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Ominiyak in Europe

Lubicon support groups decide on action

By Albert Crier

European groups will hold demonstrations and sit-ins at Canadian embassies across Europe as part of their support strategy for North American Indian causes, on Thanksgiving Day, October 12, 1987.

This is a support strategy that was decided by European support groups meeting at the third European meeting of North American Indian support groups, on May 7 through 12, at Vienna, Austria.

Aboriginal representatives, including Chief Bernard Ominayak of the Lubicon Lake band attended the four day conference while on his European tour.

Also in attendance were Gordon Peters, representing the Assembly of First Nations; Jim Sinclair, president of the Association of Metis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan; Christopher McCormick, representative of the Native Council of Canada and Bill Daniels of the Lac La Hache community in northern Saskatchewan.

Conference organizer Peter Schwarzbauer reported that 130 delegates of 30 support groups from 12 European countries participated in the meeting to coordinate support action for North American Aboriginal causes.

The case of the Lubicon Lake band's 47 year old land claim struggle was a major item at the meeting, said Schwarzbauer.

"The Lubicon Lake case received support for a clear action plan, because their case was very well presented with statements by Chief Ominayak, a CBC video on Lubicon Lake, produced in Canada and a slide tape production, taken at Lubicon Lake and produced in Austria," said Schwarzbauer.

"Sports and politics have gone together since the games were held in ancient Greece, right up to the 1980 Olympic Games," said Schwarzbauer.

Support action chosen for the Lubicon Lake includes protest rallies at Canadian embassies in Europe on Thanksgiving Day and Columbus Day.

"If support groups from some of the European

countries are unable to organize rallies, then they were asked to present Canadian ambassadors with information related to the Lubicon case on October 12," said Schwarzbauer.

Schwarzbauer also asked support groups to identify museums in their countries that have been asked to donate Indian artifacts to the Calgary Glenbow museum's Olympic showcase and to make those European museums aware of the Lubicon Lake boycott of the Calgary 1988 Olympics.

Schwarzbauer reported that other action plans are: a letter writing campaign to the Vatican to persuade the Vatican not to lend artifacts to the Calgary Olympic museum showcase; that Olympic teams, sports organizations, related agencies and European sports journalists, be contacted and given information to support the Lubicon Lake boycott and urge athletes to boycott the opening Olympic ceremonies and that support groups lobby members of the European Parliament.

European support groups of North American Aboriginal causes sprang up all over Europe after the United Nations Conference on Human Rights in 1977, which had participation of North American Indians, said Schwarzbauer.

"Since that meeting, Indians have realized how important it is to gain European support through an increased awareness campaign," said Schwarzbauer.

"The tour is going okay. We are gaining more support and response from European groups," said Ominayak when contacted by Windspeaker.

The Lubicon Lake tour of Europe on May 7 through 16, to promote awareness of their land claim struggle, began at Stockholm, Sweden -- had a stopover at Vienna, Austria, to attend the conference of European support groups, then moved on to Munich, Germany and ended at Lorenzn, Switzerland.

Negotiations with the federal government, on the band's 47 year old land claim broke down last summer.



SNOW IN LATE MAY!

Blizzard conditions in Edmonton early this week couldn't force this 'Bear' back into hibernation. He's J.J. Bear, Windspeaker's darkroom technician, and he was determined not to let the weather affect his 'tan and tropical punch' schedule.

A one day blizzard hit much of Alberta — with reported lows of -3 and snowfalls from 10 to 15 centimeters, coupled with fierce winds. — Photo by Kim McLain

'New Roads in Education'

Band controlled education major goal

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — Band control of education must have the commitment of all community members to be effective, said two representatives of the Alexander Reserve at the New Roads in Education conference, here May 15.

And band control of Native education is a slow process which takes its toll on individuals who must work long hours in achieving this dream said Dora Courterille, administrator of the Alexander School located west of Edmonton.

"It's draining because you have to constantly argue about how Native education should be set up. Also because you have to prove to the Department of Indian Affairs that you are serious," said Courterille.

The most important aspect is that community members determine their own education needs and not rely on outside consultants, she said. "You cannot let consultants decide for you. They are only suppose to guide you. You are the only experts -- you are the only ones who can make changes in Native education."

Although band control of Native education is a goal of many Native communities,

it's not as easy as it seems. With startling statistics on Native education, it prompted the Alexander Reserve to start working towards band control of Native education.

"The picture in Native education, and not just on the Alexander Reserve, is a catastrophe," said Allan Murray, coordinator of Alexander Education.

He said that six years ago on the Alexander Reserve there was only one high school graduate and no one had continued studies beyond high school. Some students were three to five years behind their grade level. There was a high dropout rate, alcohol and drug abuse and a reported 40 teenage pregnancies.

"We decided to take control of education. It couldn't be any worse," said Murray.

In less than five years after the Alexander Board of Education assumed band control of Native education, the alarming statistics decreased.

Murray said that there is now only a one per cent drop out rate and nine high school students graduated, ten more are enrolled in post-secondary institutions. He added there are 23 students who are studying university upgrading programs and just one

teenage pregnancy was reported. Alcohol and drug abuse is now minimal because a recovery program is available for students who need it. Students are at most, only one grade below their grade level, said Murray.

"It's a slow process," said Murray. "You cannot pour self-worth into students and expect immediate results."

He said the school focuses on the mental, physical and emotional well-being of students. In addition to the regular provincial curriculum, the Alexander school offers an Elder in residence who instills values such as kindness, caring, honesty, determination and sharing.

Each morning an Elder blesses the students and staff. A double handshake circle is formed so that every student and staff member is told something nice so that they can start their day on a happy note.

"Our Elders told us that we have to bring into balance the heart and mind in our curriculum," said Murray.

The school has a philosophy which allows students to develop at their own pace. A nutrition program which forbids the use of sugar is adhered to.

"We found out that in

several studies it indicates that when a child consumes too much sugar it may lead to discipline problems," said Murray.

Both Courterille and Murray stressed that band control of Native education is worth all the effort and work.

"It was an emergency situation when we took band control of Native education because the provincial school nearby sent all our kids back.

"We had to move fast. In the past, DIAND did all of the work in our education for us.

"We don't want to put a false picture that band control of Native education will solve all of the problems in Native education," said Courterille. But she said that the process has allowed Native people a say in their education which was previously determined by those who didn't understand the Native way of life.

The education workshop was one of several held May 11-15 by the Four Worlds Development Project.

According to Phil Lane Jr., coordinator of the Four World Development Project at the University of Lethbridge, the focus of the conference was self-development of Native communities.

National



Photo by Jerome Bear

McKnight announces new budget

\$93.7 million given for education

OTTAWA (May 14, 1987) — The Honourable Bill McKnight, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, has announced a \$93.7 million budget for Indian and Inuit post-secondary education in the 1987-88 fiscal year. This budget has grown from \$8 million a decade ago.

Additional funding will be available to assist students registered under Bill C-31.

"Education and training are important tools in today's technological society. They are even more important for Indian people in the process of developing self-government and economic self-reliance," McKnight pointed out.

There has been growing participation by Indians in post-secondary education over the same time period -- from roughly 3,500 full-time equivalent students ten years ago to approximately 12,000 in the 1986-87 academic year.

"We're taking interim measures to ensure the fairest and most effective possible use of this year's budget for Indian post-secondary education," McKnight said. "However, more fundamental modifications to the program guidelines are needed to make the most of available resources in the future."

In a letter sent to all chiefs and councils, the minister introduced these

interim changes to his department's Indian post-secondary student assistance program. He invited Indian leaders to discuss these changes and other substantial improvements to the management of the program through the coming year.

Specific proposals on such issues as student-

month entitlements, a grant structure and inclusion of the department's Occupational Skills Training program will be circulated to affected groups for discussion. The goal will be to develop a better managed program of student grants on time for implementation in the 1988-89 academic year.

Strong response for Olympic torch run for Indians

By Lesley Crossingham

CALGARY — Indian bands all across Canada have been asked to provide runners to carry the Olympic Torch to Calgary next winter, and so far, the response has been good, says Olympic Committee Olympique (OCO) Native liaison coordinator, Sykes Powderface.

"We have sent application forms to the 45 bands whose lands the torch relay will cross through. We have received 26 completed applications so far."

The torch relay will start from Newfoundland and will cross the country and enter Alberta from the south. The relay passes through the Peigan reserve and then along to Medicine Hat, and Lloydminster before turning west through Edmonton and then south towards Calgary.

In an interview from his Calgary office, May 12, Powderface pointed out that the relay will not cross many Indian reserves in Alberta.

"But we do have a runner or runners from the Peigan reserve and the Ermineskin reserve. I am a little disappointed not to have heard from the Louis Bull,



Photo by Lesley Crossingham

SYKES POWDERFACE
...liaison coordinator

Samson and Montana bands," he added.

The Olympic torch relay has recently come under the spotlight after a recent report in the Calgary Herald claiming that the Lubicon Lake Cree band had "threatened" a road block of the relay in support of the band's boycott of the Olympic Games.

Chief Bernard Ominiyak is currently touring Europe and was unable to comment. However, Lubicon spokesman Terry Kelly pointed out that the chief has consistently denied threatening the torch relay.

At the time of going to press, no spokesman from the Louis Bull, Montana or Samson bands was available for comment.

Unreasonable confinement for hereditary chief

taxman went after him for income taxes. (Indians in most part of this country, ironically, can sell cigarettes without sales tax and don't have to pay tax on income earned on a reserve.) In any event, Robert Satiacum was tried for being a racketeer -- a member of organized crime -- because of his cigarette business. He was convicted in 1982 but before he was sentenced, he fled to Canada. He was captured in November, 1983. Canadian Immigration then began the legal process to send him back to the U.S.

