cattle.

He fears local ranchers are banding together to keep the Eden Valley Indians from using the land.

"It's getting out of hand. The minute they see you're Native (and you're on Crown land) they run up to you and chase you off like they own it," he said.

The province leases more than 5.3 million acres of land. More than 4.5 per cent of it is Crown land used by Alberta

ranchers to graze their cattle. There are about 5,000 lessees in Alberta.

In his court ruling Robins states: "Mr. Alexson, a Treaty Indian hunting for food, had an unrestricted right of access to the property upon which he shot the elk. He was not restricted in his use of weapons."

The Eden Valley reserve was part of the Stoney Indian band and was established in 1948. "The Blackfeet have hunted here before the white man even came," Alexson said.

"How can they tell me where to go?"

Niels Damgaard, president of the Fish and Game Association (FGA), said his organization is backing Alexson in his court battle to maintain his Treaty rights. He believes the unsettled land has better uses than to feed cattle.

"We as an association feel there should be no boundaries for Native people to hunt," he said.

The FGA has hired Calgary lawyer Alan Hunter, of the Code Hunter law firm, to fight the appeal.

The appeal is set for Dec. 8 in Calgary.

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Viewpoint

Unanswered questions dog suicide inquiry

An inquiry into the tragic death of Metis teenager Wayne Moberly must lead to concrete solutions to deal with the urgent concerns of Natives in the Grande Cache area.

Otherwise, there'll be more casualties like Wayne Moberly, who like other Natives in the area have felt the social repercussions of an intrusion into their lives by a dominant white society and culture.

The inquiry, which lasted all of two-and-a-half hours for one day shed some light on the young boy's state of mind before he took his life.

But it left many glaringly unanswered questions.

The only former foster parent to testify was Michelle Delorme and she offered few insights.

His youth worker declined to answer questions she thought would be more properly put to Alberta Social Services officials.

But when called to testify, Debbyann Solway, acting manager of Alberta Social Services for the Grande Cache area, was unable to give details on where and when Wayne lived in the seven years he'd been a ward of the government.

Judge Michael Porter wisely concluded it was "important to know where and when he (Wayne) was from the time he first came into the realm of social services."

The inquiry was held not to establish liability or responsibility for Wayne's death, said the judge, but how it came about.

But it's important to go beyond knowing how Wayne took his life; we already know that.

We must also understand why Wayne did it.

Hearing from social workers and former foster parents could help lead to that understanding.

If we don't clearly understand why he committed suicide, we can't help prevent other young people from doing what he did.

And there are, according to Loretta Belcourt of Native Counselling Services in Grande Cache, other young people in the community thinking of walking down the same tragic road Wayne took.

Their lives are spinning out of control and they're not able to cope.

While Native-helping agencies must take the lead in finding solutions to the social problems in the Grande Cache area, they can't solve them by themselves.

It requires a partnership with the dominant society, which is reaping the benefits of the natural resources in the Grande Cache area.

That society must not ignore its responsibility to help overcome the problems development has brought.

The solution requires that non-Natives be sensitive to the concerns of the Natives and to commit to giving a hand rather than questioning why some are not adapting to the brave new world.

It requires that they say, 'We helped create the problems and we will help fix them.'

And the Native community must step forward, to care for its own, to rally around its children who are hurting badly. If it doesn't, it can't point fingers at Alberta Social Services.

The tragic deaths of Wayne Moberly, Richard Cardinal and other Native children is a sober reminder to Alberta Social Services it doesn't have all the answers for children in families who are in crisis.

A renewed commitment to preventing more such tragedies is a good place to begin.

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Editorial Page



Understanding the promise of returning ...

Tansi, ahnee and hello.

Against the sky are geese. On this frosty morning, they fill the air with messages to those of us earthbound. The goose song tells of winter and the approaching darkness. It tells of travelling and the memory of thousands of journeys before. It tells of the never-ending promise. The promise of returning.

For me this morning they sing my grandfather's name. He told me of the geese. He told me that the geese work together. The strongest of the flock will head to the front of the column. Using his strong wings he beats the air. The heavy beating of his wings creates thinner air for the geese coming behind him. It's easier for them to fly through this thinned-out air and the travelling is easier.

When he tires, he drops back to the very back of the column to rest. Another well rested and therefore stronger goose takes up the very important front position until he too tires. On and on they fly helping each other through great distances.

My grandfather told me that people have much to learn from geese. Movement is easier with co-operation. He told me that the true nature of travelling lies in the returning. The geese know this and so should I. I should always return to my home no matter how long a time I've been away and tell those I return to all the things I've seen and done on my travels. In this way the travelling has real meaning.

John Wagamese. My



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE

By Richard Wagamese

grandfather.

It's been almost two years since he travelled on. I miss him a great deal, especially on mornings like this. These times when I feel the need to go home. When my body and my spirit feels that almost indescribable urge to return and walk those northern woods and allow myself the freedom to become comfortable again with the land.

We had to speak through a translator. I had disappeared for almost twenty years into the foster care system and my Ojibway language had been replaced by English. He was always a man of the woods and had never learned English. Our conversations were slow and tedious sometimes but he gave me very much in the short time we had.

I remember once being very troubled. It wasn't very long after I'd discovered my Ojibway family again and had returned to northern Ontario. I would disappear all by myself into the bush. During these day-long walks, I would remember the games I played as a boy and how the bush was always more of a home than the foster homes I found myself in.

After awhile I began to

notice that I knew things. I knew deer signs and bear signs. I knew the names of plants and what they could be used for. I knew the places in the rivers and lakes where I could catch fish. I knew the animal and bird sounds as well as if I'd never been away. I knew this wilderness world as well as an old friend.

It seemed too much to believe. I'd been away almost twenty years and yet in a very short time I could understand the movements and stillness of the bush. And so I asked him why.

He smiled in that special way that our elders do when they just know they're about to lay something important on you. When I was born, he said, I lived on the trapline. I was born into the world in the Indian way. I was born into the world with the sounds of my animal brothers and sisters all around me. My first breath was a breath filled with the smell of the north. My first awareness was one of being safe in the arms of the world.

Then he told me something really wonderful. He told me that when he would head out on his trapline he would carry me with him. As he worked and as he walked he

would tell me about everything he saw. He would introduce me to every animal that we passed. He would introduce me to every plant, every tree, every waterway, every sign so that when I got old enough to travel there on my own I wouldn't be a stranger. He introduced me to Creation and allowed me to become part of it forever.

And that was why I knew those things. I knew them because they were the first things I was introduced to as a baby. I knew them because my grandfather knew that I would need them someday to heal myself and I would need them in order to become what I was sent here to become.

