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## Restructuring plan fails, Gregg Smith resigns

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Incumbent president Gregg Smith refused to stand for re-election after the surprise defeat of an extra-special resolution that would have seen major structural changes in the Indian Association of Alberta.

Speaking on the second day of the three day assembly, Smith announced his decision not to run saying he was "disappointed" with the defeat of the resolution and would therefore seek the nomination of the Treaty 7 vice-president position. Smith was nominated and elected by acclamation.

In an interview after the announcement Smith said he felt the defeated resolution would have better represented the Indian people of Alberta.

The special resolution proposed that a board of chiefs and councillors

replace the present board of directors in overseeing the direction of the organization. The new board would have been selected by Alberta Indian chiefs and councillors.

Executive titles would have changed to grand chief and vice-chiefs instead of the current president and vice-president.

Smith feels the current system, where major decisions must be presented before a general assembly of members is cumbersome and limits the organization's effectiveness.

"We have been talking about the restructure for 11 years," he said. "Some (members) are just reluctant to change."

Smith and other members of the executive lobbied members before the vote, however, he feels the resolution was unsuccessful because of what he calls "a small faction" who deliberately misrepresented the facts.

But, Smith says he feels confident that the new structure would work, given the chance, and intends to run the Treaty 7 area with direct and constant input from the chiefs.

"That doesn't mean I would ignore the members, but I want to show that this is a good system, a system that would work effectively," he says.

Now Smith says he will be returning to his native Peigan reserve and working closely with Chief Peter Yellowhorn and members of the council.

"My wife and I are having a new house built on the reserve and it will be good to go back home," he added.

Incumbent Treaty 7 vice-president, Blood band member Narcisse Blood did not attend the assembly and was unavailable for comment at press time.

The Association's 45th assembly was held July 5-7 in Fort Vermilion. Next year's assembly will be held the first week of June in Hobbema. □

## INSIDE THIS WEEK



■ Packing his bags and preparing for adventure, Peter Jackson is a lucky exchange student bound for Columbia, Latin America. See Page 6.



■ Taking a tight turn, a wrangler at the Louis Bull rodeo reins hard to shave seconds off her time. See page 18.



## ONLY WAY TO GO!

Forget cars and walking, when Sousa Creek overflowed due to heavy rain during the first week of July, you had to swim or take a boat to get from main Assumption to the administration area. If the rain would have

continued all of Assumption would have had to be evacuated. For more flooding coverage in Assumption, Slave Lake and Driftpile see pages 12 and 13.

— Photo by Rocky Woodward

## Heated debate boils over at annual Metis assembly

By Keith Matthew  
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LAC LA BICHE, Alta.

The 60th annual assembly of the Metis Association of Alberta which took place in Lac La Biche from July 6-9 was marred by shouting and heated debate when some of the more controversial reports were submitted for approval by the delegates.

A special resolution to impeach the board of directors and president was not accepted by the Special Resolutions Committee which was made up of Emma McDermott, Ron Karoles, Stan Plante, Sandra Delorme and Alvina Sewell. According to past-president of the Edson Metis Local 44, Dan Martel, the resolution was rejected because it was "incomplete."

Other special resolutions which dealt with other matters were rejected also by the Special Resolutions Committee. The resolutions were on legal fees, framework agreement and

recording of minutes at all meetings. Once these resolutions were declared invalid, the movers of the resolutions--Edson Local 44, withdrew the remaining yet to be discussed resolutions which they had presented.

Thelma Chalifoux made a motion that a vice-president's reports of each of the six zones not be presented. The motion was passed and carried.

Perhaps one of the most important resolutions passed was the motion to form a Council of Elders which was passed unanimously. The council will be made up of fourteen Elders: two from each zone with the addition of two Elders appointed by the president of the MAA.

The mandate of the Council of Elders is to establish a Code of Ethics for all of the elected members of the MAA. However, this is subject to the approval of the MAA itself.

Another important duty for this newly formed coun-

cil is to handle all of the disputes which arise from normal business of the MAA. The Elders who sit on this council will also be paid \$50 a day plus expenses when they are doing business for the MAA.

Bitter controversy over a report submitted on Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., by Chairman of the Board Gordon Watson and Chief Executive Officer Jan Willey erupted after the report was read concerning the operations of the corporation.

Much of the heated discussion was centred around the questioning of the report by former chairman of the board Phil Lane who was forced to resign from the board of Apeetogosan earlier this year.

Watson, when questioned by Lane about what the problem with Apeetogosan is, said, "At present time the organization is not in sync with the plan." He added, "We haven't been able to communicate with NEDP (Native Economic Development Program)".

Watson also said, "If we don't have any money flowing by July 15 Apeetogosan could be finished."

Lane then asked chief executive officer Jan Willey what the problem with the corporation was and Willey answered that he was not at liberty to discuss the problems and that he would not get into a situation where he would point fingers at anyone. He then passed the question on to Watson.

When questioned by Lane on what the problem with Apeetogosan is Watson answered, "I don't know what is going on."

After the questioning period was finished, a motion from the floor was introduced for the firing of Willey was unanimously passed by all of the delegates present.

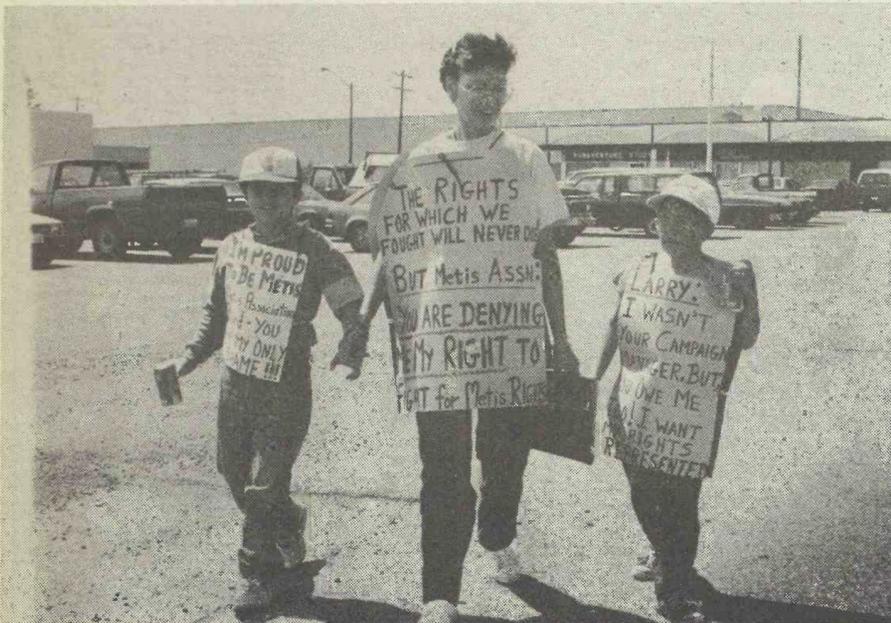
Willey, when asked what the problems with Apeetogosan are, replied: "I am unable to comment on the events happening pursuant to certain conditions in our contract between Apeetogosan and the Department of Regional and Industrial Expansion." □

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## CLOSE TO HOME

## Elder's Council to review case

## Mother protests Metis leaders for revoking membership



Mark McCallum, Windspeaker

Protesting until justice is done: Sharron Johnstone and sons

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON, Alta.

Sharron Johnstone of

Edson Local #44 is carrying placards in front of the Metis Association of Alberta offices to protest her membership removal and will do

so "until justice is done."

She started her protest in front of the offices on July 11, just two days after the annual assembly in Lac La

Biche where she feels she wasn't allowed to speak because she was not recognized as a card carrying member of the Metis Association of Alberta.

According to Johnstone's news release: "On June 10, 1988, 14 members from the Edson Metis Local #44 hand-delivered a letter to all but two Metis Association of Alberta Board Members at their Board meeting, requesting to review the financial records of the MAA. On June 13, 1988, Larry Desmeules, President of the MAA presented

myself and three members from Local #44 a letter stating that their memberships with the MAA had been cancelled effective that day. This letter was presented to them immediately after they had requested to review the financial records of the MAA."

In an earlier Windspeaker interview, Des-

meules explained the financial statements were being audited and that "the members will have an opportunity to look at the financial records during the assembly."

According to Johnstone, she never had a chance to bring it up at the annual assembly which took place from July 6 to 9 and she feels that the way the meeting "was run it was a direct conflict of interest to have a non-Metis lawyer sitting on the Resolutions Committee and that same lawyer being Larry Desmeules, to my understanding his personal lawyer, who also represents four other Metis corporations, that either the Metis people are shareholders of, or that they are the supporting body for those corporations. In my mind that is a direct conflict of interest. How can anybody be objective and fair when obviously we all know who pays his salary?"

She also feels that her's and other Metis people's concerns about how the MAA is being operated weren't addressed at the annual assembly. "The people from our local and others who got up to speak were ripped apart. And all they are doing is questioning, they are not criticizing, they are asking questions."

At the annual assembly, a tribunal of Metis Elders was formed under the resolution Article 17 and named Council of Elders, Duties,

Powers and Remuneration. One of their duties is to establish a code of ethics of all members elected to office of a local, Regional Council or the Board of the Association.

They are also to determine all matters concerning the continuation of membership of any member, including the suspension, expulsion or cancellation, and re-instatement thereof. Any of the decisions they reach are final and without appeal.

Clint Buehler, editor of Native Network News spoke on behalf of the Metis Association of Alberta. "I think it is unfortunate she has chosen to picket the office when she was very clearly told that the Elders Council is the tribunal that she should go to have her membership reviewed. The reason that the council was created was so that those things could be handled within the organization and if she doesn't think she can get a fair, just hearing from the Elders then I wonder why she even wants to be a part of the Metis Nation or a part of this organization because, as you know, part of the tradition of Native people, Metis or otherwise, is the wisdom of the Elders."

At press time Johnstone said that other Metis people dissatisfied with the Metis Association of Alberta would be joining her from Edson, Kikino, Buffalo Lake, Calgary, Peace River and Grande Cache. □

## Defunct band to elect chief

By Everett Lambert and  
Mark McCallum  
Windspeaker Correspondents

EDMONTON, Alta.

Descendants of a defunct Alberta Indian band are attempting to regain reserve land lost in 1958 by electing a chief and council to lobby for their rights to the land.

Descendants of the historical Michel (Callihoo) band, once located a short distance from Edmonton, met recently at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in that city to discuss strategy. They will be electing a chief and council July 16 at Calahoo.

The group claims the government coerced the Indians off the land, originally spread across 25,600 acres on the south bank of the Sturgeon River some 24 km northwest of Edmonton, through "starvation" and other "corrupt" dealings under the table.

The Michel band and its reserve were effectively wiped out in 1958 when 121 members and their family

were enfranchised. These were the last remaining members of the band, which originates from the Iroquois Indian band in central Canada near Brantford, Ontario.

Spokesperson Robert Calihoo, who was 14 years old at the time, believes descendants of the Michel band deserve compensation. In a letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Calihoo stated descendants of the band feel "betrayed" and that the case was a violation of human rights. Many descendants consider Calihoo to be the chief of the defunct band.

"The important thing is that we're not just after land; we want our culture and history back," says another spokesperson, Rosalind Thome.

Enfranchisement of individual Indians was commonplace until the government took it out of the Indian Act in 1985. Many Native people were enfranchised so they could have the right to vote or join such professions as an officer of

the law or the clergy. However, enfranchisement of a whole band is a unique matter. Thome called the enfranchisement of the Michel band "cultural genocide."

Some of the descendants decided against incorporating a society and have opted to take a chief and council route in pressing their land claim. However, this could pose problems as the Indian Act requires that a band must have a reserve before a chief and council can be established.

The Edmonton Journal recently reported that Indian Affairs officials are not convinced the band is entitled to a reserve but are willing to consider the case. Don Goodwin, assistant deputy minister of the Department of Indian Affairs is quoted as saying, "The land was disposed of and compensation was provided according to the band's wishes at the time. We didn't feel there was much there to work with, given the fact those (deals) were legit at the time."

## AFN gets funding boost

Secretary of State Lucien Bouchard has announced that a contribution of \$300,000 has been awarded to the Assembly of First Nations to undertake a study on means to ensure Aboriginal languages maintenance and revitalization.

"The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of Aboriginal languages and the retention of Aboriginal culture in Canada," said Mr.

Bouchard.

To conduct the study, a broad range of consultations will be undertaken with Indian bands and communities and educational institutions directly involved in language teaching and maintenance. Existing publications and literacy works in Aboriginal languages will be identified and research projects undertaken to determine the needs of the Native

communities as they strive to increase the use and maintenance of their languages.

The results of the study will be tabled for ratification at the Annual General Assembly of First Nations. The report will then be presented to the Secretary of State.