For the past three and a half years, Robert Satiacum has been in a five-by-nine foot cell in Oakalla Prison -- even though he has never been convicted of any crime in this country. Robert Satiacum wants to be accepted as a political refugee because he says he's been persecuted by American authorities. He also says he has the right to stay in Canada, because he says Canada cannot deport a Coast Salish Indian from the Coast Salish territory of Vancouver. He lost his first attempt to be accepted as a refugee and he'll go before the Immigration Appeal Board again on June 15.

It could take several more years before he exhausts all of his possible legal appeals. In the meantime, he wants to be released on bail. After all, he says, a Filipino bagman for Ferdinand Marcos, the head of the notorious secret police in Haiti and a Chilean policeman accused of torture and murder have all been allowed to stay out of jail while their cases have been heard by Canadian Immigration. He has also asked the United Nations for help because he says Canada is breaking its promise to protect the rights of prisoners facing trial. But the government says in its incredible and ridiculous response that he is not entitled to that protection because they say he isn't facing a criminal charge -- he's just being deported.

Robert Satiacum doesn't want to be deported for several reasons. He was, he says, the victim of an illegal prosecution. He's confident he would win an appeal but because the authorities confiscated everything he owned, Robert Satiacum can't afford to appeal his conviction. What's more, he could be sentenced to 300 years in prison if he's returned. He wants to stay in Canada, to use his business experience to work with Native people.

Robert Satiacum has spent the last three and a half years in prison even though he is not accused and has not been convicted of any crime in this country. All the while, the federal government has made a mockery of its international promise to treat prisoners fairly. These facts should embarrass Canadians in general and outrage Native people in particular. Our people could certainly use someone with his talent and experience and I think Native people should gear up a campaign to get Robert Satiacum out of Oakalla. So let the cry go out: "Free Robert Satiacum!"

OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka



Oakalla Prison is not a nice place to visit and it's definitely not a nice place to live. The Vancouver-area prison is 75 years old and it's more a dungeon than a prison. It's full of men who've been accused or convicted of murder, robbery and who knows what else.

The man in the cell called 2 Right 6 is inmate #02359016. His name is Robert Satiacum. He's 58-years-old. He's a Coast Salish Indian from Tacoma, Washington and he's been in Oakalla for the past three and a half years.

I went to Oakalla recently and spoke with Robert Satiacum for more than two hours. When I met him, he was wearing green prison fatigues, tennis shoes and no socks. His black hair was streaked with grey. He used to be a championship athlete but after three and a half years in prison, he's fat and out of shape. His brown face was puffy. His brown eyes were sad and rarely sparked with life.

Robert Satiacum told me his life story and it's clear that he's no ordinary Indian. The city of Seattle, Washington was named after one of his famous ancestors -- Chief Seattle. Robert Satiacum is also a hereditary chief of the Puyallup Tribe of the Coast Salish Nation.

His troubles with the law began soon after he finished high school. He was fishing for salmon then -- against state law -- because he believed the Medicine Creek Treaty guaranteed the Puyallup people their fishing rights. He says he was arrested almost 50 times by the time the courts finally recognized Indian fishing rights in 1974.

At about the same time, Robert Satiacum became involved in another controversial business activity which he says is protected by the Medicine Creek Treaty. He began selling cigarettes on the reservation without charging state sales tax. Because they were cheaper, he sold a lot of cigarettes -- enough to make him a multi-millionaire.

He became active in big-league politics and seven years ago he became the chairman of the Puyallup Tribe. As a successful businessman, a political figure and then the tribal chairman, Robert Satiacum had plans to improve the fortunes of the Puyallup people -- big plans. He wanted to use the tribe's tax-free status to build an international banking centre, a deep-water free port, and an oil refinery.

But his plans never became a reality. The state went after him for not charging sales tax and the federal

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Rehab centre planned for Ft. McMurray

By John Copley

FT. McMURRAY — Drug and alcohol abuse has been a longstanding problem here.

"We've had problems over the years with drug and alcohol abuse," says Robert Cree, chief of northern Alberta's Ft. McMurray Band.

"To help curb the problems we initiated (about 4 years ago) a plan that would see construction of a new regional rehabilitation centre."

The new centre will be open to anyone, but the primary clientele is the five northern bands, McMurray, Janvier, McKay, and the Cree and Chip at Fort Chipewyan.

"This project is a joint

venture," adds Cree, pointing out that the centre will "probably be located at Gregoire Lake" to provide balanced access for the northern communities.

"The final decision on the exact location of the centre is uncertain right now but it's only a matter of uniting the five chiefs to form a final plan for location and services," he says.

Researchers and consultants have combed the communities over the past months for input and ideas. "We are fortunate," says Cree, "to have had the expert services of private consultant Mark Amy."

Amy, a Canadian based U.S. citizen, spent about six months organizing the field trips in a public awareness/input program.

Cree says Amy's firm had "experts...extremely efficient and knowledgeable about Native life, cultures and the varied programs that could be offered through the new facility."

The study, completed March 30, has been acclaimed by government officials, according to Marvin MacDonald, Janvier Band administrator.

"Jake epp (National Health and Welfare minister) was thrilled with the final analysis of the study," he says.

"This is one of the most unique programs of its kind in the country in that it lends itself to the community, where the cultural and traditional values and pursuits are captured and taught to the programs

participants."

Chief Cree says the federal government will provide money through its medical services and it is "only a matter of finalizing a location for the centre."

Janvier chief Walter Janvier says "the proposed centre will be a great benefit and will hopefully curb the (alcohol/drug) problems in the area."

He figures problems in the area have increased "considerably since the new highway (secondary 881) was built last year."

According to Janvier, the highway has caused and is causing a lot of headaches.

"Since the road opened we have experienced many tragedies. Family separations, kids being left alone

while parents are out playing bingo, etcetera, and increased traffic that has allowed more and more drugs to filter into the community are all parts of this tragedy.

"Once we were a very close group of people, but I don't know if that closeness will be shared among our people again. I can only pray that the new facility will help the community."

He says the timing for the facility is "because the dramatic change in lifestyle

among our people has affected us."

"Perhaps we shall come together again -- but only if we realize the problem exists and become more aware of what the 'road' really brings to our community," he says.

Janvier hopes the new proposed facility can provide some answers to "very complex" problems.

"I hope," adds the chief, "that this can be the beginning of a positive and full recovery for our communities."

Native foster parents urgently needed

By Terry Lusty

Native foster children are constantly in need of foster parents.

Now there is a desperate need for a home that could take in a family of three children -- twins James and Robert, 11, and their sister Linda, 12.

All three identify strongly with their Native culture and have kept involved in Native circles, such as the Native Pastoral Centre and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. It is hoped that they would be able to continue these associations.

Because the children are closely related, it is highly desirable that they be kept together.

The children suffer from a background of neglect and have not been able to acquire the same skills as many others their age. For this reason, foster parents must be willing to help the children in their period of adjustment. This would require good supervision with set rules while also giving the children a lot of love and care.

And the children wish to continue the close bond they have with other family members -- they will need

the flexibility to visit their relatives from time to time.

James is a shy boy, but has shown progress in his ability to make friends more easily than he was able to in the past. He attends a junior opportunity class and needs guidance and encouragement with his school work. Although it takes him longer than most to participate with his peers, he does have a good sense of humor.

Robert is friendly, bright and cheery. He will often go out of his way to help others. He, too, attends an opportunity class and is behind in his academic

work. His concentration abilities affect his ability to learn.

Linda is actively engaged in swimming and the Explorers. She attends opportunity class as well and is a very sociable child but, like others her age, has her "moody" moments.

Praise and affection are needed by these children. The foster parents selected would need to spend a great deal of time and energy with them.

For further information, you are requested to contact Marilyn McGale at 427-KIDS in Edmonton.



PUPPET MASTERS

A puppet show staged by Martha Campiour-Zarutsky, with puppets made by Dr. Anne Anderson, delighted the crowd at Edson's First Annual Metis Cultural Days. See story on Page 8.

-- Photo by Rocky Woodward

Native awareness heightened at Peigan

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — Junior and senior princesses were chosen to represent Piikani School at their Native Awareness Week activities, here May 11-15.

Angie Red Young Man, an 11-year-old Grade 4 student, was crowned junior princess over three other young girls. Red Young Man spoke to her audience in both Blackfoot and English, relating her family's Blackfoot names in the community. The new princess is the daughter of Doreen Red Young Man and is best known for her fancy dancing skills.

Other contestants in the junior princess category were Jonnelle Yellow Horn, first runner-up, Tricia Yellow Horn, second runner-up, and Abby Gail No Chief, who received fourth place honors.

In the senior princess event, Barbara Sharp Edge, a Grade 9 student won the category. She also spoke in Blackfoot and English, telling the audience about her family. Other contestants were Rosie Holloway, first runner-up, Lana Potts, second runner-up and Albertine Plain Eagle, who received fourth place honors.

The contestants were judged on public speaking skills, traditional dance skills, a talent of their choice and Blackfoot oral competency. Judges were from the Peigan and Blood reserves.

In the mini powwow following the pageant, Molly Charlton, a kindergarten teacher, was honored for her 16 year service at Piikani School. Peigan Elder, Elsie Crow Shoe, bestowed the Blackfoot name Ootait-sikitstakiaki (meaning women with many offer-



ANGIE RED YOUNG MAN & BARBARA SHARP EDGE — junior and senior princesses

ings) in a traditional name giving ceremony.

"I will always remember this day. I won't forget my new Indian name," said Charlton, who was visibly emotional about the ceremony. Past and new students participated in the



honor dance following the name giving ceremony.

Students also demonstrated various traditional dancing skills such as the round and owl dance during the powwow.

The Piikani School has a student population of about

300 Peigans enrolled in nursery school to Grade 9. It administers its own schooling operations and programs with a majority of Native teachers on staff. It is governed by a four member board of directors. However, funding is still received from the Department of Indian Affairs.

Ben Kawaguchi, director of Native education, told about 300 people at the powwow, that the Piikani's Board of Education goals are to provide the "best quality education."