Against the sky are geese. The goose song tells of the travels. It tells me of the love that a grandfather has for a grandson. A love that begins well before birth and carries well beyond the limits of this world.

If there is a message in all of this it probably lives in the fact that we need to continue to pass on whatever knowledge we have about our Indian ways to those who follow behind us. If we only know one word of our language, pass it on. If we only know one thing about hunting, pass it on. If we only know of one way of speaking to our Creator, pass it on. In this way, like the geese who travel tremendous distances through a shared effort, there will always be a returning and always another tale to tell.

Until next week, Meegwetch.

Letters to the Editor

No need to delay whooping cough shots — doctor

Dear editor:

In the August 11, 1989 issue of Windspeaker, Dana Wagg wrote a brief but informative item on the whooping cough outbreak at Wabasca.

I was pleased to have been able to provide some information as the community physician.

It was correctly stated that one of the important factors interfering with full immunization of children is the reluctance to immunize when a child has a cold or other illness.

I would like to add however, and indeed stress, that this is an unfortunate misunderstanding on the part of parents and even of some health care workers.

Because of the careful preparation of the vaccines used, they are very safe. It is most unusual for there to be a good reason to delay immunization.

The whooping cough or Pertussis vaccine is a mixture of killed cells, and thus does not itself cause whooping cough. It may certainly cause some soreness at the injection site and frequently a mild fever. For this reason, the nurse usually suggests the parent give the child some pain and anti-fever medication (acetaminophen).

A cold or most illnesses are not reasons to delay — giving the shot will not make the illness worse. It is

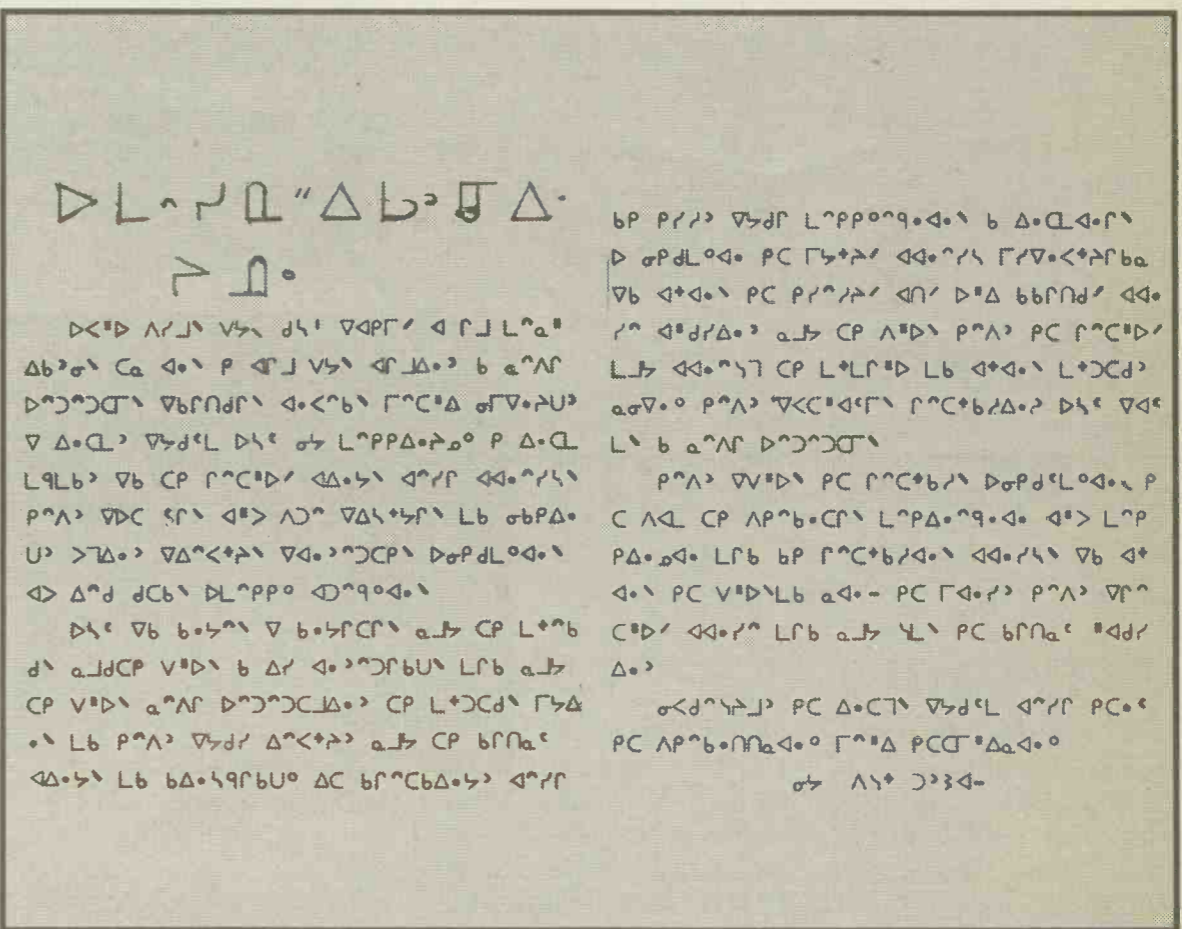
very much more harmful, as the recent outbreak has shown, to miss immunization and risk infection with the wild whooping cough bacteria.

Instead of skipping or delaying immunization parents should discuss their concern with the health nurse or the doctor and if necessary, have their child examined without delay. In most situations it will be possible to safely immunize the child and thus give him or her valuable protection from disease.

I hope that you will share this information with your readership.

Thank you for coverage of this important issue.

Yours truly,
Dr. Vishay Dunraj



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Pursuing politics requires money — reader

Dear editor:

It is such a joy to watch so many more of our Native brothers and sisters trying for those mainstream political positions. It's an even greater joy to see some of them make it.

However, I don't think enough is being done to encourage these good people. I'm afraid if we continue to let these would be politicians go it alone without the proper financial backing, the majority of them are going to fail. The result of this worries me.

This gung-ho move we're presently experiencing into mainstream politics could be short-lived and pass as any other fad.

I think it's time to add to our Native leader's job descriptions again. We should add to their mandate that they set in motion a fund for our people who wish to pursue mainstream politics.

Since our leaders are the most visible and the most mobile, they should initiate this project for our future.