"I am pleased with this project, because it will provide an opportunity for many interested groups and

individuals to share knowledge and techniques to enrich and preserve the use and development of Aboriginal languages," said Mr. Bouchard.

Promotion and awareness of the study and its state of progress will be maintained through the use of Native media systems, a national poster campaign and the regular distribution of the Assembly of First Nations Bulletin. □

## Fatal alcohol-related accidents prompt chief to action

Windspeaker Correspondent  
DESMARAIS, Alta.

Alcohol-related car accidents are claiming a dangerous number of lives in Desmarais, a reserve just north east of Slave Lake.

Chief Mike Beaver is not going to ignore this disturbing trend any longer and is calling a community meeting on July 19 at 7 pm to discuss the problem.

Though the Chief could not be reached by phone, administrator Melvin Beaver

time the people of Desmarais began to "work together to conquer its alcohol and drug problems."

"We have to deal with it now, especially because there have been a series of accidents related to alcohol recently," Beaver explained. Until now, "people were sitting back and not doing anything about it."

Four-year-old Deborah Big Stone was killed outside her house last Saturday night around midnight when a half-ton truck hit the doorstep she was standing on and ran over her as she lost her balance. Her father and seven-year-old sister narrowly escaped being fatally hurt. The

driver, Lawrence George Logan, 53, is being charged with nine criminal offenses.

Another accident just prior to this tragedy claimed the life of 17-year-old Karen Auger when her car overturned. Constable Brian Philmore admits there "is a problem." Since Philmore moved to the community he says there is an alarming number of lives being taken by reckless drivers on their roads.

"These accidents usually take place early in the morning. Everybody is quite upset." One thing is certain, added Philmore, "We will definitely continue our checkpoints and random vehicle stops." □

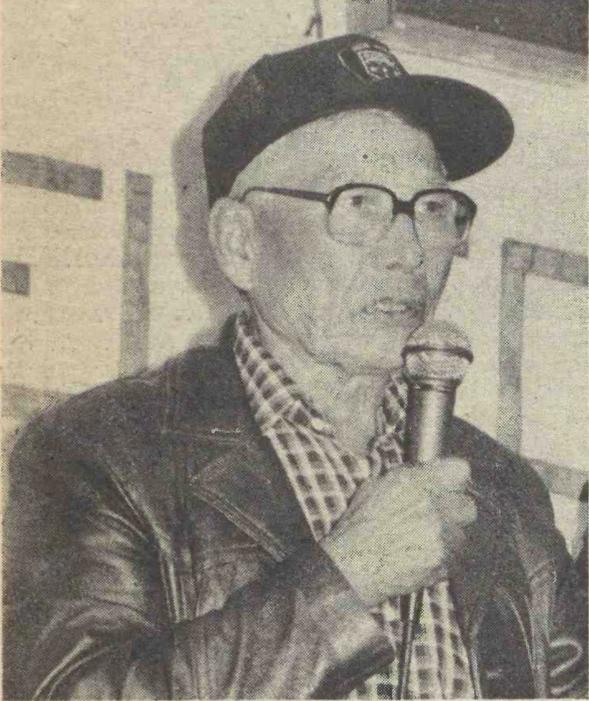
## CORRECTION

In the July 8 edition of Windspeaker, the last paragraph of a story entitled "Woman wants grave marker for son", on page 3, was mistakenly left out. It should have read:

Victims of Violence has started a fund raising campaign to raise money for a headstone. Tax deductible donations can be sent to: Victims of Violence, 305, 10454 - 82 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 2Z0.

## CLOSE TO HOME

Lesley Crossingham, Windspeaker



Chief surprises guests: Harry Chonkolay

## Chonkolay honored for 50 years of service at assembly

By Lesley Crossingham  
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FORT VERMILION, Alta.

A banquet to celebrate a very special leader was held July 6 during the Indian Association of Alberta's annual assembly.

Dene Tha' Chief Harry Chonkolay, who has been hereditary chief of his band located near High Level for 50 years, was honored by a special banquet.

The popular chief was presented with a self-portrait by the High Level Tribal Council and a silver belt buckle. Joe Cardinal from Saddle Lake, representing the Elders, thanked Chonkolay for his hard work and dedication.

However, the chief had a surprise for all the chiefs in the room as he had gifts of commemoration for them. Each chief and tribal leader was presented with a set of two dollar coins struck especially for the occasion.

The coins as depicted with a peace pipe and a tipi design and the date when Chonkolay took office, July 17, 1938.

Each chief came up to the podium and received his gift. Chonkolay also presented Assembly of First Nations National Chief Georges Erasmus with a set of dollar coins.

After the presentations, Rocky Woodward and the Native Nashville North band entertained the delegates. □

### 'We can't do it alone'

## National Chief wants to bond Natives

By Lesley Crossingham  
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FORT VERMILION, Alta.

Aboriginal people don't have to "love each other" to work together on mutually beneficial causes, says the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

Speaking on the final day of the Indian Association of Alberta's annual assembly, Georges Erasmus told delegates that the assembly has had an active role in negotiations with the government on Treaty and other aboriginal issues that affect Alberta Indians.

"But we can't do it alone," he said. "We need your support and your input to do the job properly. Look at what is happening across the country. We have in Ontario a roadblock to stop logging on Bear Island. The same situation is close to happening in Quebec where the Algonquin people never

had a treaty so never extinguished any rights but the province is about to privatize their land -- to see it to the highest bidder."

Erasmus pointed to successful campaigns such as the one the Haida Indians inflicted upon loggers who were about to clear-cut trees on their traditional lands on the Queen Charlotte Islands. He also pointed to the ongoing struggle of the Lubicon Lake Indian band for their reserve.

"I call upon you and all aboriginal peoples to stand by them (the Lubicons) and we are going to have to continue our stand until the federal government truly understands the issues. At the moment, no matter what issue you try to deal with, housing, education, Bill C-31 or the Treaty process, when you sit down with the federal government our concerns fall on deaf ears."

Erasmus feels that this particular federal government is "the worst ever" and Indian people should work hard to lobby other parties and ensure the current government is not re-elected.

"They (the federal government) always talk about the deficit but that deficit cannot be paid on the backs of the Native people. They say they have no money but yet they are prepared to pay \$2 billion for nuclear submarines. Just one sub would solve all the housing and education problems of Native people."

Erasmus is particularly angry over the recent by-election of new Secretary of State Lucien Bouchard which he feels was "bought" by the Prime Minister.

"We all saw that by-election in Quebec was bought so the Prime Minister's pal could sit next to him in the house. Mulroney gave \$1 billion to Quebec



Georges Erasmus

for that by-election."

After his speech, a resolution urging the Assembly to continue to protect Treaties and to focus on the Treaty issues was passed unanimously.

In an interview after the assembly Erasmus said he saw the resolution as a "powerful mandate to be supportive where we can. I don't see it as a condemnation of our previous actions."

Erasmus was speaking at the association's 45th assembly July 5 to 7. □

## New Indian association prez promises to reduce deficit

By Lesley Crossingham  
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FORT VERMILION, Alta.

The Indian Association of Alberta will be taking special measures to fight a \$238,077 deficit which has risen \$43,757 from last year's \$194,320.

Speaking on the second day of the association's annual assembly treasurer Roy Louis said most of the over expenditure has occurred because of unbudgeted spe-

cial projects.

"I can guarantee that no misappropriation or misuse of funds has occurred," he told delegates. "But you have to remember that we (the association) are grossly underfunded for the work we have to carry out."

Some of the special projects include \$23,012 given towards Blackfoot taxation conference, \$49,029 spent on consultants' fees, and \$11,708 spent on the Alex-

ander education conference.

Other projects such as the Treaty 8 lands project, went overbudget. A total of \$19,206 was spent on this project when only \$5,000 was originally allocated.

In an interview after the assembly, Louis pointed out that the new fiscal plan would see the deficit reduced by \$138,000 in the

first year and \$100,000 in the second year, thereby reducing the deficit to zero.

"I can't go into details right now," said Louis. "Because I have to meet with the new executive and get their approval first. However, I will disclose that no layoffs are scheduled," he said.

Louis also emphasized that no offices will be closed and that the association will continue to fight for Indian rights.

Louis was speaking at the association's 45th assembly at Fort Vermilion July 5-7.

## Economic base top priority Louis strives for 'new credibility'

By Lesley Crossingham  
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FORT VERMILION, Alta.

New Indian Association of Alberta president, Samson band member Roy Louis says the focus of his presidency is to re-structure and bring about a new credibility in the association.

In an interview shortly after the election on July 7, Louis said that his field of expertise, which is mainly in economic development and entrepreneurship will be put to good use during his two-year term of office.

"We must have an economic base," he said. "If we have that base in the communities themselves, we can then evolve to self-government."

Louis, son of one of the association's founders Jacob Louis, is a founder of the Peace Hills Trust and Native Venture Capital where he still serves as a board member.

He began his career in the political field during the 1970s when he was elected as a Samson band council member when still in his teens. Since then he has moved into the business world and was one of the main organizers of the Native Economic Business Summit held in Toronto in 1986.

As with his predecessor, Gregg Smith, Louis is somewhat disappointed that the extra-special resolution to restructure the association was defeated.

However, he feels that the membership was not given enough notice.

"The concept is a good idea but I would like to see us work on a different format and involve the chiefs in those discussions," he said.

Louis, who served as the association's treasurer for the last two years ran against former president, Peigan Band member Wilf McDougall who was defeated by Smith in the 1986 elections at Duffield. Former Treaty 8 vice-president, Driftpile band member Clifford Freeman also ran for the position of president.

In the vice president race, Gregg Smith won the

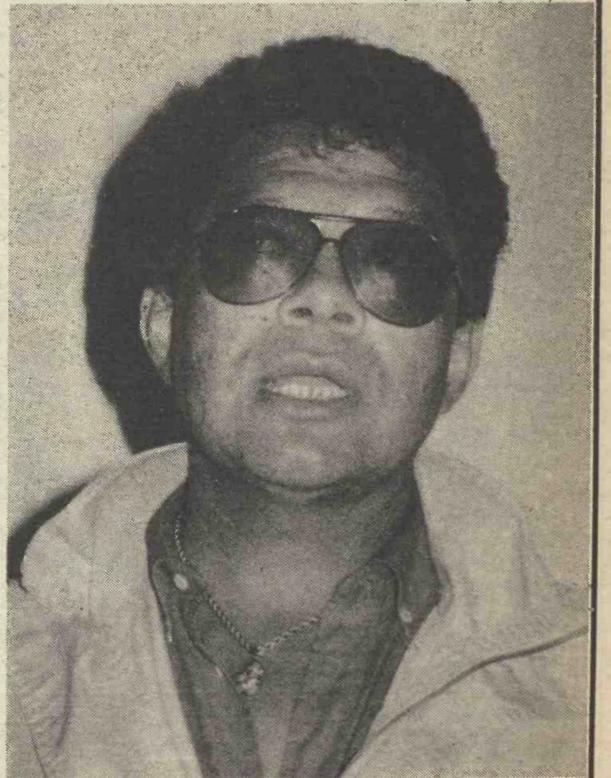
Treaty 7 position by acclamation. Treaty 6 vice-president Percy Potts won his third term of office and Bill Sewepagham was elected Treaty 8 vice-president replacing Lawrence Courtoreille who ran for the secretary's position.

In the treasurer's race, Terry Newborn was elected over John Testowits, Randy Bottle, Ray Tallman, Ernest Crane and Steve Didzena.

And new secretary is Lawrence Courtoreille who won over incumbent Tony Arcand, and Helen Gladue.

The Indian Association assembly was held in Fort Vermilion July 5-7. Next year's assembly will be held during the first week of June in Hobbema. □

Lesley Crossingham, Windspeaker



Expertise in economics: Roy Louis



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YOUR WORDS

Speech by hopeful grad gets standing ovation

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing for you a copy of a speech that one of our Grade 9 students gave at her grad party on June 25, 1988.

The young Native girl broke down during her speech, brought many of us to tears, got a standing ovation, and many of us still cannot get over her speech. It was less than a year ago many of us were struggling with her to make her see the importance of life and to stop her suicide attempts. Fortunately, we have all won and this speech is the proof of that.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,  
Brenda Lea Laboucan  
Supervisor of Kayas  
Cultural Centre  
Fox Lake, Alberta

Grad Speech given on June 25, 1988 by Loretta Laboucan

I would like to say thanks to the people who decorated the gym, the people who cooked the meal and also the guests for coming. This is a special day for me and my classmates. We've waited for this day

for a long time. Classmates, thanks for making school enjoyable this year. My father couldn't make it today, and that's the one person I wanted to make proud of me, makes me feel special.