He said a sod turning ceremony was held in early May to commence construction and renovations to the school. The school will have more classrooms, including a library. It is expected that Grade 10 will be taught in September.

"We are satisfied in our efforts towards achieving our dream -- band control

of education. More construction will be occurring in the next two years for more renovations," said Kawaguchi.

Other speeches were made by Nelbert Little Moustache, chairman of the Piikani Board of Education and Stanley Knowlton, a Peigan councillor.

They both credited parents, teachers and the Board of Directors for their interest and participation in achieving band control of education. The Peigans are the only tribe in southern Alberta who administer their own education.

Other activities during the Native awareness week was a teepee presentation to Piikani School by Peigan Elder Joe Crow Shoe Sr., an art presentation by Peigan artist Valerie McFarlane, a workshop on proper horsemanship by Peigan Pat Provost and a fashion show.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mothers honored at powwow

By Lesley Crossingham

GLEICHEN — The drum strikes a heavy beat and everyone stands as the singers play the honor song — a song steeped in tradition and reverence for those who have gained respect for their deeds.

The song performed has special significance because it is in honor of all Mothers, and especially those who stand in a circle on the dance floor.

The annual Mother's Day Powwow held in the new Deerfoot Sportplex on the Blackfoot reserve May 10 is a very special powwow as it not only honors all Mothers but also celebrates

the traditional family unit, says organizer Nora Ayoungman.

"We have held the powwow now for nine years on behalf of the Anglican Church Women (ACW)," says Ayoungman.

Ayoungman and other members of her family not only help organize the event but also provide a unique and personal touch — a giveaway of red and white carnations to all Mothers in attendance.

"We always bring carnations. We just want to share with the mothers," says Ayoungman.

Ayoungman, members of her family, and friends, pin the flowers onto the

shoulders of all the mothers, as the drum group plays the honor song. Then, as new people arrive, Ayoungman ensures that any mother in the party received her special gift of appreciation.

"We feel it is important to acknowledge mothers, as mothers are in the central figure in the family unit. Mothers bind the family together," says Ayoungman.

This year, in celebration of the family unit, several honor dances were performed. The most joyous was in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Arthur and Nelly Littlelight.

After the opening honor dance, respected Blackfoot

Elder Arthur Ayoungman gave a prayer of thanks for mothers and then urged all mothers in the room to start the dancing with a ladies traditional dance.

Soon the room was filled with women. Some, who had not come prepared in traditional costume, had to borrow shawls from their daughters and friends before shyly stepping out onto the dance floor.

Then the floor was opened, and everyone came out to dance and to celebrate Mother's Day. People had come from all parts of Alberta, including Hobbema, the Peigan and Blood reserves as well as the nearby Sarcee and



Photo by Lesley Crossingham

MOTHERS ACKNOWLEDGED ... 'central figures in family unit'

Stoney reserves. And they all danced and celebrated until after midnight.

The powwow theme of motherhood was also evident in the traditional

buckskin dress which was raffled. The dress was intricately beaded with green and gold beads along with silk fringes. The lucky winner was Josephine Soop from the Blood reserve.

Later in the evening three giveaways took place. One was sponsored by the church group and two by families who had suffered recent deaths in their family. Ayoungman organized a giveaway on behalf of her sister Elizabeth Peacemaker, who had recently passed away. The late Ivy McGuire was also honored in a giveaway.

"We try to put on this powwow every year," says Ayoungman. "It is a good way to honor the traditional Indian family life. But we are a poor church. We have to support the church from our own contributions and that is not easy. Sometimes we only get about \$40 in the collection. We have asked for outside sponsorship of the powwow but we had no response."

However, Ayoungman is confident that this special little powwow will take place next year on Mother's Day.

PROVINCIAL COORDINATOR

Duties and responsibilities: to act as chief administrative officer for the Alberta Native Friendship Centres; to work cooperatively with established committees of the board in achieving the goals and objectives of the association and its membership; to assist in the development of long term planning for the association; to ensure all reporting requirements are completed and deadlines are met; responsible for logistics of all board and committee meetings and attendance to same; maintain liaison with both levels of government and other related agencies/organizations and other related duties as assigned.

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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Fort McKay relieved to get new firehall

By John Copley

Until recently the 300-plus residents in the Fort McKay band area, deep in

Alberta's wooded north, have been virtually defenseless against fire.

Syncrude Canada Ltd., 80 kilometers away on

Highway 63 at Fort McMurray, was the sole provider of emergency fire services.

So the whole community heaved a sigh of relief last week.

The band was handed the keys to a new \$130,000-firehall (funded by the province) housing an \$80,000 fire truck (bought by the band) at the official opening of the new facility.

Among the guests were Deputy Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs Archie Grover and Indian Affairs representative Fred Jobin. Improvement District's Norm Weiss also attended, along with various provincial and federal officials.

Ft. McMurray's fire chief and Syncrude Canada's fire marshal attended the opening as did McKay chief, Jim Bouche and South Side Community representative, Clara Shott.

About 70 people showed up for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Band manager Dave Molstad says everyone is pleased.

Recently-appointed Ft. McKay fire chief Ernest Tremblay has been involved in recent training courses.

"The town of Ft. McMurray and the people at Syncrude have been very cooperative and we will be using their expertise and experience for on-site instruction in the ensuing

months," says Molstad.

Fire chief Tremblay is the only professional. All of the other fighters are volunteers.

"We have a lot of men and women who are interested in working with the fire department," says Molstad, "because we realize the importance of the service."

He says there have been several serious fires over the years. Two, in 1985, claimed several lives. This is when former chief Dorothy MacDonald initiated plans for a local fire department.

Many government meetings and a lot of learning, combined with perseverance and persistence,

eventually paid off.

"It took two years but it's come to pass," says Molstad.

"Fire protection is fire prevention," he added, "and the program is long overdue."

He says the new facility is in line with Chief Jim Bouche's five-point plan involving economic and environmental development; proficient band administration; health service improvements, cultural awareness and development.

"The fire hall and equipment is a big boost for the community and it's also another dream come true," says Molstad.

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events



- Summer School, May 19-21, Poundmaker/Nechi Lodge, for more information call Wendy Fagin at 458-1884.
- White Swan Powwow, June 5, 6 & 7, Yakima, Washington, USA.
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EDITORIAL FEATURE

The death penalty debate

'A barbaric proposition'

By Terry Lusty

A call for the return of the noose is a barbaric proposition. Our society abhors murder yet is willing to invoke the death penalty? How contradictory! It is alright to kill despite the Good Book saying, "Thou shalt not kill?"

Execution has not proven to be a deterrent to murder. Studies on this matter show the fact that murder is most associated with the poor, young and unemployed -- a category many Natives fit into.

Dr. Ken Avio's five-year study shows that minorities, non-whites and the poor are more likely to be executed. Imagine the affect on our community.

Besides, if the death penalty is invoked, it will give juries more cause to acquit those charged with murder for fear of being wrong.

If the fear is that murderers will murder again, the justice system should be reviewed and corrected. Parole should be disallowed, sentences should be for life and prison security streamlined to prevent possible escape and murder.

There is always the risk of executing the innocent as might have happened to Donald Marshall, a Micmac who unjustly spent 11 years in jail for a murder he did not commit. At least three Canadians were wrongly convicted of murder since '71. A United States study estimates that 12% of those executed in a 40 year period may have been in error. Would it have been fair to execute them?

There is no need to kill convicted murderers. There is a need to improve on workable alternatives and perserve what may be the taking of an innocent life.

'An eye for an eye'

By John Copley

A 19-year-old girl walks down the street on her way home from a store, or perhaps a friend's place. She disappears that night to be found later -- strangled and covered with branches and twigs.

A grocer is blasted away by a masked gunman whose aim is to take by force what is not his to begin with.

A 6-year-old child disappears from her backyard and is found a few weeks later in a shallow grave. Foul play is obvious.

A policeman stops a speeding vehicle. As he approaches the vehicle a shot rings out. The officer lies on the road -- dying. The driver gets out, walks to the sprawled figure and fires yet another bullet into the policeman's head.

An eye for an eye? Or turn the other cheek? These are the questions facing the advocates and abolitionists on the ever controversial subject of the death penalty.

Should society rid itself of those who would, after deliberation and planning, take the life of another? Or should society simply take the "forgive and forget" philosophy and put these perpetrators of violence into jail -- only to be freed after a short period of incarceration?

When it happens to you, it will be too late for answers. The death penalty must return, for all those who insist upon destroying the sacred right to life.

No selection method, please! Every murderer who plans his act of violence must meet the same end.

Let God be the ultimate judge on forgiveness, at the pearly gates.

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Opinion

Lubicon supporter sends plea to Pope

**Pope John Paul II
The Vatican
Rome, Italy**

Your Holiness:

I am writing on behalf of the Indian nation known as the Lubicon Lake Band; I believe that their Chief Bernard Ominayak has written to you already.

Through an oversight, no treaty was ever signed between the Lubicon Lake Band and the federal government of Canada; in 1940 the Canadian government promised the Lubicons an official reserve, but this was never implemented. All this time, the Lubicons pursued their traditional lifestyle on their traditional lands as they and their ancestors had done since time immemorial. However, in 1973, the provincial government of Alberta began construction of an all-weather road to open up the area for resource development.

In the early eighties, it seemed as if the Alberta government was waging an undeclared war against the Lubicons; entrepreneurs engaged in oil and gas exploration, roamed at will through the traditional lands of the Lubicons, driving away the game on which the Lubicons subsisted. Also, both their trappings and their burial grounds were bulldozed. It was also alleged that fires were allowed to rage out of control through their traditional lands. All the while,

the federal government did nothing to help these people. In North America, such acts are considered quite acceptable, if perpetrated against an Indian nation.

From being a healthy, self-sufficient nation, the Lubicons are now on welfare with its attendant horrors of unemployment, alcoholism and teenage suicides. Another name for this is genocide.