Our Native leaders are

always promising us everything under the sun, short of making us white, at election time. I think it's time we give them an idea that's sure to have a long-term positive effect on the lives of Native people throughout this province. Without getting into a

great deal of detail, I recommend the fund be placed in an interest-bearing account in a bank with a firm foundation. For a starting point for discussion, I'd like to suggest that a board of governors be appointed to watchdog this fund to ensure proper

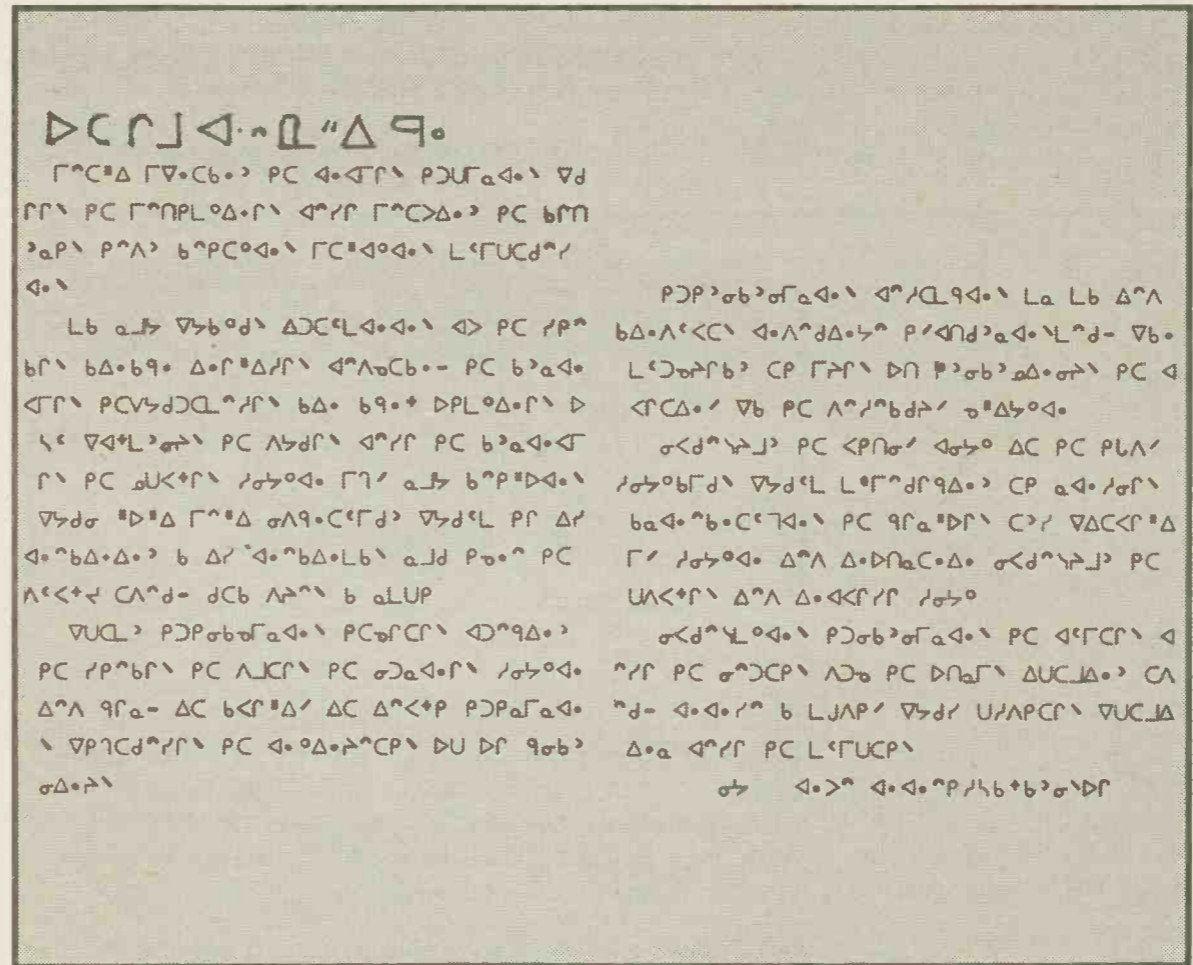
disbursement.

I would hope that enough of our people will try to access these funds in the future to keep these board of governors on their toes.

In closing, I hope our Native leaders will read this and understand, this is

just an idea from one of the people you speak for. It is now up to you to take this idea, as you would a child and make it grow to something we can all be proud of.

J. A. Wapoose



Asum Mena festival coverage appreciated

Dear editor:

The Alberta Arts & Crafts Society would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coverage you gave us during our 1989 Asum Mena Art Festival.

We are a non-profit organization and any media coverage we receive is greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you
Sharon Breum

Indian legends needed in paper

Dear Editor:

Ahnee (greetings). How are you all at Windspeaker? I hope I'm finding you all in good spirits and in a good way.

I really enjoy your paper - keep up the good work my brothers & sisters at Windspeaker!

One little suggestion, well, request. Perhaps you guys could print the "Origin" articles again - throw

in a few legends and keep us up to date on any important happenings across all of Indian Country (Canada/ USA)...?

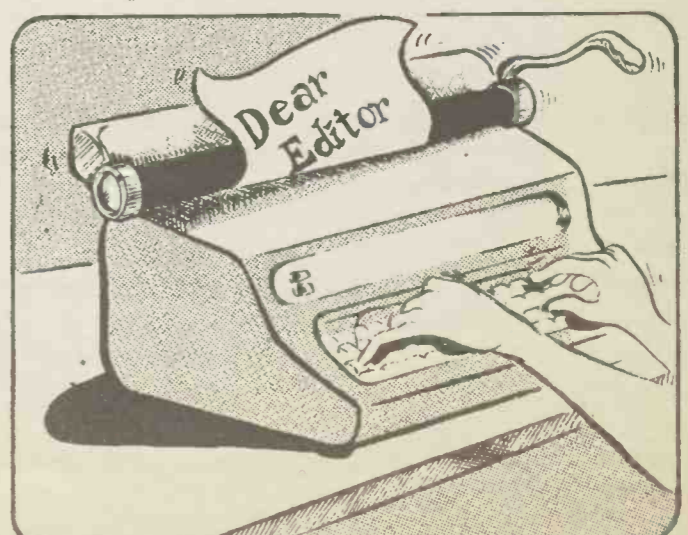
Stay strong - stay on the path - remember you're all in my thoughts and prayers always! AHO!

Respectfully yours,

Don Stow
Tucson, Arizona

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Community News

The greatest fear of being a hockey coach parent

Hi! I coach atom hockey and you know what my greatest fear about being a hockey coach is? Last year's playoffs!