There were things in life I couldn't have, but for the things I do have, I'm thankful. I loved my grandma very dearly, but when she died I had a hate for life. I thought she was the only one who cared about me. Then I found out I was wrong. There are a lot of people who care, but show it in a different way.

There are times I thought of quitting but I'm glad I didn't. I sometimes thought, "What am I living for?" Than I see one of my little sisters walking down the hall. I think, "I'm living for them, I'm living to see their future." There may have been days in your lives when you thought the same thing. Just look around you and who do you see? Your children, their future, our future. Every one of us has something to look forward to. When you look at me and fellow classmates, just think of a saying: "Quitters never win and winners never quit."

Thank you very much.

IN OUR OPINION

Authentic crafts market marred by cheap trinkets

Europeans have long romanticized the Native American. Perhaps it is because these countries are so crowded and the people living in cramped, concrete cities idolize the idea of aboriginal people who are spiritually linked with Mother Nature and learned to live as one with the natural forces.

But imagine a German tourist who has travelled far from his homeland to learn more about Natives, walking into a store in a typical tourist area like Banff, Alberta and getting his first impression of Indians from plastic totem poles, cheap looking toy tomahawks and vinyl moccasins. The truth is, these imitation "Indian-style" handicrafts that are for sale across Canada and the United States are big business for stores in airports, national and provincial parks and duty free shops.

According to a 1985 study by the U.S. Department of Commerce, these cheap, mass-produced souvenirs take away an estimated \$40 to \$80 million from the Natives who are crafting authentic crafts and artworks. This represents close to 20 per cent of an estimated \$400 to \$800 million industry in the U.S. alone. The report states that in Canada, arts and crafts production accounts for a major percentage of all revenue generated on reserves.

Since this issue of Windspeaker salutes our people who, for the most part, strive to include authenticity in the arts and crafts they painstakingly create, it seems appropriate to mention this drain of revenue from them with the production of these cheap trinkets, but more importantly, the false impressions these souvenirs are giving of our people.

Fortunately, there is an organization called the National Arts and Crafts Corporation of Canada launching a campaign to provide support to the people making authentic arts and crafts.

But, until the organization gets underway in its campaign, to all you craftspeople out there, be sure to label your products. Be especially sure to include where the item was made. This will go a long way in providing customers with the information they need to make "authentic" purchases.



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## LEARNING

### International youth exchange

# Jackson prepares for climate change

BY MARK McCALLUM  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Peter Jackson of the Goodfish Lake reserve in northeastern Alberta is preparing for a trip to Columbia later this year as an international exchange program student.

Jackson was happy to learn recently he had been

selected from a list of 72 applicants from Alberta for the exchange program by Canada World Youth, a non-profit organization that has been operating youth exchanges with developing nations like Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Carribean for the past 17 years.

But, first the Edmonton Grant MacEwan student

will join 142 other students from across Canada in a small camp just outside of Winnipeg, Manitoba on July 20, to prepare for what lay ahead in the Latin American country.

The Canadian participants will be learning to "rough it" in the Manitoba wilderness, says Jackson, who has seldom ventured far from home in the past. He appeared to be thrilled at the prospect, beaming with excitement as he explained that even the plane "ride" would be his first.

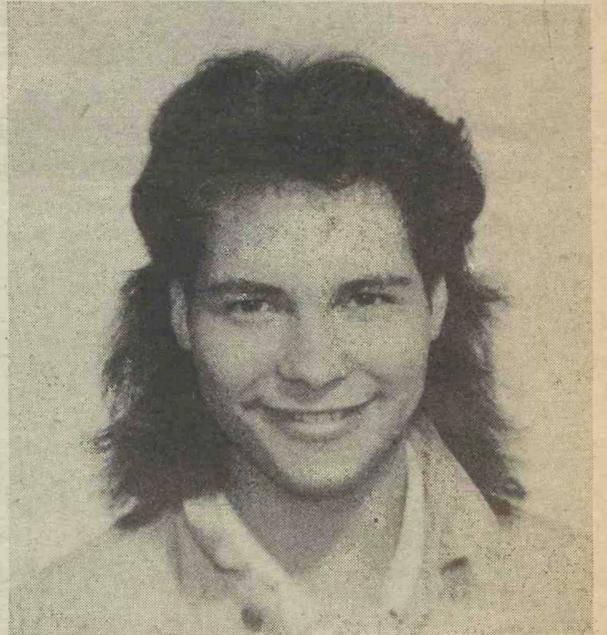
"That's going to be a rush," explains the 19-year-old with a smile. It had been a busy day for him, filling out passport forms and receiving vaccinations for diseases common to South America like diptheria, typhoid, cholera and yellow fever.

He flipped his shoulder length, jet-black hair to one side and shivered at the thought of his next appointment with a dentist. Canada World Youth organizers asked him to get his wisdom teeth pulled now before leaving the country, preparing for the worst in his visit to Columbia. "They're not

taking any chances," he says.

Jackson also recently returned from a pre-orientation camp in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where a number of students spent a weekend learning about the countries they will visit. "Columbia has a different climate than us; they have two wet seasons and dry ones," he explains, noting he'll be returning to Canada in February during the dry season. "What a change that'll be — I'll be going from a heat wave to a snow blizzard." He adds, "It will be my first Christmas without snow."

The exchange program will begin in a camp near Winnipeg where Jackson and the other Canadian participants will spend a week alone learning first aid and other survival techniques. The program will last a total of eight months with stays being split between Manitoba and Columbia. The Columbian students will stay in Manitoba with a Canadian counterpart for the first four months, and then the newly coupled students will spend the duration in Columbia.



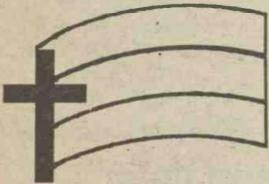
Bound for Latin America: Peter Jackson

Jackson seems to be the perfect ambassador for Canada. "We look for people who are open to new things and have good communication skills and a certain level of maturity," explains the organization's prairies' administrative officer Trevelee Goodwin, adding applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 20.

Jackson graduated with an advanced (matriculation) high school diploma from the St. Paul Regional high school in 1986 and then completed an eight-

month Native Communications Program at Grant MacEwan. His interests lie in the media and business sectors. He plans to use his media skills to produce a slide tape visual production of his trip.

Jackson grows serious now as he ponders the possibilities that lay ahead. The sunglasses concealing his eyes cannot hide his obvious excitement. "It's like everything is going to be new — just like going to a different world or something," he says. And, that's not too far from the truth. □



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## LEARNING

*Peggy Crevier, mother of eight*

# It's back to school for mom

By Diane Parenteau  
Windspeaker Correspondent  
FISHING LAKE, Alta.

Her youngest child was approaching school age, she was unable to secure satisfactory employment and she had a sincere desire to continue her education. That's why 40-year-old Peggy Crevier returned to school.

A Metis mother of eight children, Crevier recently graduated from the Lac La Biche Alberta Vocational Centre (AVC) community Social Services Worker program and is presently working as the Fishing Lake Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) director.

Born on the settlement, she moved to Edmonton at the beginning of grade 10 because the local school only went to grade nine. That same year she dropped out for economical reasons.

"I went to work. When I got a good job, I just quit," said the raven haired Crevier without a note of regret. "My parents couldn't afford it. I didn't even finish the whole year."

Having to drop out of school didn't bother Crevier at first because as she explained, she was able to find good jobs in the city. "I didn't think of it the first few years," she said. "When I moved back here, I just got a few odd jobs."

"My son was going to be in school and then what was I going to do? Not just sit around home."

For 26 weeks she attended AVC upgrading classes at nearby Frog Lake followed by another 26 week stint in Fishing Lake.

In 1985 Crevier and her family (husband, children and grandchildren) moved to Lac La Biche campus.

"The reason I chose Lac La Biche was because they

had housing and I could move my whole family," said Crevier.

Her family handled the move well and enjoyed living in Lac La Biche. They were treated to conveniences they never had at home such as running water, day-care and recreational facilities.

"They liked the idea of me going to school," said Crevier. At the onset they kept much the same hours.

She completed her grade 12, receiving the Northlands achievement award. At the end of that year, her business administration goal changed to social services.

"During my upgrading, I took a lot of psychology and physiology courses," said Crevier, taking another drag of her smoke. "I liked

them. I thought if I took it (social services) I could come back and work in my community."

The first year of the two-year program was a busy one for Crevier.

"I took some evening courses and got in over my head," said Crevier. They didn't all have to do with the main program. "Some of the time I didn't have time for my family. I would just lock myself in my bedroom for a couple of hours or stay up 'til 2 or 3 a.m. after they went to bed."

At the end of that year (1987), she received an award from Sputnikow Counselling Services in recognition for her achievements in the field of Education.

Last year Crevier had an

easier time of school. "My second year I kind of applied some of the things I learned in the first year," said Crevier. "One of the courses that really helped me was stress management."

"Sometimes the course was really hard and other times it was something else," she continued, saying that at times she felt like quitting. "But, I kept going. I just wanted to finish my education."

Crevier spent the three-month-long field placements last year at a variety of facilities. Integrated Services in Lac La Biche, Dr. Savage Women's Crisis Center in Grand Center and the Beaver Lake Wah-Poh detox center. For her final placement this year, Crevier chose Fishing Lake.

"We try to place them in

their own communities," said Dave Robb, instructor with the community social services program. "We try to make them job ready. She (Crevier) needed the three months training to give her an idea of the administration and the government."

"We get a job prospect," said Crevier. "I choose my own community hoping to get a job here."

According to Garry Parenteau, "most communities don't have their own people coming back to fulfill the role such as Peggy. I'm happy to have her back in the community and hopefully she will be able to help our community in the field of social services."

Peggy Crevier plans to someday return to school to get her Bachelor of Social

Work degree. For now she plans to work for a while.

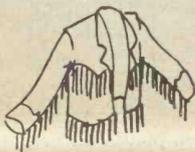
"I like school . . . I wanted to keep going to school but I've run out of resources and I have to go to work."

"One thing that will really help Peggy," said Robb, "is her job. She doesn't have the work background but a few years will make her more prepared (to return to school)."

Crevier will be able to apply much of what she recently learned to her FCSS director job. Her training covered things from health issues and family violence to rural methodology and global education.

"The whole program was geared towards Native communities," said Crevier, adding the training touched on contemporary Native issues. □

Good luck and best wishes to all participants at this year's Lac La Biche Powwow & Fish Derby



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## PERFORMERS

## 'Rez Sisters' gets invitation to play international festival overseas

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

TORONTO, Ont.

Toronto's Native Earth Performing Arts Inc. (NEPAI) is one of only two Canadian shows to be honoured with an invitation to the Edinburgh International Festival this August. The award-winning Native play, "The Rez Sisters" will be the first Native Canadian production ever to be invited in the entire 42-year history of this prestigious world-class theatrical event.

The Rez Sisters just completed a very successful five month national tour, playing to sold out houses across the nation, states a press release from the company. "As a young company, we are thrilled and honoured to have received such an invitation. This is a very important opportunity to perform the first Native Canadian play to present the North American Native situation and personality to a broader spectrum of humanity. The great success of The Rez Sisters to date is due to its wonderful capacity to communicate to Native and non-Native audiences alike." The press release continued to say

that it deals with some of the present-day harsh realities of Native situations.

Tomson Highway, who wrote the play from his heart and soul, brings the Native personality to life on stage. The play has been promised eight performances at the St. Brides Centre in Edinburgh, Scotland from Monday, August 15 through Saturday, August

20, at 7:30 p.m. and two matinees at 2:30 p.m. on August 17 and 20. The cast, director, musician and designer remain the same from the national tour.

This professional Native theatre company has been presenting new Canadian plays by Native writers, based on the Native experience since its debut in 1982. "Over this period the company has generated

incredible enthusiasm and interest in this form of theatre." states (NEPAI) Administrator Elaine Bomberry in a letter to Windspeaker.

Edinburgh will host the festival which continues to bring together the best in world arts of every kind. Festival Director, Frank Dunlop says, "an international festival must do more than be a great museum, it

must also be a voyage of discovery - on which adventure the peoples of the world learn about each other, about their arts, and about their ideas." This year the festival will bring in works from Canada, France, Italy, USA, Germany, Finland and South Africa as well as Japan and the Netherlands. Edinburgh hopes to enlighten the public with discoveries

to enrich your life and own culture.

NEPAI is in the process of setting up a workshop tour for Tomson. He's completed workshops across the country on the development of Native Theatre, focusing on the Trickster (the central character to Native Mythology) as the key ingredient. Tomson will hopefully do one workshop at the festival plus two or three others for theatrical or poetry groups in Britain.

NEPAI is now in the process of firming up their funding from all levels of government and are seeking funds from private sectors and various Native organizations as well. Tax receipts will be issued for the donations and will be announced by the High Commissioner for Canada, the Honourable Roy McMurtry at the Opening Night reception in Edinburgh.