In 1985, the Hon. E. David Fulton was appointed as a special negotiator between the federal and provincial governments and the Lubicon Band; his report supported all the Lubicon's grievances.

However, in 1986/87, the federal government, while paying lip service to the Fulton Report, are, for practical purposes, shelving it. The Lubicons have pulled out of the negotiations because the federal government has stated that about half of the Lubicon Band are not status Indians within the meaning of the Indian Act and thus are not entitled to any land. It is possible, under this Act, to have in one family, both status and non-status Indians, Metis and non-Indians. It is basically a form of legal trickery designed to cheat the Native people out of their traditional lands.

One does not have status and non-status Italians, half-breeds and non-Italians; it is, of course, ridiculous.

At the moment, the Lubicons are mounting a

boycott of the Glenbow Museum's Olympic exhibition of rare Indian artifacts because the sponsors of this exhibition, namely the oil companies and the Alberta provincial government, are those who plundered the traditional lands of the Lubicons, and denied them their promised reserve. This boycott has been harshly denounced by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Calgary, while at the same time, he mildly criticized the federal government for

negotiating in bad faith with their people. It is also reported that the Vatican is prepared to loan three rare Indian artifacts to the Glenbow Museum. This has disturbed the Lubicons greatly, as it would seem that not only the federal government of Canada, the oil companies, and the provincial government of Alberta are arrayed against these people, but also the Roman Catholic Church.

In a letter to the Minister of Indian Affairs, I sug-

gested that his government restore to the Lubicons the 90 square miles for which they are asking, rather than 25 square miles. I stated that, on the one hand, the provincial government and the oil companies may lose money, and on the other hand, there are the lives of the men, women and children of the Lubicon Lake Band -- dollars or human life? His government must make the choice. In such a situation, the Native people invariably lose.

I, therefore, respectfully ask you, Holy Father, to give this letter your earnest consideration.

I am a retired steel-worker, a non-Native and belong to no political party. I have always respected the manner in which you have supported the rights of the Aboriginal peoples of the Americas. In my own way, I am trying to do the same.

May God grant you to many years.

**Henry Powell
Hamilton, Ont.**

Thorpe an athletic legend

By John Fletcher

A hundred years ago on May 28, 1887, a legend was born. His traditional name was Wa-Tha-Huck, which means "Bright Path."

And it was prophetic.

To the world he became known as Jim Thorpe, the Sac-Fox Indian who went on to carve a name in the annals of sports that has probably never been matched.

This natural Indian athlete excelled in every sport he tried. In the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden he entered the five-event Pentathlon track and field contest. Not satisfied with simply beating the best athletes in the world in this event, he then entered the grueling ten-event decathlon. The decathlon is considered the test of the best all around athletes in the world at the Olympic Games. This "upstart" (as some writers labelled him) came out of Oklahoma "Indian Territory."

The writers also labelled these games the "Olympics of Jim Thorpe." He didn't just win the decathlon -- he set a record that would stand for years, scoring 8,412.955 out of a possible 10,000 points to finish 700 points ahead of his nearest rival.

As Jim Thorpe stepped forward to receive his gold medal, King Gustav of Sweden placed a laurel wreath atop Thorpe's head, hung the gold medal around his neck, and presented him with a four-foot bronze bust in the likeness of the King. He took Jim's hand and proclaimed: "Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world." Replied Jim: "Thanks King."

But it wasn't long before Jim Thorpe's fortunes changed -- for the worse. Six months after the Olympic Games, he was



JIM THORPE

...professional football, baseball and track star

accused of taking money for playing baseball during a college break one summer. By today's standards, with all elite athletes subsidized in one way or another, this is small potatoes. But in those days it was a scandal.

Branded a professional, he was stripped of his amateur status, his name was erased from the Olympic record books, and, worst of all, his gold medals and trophies were taken away.

This great athlete was disappointed, but not beaten. He went on to professional sports. He batted a sizzling .358 for the New York Giants and also played for the Boston Red Sox, and the Cincinnati Reds. He once hit three home runs in one game.

In professional football with the Canton Bulldogs of Canton, Ohio, (now home of the National Football League Hall of Fame) Jim entered another era. In

college football Thorpe had been an All American in 1911 and 1912 at a small Indian school called Carlisle.

As a professional footballer, he again stood out. In 1919 he was elected first president of the American Football Association -- later to become the National Football League.

There's more to tell about Jim Thorpe than I can cover here. But there are two books out, one by George Richards and the other by Robert Wheeler. Both, surprisingly, the same title: "Jim Thorpe The Worlds Greatest Athlete." And both provide a more detailed description of his life and his achievements.

And there is a happy ending, even if he wasn't around for it. His medals and trophies were eventually returned to American soil and his name cleared. After some 70 years, the Olympic

Committee voted to give Thorpe's medals to his family.

I attended the public unveiling of the medals just before the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. I received a commemorative medal of this event and a special silver and gold belt buckle bearing a likeness of this great athlete.

A movie was made of his life called, Jim Thorpe All American, starring Burt Lancaster as Thorpe.

Jim was married three times, and had eight children. He settled in the California town of Lomita, and died there in 1953 at the age of 66.

Jim Thorpe is a legend of another kind. His versatility in sports was unequalled. He had exceptional strength, speed and coordination -- but also incredible stamina.

To Jim Thorpe -- and I know where he is -- a happy 100th birthday.

"For our Children's Children"

The following was an essay assignment for a school project.

If I want my children's children to be proud to be Indian, it has to start with me. I am involved in Native cultural activities such as dancing, going to sweats and pipe ceremonies. I would really enjoy being involved in more ceremonies in the future, such as fasting and dancing in a sundance. These things make me proud to be an Indian. It is important that our children's children have the opportunity to learn the ways of our forefathers. For my children's children to get to know these things I must learn them now. For someday I'll be the Elder teaching them. They will then know their identity as a Native and be proud to be Indian.

Our children's children will also need a good education so they can have a good job and not have to live on welfare. A good education and job shows non-Native people that Native people can be successful. Without that education we will not be able to make it in today's world.

The hardest thing I see around me is the way people treat each other. There needs to be more respect for one another. I want my children's children to have respect as well as give respect. People should start acting in a more positive way to show the younger generation how to treat others.

**Corinne Cardinal, 14
Ben Calf Robe School
Edmonton**

Entertainment

'Good Times' at Lac La Biche jamboree

By Terry Lusty

LAC LA BICHE — People were turned away at the doors as an early sell-out crowd packed the Jubilee Hall in Lac La Biche for the First Annual Native Perspective Good Times Jamboree, May 17.

There was entertainment galore -- it was like a Native Grand Ole Opry for northern Alberta.

For twelve straight hours, 350 paying guests indulged in the country stylings of many Native musicians.

Wabasca/Desmarais' own Chuckie Beaver, a versatile singer who treated the crowd with his compositions, "Proud Indian," "Best Friend" and "From Desmarais to Nashville, Tennessee."

A medley of Hank Williams Jr. songs including "You Win Again" and "Family Tradition" were belted out by Walter Quinn of Lac La Biche.

Edmonton's Elvis Gray wowed the fans with a Bob Dylan number called "Knocking on Heaven's Door" and a self-composition, "Winestone Indian."

Tom Cardinal and his band Tomahawk, all the way from Grande Prairie, livened things up as they performed a fine cross-section of country hits. The group also played backup for many singers.

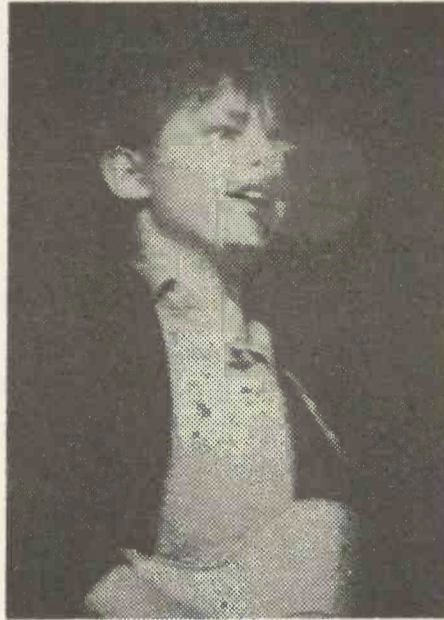
The Jimmy Rodgers yodelling style of Ken Gardener backed by Billy Willier of High Prairie proved to be a real crowd pleaser, too.

Fourteen-year-old Dean Boucher of Lac La Biche demonstrated that he will be a vocalist to watch for in the future.

Featured performers for the event were Jeanette Calahasen of Edmonton, Priscilla Morin of Lac La Biche, and Bill Hersh and Blue Train from Edmonton.

Calahasen sang her compositions "It's Alright" and "Heart of Mine," which are now available on record, as well as a few other numbers.

Priscilla Morin was this year's winner of CFCW Radio "Search for Talent" contest at Cook County Saloon in Edmonton. Her \$1,000 prize money was invested in recording a Dennie Charney/Mary Lou



DEAN BOUCHER
...only 14-years-old



CHUCKIE BEAVER
...from Desmarais



PRISCILLA MORIN
...sold records



J. CALAHASEN
...from Edmonton

Photo by Terry Lusty

Sonmor song called "Cheyenne." The flipside contains a Wayne P. Walker/Irene Stanton tune called "Pride."

Ray Fox, host for the jamboree, mentioned that CFCW is giving the record a fair amount of air time.

The Aboriginal Radio and Television Society (ARTS) is planning to release another single by Morin with the feature song "The Hardest Part of Love is Letting Go." The projected date of release is in the fall.

Bill Hersh and Blue Train were the featured band following the supper break

and were well received with their rollicking upbeat music.

Additional singers included; Cecile Rollison of Meadow Lake, Ernie Gambler from Calling Lake backed by Shades of Blue, Roger Faichney of Fort McKay, Terry Lusty of Edmonton and Dolphus Crier from Saddle Lake.