Do you know what a hockey mom's biggest fear is? Her little boy comes home from a hockey game, smiles up at her and says: "Mom! Mom! Look, no teeth!"

And how about a Novice coach's greatest fear? Thirteen goaltenders.

I love coaching. My boys are all ten and eleven-years-old, and so far, as head coach, I lost three practices.

I have one boy that is fairly big. Actually, he is big. So big, at one of our practices he took the puck, went in a straight line from one end of the rink to the other. The goalie moved out of his way and he ate the goal net.

Then there's little Eddie. Little Eddie is the kid we use when we're down a goal and time is running out. When Little Eddie gets a chance he puts the puck in his mouth. Then the whole forward line, including the big guy, skate Little Eddie right into the opposing team's net! The only drawback is that Little Eddie's face looks like a screen from crashing into the back of the goal net.

Yes, I do believe I have a winning team this year. Watch for us in the sports section of the Journal. Yes, the BULLDOGS are the team to watch for this slet.

EDMONTON: Darla

Ferguson — did the Edmonton Ladies All-Native Volleyball team find a sponsor yet? I understand this great volleyball team is looking for a sponsor. I also understand that the CNFC bought them uniforms! That's great! Now where are the sponsors?

The ladies play volleyball from September through to May of next year. At the moment they practise twice-a-week at the McCauley Gymnasium.

Anyone or any organization interested in sponsoring the All-Native Volleyball team, can call the CNFC 452-7811.

Also, The Canadian Native Friendship Centre has a recreation director! But can he cook! Duck!

Welcome to Edmonton, RENE HOULE.

Rene hails from the great reserve of GOODFISH LAKE and brings a diploma in recreation from Lethbridge Community College. At his home reserve, Rene was employed as the recreational director for eight years.

Well, in that case, I guess we know Rene means business.

Rene has also coached volleyball and hockey and like all good recreation directors, they come from a long line of sports enthusi-



Droppin' In

By Rocky Woodward



Rocky coaches his team

asts.

Rene also played hockey.

"I'm just settling in here Rocky, so for a little while, I'll be looking over programs, coming up with ideas. But the door is always open here to talk with me," says Rene.

I'd like to talk to you about cooked duck, Rene. You know what I had for Thanksgiving? I don't think you'd want to. It's sitting here, beside me right now. Glaring at me with its wicked little eye.

HOCKEY PICTURE: relate to top story.

HIGH LEVEL: According to Norman Champagne, on Oct. 14, a pot-luck supper was held for

SPECIAL CONSTABLE CECILE HINDS. Hinds is leaving the High Level vicinity.

"We wish Cecile the best and hope the community she will now be joining, will embrace her and appreciate her the way we did here," commented Norman.

The pot-luck supper was held at the High Level Friendship Centre.

Cecile is going back to school (Police Academy) and then will return to serve the public as a special constable.

Anyone interested in participating in a Flea Market, the Friendship Centre will be holding one

every month. Tables for the flea market are being sold at \$10 a piece. If you're interested, please call JUDY MIDDLETON at 926-3355.

I'll be calling Judy for sure. I've got four ugly and fat dogs at home, and the way they scratch, they belong at a flea market.

Finally, a LANDLORDS AND TENANT WORKSHOP is planned for Oct. 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the High Level Friendship Centre and Consumer and Corporate Affairs, it sounds important. So be there. Again contact Judy for info.

"That's about it Rocky. I'd like to say hello to everybody and remind people that our hours here at the center are from nine to five. The centre is open to everyone, so drop on by if you're in the neighborhood," Norman says.

Finally! An open invitation to a centre! Bannock! Moosemeat! Duck! Now all I have to do is figure a way to get 996 kilometres?

CALGARY: It's great to hear from our brothers and sisters in the southern range of the province. Hi ROBERT GEORGE and welcome to Droppin' In!

Robert is the recreation director at the Calgary Friendship Centre and he reports a lot of activities are

happening down south.

A Halloween Dance is being planned for Oct. 27 and on the following day, a children's Halloween party is also planned.

But the real scary thing is this FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH, a family dance at the centre is scheduled.

Those southern folk sure don't fool around.

And sometime in December the Calgary Friendship Centre will be holding its anniversary party.

Hey! Darla! Read this! That means you too, Rene.

From Nov. 25 to 26, a CO-ED VOLLYBALL TOURNAMENT is taking place at the centre. Think us northern folk are good enough, Darla? Rene?

Thanks for the info., Robert. Talk to you later.

BLACKFOOT RESERVE: If I'm correct, a men's and women's volleyball tournament will also be held on the Blackfoot Reserve from Nov. 11 to 12.

DROPPIN' IN: How words fly when you're having fun.

To all you people who may be interested in supplying Droppin' In with tidbits from your community, or a duck...just a reminder that I am only available at WINDSPEAKER on Thursday afternoons. That's about as long as they can stand me. It's a sad day in my (sob!) life, my people.

Call me...455-2700.

Compiled by Tina Wood and Connie Morin

NATIONAL FILM BOARD, Special Screenings of Aboriginal Films, beginning Sept. 6, every Wednesday at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; N.F.B. Theatre, 120 Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.

MANAGEMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION; Oct. 12-14; Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan; Registration \$40 (includes banquet), student registration \$10 (with banquet \$25); Round Dance & Feast Oct. 14; for more info. contact Bill Chadwick or Blair Stonechild at (306) 584-8333.

25th ANNUAL ALL-NATIVE FESTIVAL; Oct. 13-14; sponsored by CNFC at the Westmount Community Hall and Montgomery Legion; vocal and jigging contests, dance Fri. & Sat. night; for more info. call the Friendship Centre at 452-7811.

FOSTER FAMILY WEEK; Oct. 15 - 21, 11:30 - 1 pm; Maskwachees College; foster family appreciation luncheon; for more info. contact Jeannette Domes at 352-1276.

VOTING DAY, SENATE OF CANADA; Oct. 16; 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; announcement of official results will take place at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer on Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.; for more info. call (403) 427-7191.

IRCA RODEO FINALS; Oct. 19-22; Kainai Memorial Agriplex, Standoff; Performances Thursday to Saturday at 7:00 and Sunday at 1:00; rough stock & Bullfighters.

CARSOM TIRE & SERVICE LTD; Oct. 21, 12-4 pm; Alix, Alberta; Grand Opening, free pop, hot dogs & coffee, everyone welcome; for more info. call Sophie at 747-2442.

NATIVE BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY 21st ANNUAL POWWOW; Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Drumheller; for more info. call Bret

Indian Country Community Events

Cunningham at 823-3333.