The Algonquians Sweetgrass Gallery of Toronto are coordinating a lobby display which will feature brochures and newsletters from support groups along with artworks and masks from Native artists across the country for exhibition at the summer Edinburgh International Festival. □



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**DROPPIN IN**

By Mark McCallum

*Buffalo burgers to fill hungry tummies at Heritage Days*

**B**uffalo burgers anyone? Members of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre here in Edmonton will be serving the burgers to all takers at the Heritage Days Festival in Hawrelak Park.

"The buffalo burgers will be our main dish, that, and fried bannock," says centre recreation director (and chief cook) Gordon Russell, adding they will also have regular ground beef burgers and hot dogs on sale.

A dance stage, courtesy of the friendship centre, will also be set up at the Heritage Days Festival. A square dance group from the centre will be on hand to perform some numbers for onlookers. The event, now in its 12th year, will be held July 31-Aug. 1 at Hawrelak Park.

Russell also wanted to apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused last week by the cancellation of the centre's lunch hour barbecue. The barbecue has come to be known as a weekly event and has gained a reputation for serving some of the finest steaks at reasonable prices here in Edmonton. It's usually held on Thursdays but was cancelled last week (on July 7) because the centre was a little shorthanded. Russell, who does much of the barbecuing in the "Steak Pit" in front of the friendship centre, was working in Lac La Biche at the time, coaching a group of athletes for the annual Friends In Sport summer games.

"It's the first time in three years that the barbecue has been cancelled," says Russell, adding it is not being cancelled permanently and will continue to be held on Thursdays. Drop in the centre and try a tasty sample from the Steak Pit.

*Peace River:* The Sagitawa Friendship Centre has a load of events coming up in the future. A wiener roast will be held at Kinsmen Park on July 22. The day will be filled with recreational activities like soccer and baseball for young people, says education development worker Brent Sokwaypnace.

"It's going to be a fun day," he adds, noting the centre will be entering a float in the Heritage Days Parade. Once the parade is finished, the community will be gathering at the Kinsmen Arena. The centre's staff plans to set up a booth there to sell crafts and food. Sokwaypnace, who is also a powwow fancy dancer, will perform the grass dance for those in attendance.

Then, on Aug. 27 and 28, the centre's staff is putting on a cultural celebration at Kinsmen Park. "It's for the kids. Hopefully, we can show them something about their culture," explains Sokwaypnace, adding they may hold a small round dance and will definitely make crafts like headbands at the cultural event.

*Alexander:* Here's one for all you dedicated sports fans who can't get enough of your favorite pastimes. A new newspaper will be rolling off the press in September that will be completely dedicated to sports, says Jerome Yellowdirt, the paper's publisher. It will be called the Native Sports Network and will feature articles on athletes and events from across the province.

Yellowdirt created the theme because he wants to promote Native athletes from past and present. "The paper will be non-political," he says, adding it will come out twice a month. Anyone interested in the paper can contact Yellowdirt at the Alexander band office for more information.

*Fort Chipewyan:* The third annual Heritage Days celebration looks like it's going to be bigger and better this year. The Chipewyan band is hosting the event but it will be open to outsiders, says the band's culture coordinator, Roxanne Simpson.

She's hoping for a good turn out and big success. "Last year, everyone really enjoyed themselves and I think it may be even better this year."

The event will be held July 29 - August 1 at Jackfish Lake, 50km south of the Athabasca Lake. It will feature the Fort Rae Drummers, a fishing derby, handgame tournaments, a round dance and a dry fish making contest.

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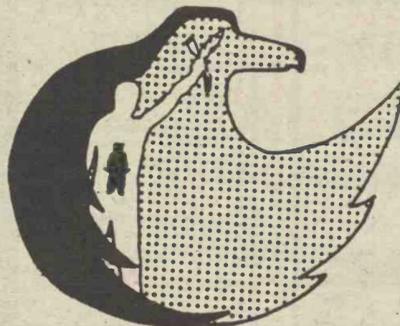
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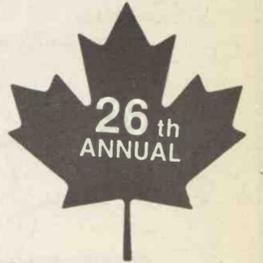
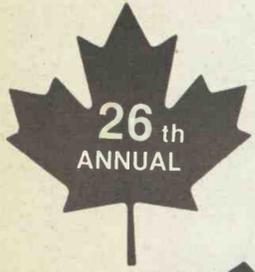


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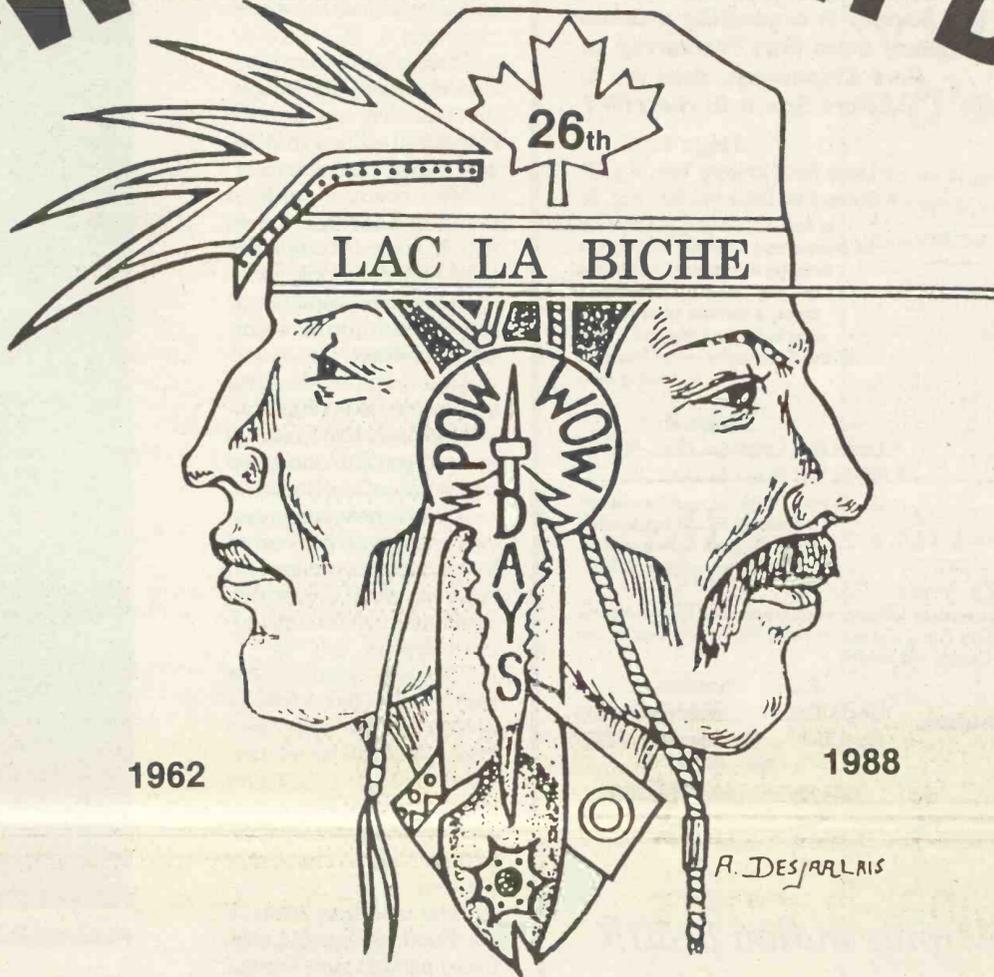
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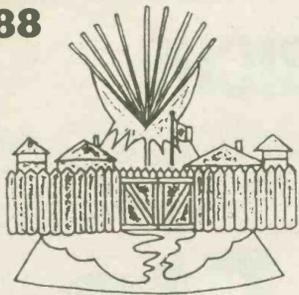
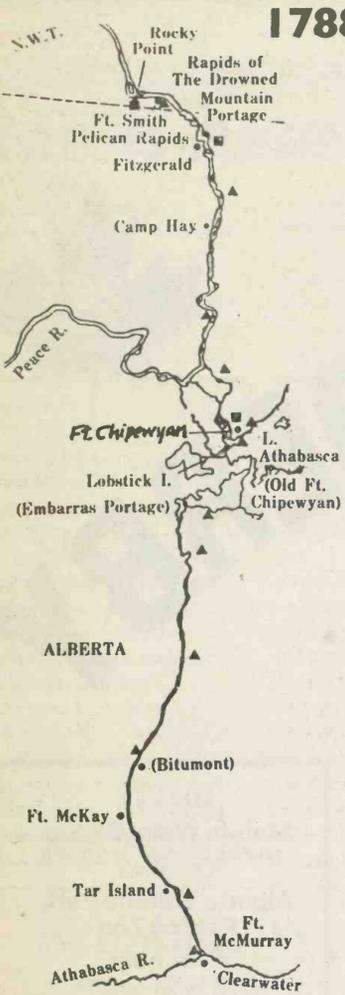
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# Slave Lake hit hard

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

All along the east shore of Lesser Slave Lake, communities at Driftpile, the Metis Settlement of East Prairie, Kinuso, and the town of Slave Lake, reported heavy damage caused by a thunderstorm that dropped 55 mm of rain in the area and nearly a week of previous rain.

Three deaths were attributed to heavy flooding in the area that saw an estimated \$40 million in damages at Slave Lake alone.

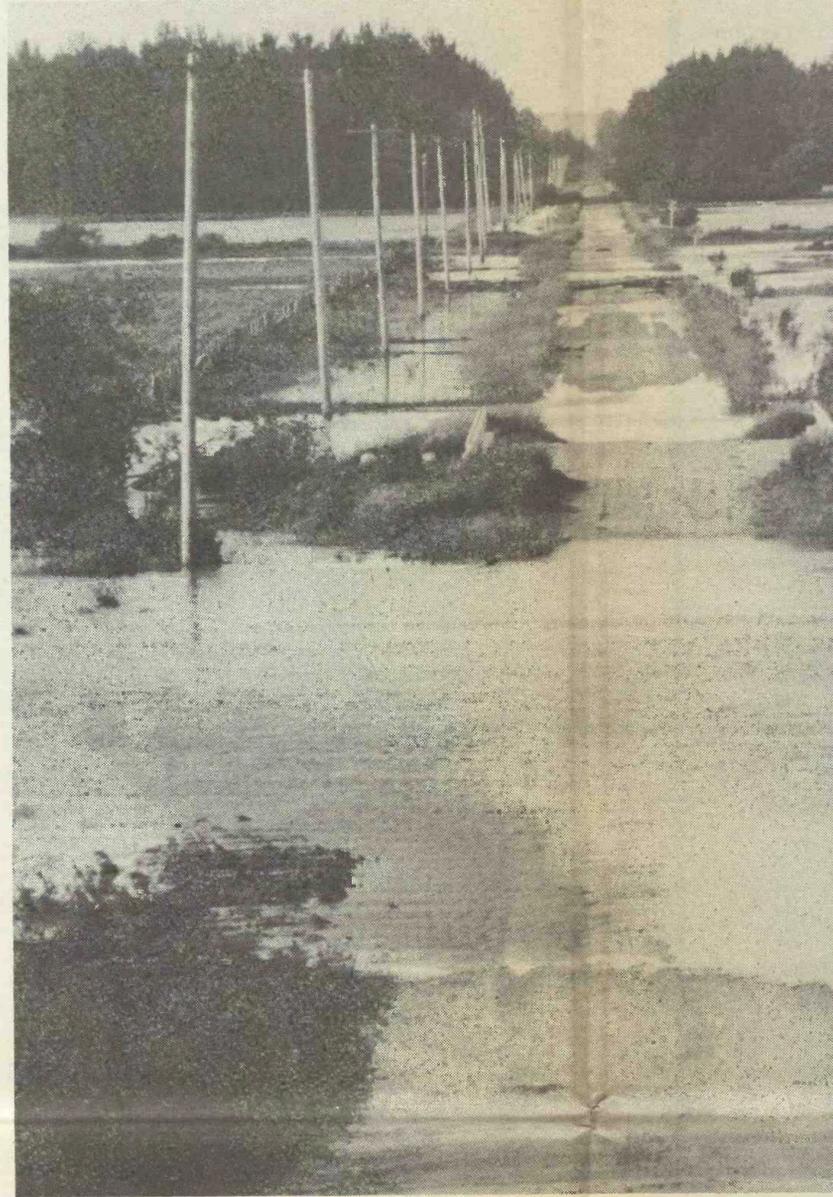
After nearly a week of rain the Sawridge Creek, which runs through the town of 5,600 people, overflowed its banks and forced the evacuation of about 2,500 residents.