Fiddle tunes were yet another component of the jamboree with guests Ernie Cardinal, John Desjarlais, George Berland and Floyd "the King" Desjarlais. All are from Lac La Biche.

Through the course of

the evening, the singers and musicians threw together a few make-up bands to entertain the people who remained for the dance.

Ray Fox, director of ARTS, was kept quite busy in the multi-role of organizer, emcee and comedian.

The Native Perspective broadcast team of ARTS also operated a booth selling jamboree T-shirts, Native Perspective caps and records and poster pictures of Priscilla Morin.

The jamboree had a multi-purpose aspect to it, commented Fox, "mostly to show that we (Native people) can do it -- that anyone with talent can go make a record and have it played on radio."

Another purpose of the function was to promote Native talent and to give it a higher profile explained

Fox. And it did -- many people were inquiring about the date of the next jamboree, eager for more.

Overall, the show was a resounding success. People enjoyed themselves, the sound system had very few flaws, the buffet was delicious and the quality of the performers was high.

A real twist with this particular event was the cost factor. There were no undue financial burdens because all performers donated their time and efforts at no cost to ARTS. It was strictly a voluntary effort.

Fox says that they will definitely host another show next year but they may have to resort to larger facilities given the excellent response to advance sales on tickets for this first year's jamboree.

Metis shine at Edson festival

By Rocky Woodward

On Saturday May 18, Metis Local 44 sponsored the First Annual Metis Cultural Days at Edson, 200 km west of Edmonton.

Jigging and fiddling -- the Metis way -- as demonstrated by 83-year-old Mike Paquette of Edson, was the highlight of the three day event.

A puppet show staged by Martha Campiou-Zarutsky with puppets made by Dr. Anne Anderson over 13 years ago, delighted the crowd. "I first started them a long time ago and decided to make Indian dolls. I used plasticine. It is a long and tedious job to make them and it's very hard to do, but I'm proud they are on stage," said Anderson.

Eleven year old Bobby Hunter, powwow dancer, performed traditional dances. Bobby has competed in traditional dance competitions since he was five and was a recent first prize winner at a Hobbema powwow.

Throughout the recreation complex, only a kilometer from Edson, booths were set up with displays portraying Metis and Indian history. Artifacts such as an Indian chest protector and pictures of Russell Plante's great great grandfather and relatives dating back to the 1900s, were available for viewing.

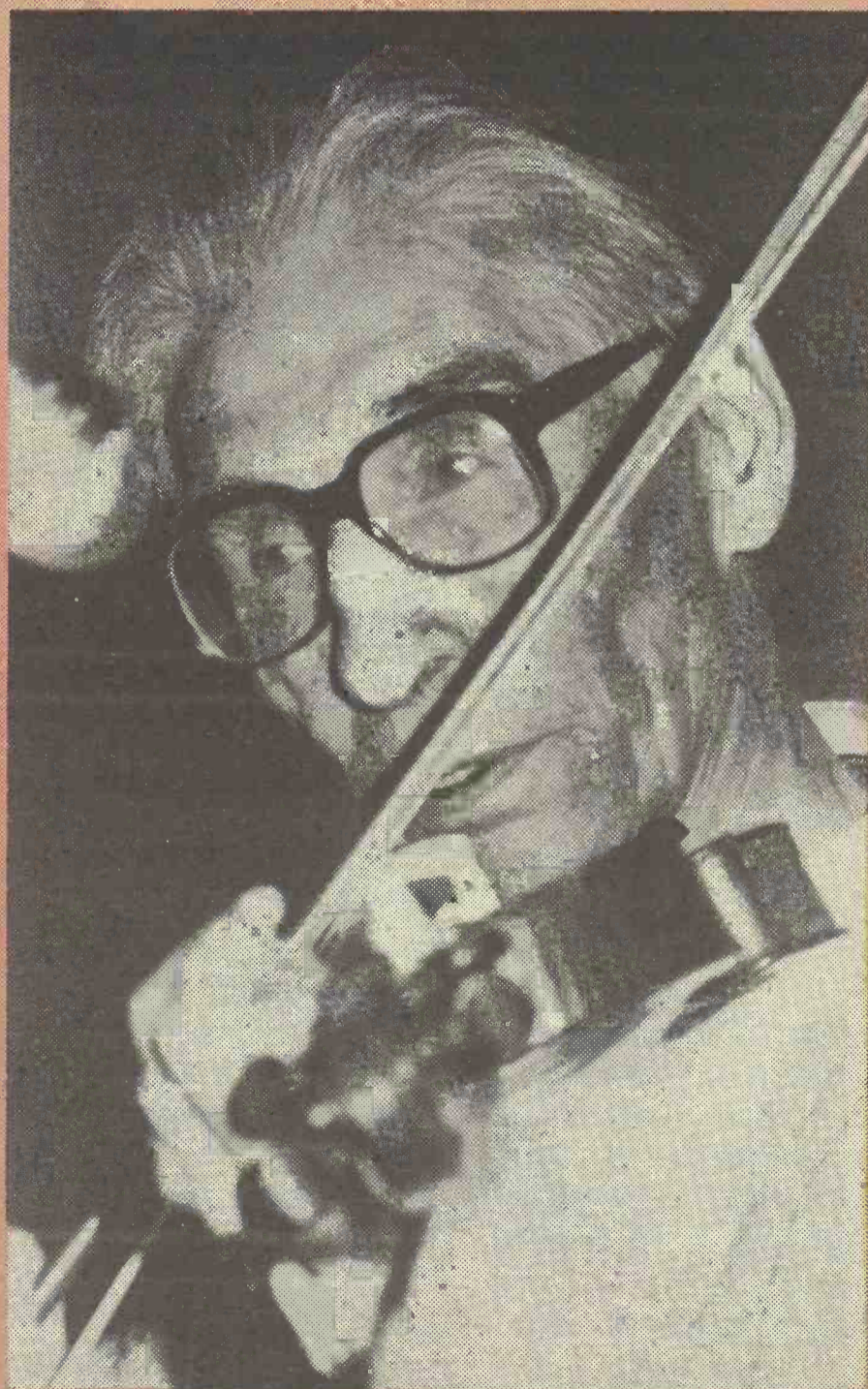
Metis Local 44 deserves to be congratulated for their efforts in establishing a base for Metis people in their area.

Dan Martel, president of the local, and his 150 strong membership agree that "we have to do something for ourselves, because if we don't, no one will."

The local has established the Metis Children's Services (MCS), where they are trying to keep Metis children in the Metis community. They are also involved in activities such as a karate club, social events, establishing a relationship with the town council and taking up a campaign for the poor.

According to Martel, the local will continue to grow, supporting community efforts and people getting together to share their traditions.

The day ended with music from St. Paul's "Fourth Generation" (the St. Jean Family), Blue Ridge's "Buckskin" band and North America's fiddle champ,



MIKE PAQUETTE, 83
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Calvin Vollrath, playing the Red River jig.

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Culture

Saddle Lake Indian Days

Youth make big effort to learn culture

By Albert Crier

SADDLE LAKE — In hosting their 15th Annual Indian Day celebration, here on May 16, the Ochaminahos School provided a learning experience to 400 students, in appreciation of their Indian culture and customs.

Visiting school groups from the elementary, junior high and high school grades from Heinsburg, Goodfish Lake, St. Paul and Blue Quills were entertained and educated through a variety of activities put on by their hosts.

The school groups from the surrounding area viewed a miniature teepee village set up by Ochaminahos elementary grades, visited the Saddle Lake cultural museum, joined in wagon rides, feasted on moose meat, fish and bannock and tried their powwow steps at a Cree powwow.

"It is proper that these children learn the culture. Although they don't yet fully understand, it is good to see that they are trying to practice Indian culture," said Chief Eugene Houle, during opening speeches following the flag raising ceremonies at the teepee village.

Community Elders began the day's events with a traditional pipe ceremony, a



POWWOW AT OCHAMINAHOS SCHOOL
...ended with enormous round dance

customary practice held to ask for the Creator's blessing over the planned activities.

The whole day was organized in conjunction with the community cultural education department, in the manner of a regular Indian day celebration.

"It is good to see that the young ones are trying to learn to keep up with our culture," remarked Elder Sam McGilvery.

A display of crafts, furniture and other projects by students of the industrial education course was set

up in the school gym. Students were also entertained by Edmund Bull, a linguist with Saddle Lake cultural education, who led the students in a sing along of Cree songs.

Throughout the afternoon a powwow was held in the arena of the Saddle Lake complex. Student groups were entertained with a variety of dances, including the grand entry led by Chief Houle, and the fancy, traditional, Crow Hop and intertribal dances.