LIFE ENRICHMENT FOR FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS, AND THE OLDER ADULT; Oct. 25, in Wetaskiwin's Senior Citizen Centre; 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, One day Forum; \$10 fee covers snacks, lunch and door prizes, for more info. contact a Wetoka Health Unit in Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Rimby, or Windfield.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD BANQUET; Oct. 26, East Prairie Settlement Community Complex, for more info contact Archie Desjarlais at 523-2594.

BEN CALF ROBE OPEN HOUSE; Oct. 27, 11833-64 St. Edmonton; Father Gary Laboucane will be blessing the school.

NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP; Oct. 28 & 29, Reno, Nevada; Lakeridge Golf & Country Club, entry fee \$100 (american) includes green fee, cart, and cash awards; sponsored by National Indian Athlete Assoc., for more info. call John Fletcher at 435-4424.

ALL-DAY POWWOW - NATIVE AWARENESS GROUP; Oct. 29; Saskatchewan penitentiary, Prince Albert, Sask; to honor and celebrate Native Culture within the institution.

SAGITAWA FRIENDSHIP CENTRE HALLOWEEN PARTY; Oct. 31, 5-6:30 p.m.; Peace River; prizes for best dressed costume; for more info. call (403) 624-2443.

FROG LAKE MEDICAL SERVICES FEAST & ROUND

DANCE; Nov. 3 & 4; Frog Lake Band Hall; for more info. contact Karen Abraham at 943-3777.

RED CROW COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL REFEREES CLINIC; Nov. 4, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Cardston Alberta; registration deadline, Oct. 27; this course would be of interest to coaches & parents involved with sports; for more info. contact Keith Jorgenson at (403) 737-3966.

RITA HOULE MEMORIAL AWARDS BANQUET; Nov. 4; Saxony Motor Inn, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton; dedicated Native Athletes must be nominated by a coach, school counsellor or Native organization by Oct. 27; for more info. call (403) 452-7811.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES WORKSHOP; Nov. 9 & 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Edmonton Convention Centre, to register call Games Manager John Fletcher at 435-4424.

NATIVE CATHOLIC WORKSHOP; Nov. 20-24, Kise Manito Centre, Gouard; a course on Catholic liturgy in a Native perspective, cost is \$100.00; for more info. call 751-3775.

POUNDMAKER/NECHI ROUND DANCE; Nov. 25, 9:00 pm to 4:00 am; lunch will be served, Drummers will be paid; everyone welcome, for more info call Dave LaSwiss or Alfred Bonaise at 458-1884.

COORS INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO; Nov. 16-19, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

4th ANNUAL 1990 TUNE-UP GOLF; Feb. 2-5, 1990; Sahara Golf & Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada; for more info. call Gina (403) 585-4298 (home) or Bill (403) 585-2139 (home) or Emile (403) 585-3805 (home).

BIRTLE INDIAN SCHOOL RENUNION; July 1990; Winnipeg, Manitoba; for more info. Write to W.C. Thomas, Box 280, Hodgson, Manitoba, R0C 1N0 or call (204) 645-2648 (bus.) or (204) 645-2456 (Hm.).

The Environment

Natives face extinction, warns environmentalist

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY, ALTA.

The world's oldest Native culture will be extinct in nine months if logging in Southeast Asia isn't stopped immediately.

And Alberta's Aboriginal people could someday face the same crisis if pulp mill companies don't curtail the same deforestation here, said a prominent Canadian environmentalist during a presentation in Calgary Oct. 2.

As part of a North American campaign to support Native bands living in the Malaysian rainforests of Sarawak, Thom Henley spoke to more than 400 peace and environmental activists at the Southern Alberta of Institute of Technology.

He told them scientists have determined that the Penan Aborigines will be wiped out if international timber suppliers don't stop logging activity throughout the life-sustaining jungles where the 5,000-member band has survived for at least ten thousand years.

Japanese wood producers, which are the leading importers of timber on the Malaysian island of Borneo, are planning two pulp

and paper projects in northern Alberta.

Japanese-owned Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Ltd., which is proposing the world's largest pulp mill near Athabasca, is still being considered for construction licensing.

Daishowa Canada Ltd. has already started construction of its \$130 million mill near Peace River. Daishowa recently signed a 120,000-square-mile forest management agreement (FMA) with the Government of Alberta.

"If I were a Native in Alberta, I would be very worried," Henley said after an hour-long slide-film presentation showing the devastating effects deforestation has on the nomadic cultures that live deep inside the Borneo rainforests.

"What's happening there is the same thing that's happening in B.C., Alberta and the rest of Canada. We tend to know very little about it here, so we become unconcerned."

Henley, founder of the Rediscovery International Foundation, has made similar presentations in Lethbridge, Vancouver, Minnesota and Washington D. C. where he addressed a congressional committee on human rights.

His message warned of the annihilation of all traditional cultures worldwide if the cumulative forest industries don't start recognizing Native people.

The director of the Mother Earth Society in Edmonton says her members have been trying to warn Albertans that the same timber crisis could happen here.

"But the media and everyone else is ignoring it. Our heritage has to be maintained. Our Treaties have to be maintained," Lorraine Sinclair said.

Henley noted that the Penan have similar treaties with the government of Malaysia but the agreements have become insignificant to the multinational corporations who have already sponsored the logging of one-third of the Sarawak jungle which has a 125,000 square kilometer land mass.

Reg White, an environmental sciences graduate student at the University of Calgary, said Aboriginal people should protest the development of pulp and paper mills because they have the most to lose if their forests are destroyed.

"The Native people here have to get it together. They have to wake up and take charge," he said.

"They can't let them-



Environmentalist Thom Henley speaks to a Calgary audience.

Jeff Morrow, Windspeaker

selves become enthralled by economic promises. I've been to the Philippines (and other Asian countries) and have seen what's happening. You can't just draw boundaries."

Alberta's environment coalition is demanding that Alberta Pacific reveal specifics of its forest management agreement before the environmental impact assessment review is completed.

Members of Friends of the North, which includes a Treaty 8 chiefs environmental committee, have banded together to protest the review board's terms of reference which does not include the agreement.

Bigstone band Chief Charles Beaver has lashed out at the provincial and federal governments for not considering the effects that forestry projects will have on his people.

Alberta Pacific is owned by Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd. of Cranbrook, British Columbia.

Crestbrook's primary shareholders are Japan-based Mitsubishi Corporation and Honshu Paper Company.

According to the Japan Timber Imports Association, Mitsubishi is one of the largest wood importers from Sarawak.