After declaring the town a disaster area, Environment Minister Ken Kowalski has pledged provincial aid for victims of the flood.

The province has promised to cover 80 per cent of losses on all uninsurable items as well as provide additional aid for rebuilding or repairs.

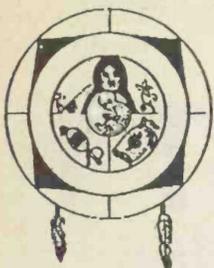
When the flood first hit Slave Lake, president of Metis Local 555, John Myers, was one of the first search and rescue boats on the scene. Here is his account of the flood as he witnessed the oncoming disaster.

"The major area hit by the flood was in the southeast part of town. I was at



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# Driftpile flood victims

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

DRIFTPILE, Alta.

Band council members at the Driftpile Indian reserve, 45 km north of High Prairie, will meet with both levels of government this week to see what can be done for families whose homes were damaged by last week's flood.

It is estimated that almost \$1 million in damage has been caused by the flood at Driftpile, but this figure could go even higher once a full evaluation has been taken.

According to Peter Freeman, in charge of major business ventures at Driftpile, technically the recovery of all items lost or damaged in the flood will not be negotiable with government, but, "I expect the same treatment that flood victims at Slave Lake are receiving."

Freeman says so far they are looking at about 20 houses that will need repair before families can move back in.

"Installation has been

damaged, basements are a disaster area and many household items are ruined. Our only store has been closed because of flood

damage and their food stock that was kept in the basement has been completely wiped out."

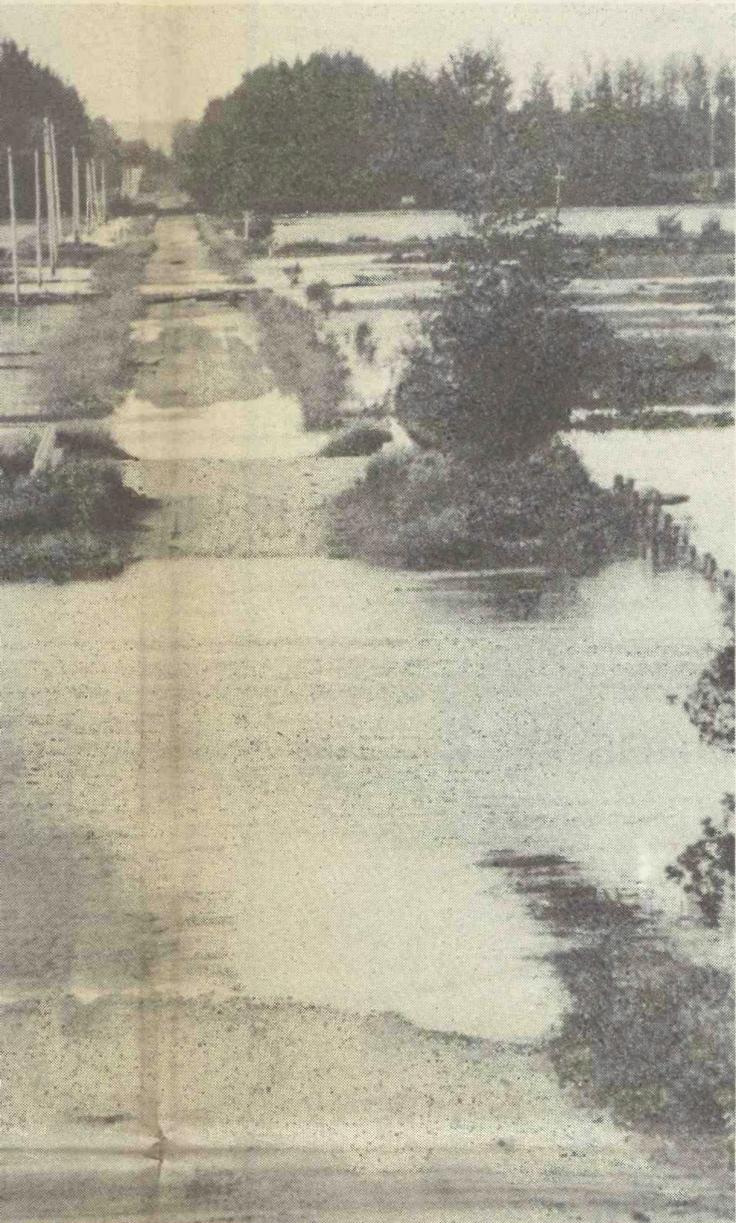
Freeman added that

Alberta Housing vide at least 10 trailers for families while their homes prepared.



Driftpile residents lend a hand to clean up: Many residents homeless

# hit hard by flood



s: Slave Lake area

— PHOTOS BY ROCKY WOODWARD

my girlfriend's, Francis Ghostkeeper, putting a tarp on a shed, and by this time we had had 13 hours of rain, a break and then more rain. While putting the tarp on, I noticed a neighbor hollering. He ran into his house and came out with his family, herding them into this truck."

He goes on to say, "I then looked and saw a wall of water at least two feet high coming right at us. I guess an overflow channel had flooded over and broke. We had two visitors from Manitoba and all of us including Francis' children, jumped into my four by four truck and drove down the street. I knew there had to be dry land somewhere."

"By this time, I was pushing against three feet of water but finally reached dry land."

"After dropping everyone off, I went back for my jet boat. The water was at least four feet high, up to my waist, when I got to my boat. For hours I helped people, removing them from their houses in a search and rescue mission."

"At one place near the main stream, a trailer had washed into some bush over 300 feet from where it originally was located. Trailers and houses were filling with water."

"You won't believe this but at one point I looked at my boat gauge, near the trailers, and saw that the flood water was moving at 22 miles per hour."

"By this time other search and rescue boats were out and we had to be very careful not to run into each other — because of the fast flowing water."

"We rescued dogs and cats, people and most of the time we were maneuvering our boats right over fences, the water was so high."

"Everyone pitched in to help and there was no panic. One oldtimer, we had to pull from his chair because he was scared of the rising water and we are thankful no lives were lost in the town," commented Myers.

The Slave Lake Friendship Centre has been turned into a Drop Off Depot for flood victims needing, shelter, food and clothing.

Myers says that much of the food in homes has been contaminated, "there's something in the silt or something in the water but food is contaminated," he said.

Other places in town have also been set up as drop-off centres and so far, at least 20 emergency trailers have been set up for flood victims.

Executive director for the friendship centre, Peggy Roberts says everyone is helping out. "It's weird and wonderful here. Job descriptions have been thrown out the window with everyone pulling together. Since day one of the flood, we have been doing everything to help people."

"The Elks Club has been feeding people 24 hours a day, the Red Cross is here helping out, rescue people, volunteer people, everyone chips in," added Myers.

About 10 homes have been declared structurally unsound, another 30 to 60 have been condemned for health and safety reasons and at least 800 other homes, including the Slave Lake General Hospital have water damage. □

uation of approximately 250 residents.

One local resident, Sam Isadore, 82, died from a heart attack after wading through 300 yards of water to a truck. "He was told to

wait for us but I guess he couldn't wait any longer," said Freeman.

Freeman added that the band will be forever grateful to the people at Jousard and Faust who took in about 125 flood victims.

"These communities were excellent in helping us out. They provided to our every need." Another 125 people from Driftpile travelled to the town of High Prairie and stayed in hotels until the flood water subsided.

At present, work crews are preparing washed out roads and pumping water from homes at Driftpile.

Freeman concludes it will take a lot of hard work and time before the reserve is back to normal. □



Water grounds cars, people: Assumption

## 'Old timers say water never sleeps'

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

ASSUMPTION, Alta.

"I suppose it is true when the oldtimers here at Assumption say the water never sleeps," said band councillor Archie Seniantha, referring to last week's flood that forced the evacuation of 41 families.

Heavy rains that caused the Sousa Creek to overflow its banks saw almost two-thirds of the reserve underwater. Although a damage report at this time has not been assessed it is expected to be high.

For a time it was feared that the Hay River, which flows through the Assumption Valley would back up and "we would've been in a lot of trouble if that would've happened," said assistant band manager, Harvey Denechoan.

Denechoan says they are thinking of asking Indian Affairs to supply them with dynamite so work crews can blast out log jams that are threatening two bridges at Assumption.

At present, work crews are using heavy equipment to remove the log jam at one bridge but the bridge at Habay cannot be reached yet due to high waters in the area.

Although the flood water

has gone down enough, allowing families to venture back to their homes, the damage caused by the flood can be seen on houses partly underwater and yards filled with mud.

During the flood, families were evacuated from two prairies west of the main administration area.

The third and last prairie where families lived were preparing to leave when the rains quit.

The Sousa Creek rose to a point where a boat was needed to deliver passengers from main Assumption to the administration area. A few more days of rain and all of Assumption would have had to be evacuated.

Still, some residents such as Alexis Mercredi, found some humor in the flood. "We should call it 'The Third Annual Assumption Flood Reunion,'" he laughed referring to two previous floods at Assumption.

Alberta Forestry Services supplied flood victims with temporary tent shelters that were set up in a field near the administration area.

According to Seniantha, work crews will be kept very busy clearing log jams, rebuilding roads and refixing damaged homes.

"Still, we are thankful that no lives were lost," said Mercredi. □

## victims seek aid

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Alberta Housing will provide at least 10 emergency trailers for families to live in while their homes are being prepared.

Work crews from the reserve have been working around the clock in a "clean-up" caused by the flood that forced the eva-



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Picking through washed up debris: Assumption

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# Donald finds strength in ties with Metis past

By Gail Duiker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON, Alta.

Georgina Donald loves music. Coming from a Metis background, the sounds of the fiddle remind her of her childhood.

For Georgina, it began in a log cabin in Calling Lake, Alberta. She was one of ten children born to David and Dennise Grandbois.

Born in the winter of 1932, she had no notion of the depression years. Everyone was experiencing hard times and as a result, families became closer. Often, Metis or French families got together for a good "old time jamboree." Thus, the monotony of winter and the depression was broken for a while.

Sometimes the Grandbois would bundle up and visit their Aunt Beatrice. Soon after their arrival, Uncle Frank would begin a square dance call. Later, the sounds of the fiddle and the clatter of shoes against the wooden floors would echo far into the evening hours.

Snuggled beneath patchwork quilts, Georgina and the other children watched the whirling figures of the men and women. Even as they struggled to stay awake, the gaily colored fringes and the vests became a blur of color, a dream to remember.

But growing up was not easy. Georgina had to quit school and help the family when her mother passed away. Still, the closeness that her family shared made her realize their importance.

In 1948, she met Ross

Donald at a dance. She didn't know this young man would become her husband later. But he liked to dance.

In February, 1950, Georgina and Ross were married. Today, they have six children, 25 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

As the children were growing up they expressed an interest in Metis dancing. This led to the couple's involvement at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

Georgina began to do some volunteer work at the centre. With experience, she became a referral worker. After 14 years as assistant director, she became the executive director. She has filled this position for eight years.

One of her dreams is shared by the centre's staff and its patrons: to see the reality of a new centre.

The present Canadian Native Friendship Centre is an old brick building. But the building itself is important because it is a place where people with common cultural values can come.

Georgina realizes this. Although, she oversees the operations of the centre, hires staff and attends board meetings, she still has time to be the program dance coordinator.

"Both Metis and Native dance classes are offered at the centre. The Metis class teaches the "Red River Jig." The more traditional Native dance is taught by the White Braid Society," Georgina states. Her dark eyes twinkle, "Sometimes, I join in with the children.

Even if it is a slow dance, they like it.

"I really enjoy my job," she says. "It's nice to see that people can come here and speak to others in their Native language. They can celebrate their heritage."