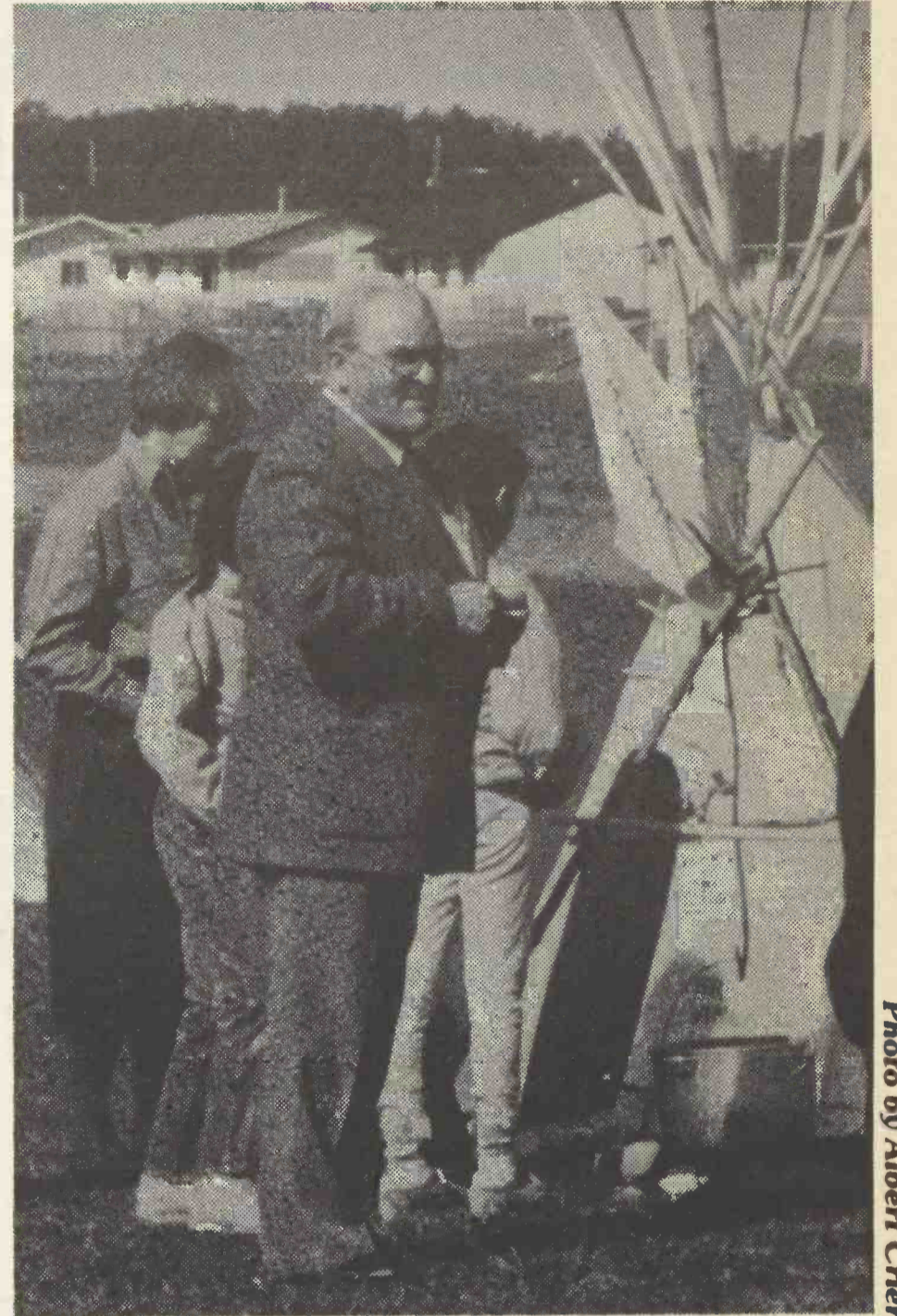
The powwow ended the day's events with a huge

round dance which saw the participation of visiting students and the Ochaminahos students and staff and other members of the Saddle Lake community.

The Red Bull drum group provided the drumming and singing for the powwow.

Included as part of the introduction to the Saddle Lake community, was the weekly merchants market, which had rows of concession booths and merchant tables.

Organizer Joanne Jackson commented that the day's events were a learn-



MINIATURE TEEPEE VILLAGE
...a big attraction

ing experience for the school staff, as well as the students.

"The teachers helped set up the miniature teepee village and are encouraged to become involved with the community cultural education program," said Joanne Jackson.

She attributed the success of the Indian day activities to the staff of the school and the cultural education department. The organizing committee was Edmund Bull, Donna Hunter, Lawrence Large, Keith Lapatak and Sheila Redcrow.

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Louis Bull Rodeo

Deceased cowboys honored, remembered, at memorial rodeo

By Mark McCallum

The 5th Annual Louis Bull Memorial Rodeo was held May 17 and 18 in honor of Hobbema cowboys who have past away. Family members of the deceased donated belt buckles and prize money to the winners of the rodeo events.

"We figured we'd pay tribute to the cowboys that have past away because some of them were great people," explained rodeo organizer Dorious Roasting.

Roasting added that the rodeo was put on through the Northern Alberta Native Cowboys Association, formed by different reserves and Metis settlements and approved by the

Indian National Finals Rodeo Board last January. The association was formed to "improve the standard of Indian rodeos," she says.

"This new rodeo circuit is for northern Native cowboys. But memberships are open to the world," stated Roasting, the central secretary of the association, "if the applicant can prove he has at least a quarter Indian blood."

Cowboys honored at the memorial rodeo were: Frankie Bull (buckle donated by Fred Bull and sons), Clifford Deschamps (buckle and purse money donated by George and Amy Deschamps), Gerald Deschamps (buckle donated by Joey Deschamps), John Deschamps (buckle and purse money donated by

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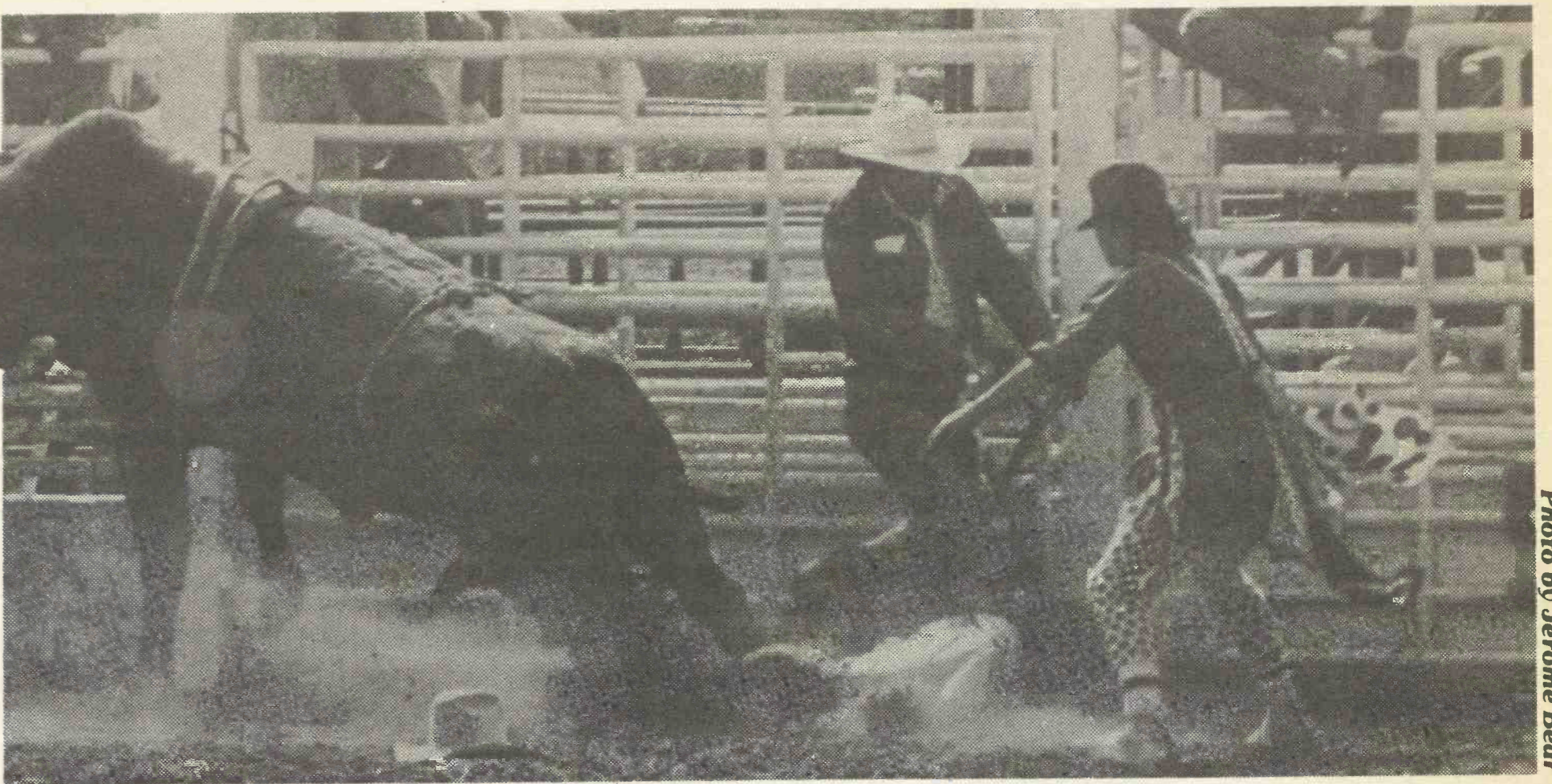


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RODEO CATASTROPHE — The bull named 'Sunset' comes down hard on Vince Wildcat. Wildcat managed to survive the ordeal with only a few bruises.

Jack and Phyllis Bull), Amy Larocque (buckle donated by Larocque family), Elmer Larocque (buckle donated by Butch Deschamps who received contributions from Vern Dedrekson for the purse money), Helen Larocque (buckle donated by Vern and Cindy Ded-

rekson and purse money by Ernest Moonias and family), George Minde, Andrew Raine (buckle donated by Henry Raine and the purse money contributed by brothers Darrel and Derrick Roasting), Jerry Raine, Baby Roasting (buckle donated by Les and

Matilda Roasting and the purse money contributed by the Roasting Rodeo Co.)

and Delford Roasting (buckle donated by his two sisters Linda and Colleen).

Jacobs: 'Bull-doggin' full tilt sport

By Mark McCallum

Virgil Jacobs hurries across the corral after finishing second in the steer wrestling event at the Hobbema Louis Bull Memorial Rodeo held May 17 and 18. Jacobs, who was the Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association steer wrestling champion last year, explains that he has to be in Oklahoma in less than 24 hours for another rodeo.

"You do a helluva lot of travelling come summer time when the rodeo circuits start," says Jacobs, who started steer wrestling

or "bull doggin'" as he calls it, four years ago.

"I always thought bull doggin' was too fast for me. You know, it's full tilt because you're going about 35 to 40 miles an hour when the gate opens. And, if you don't get off your horse and plant your feet right, you don't make money for the day," he explains.