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Band #459

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WHITEFISH LAKE INDIAN BAND #459

Please be advised that the referendum to approve the Whitefish Lake Treaty entitlement settlement will be held on Monday, October 23, 1989.

Please find attached to this notice a summary of the proposed settlement agreement.

Any band members over 18 years of age may vote on the Whitefish Lake Indian Reserve or at the Friendship Centres in Slave Lake, High Prairie, Peace River and Grande Prairie or at Canada Place in Edmonton.

Any members who use their car for travel to the polling station will be paid mileage plus meals. The band will arrange for rooms, if needed.

Your vote is extremely important. Unless a majority of the electors vote in favor of the settlement agreement, it will not be approved.

Meeting will be held in your area to answer any questions you may have about the proposed settlement agreement.

Should you have any other questions, comments, or concerns, kindly contact myself or a band councillor at the band office. (767-3914).

Eddie Tallman
CHIEF EDDIE TALLMAN

LAND CLAIMS MEETINGS

October 10, 1989	High prairie, AB Native Friendship Center 7:00 p.m.
October 11, 1989	Slave Lake, AB Sawridge 7:00 p.m.
October 12, 1989	Edmonton, AB Continental Inn 7:00 p.m.
October 16, 1989	Grande Prairie, AB Trumpeteer Inn 7:00 p.m.
October 18, 1989	Peace River, AB Traveller's 7:00 p.m.
October 19, 1989	Whitefish Lake, AB Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FROG LAKE MEDICAL SERVICES FEAST & ROUND DANCE

When: November 3 & 4, 1989, Feast will be held on November 3, 1989 with Round Dance to follow. November 4, 1989, Round Dance.

Where: Frog Lake Band Hall.
All Round Dancer's and Drummer's Welcome

For further information
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BEN CALF ROBE PROGRAM GRAND OPENING Round Dance Celebration

October 27, 1989 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at
11833 - 64 Street Edmonton, Alberta

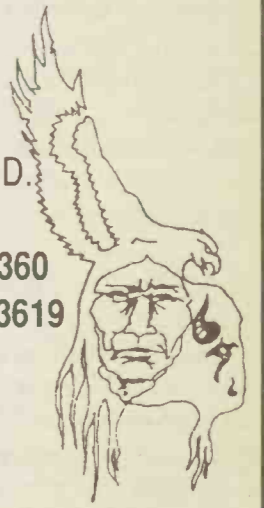
BEN CALF ROBE Program is now in a new location and is proud to extend an invitation to all to the GRAND OPENING of the school program, to be celebrated with a "Round Dance".

Invited guests will include the Minister of Education - Education Heads and those who have been involved in past programs of the BEN CALF ROBE Program.

The GRAND OPENING - ROUND DANCE Program will be:

- 4:00 p.m. RIBBON CUTTING - Mr. Bob Steele, Principal
Mr. Pat Shirt
Minister of Education
 - 5:00 p.m. FEAST and CANTEEN
 - 6:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES and OPENING PRAYER
 - 6:15 p.m. GRAND ENTRY BEN CALF ROBE - WHITE BRAID SOCIETY
 - 6:30 p.m. ROUND DANCE
 - 8:00 p.m. GIVE AWAY
 - 11:50 p.m. CLOSING PRAYER
- DRUMMERS ARE INVITED, FIRST 4 GROUPS WILL BE PAID.

Contact people are: Penny Hovis, Ben Calf Robe - 471-2360
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Whether you are presently employed or soon to be graduating into a professional field, if you would like to be confidentially considered for positions in the Federal Government, call Mike Martin at (403) 495-3144, or send your résumé and/or application form, quoting reference number 61-9999 to:
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Arts and Entertainment

American Indian dance troupe 'electrifying'

Review by Josie Auger
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

It was definitely a night of entertainment.

But for many in the audience it was an occasion to be proud of their Native heritage and of a chosen group of elite Native dancers from the American Indian Dance Theatre.

An energetic standing ovation was given to the 26 dancers and drummers after they gave an electrifying performance at the Centre for the Performing Arts in Calgary, on Oct. 10.

The event was very similar to a powwow except lights, fog and special effects made the dancers look even more dazzling.

The theatrical performance combined the use of sweetgrass, drums, rattles and a pipe to bring out the beauty of spirituality and traditional dance to the stage.

The American Indian Dance Theatre travels the world and their performances put to rest the stereotypical views about Native people when they are entertaining.



The American Indian dance troupe performed October 11

Although it took half of the first act to move the audience, the show was not a disappointment.

All the sections of the performance flowed neatly into the next. Each dance was symbolic of a natural living plant or animal.

In the opening, a single dancer graced the stage under a soft spotlight. The dancer began to move and dance with the drum to awaken the spirit.

The grass dancers

cleared the way as they might have in another time, long ago. The grass dancing signifies the stomping down of tall grass, to prepare for the ceremonial clearing.

The mens' traditional dancers performed the sneak up, crow hop and ruffle, while the ladies traditional dances graced the stage.

While some of the dances were familiar to our territory, others were not.

The Rainbow Dance from New Mexico represented all the colours of nature. This dance gives hope to those who believe in the creator, that life will continue, like the never-ending rainbow.



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After an enchanting drum call, a Cherokee hoop dancer, got the crowd going in the middle of the first act. He made an eagle, a turtle, flowers and a butterfly while the audience encouraged him on.

After the solo act, a round dance was performed by all the dancers, each carrying one hoop and raising it high into the air as they circled the Cherokee dancer.

The Ladies Fancy Shawl Dance, formerly known as the Butterfly Dance, closed the first act.

The second act included a Memory, Gourd, Eagle and Buffalo Dance. It was followed by an appreciation song involving four singers. The song represented the warrior society's

and reflected upon ancient times and is still sung today.

While the Native traditions are serious and the drama creative, humor was part of the performance. The audience laughed and chuckled as a clown mimicked and exaggerated the movements performed by the other dancers.

The mens' fancy dancing brought the show to a climactic peak. The dancers wore a rainbow of colors which made their outfits look like spinning tops as they spun and jumped onstage with their shouts and cries bringing the audience to their feet.

By everyone's standards, it was definitely a night of good entertainment.

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4-Winds Theatre group heals people through drama

By Josie Auger
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

What had started as a community project turned out to be one of Alberta's finest Native theatre groups from Hobbema.

The 4-Winds Theatre group came together because they wanted to show people how they can express and heal themselves through drama.

"In 1987 people were talking about suicide, doing nothing," says Darrel Wildcat, Four Winds member.

The crowds to their first show 'It's My Life', were small. Only two hundred people showed up after four shows. However, a commitment to continue was there.