She laughs when she

thinks of the stereo-typing that came from the Western movies. "When we were growing up, we played cowboys and Indians. Everyone wanted to be the cowboy. He was the 'good guy'. It was funny because we were all Metis and

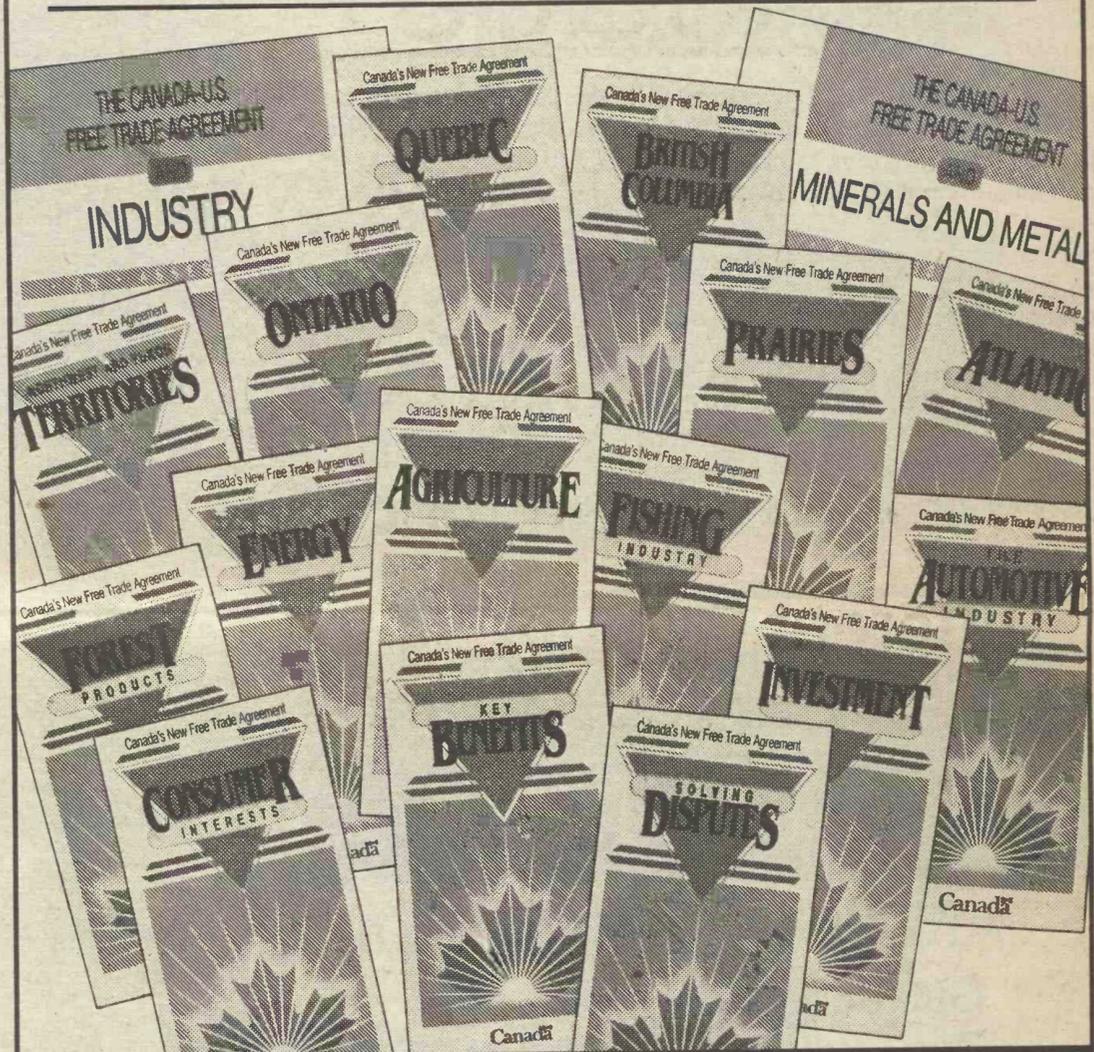
Native children."

Even though, Georgina has been working at the centre for many years she often stops and wonders: "How am I doing?" but it's the personal thank you's to her that affect her the most and answer her question. □



Georgina Donald

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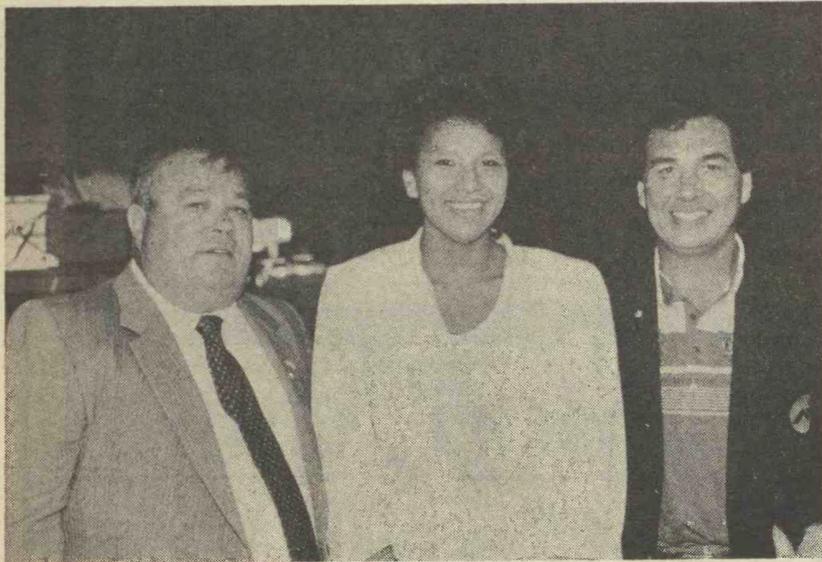


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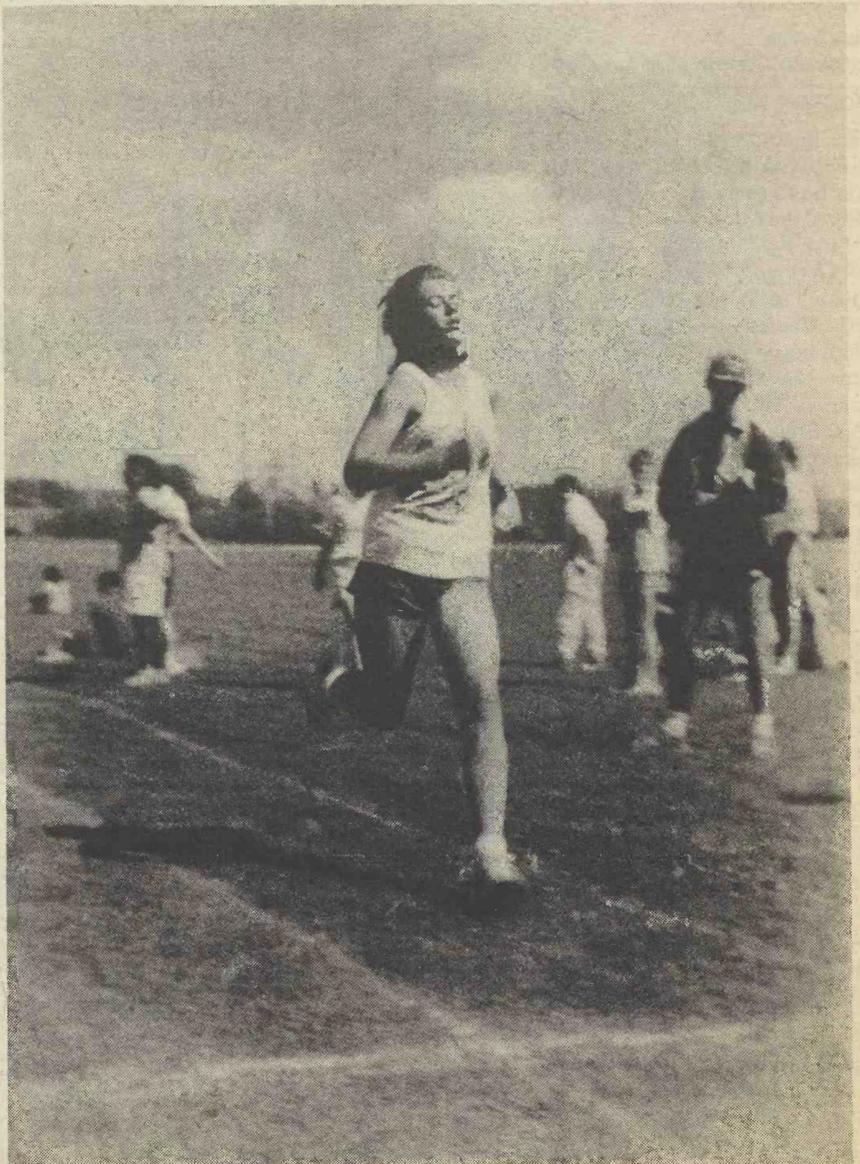
## SPORTS & LEISURE



### FRIENDS IN SPORTS

Over 135 athletes participated in the Friends in Sports Summer Games held in Lac La Biche July 7 and 8. Events had to be cancelled for a day because rain had made the track too wet. "But after the rain the sun came out and it was just right on!" said games volunteer Adam MacDonald. At right, a runner sprints for the finish line and above, Deanna Munson poses with MAA President Larry Desmeules and former athlete Willie Littlechild. Deanna won five gold medals at the games in disc throwing, shot put, long jump, high jump and running relay event. The exceptional athlete holds a title for being the fifth best in the heptathlon competition (seven track and field events) in Canada, an award she won in June at the Junior National Trials track meet. In August she will compete in the Legion Trials, the most prestigious track and field event in Canada for midget and juvenile athletes.

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## SPORTS &amp; LEISURE

Cash prizes awarded

# MC Vettes pluck Skyhawkes

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DUFFIELD, Alta.

Team MC Vettes from Edmonton plucked a \$950

win over the Paul Band Skyhawkes in the ladies 'East Side' final match with a score of 14-3 during the Paul Band Recreation

Fastball Tournament July 8, 9 and 10.

The Skyhawkes won \$750 for their runner-up position and the St. Albert Cubs took home \$600 for third spot with a score of 18-2 over fourth place team, the Warburgh Drifters, who walked away with \$500.

In the mens 'A side' finals, the Bucklake Lakers won \$1000 in their close 2-0 scoring game win over the Paddle River team who picked up \$800 for second place. On the 'B Side', Drayton Valley Knights won their match for a win

of \$700 over the Paul Band Brewers who picked up \$500 after their 12-11 game.

First place prize money and second place trophy winners was followed by awarding the most valuable players (MVP) with engraved silver-plate awards from the Paul Band Recreation office.

MVP winners from the 'A Side' ladies final were catcher Donna Potts from the Paul Band Skyhawkes and short stop Velma Motley from the MC Vettes team. On the 'B Side', catcher Dianne Getz and short stop, Pam Worshek

won this award. Semi-final MVP third-base winners were Geraldine Bearhead from the Paul Band Skyhawkes and Maureen Shulhan from the Barhead Firebirds. MVP right-field winners of the same division went to Bev McIsaac from the MC Vettes team and Blackie Williams from the Encores.

The list of the other 14 ladies teams entered in the tournament were: Paul Band Blue Jays, Spruce Grove Panthers, Wabamun Lakers, Morley Royals, Morley Thunderettes, Alexis Stealers, Wildwood Aces,

and Ozada Bisons.

The list of the other 12 mens teams entered in the tournament were: Wabamun Drifters, Morley Chiefs, Morley Cardinals, Morely Rangers, Elizabeth Riels, Onoway, and Alexis Rebels.

The Ladies league teams paid \$200 entry fee costs per team and the mens league teams paid \$250 per team.

"We had good weather throughout the weekend and the teams played from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.," said Recreation Director, Alex Belcourt. □

## Golfers swing for a hole-in-one and car at Louis Bull

A few "balls rolled right by the cup" but no one won the car that was up for grabs for a hole in one at the fourth Louis Bull Annual Golf Tourney on July 9-10, according to Bill Goodin, event coordinator.

"The yardage on the cup for the hole in one was 155 yards, but over two days no one quite made it," he added. But there were lots of winners in the other categories included in the tourney and they walked away with cash prizes donated by Louis and Ivy Rain, Harvey and Iris Roasting and the Wetaskiwin Golf Club.

Over 138 golfers from across the province "and even a few from Saskatchewan" participated in the tourney held under sunny skies and in weather that was "just what we ordered," said Goodin. The tourney went along as smooth as

could be and it was not without its humorous moments.

"Poor Iris Roasting...It took her about 10 or 11 strokes on one fairway to get out of the bush. I guess the trees kept jumping in her way," laughed Goodin.

First place award winners in the 14 categories are as follows: Seniors' champion flight, Phil Thompson; Seniors' first flight, Louis Rain; Men's champion flight, Lloyd Gauthier; Men's first flight, Herb Crowchild; Men's second flight, Sandy Red Crow; Men's third flight, Jerome Morin; Men's fourth flight, Ben Ground; Ladie's champion flight, Wanda Baptiste; Ladie's first flight, Leona Lafonde; Ladie's calloway, Elsie Bull; Junior champion, Dwight Buffalo; Open champion - Scotty Murray Memorial winner, Brad Daniels. □



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## SPORTS &amp; LEISURE

## Wranglers vie for top spots at Louis Bull Rodeo

Rocky Woodward, Windspeaker

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEWA, Alta.

They came from High Level, Fort Vermilion, Paddle Prairie and Edmonton — all of them cowboys and all were attending the Louis Bull Reserve Northern Alberta Native Cowboy Association (NANCA) Rodeo. They attempted to better their standings towards the finals scheduled for Albuquerque,

New Mexico, in September.