Jacobs, who was born in Hobbema 25 years ago, says steer wrestling is a time event where the fastest cowboy wins. The event is "totally different from rough stock events," he adds, "because the

cowboy is judged more on style, technique and the animal he's riding."

The best steers to draw for the time events are "pups, one-year-old steers, because they're easy to handle," says Jacobs. "Sit-up steers are good to draw, too, if you can score them right. But, otherwise they're not worth horse (bleep) because they're hard to pop."

His eyes lit with excitement from the day's events, Jacobs hops in his pick-up and sticks his head out of the window. He hollers, "I got to get going to Okla-



Photo by Jerome Bear

VIRGIL JACOBS ...'lots of travelling'

homa, but give all my friends a big howdy for me!" Good luck and "happy trails to you" partner.

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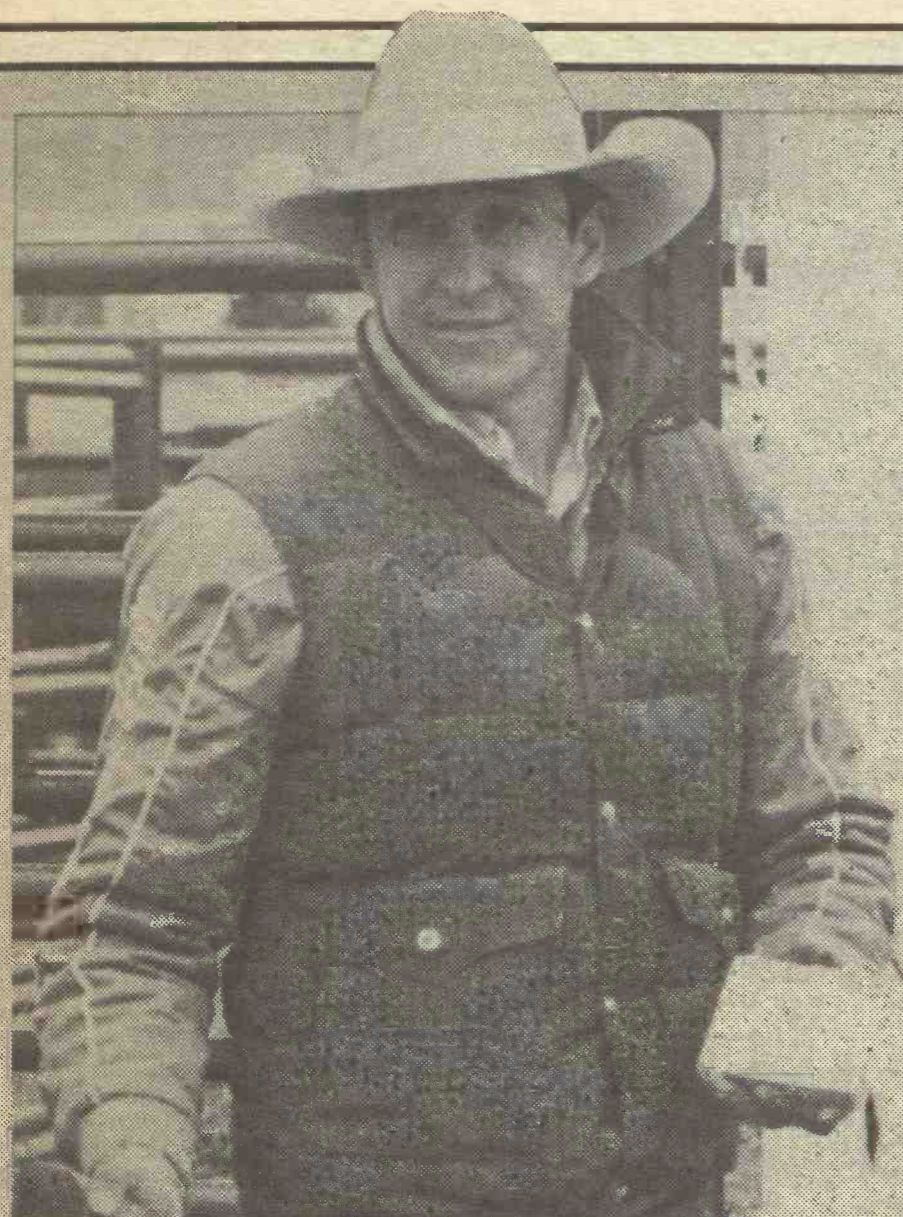
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MELTON LOUIS
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Versatile rider gets best overall cowboy award

By Jerome Bear

Melton Louis, veteran cowboy, was awarded the belt buckle for being the Best Overall Cowboy at the Louis Bull Rodeo this past weekend.

He captured the title with high scores in both the timing and the rough stock events.

"You have to work at both ends of the arena in order to win the overall cowboy," said Louis.

He competed in steer wrestling, bareback riding and steer roping events -- to name a few.

Louis said the Roasting Rodeo has always been a good one. He feels that Herman Roasting and his family have done a very good job.

"He's got good bucking stock," said Louis, which makes competition better for the riders.

Louis, a Samson band member, has been competing in rodeos for 15 years -- starting the circuit at 15-years-old.

Photo by Jerome Bear

Howard Buffalo Memorial Center PROGRAMS

TAE KWON DO -- Tae Kwon Do is now complete for the summer. It will resume again in September, 1987.

MINOR BALL -- Kids come out and practice Monday to Thursday at 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. We need a good show of kids before we can split them into teams and set up some games.

30 AND OVER CLUB -- You haven't heard about us yet? We are a group for men and women over 30 years who are interested in taking part in activities to improve fitness.

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SOCCER CLINIC -- Here is a fund day of learning. A soccer clinic for kids 6 to 13 years old. If you want to learn more about this game or just want to have some fun, check it out. Saturday, May 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- Bring your own lunch! \$5.00 fee -- We must have 15 players pre-registered or the clinic may have to be cancelled.

SOFTBALL UMPIRE CLINIC -- "Rules Interpretation Clinic" will be offered on Saturday, May 23 from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in umping or just understanding the rules better, this clinic is for you. (\$5.00 fee)

RACQUETBALL CLINIC -- Have you ever wished you knew how to play the exciting game of racquetball? Well, now is your chance. We are offering a beginners Racquetball Clinic, May 28, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. A minimum of ten participants required (please register now!)

FITNESS WEEK ACTIVITIES

FITNESS WEEK BEGINS - "SNEAKER DAY" -- Friday, May 22. Get on your sneakers to kick off Canada's Fitweek. Show everyone you're into fitness! Open to everyone (especially cowboys, secretaries and directors!)

FITNESS TESTING -- Monday, May 25. How fit are you? If you would like to find out, come test yourself. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Maskwachees Mall. No fee!

CHALLENGE GAMES IN SLOWPITCH -- Tuesday, May 26. Get a team together and challenge each other at slowpitch or any game. Noon hour.

FITNESS FOR ALL -- Wednesday, May 27. A half hour class of fun and fitness for everyone. All ages are welcome. Let's see how many people we can get out! 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

BARBECUE -- Thursday, May 28. Round up everyone and come on over to the Memorial Center for some grills! We'll be cooking up some steaks for all you hungry fitness week freaks! Everyone welcome, \$6.00 per plate.

4 BAND ANNUAL FUN RUN -- Friday, May 29. This year the Fun Run will be starting at the Ermineskin School. Start 10:00 a.m., 10K and 3K runs. Categories for kids and adults. Lunch and t-shirts available. Please pre-register by May 26 at the Junior High gym or Four Band Recreation.

UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAMS

PITCHING CLINIC -- June 2 and June 4. Glen Jevne will be leading this clinic for anyone wishing to learn more about softball pitching. The fee is still to be determined. The times are 7:00 to 8:00 for 15 and under than 8:00 to 9:00 for 16 and up.

CIRCLE SQUARE RANCH, Armstrong B.C. -- This is a summer camp for kids. We will be offering two excursions this year. One from July 5 to July 11, for kids 8 to 12 years of age. The other from August 9 to August 15 for kids 13 and over. The fee is \$185.00 for the entire week (does not include transportation).

HOBBEMA TRACK AND FIELD MEET -- July 14, all day. There will be categories and competitions for all ages from kids to adults and even masters.

SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT -- August 1st and 2nd at Samson Diamonds. This will be a co-ed tournament. Details not yet available.

HOBBEMA SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP -- August 3 to August 7. This is our annual camp for anyone wishing to increase their knowledge and skills in the game.

HOBBEMA INVITATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET -- August 19, Wednesday. We will be inviting track teams from around the province to take part in this meet. There will be categories and events for all ages.

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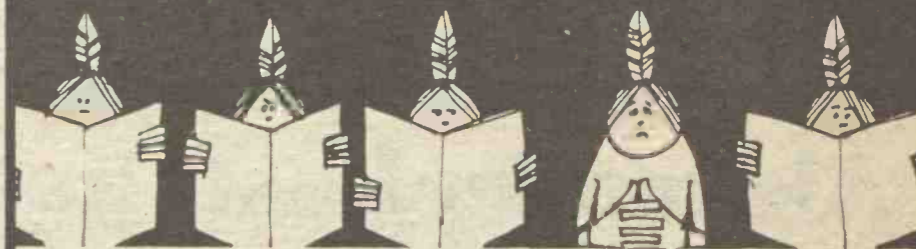
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June 10 vs. Tacoma Tigers, 7:00
June 11 vs. Tacoma Tigers, 6:00
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Sports

Alexander Spring Sports Classic

Alexander hosts action-packed weekend

By Mark McCallum

The Alexander Sports Spring Classic was a showcase of local talent, featuring a fastball tournament and Alberta Pony, Chuckwagon and Chariot races, May 16, 17 and 18.

The Alexander Teepee Crawlers advanced to the fastball finals after eliminating the Spruce Grove Legions 6-2 in the semi-finals.