"The audience sees the show at the community situation or even a national situation. It's My Life was not to categorize but to look at it (suicide) as a national crisis," says Melvin John.

The group has focused on young people with problems. It allows them to open up



The 4-Winds Theatre group

and it gives their counselors a chance to break through and deal with the problems that the teenager faces, says Rosa John.

There was one time when one of the masks made were totally deformed on one side while the other half was completely flat.

"The boy who made the mask seemed really quiet, never talked or looked at you. I found out later he was physically abused a lot," she said.

4-Winds Theatre also does workshops with adults.

"Adults forget how to play," says Rosa John. The group shows them breathing techniques, voice pro-

jection, physical communication and theatre games. It's a method of communication and a way to relieve stress.

4-Winds members Lori Wildcat and Rosa John are currently working on a play called Dreamstick, scheduled for January. Dreamstick will look at how peer pressure affects young people at the school level.

Darrel Wildcat is also working on a play called Generations. It will take the audience back to the days of the residential schools and focus on sexual abuse.

Generations, will not be ready until the spring.



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Arts and Entertainment

Ecstasy of Rita Joe relevant today

LETHBRIDGE

The play might have been written 20 years ago, but the comment it makes about young natives struggling to survive is still relevant today.

The Ecstasy of Rita Joe, which runs Oct. 13, 14 and Oct. 16-21 in University Theatre, tells the story of a young native woman, Rita Joe, who comes to the city

with high hopes for a bright future. These expectations are dashed by a series of events which she has no control over.

Portraying Rita Joe in the Department of Dramatic Arts' first production of the seasons is Cheryl Blood, a member of the Blood tribe living in Calgary. Blood says she's seen the tragic story of Rita Joe played out over and over

again in the lives of her friends and acquaintances.

"I know a lot of young people who are struggling to make a good life for themselves and their families. They are good people however the system doesn't allow opportunities to escape the cycle of poverty. There are so many unrealistic policies and rules that discourage positive growth," she says.

Director Sara Stanley, a dramatic arts professor, decided to produce the work after Native American Studies asked her to stage a production to coincide with the National Symposium on Aboriginal Women of Canada, Oct. 19 to 21.

"We looked at our schedule and decided the first production of the year could be a contribution to the symposium," says Stanley.

The Ecstasy of Rita Joe was selected because it

dramatically reveals the experiences of young Natives who leave behind traditional values and ways of life when they move into the big cities. Stanley says the play was written by George Ryga after he read a newspaper article about a young Native girl who'd been found dead in a rooming house in Vancouver.

To cast the play, Stanley has drawn extensively from the Native community in southern Alberta. All the Native roles in the production are being played by Natives with the exception of the hero, Rita's boyfriend Jaimie Paul, portrayed by drama major Scott Moffatt.

"It's been a marvellous experience because the story is theirs," says Stanley.

For ticket information call the University Theatre Box Office at 329-2616.

Women Native artists work on display

LETHBRIDGE

The work of women artists who can trace their lineage back to the First Nations of this continent will be featured during the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery's upcoming exhibition.

"Eight Women Artists" has been organized by the gallery to coincide with the National Symposium on Aboriginal Women of Canada: Past, Present, and Future which is being held on campus from Oct. 19 to 21.

Eight Women Artists, running from Oct. 18 to 29, endeavors to present a subtle forum, within the context of the University of Lethbridge Collection, for the issues concerning artists who trace their lineages to the First Nations of the continent. Accentuating these issues will be the universal questions regarding women in art and the heritage of what many would consider traditionally as women's arts.

Artists represented in the exhibition include Ikayuktaa Tunnillie, Linda Lomahaftewa, Rita Letendre, Janet Kigusiuq, Irene Avaallaqiuq, Joane Cardinal-Schubert and Daphne Oddjig.

An opening reception for the show will be held Oct. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Provincial News

Senate run supported

By Dana Wagg
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Treaty Indian Harvey Cardinal has thrown his support in the Senate race behind PC Bert Brown.

The Bigstone Cree Band member's run at the Senate fizzled when he failed to collect the required 1,500 names.

As a long-time PC member, he decided to back Brown, who has crusaded for the last seven years for the creation of a Triple E (equal, effective and elected) Senate.

"It's important Native people get involved to show their interest in government," he said.

Cardinal had intended to run as an independent, which he said would allow him to speak his mind without being hampered by party ties.

"Native people have been one of the more neglected minority interests right across this country for many, many years. We look to the Senate to address minority interests regardless of whether they're ethnic, economic,

cultural, racial or whatever," Brown told Windspeaker.

"I would take (to the Senate) whatever concerns the Native peoples feel are the most predominant to them," he said.

Brown is chairman of the Alberta-based Canadian Committee for a Triple E Senate.

Other Senate candidates include Liberal Bill Code, Reform Party member Stan Waters and Independents Ken Paproski, Gladys Taylor and Tom Sindlinger.

The Oct. 16 election is being held at the same time as municipal elections.

Brown said a party poll shows him running in second place five percentage points behind Waters.

Code, who had been placed in first by earlier public opinion polls done in Calgary and Edmonton, isn't in the running, claimed Brown.

"Albertans should be aware that on Oct. 16 we are going to bring an end to the dictatorship of the prime minister of Canada over who would serve them in the Canadian Senate," Brown vowed.

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Sports

Fundraising dance to help cowboys at nationals

Well, I hope all you armchair quarterbacks have recovered from all that Thanksgiving turkey.

Here is an update on some of the sports happenings in Indian and Metis country.

First, we'll start by congratulating a young fellow by the name of Jesse Thunderchild, formerly of the Thunderchild Reserve in Saskatchewan.

Jesse lead his team, the Broncs to the provincial finals in AA peewee fastball this year and last weekend he received an award as the most valuable player on their team.

His proud father, Harrison, said 14-year-old Jesse, has been pitching for the last three years. And this year has been a good one for his son because this is the first team that gave him proper coaching for his pitching.

Keep up the hard work and good luck in your future endeavours.

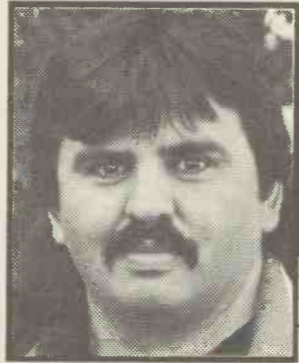
Also over the long weekend, John Fletcher and Ryan Vold held their annual Lefthand golfers tournament at Wolf Creek golf course. Rudy Saulteaux, of Hobbema, successfully defended his title. Fletcher said that there were only a handful of golfers that entered, which included the likes of Chief Victor Buffalo, Willie Littlechild, and the McDougall brothers from the south.