Over two days, July 9 to 10, cowboys did everything they could to stay on wild horses, lasso a steer in the quickest time and ride bulls for silver belt buckles and a purse that the Louis Bull Rodeo organizers offered to the winners.

Over two days cowboys limped out of the rodeo arena, some of them cursing after being bucked to the ground before the bell sounded, while others went

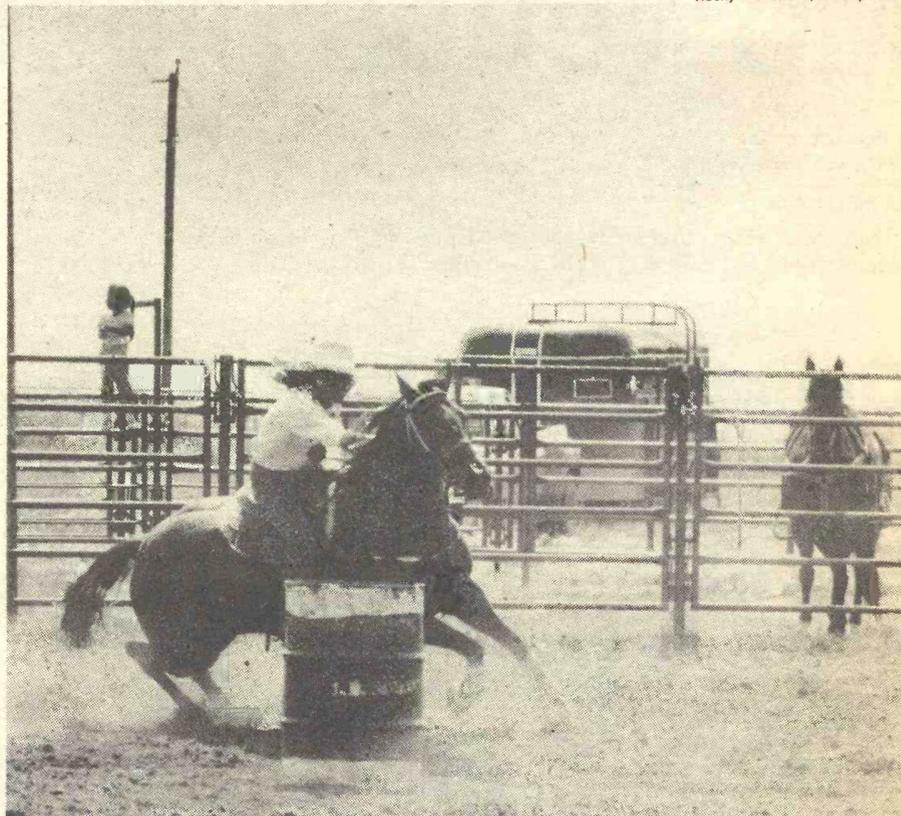
on to win.

In calf roping, Earl Littlechild from the Ermineskin Reserve had to beat Dion Yellowbird's time of 13:02. He was the last draw on the last day and when his horse came out at full gallop without breaking the barrier, the crowd cheered as if sensing Littlechild's time would be excellent. It was enough at 11:02 to win him the calf roping event. Yellowbird settled for second.

In bull riding, Collin Willier set a fantastic score of 80 points on the first day of the rodeo, a time cowboys like Dennis Ghostkeeper of Paddle Prairie and Leon Ferguson — who had a 71, tried to beat but on the second day it was Bulls 12-Cowboys 1, and Willier went on to win a silver buckle and a purse of \$513.

The All-Around Cowboy award was taken by Brian Crane, a cowboy who enters and does very well in bareback, calf roping and team roping. The silver buckle was donated by Wayne Moonias of the Louis Bull Reserve.

The bareback event saw Kenton Randle of Fort Vermilion come up big on a



Making a tight turn on a well-trained horse: barrel racer

horse called "Pee Wee" to win the competition with a score of 74.

In junior barrel racing it was Stephanie Simon with a time of 15:91 and the senior

barrel racing title went to Sandy Buffalo, 15:85.

Steer wrestling was won by Chief Buffalo, while a young cowboy from High

Level, Darcy Kobza, won in junior steer riding.

The saddle bronc event went to Richard Kipling with a time of 69, on a horse called August Moon. Clarence Fournier drew a horse called Wacky Weed and lost out to Kipling by only two points. He took second with 67.

Team roping with a great time of 8:08 was won by Dion and Merle Yellowbird. Barely had the cow left the shoot when these two cowboys had it lassoed.

This weekend, most of these cowboys will journey to Ma-Me-O Beach for the July 16, 17 Rodeo. All of them have their eyes set on the big national rodeo and each one of them knows they need the points to get there. □

## Calendar of Events

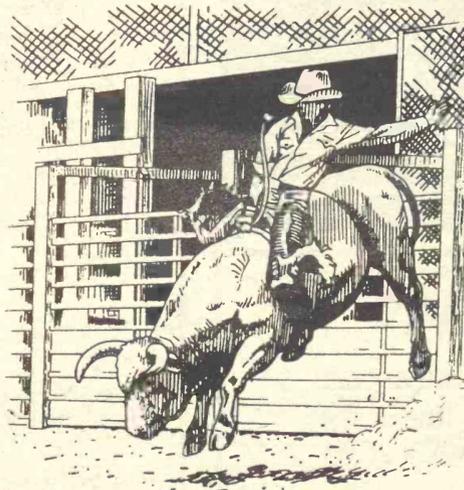
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- **Four Nations Powwow**, Aug. 5-7, Hobbema. Ermineskin reserve by Maskwachees Mall. Call Cecil Cryer 585-2800 for further information.
- **Blackfoot Indian days**, Aug. 5-7, Blackfoot Centennial Rodeo Grounds near Gleichen. Contact Fred Breaker 734-3804/3806 from Mon. - Fri. office hours.
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- **Chippewa Cree Celebration**, Aug. 5-7, Rocky Boy, Mont.
- **Big Grassy River Powwow**, Aug. 11-14, Morson, Ont. Call Shirley 1-807-488-5552 or Pierre 1-807-488-5945.
- **Rodeo**, Aug. 13 & 14, Frog Lake reserve. Contact Larry Quinney at 943-2211.
- **Northern Alberta Native Slowpitch Tournament**, Aug. 13 & 14, Driftpile. Call John Giroux 355-3868 (office) 355-2141 (home) or Ross Giroux 355-3868 (office) 355-2128 (home).
- **Powwow**, Aug. 12-14, Wetaskiwin, AB. Call White Buffalo Friendship Centre (403) 352-3315 or 352-3309 for more info.
- **Competition Powwow**, Aug. 12-14, Slave Lake, hosted by Driftpile band. For more info contact Fred Campiou (403) 355-2142.
- **25th Anniversary & Powwow**, Aug. 18-21, Prince Albert Indian & Metis Friendship Centre. Call 1-306-764-3431 for further info.
- **Crow Fair**, Aug. 19-21, Crow Agency, Mont. Call (406) 638-2601 for more info.
- **Intercultural Days & Powwow**, Aug. 26-28, Kehewin First Nations. Call Percy Moosepayo 826-3333 for further information.
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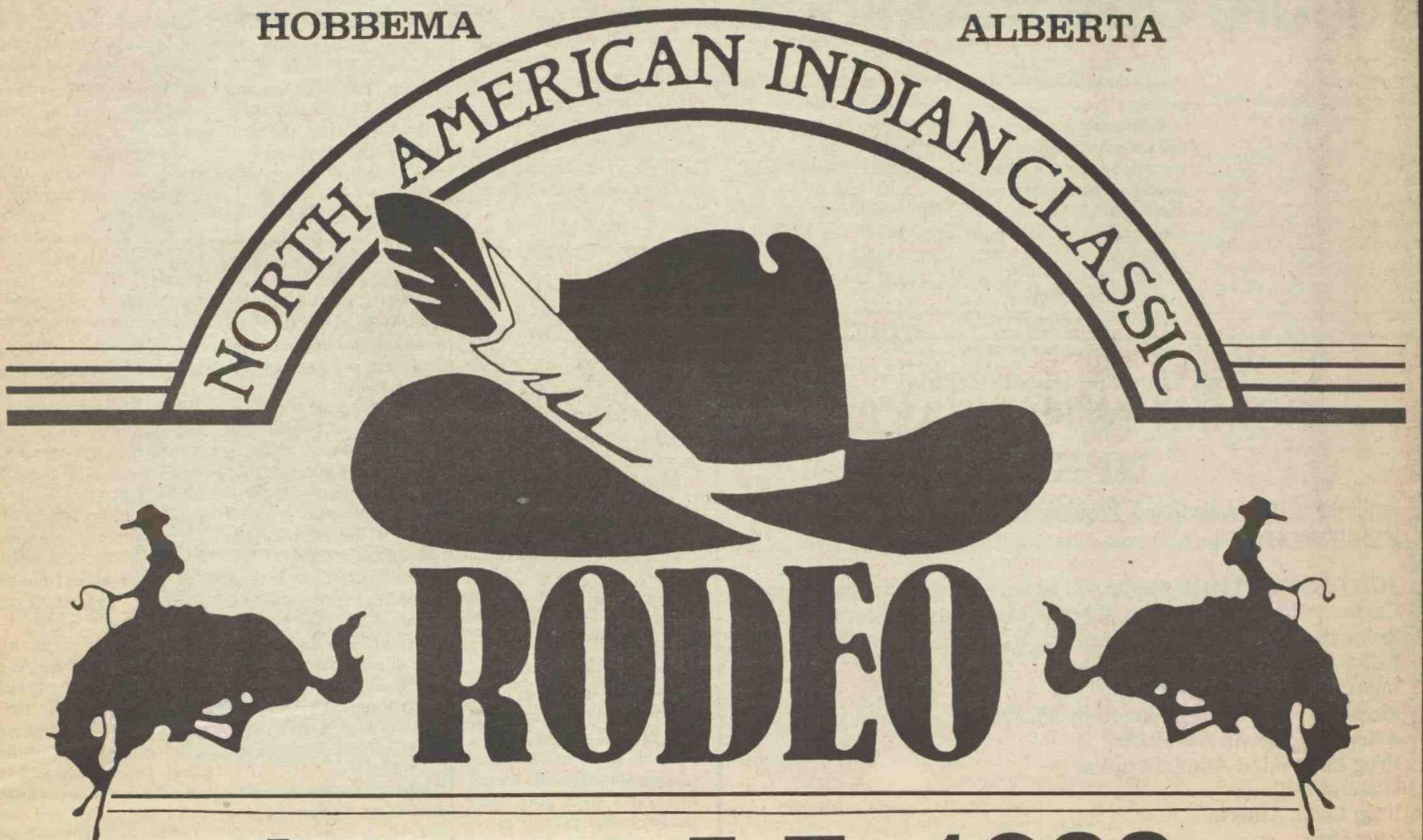
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# Arts and crafts reflect basic culture and traditions

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

**Crafts:** In Indian society, just as in any other, crafts are an extension of that group's culture. Therefore, to properly address the topic of crafts requires some consideration of the

culture and traditions of the people.

Although it does not necessarily apply in all instances, in most cases almost all Indian crafts are a reflection of goods that served a practical purpose at one time or another.

Some of those purposes

were of a purely physical nature while others were of a sacred, ceremonial, or symbolic nature.

Until recent times, most crafts could be purchased at very low prices. The tedious hours involved in such workmanship as quill or

beadwork never realized a fair return to the craftsman. Finally, more reasonable prices are being paid so that the producer now gets a fairer deal than was the

case in most instances up until the late 1970s, early 1980s.

Before explaining some specific crafts, it might be worthwhile to first talk about some of the general elements involved. Certainly, the topics of fabrics, threads, beads, and designs must be touched upon, even in general terms.

The number of contemporary craftspeople and artisans is staggering. Carvers, silversmiths, weavers, potters, bead workers, bustle makers, and so on number in the thousands.

This article will only scratch the surface of arts and crafts. What is intended is to provide at least a sampling of some items while placing some specific focus on crafts that you, the reader could pursue in a hands-on fashion. □

## Art materials

### Sinew and beads

**Sinew:** To sew their fabrics sinew was used prior to the arrival of commercial threads. The strongest and most common sinew came from buffalo, elk and moose. Later, sinew was also obtained from cattle and horses.

Highly regarded for its strength, sinew is acquired from the large tendon that runs along each side of an animal's backbone. It extends from around the neck joint for about one to three feet in large animals

although shorter pieces are to be had from beneath the shoulder blades of cattle.

As soon as possible after the animal has been shot, the tendon was scraped clean of the natural glue that surrounds it.

The tendon was then rubbed to make it soft and pliable. A common practice was to moisten the tendons with saliva, then twist them by rubbing them against one's knee. Whenever it dried it was soaked with warm water to restore its flexibility.