Alexander pitcher Terry Gauthier was solid in four complete games, but he couldn't hold the Stony Plain Kings off the scoreboard in the deciding game. The Kings were crowned



Photo by Jerome Bear

TERRY GAUTHIER
...Alexander pitcher

champions in a 4-0 victory over Alexander.

In chariot racing, Sherry

Macfarlane, driving the Athabasca Ready-Mix horse-driven team, finished first. Local boys Kenny and Dalton Arcand followed Macfarlane, respectively. Brothers Angus and Rene Paul, of Alexander, and Tony and Richard Arcand also placed high in the chariot races.

In chuckwagon racing, Glen Helmig drove his Peter Pan Bus-lines sponsored team to the finish line ahead of second and third place winners, Louis Johner and Bob Callihoo.

Doug Goltz took top honors in the harness racing while Ray Thebeau and

Rocky Cartier had to settle for second and third. Stanley Arcand, who raises standard bred horses at his stable in Alexander, and his two brothers Arsene and Roy were also top finishers in the harness racing.

"It was the first time a lot of these boys raced," remarked band councillor Herb Arcand, "but all the races were really close."

In August, the Alexander Sports Days Extravaganza is going to be an even "bigger and better show," says Arcand, who invites everyone out to the event. For more information call 939-5887.

Goodfish Ball Tourney

Lac La Biche team meets Saddle Lake twice in round robin, wins the final

By Stan Jackson

GOODFISH — Light wind and few clouds didn't stop the Goodfish Lake Annual Early Bird Ball tournament held during the Victoria Day long weekend. But a few teams mistook the clouds as an omen for a rain-out. About 600 fans withstood the temperature swings and dust each day, to some very competitive ball.

The mens' fastball drew the most attention, giving the onlookers impressive showings by all the teams involved.

Lasso Construction of Lac La Biche met Saddle Lake twice in the round-robin play downs, beating them early in the draw and again in the final. Although each game went down to the wire, Leon Basterache's home run in the final game proved to be the difference in the 3-1 score.

The womens' fastball was entertaining, too. CFB Cold Lake dominated the event but had a battle against the Goodfish Lake Bravettes in the final game. The Bravettes made the final after losing their first game to Paul Band and coming the long way through the draw, playing seven games. Bravettes 14-year-old outfielder Lorna Jackson took the MVP award for her play in the tournament.

The mens' baseball had

four teams battling for the title with the Lac La Biche Dodgers beating the Vermilion Tigers in the final.

Poor crowd turnout for this event might be attributed to the lack of entries, but some good ball was played on the main diamond at Pakan Park.

Tournament organizers were pleased with the four community teams and volunteers in running the event.

"It's good to see the community involved in running their own tournament," says Rene Houle of the recreation department.

A new direction is being taken by the Band toward team "self-sufficiency." Rene says, "the way things are going in Canada with the Constitution and all, the time is coming where sports teams are going to have to be self-sufficient in order to survive and we believe the time is now to be heading in that direction."

As for the ball tournament, he says the goal is to get people to want to come back. "We want people to enjoy coming here without a negative attitude towards the competition, in order to avoid controversy we hire neutral umpires from the Lakeland Umpire Association. There's no home town umps here."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Mark
McCallum

The recent snow blizzard that consumed Edmonton has left the Windspeaker slow-pitch team out in the cold. Officially speaking, a snow out? The team cancelled a couple of games due to the slush but will be back to dwelling the dug-outs as soon as all the shark sightings at city ball diamond ponds have been proven as a hoax.

Windspeaker's short stop, Jerome Bear (a.k.a. J period - J period, Jerome Junior, Jumpin' Jerome Flash, Jerome the Ripper, Odie or J.J. for short) is probably in no hurry to return to the watery fields even if it means the lead role in Jaws 4. J.J. suffered three stitches over the right eye in the sixth inning of a losing cause against the Royal Beagles, winners by a score of 13 to 12. He was hit by a hard drive that took a bad bounce off the infield.

In all humbleness, yours truly also took a knock to the noggin while dashing down the baseline on a play that eventually ended with a throw from first to second and a large lump on the back of my head.

Everything went foggy after that but J.J. says I sat on second base for roughly one minute with a tranquil look on my face and mumbled in a foreign language. He said it sounded Moslem, but he wasn't sure. Then I started shuffling my feet through the sand and did what looked like shadow boxing, J.J. claims.

He says my last words before coming out of it were quote: "I'm still pretty...I'm the greatest...I'm the champ."

I can't recall anything he said, although I do vaguely remember seeing actor Billy Crystal pounding on former heavyweight champ George Foreman.

GRANDE PRAIRIE — The Friendship Centre ladies fastball team, the **Valcons**, have entered the **Wild Rose Ladies' Fastball League** after sitting out the last two seasons.

"The Valcons have outscored their opponents by a 36 to 7 margin in the two games they've already played," remarked program manager **Mark Calliou**, "so they're pretty hot!"

You can catch a Valcon game every Monday and Wednesday or go see them at the Wild Rose Invitational Fastball tournament, June 13 and 14, in Grande Prairie

Slowpitch can be a 'killer game'

where they will display their winning form. Mark says "they've been in two tournaments this year and placed in both of them."

The centre also sponsors two mixed slow-pitch teams that play every Sunday and Thursday. The **Phantoms**, one of the slow-pitch teams, will be in **Sexsmith** for a tournament on June 13 and 14.

Mark adds the teams are always looking for tournaments and fan support, so call him at 539-7514 if you're interested.

BLACKFOOT — A June 19 and 20 Co-ed Jackpot Slow-Pitch tournament will accept the first 10 teams that pay their \$150 entry fee. Total prize money will be over \$1,000.

Recreation worker **Fonda Duckchief** says the **University of Calgary** is putting on a basketball clinic at the **Deerfoot Sports-plex** June 12, 13 and 14. Fonda adds interested dribblers must contact Blackfoot Recreation at 734-3070 before May 30 to join the clinic.

KIKINO — The senior **Kikino Saints** mens' baseball team will be hosting a ball tournament on May 30 and 31, if all goes well. "We're just kicking the idea around to see how much interest the tournament can attract," explained recreation director **Dave White**. He says there is no set registration fee yet, but the more teams that enter the less it will be.

Kikino also sponsors a senior ladies' fastball team

and four other minor ball teams. The four minor teams consist of two boy's teams, a bantam (15 and under) and beaver team (12 and under), and two girl's fastball teams, broken up into the same categories as the boy's teams. These teams play in the Northeast Minor Baseball League.

"We try to keep the players busy through the summer. We don't run our league when school is out because so many families go on holidays, but we keep the teams busy with tournaments," said Dave, adding that both the senior and minor teams are looking for ball tournaments. Call him at 623-7868 or **Floyd Thompson** at 623-2423 for more information.

BLOOD — A fastball pitcher's clinic will be held at the Standoff Recreation Department, June 1, under the instruction of **Marvin Yellow Horn**.

The clinic will be accepting the first 12 people that get their \$20 registration fee in by May 29. Phone 737-3998 for more details.

HIGH PRAIRIE — A table tennis tournament will start at 10 a.m. at the Friendship Centre on May 30.

Tournament organizer **Paula Willier** explains, "we were suppose to have the tournament on the 16th (May), but it was postponed because there was a poor turnout."

The centre is looking forward to a better response this time. It costs \$2 to enter the tournament, so call Paula at 523-4511.

Until next week, that's it.

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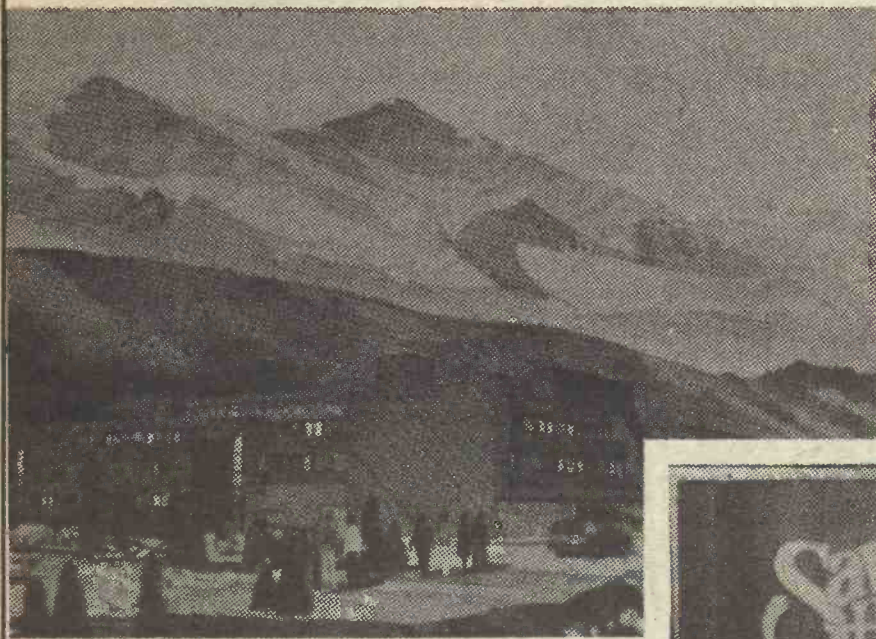
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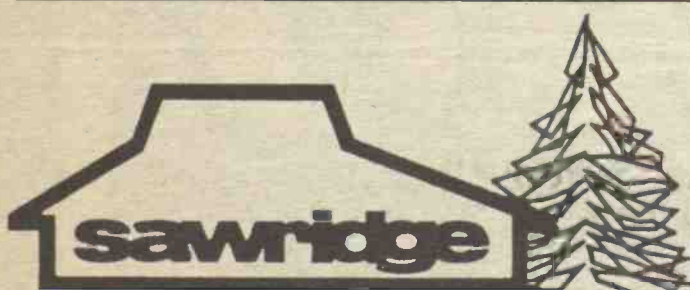
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