"One of the main factors for the small turnout is likely because it was on Thanksgiving weekend and everybody stayed home for turkey," said Fletcher.

Next year they are going to plan it for a different weekend, and plans are in the works to host it at Paul Bands new golf course.

Also coming up, for all you old swingers and putters is the N.I.A.A. National Golf Championships, slated from Oct. 28 to 29 in Reno, Nevada.

John is working on a package deal for anyone interested in entering. So he has a chartered bus ready, and at \$140.00 return, (that's transportation only) he is now trying to make a deal on accommodations. If you are interested in going and you need a ride, give him a call at 435-4424. The bus leaves early on Friday, Oct. 27.



Sports Beat...

With Lyle Donald



Fastball player Jesse Thunderchild with one of his many awards

Kehewin Recreation department held an early bird volleyball tournament back on Oct. 1 and a team called F.O.C. from Red Deer took the ten-team tournament, defeating Bonnyville in the finals.

I just got off the horn with Ken Kakeesum recreation director for Saddle Lake, and he said their junior Red Wings will be starting their league play this Friday night in Lloydminster.

They are also getting their minor hockey program organized, in addition to their own men's commercial hockey league which has started. Already the league has 93 players to be split up into six teams. Ken was also saying they have a 12-team hockey tournament coming up Dec. 15 to 17.

He said if anyone is interested in entering, to contact team owner Dennis (Peter Pocklington) Moosewa or himself at 726-3829. Also the Junior hockey club (Red Wings), are planning a senior hockey tournament during Christmas holidays with a total prize money of \$10,000. So watch for advertising on that one in the near future.

In Hobbema, there are a couple good happenings coming and one is a fundraising dance for the Indian cowboys of Hobbema planned for Nov. 3 at the Montana gymnasium. All proceeds will go to send their Indian cowboys to New Mexico for the Indian National Finals Rodeo later in November.

Also, for all you slam dunkers, there will be a men's and women's basketball tournament at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Center from Nov. 24 to 26. They are hoping to get eight teams for both categories and if you are interested, contact Joanne Buffalo at 585-2648.

Keeping with the court games, there is a volleyball tournament planned from Dec. 16 to 17, also at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Center, with the contact person being Sarah Swampy at 585-2823.

So that's about it for this report and remember if you have any happenings you want reported, get a hold of me, at 455-2700, or fax it over at 403-452-1428.

Until next time, have a good one.

Lawn bowling brings new sight to the blind

By Gary Gee
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

On a peaceful, autumn night walking through a deserted Legislative grounds, a group of lawn bowlers stand huddled at the Royal Lawn Bowling greens.

One bowler delivers a small, oval-shaped ball 75 feet towards a marker.

They applaud enthusiastically after it comes within a few inches of the marker.

The bowler is 55-year-old Bob Giesbrecht.

Giesbrecht, however, is unlike others who have taken up the sport of lawn bowling. Like the others he bowls with every Monday and Thursday nights, he has a handicap.

He is totally blind.

Yet as the quiet, soft-spoken man will tell you: "I may be blind. But as far as I'm concerned, I still see the ball."

He gets his cue from his audience on how he's doing. When people clap and cheer, Giesbrecht who has bowled for five years knows he's bowled well.

Recently, at the Canadian Lawn Bowling Championships for the

disabled in Richmond, British Columbia, Giesbrecht won a gold medal in singles competition in addition to picking up a silver in pairs competition.

The placing may earn him a chance to go to Barcelona, Spain in 1992 representing Canada at the Disabled Olympic Games which will be held in conjunction with the Olympic Games.

His teammate Helen Kilgore, who can see up to

20 feet in good daylight, could also be attending after winning a silver in singles and a silver in mixed pairs.

Another bowler in the group—79-year-old John Sweeney who has only ten per cent vision—won a silver in singles competition.

Kilgore, 44, who has had coped with an eye disease all her life, says bowling has changed her life and would recommend it to anyone who is

blind to take up the sport.

"It's an achievement for me," says the treaty Indian from Enoch band. "This makes me feel I can do anything."

Since she is near-sighted, she wears special glasses and lines up to bowl with a shadow.

Blind lawn bowlers are allowed as much help as possible and use a coach to help with their stance and when to release the ball.

The same rules for the

sport, however, apply to blind lawn bowlers.

Her coach is her husband Joe who works for the Alberta Sports Recreation for the Blind.

"It's not an easy sport. For the person who is totally blind, you can imagine closing your eyes to bowl. It's amazing how they do it," he noted.

His wife, who is the only competitive blind Native lawn bowler in Canada, says she would like to see more visually-

impaired people from the Native community take up the sport.

"I don't think they're encouraged enough," she noted.

Giesbrecht, who lost his eyesight six-and-a-half years ago, says he's never regretted becoming involved.

"You get out to these things and meet people. You learn true sportsmanship. Even if you lose, you feel like a winner. Six-and-a-half years ago, I lost my sight. But I've been blind for 49 years," said Giesbrecht, who believes the sport has changed his life.

He said he doesn't miss seeing how he does. "I picture it in my mind. If I had my sight, I wouldn't be here," he mused.

It's a sport for all ages, says Helen Kilgore.

The group plans to train all winter for competition and are looking for coaches and are seeking an indoor venue to practise.

The Royal Lawn Bowling club has been the only one in the city to allow their facilities to be used by the group on their own.

For more information, contact the CNIB at 488-4871.



Bob Giesbrecht has patented the technique on bowling blind.



Helen Kilgore, delivers a ball while husband Joe watches in the background.

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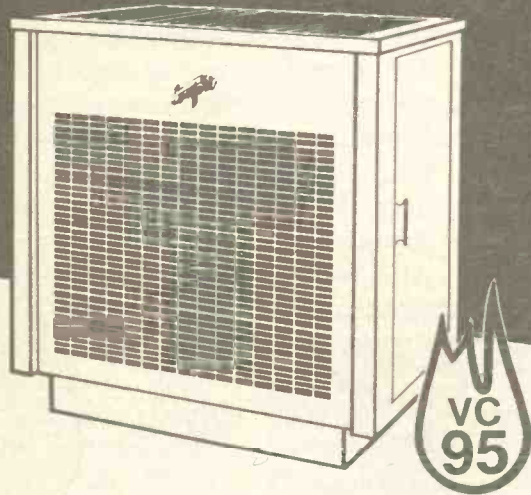


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