With hides and sinew at the ready, Indian women were then able to get on with making whatever

goods were necessary for the day-to-day lives of the family. This would include shirts, pants, jackets, moccasins, bedding, horse gear. To enhance the appearance of certain goods or to attach some symbolism of a spiritual nature, often required the inclusion of designs that were done in beads.

**Beading:** The history of beadwork is preceded by the history of the Indian's use of paints to depict or provide certain information.

Paint dyes were made from earths and plants. For example, the colors dark brown or black was developed from wild grapes or hickory nuts. The floral petals from sunflowers were boiled with pieces of cattail root to produce yellow, and red was obtained from buffalo berries or squaw berries.

Vegetable dyes and coloring from boiling early trade cloths quickly replaced the natural dyes. Now, there are many commercial dyes available in almost every color imaginable so that the use of natural dyes has disappeared and very, very few people know how to make natural dyes. □

## Full Time Permanent Position COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

required by Frog Lake Band. Position will have a 3-6 month probationary period.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** She/he will be nurse in charge at the Health Centre; will provide a variety of health care needs/services specific to community needs.

Salary Negotiable

Interviews to be held August 3, 1988

Please forward resumes before July 25, 1988 to:

**Attention: Melvin Abraham  
Frog Lake Band Administration  
General Delivery  
Frog Lake, Alberta  
T0A 1M0  
Telephone: (403) 943-3737**

## TEACHERS

Department of Education  
Inuvik Region, N.W.T.

The Department of Education, Inuvik Region requires Teachers in the following communities:

**COLVILLE LAKE** - Generalist teacher, Grades K-9 all subjects. Enrollment 15-19 students. An outpost school ideal for an adventuresome, resourceful individual.

**AKLAVIK** - Term teacher for September to January inclusive. Grades 5-7 Math, Science, Physical Education Grades 6-7 Home Economics if skills permit.

**FORT FRANKLIN (Two Positions)** - Primary generalist for term position August 22 to December 16 inclusive; and an Elementary generalist for term position 1988/89 school year.

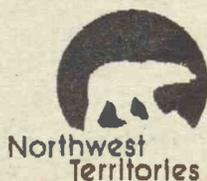
**KNUTE LANG CAMP** - Term position September to January inclusive, with possible extension for balance of 1988/89 school year. A generalist teacher able to provide small group and individualized instruction to students ages 14 to 17 at intermediate to Junior High levels. Training and/or experience in adolescent counselling and life skills would be a definite asset. This is an outpost, semi-isolated wilderness camp which would be a challenging and rewarding experience for a suitable individual.

These opportunities are available for qualified generalist teachers with strengths in one or more areas and at least two years successful teaching experience. Training and experience in ESL/ESD, the language development approach across the curriculum, cross-cultural education and special Education (integrated approach) are definite assets. Candidates must also be eligible for an N.W.T. Teaching Certificate.

For further information, contact Mr. Barry Clarkson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools (South) at (403) 979-7135 or Mr. Jim Maher, Regional Superintendent of Education at (403) 979-7130.

REFERENCE NO.: EV-65-88-71-0000  
CLOSING DATE: July 29, 1988

Submit applications including telephone numbers to:  
Regional Superintendent  
Department of Personnel  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Inuvik, N.W.T. XOE OTO.



Northwest  
Territories

Preference will be given to applicants eligible under the Native Employment Policy.

## Attention Ladies (Girls) We Want You!

We are holding a three prairie province all Native female talent search.

If you can sing or play any musical instrument (fiddle, guitar, bass, banjo, mandolin, drums, accordion), we want you.

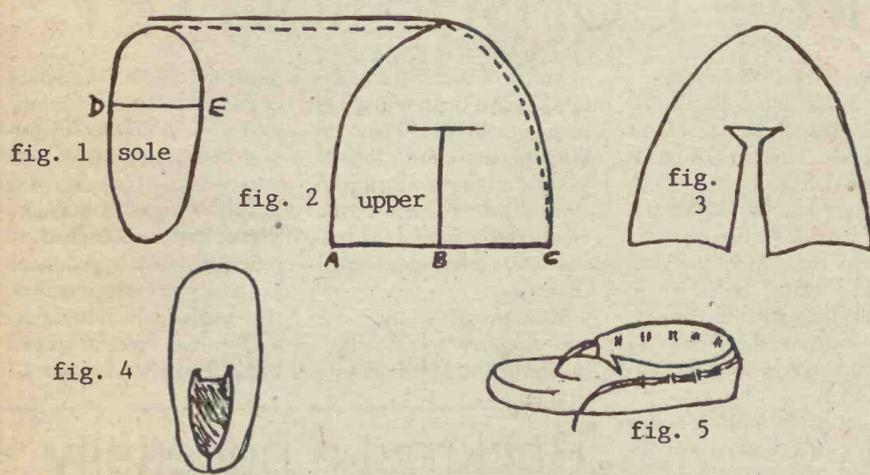
We will be holding several *Search For Talent* shows. From the winners of the *Search For Talent* shows we will be selecting six or seven ladies for our major recording of an all Native band. The band will be playing at all major rodeos and Native events across Canada and stateside. All our shows will be done before live audiences. We will also be making videos and tapes to be sold.

**479-2083 Bus. (Manager Debbie)  
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## Teepee Music Enterprises

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Edmonton, Alberta T5W 1A7  
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Patterns for two-piece moccasins.

**Making Moccasins:** There are many different patterns one can use to make themselves a pair of moccasins. This is just one of them.

Draw a line about 1/4 inch around the print pattern

of your foot.

Cut the pattern out along the line.

Draw a pattern of the upper (fig.2). This pattern should be 1/2 inch longer than the sole; the distance

across the bottom of the pattern (A—C) should be about three times the distance across the sole at the widest point (D—E, fig.1). Cut out this pattern.

Cut along the "T" of the

pattern and fold back the two flaps (fig.3).

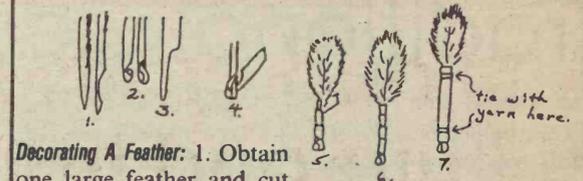
Fold pattern so that the two halves of the bottom of the pattern (A—B and B—C) overlap slightly (fig.4), fasten together temporarily.

Match the upper to the sole and trim so that the sole is about 1/4 inch longer.

Decide what materials you plan to use for the sole and the upper. Use the two completed patterns to cut these materials the correct size and shape.

Sew the sole and upper together by turning upper inside-out. Complete sewing down each side, around the heel and up the heel seam. Turn the entire moccasin right side out.

Cut slits along the "cuff" of the upper and insert lacing (fig.5). To make the moccasin for the other foot, reverse the patterns.



**Decorating A Feather:** 1. Obtain one large feather and cut lower end as in figure 1. 2. Boil bottom in water; bend end up and insert into stem as in figure 2. 3. Apply adhesive tape as in 4, add fluff to large feather and bind with the tape as in 5. 4. Complete tape wrapping - about 2" long. 5. Wrap red felt so edge is at back of feather and sew or fasten with Dupont cement. Wrap may be beaded. 6. Trim tip of feather with a few strands of horse hair and a small fluff.

\* Use on drums, shields, clubs, arm bands, hats, headdresses, spears, wall ornament, hang from car mirror, etc.

8. Completed Feather

### LITTLE RED RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### Principal (Fox Lake)

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

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Positions will remain open until suitable candidate is found.

Send detailed resume to:

Mr. M. Fyten  
Director of Education  
Box 1830  
High Level, Alberta T0H 1Z0  
(403) 759-3811



### STURGEON LAKE BAND ADMINISTRATION

Box 757  
VALLEYVIEW, ALBERTA  
T0H 3N0  
PHONE 524-3307 or 3308

#### TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

## KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Applications are currently being accepted for the position of Kindergarten Teacher, for the Sturgeon Lake kindergarten, located at Sturgeon Lake, Alberta, Canada.

Applicant must possess a valid Alberta teacher's certificate, as well as an E.C.S. diploma. Also, an ability to speak Cree and have a working knowledge of Native/children people is an asset; valid Class 5 Drivers License, able to provide own transportation; good physical and mental health.

Interested applicants should forward a complete resume, including two (2) professional references.

Salary commensurate with qualifications.  
Closing date: July 29, 1988, 4:30 p.m.

Please forward resume to: Sturgeon Lake Band Administration, P.O. Box 757, Valleyview, Alberta, T0H 3N0, ATTN: Lydia Kowalchuk, Assistant Administrator - 524-3307 for additional information.

### Grande Prairie Regional College Extension Services

requires an

## ADULT BASIC EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

for its Eagle's Path Educational Project located in Grande Cache, Alberta. This project involves teaching basic subjects to Native adults at the Grades 1 to 9 levels as well as presenting an introduction to trades and industry. Employment will commence August 15, 1988 and concludes October 28, 1988. Dependent upon funding, the position may be continued.

Preferences will be given to the candidates who have a B.Ed. and experience in intercultural education. Basic knowledge of the Cree language would be an asset. Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applicants are invited to send a resume before July 22, 1988 to the Human Resources Department.



Grande Prairie  
Regional College 10726 - 106 AVENUE  
GRANDE PRAIRIE  
ALBERTA T8V 4C4

## BAND MANAGER

### Chipewyan Indian Band Fort Chipewyan, Alberta

We are seeking an experienced manager who can maintain the momentum towards self-sufficiency and top quality for our administration. The successful candidate must be willing to relocate to Fort Chipewyan; be skilled in office procedures, inventory control and planning, be committed to staff training and be able to communicate with most everyone. Duties include planning annual budgets, interacting with a wide range of government agencies, devising policies and advising Chief and Council on rapidly developing issues. The successful candidate should have a good knowledge of accounting procedures, inventory control, government assistance programs, planning and staff development.

This is a very challenging position presenting opportunity for those committed to management development to gain widespread recognition.

Interested candidates should submit a resume with three references as to suitability and experience to:

Athabasca Chipewyan Band  
P.O. Box 366  
Fort Chipewyan, AB, T0P 1B0  
Ph: (403) 697-3730

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## Traditional weaving a time consuming art

**Loom Weaving:** The art of weaving porcupine quills or beads was essentially an eastern art. It predominated among the Woodland Indians and the eastern Sioux tribes.

In all likelihood, the first loom beading frames to be

used were of the wooden bow type. In the Canadian north, some of the Dene still use the bow loom in the execution of their intricate quill weaving.

Eventually, an oblong wood frame came about. Simply constructed, the

device consisted of a long, flat piece of wood with two to three inch high upright blocks at each end. Warp strings were strung from end to end to form a general netting on which to weave beads.

To attach the beads, a

single thread of beads was strung and passed crosswise from the underside of the threads. The row of beads was then forced upwards by a finger and the needle and thread was then passed across the top through the beads again. In order to strengthen such beadwork, the warp threads on the outside edges were usually doubled.

Use of the oblong frame worked its way across North America to some of the western Indian tribes such as the Sioux until it became quite popular. Over time, it almost totally replaced the bow loom.

The expansion of the oblong frame loom was probably promoted by school teachers and the clergy, especially to encourage the manufacturing of an economy for the Indians. Through the use of the loom, the beading process proved to be far quicker and easier than any of the former beading methods. Today, they are still widely used.

As long as there are Native people, their craftwork will likely survive. The crafts themselves will probably be subject to change because that is the general nature of culture. Nothing remains the same.

Many of today's artisans take a great deal of pride in their craftwork. They do not rush their work for the sake of mass production so that much of what one views and purchases is unique and original in most cases.

Even young artisans seek out the historical basis, meaning and symbolism of

patterns, styles, materials, colors and items. Certainly, all forms of crafts will survive the times. Most will pass with it. However, the beauty of today's pieces and the creativity attached to much of what is produced are a tribute to the imaginative talents of contemporary craftspeople, a species that will survive forever. □

The Edmonton Catholic School District's Native Education Program in conjunction with the Alberta School for the Deaf are seeking applications for a

## NATIVE LIAISON OFFICER

to work with the hearing impaired/deaf Native students.

Applicants must possess; a Social Services Diploma or equivalent experience, experience working with Native children in a school setting, understanding of Native culture, Level III sign language skills or a willingness to attain these skills, good writing and communication skills, an ability to work independently, an Alberta Drivers License, personal vehicle and a willingness to travel in Alberta.

Knowledge of a Native language would be beneficial.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume by July 29, 1988 to:

Lauren Hughes  
Human Resources Officer  
Edmonton Catholic School district  
9807 - 106 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5K 1C2



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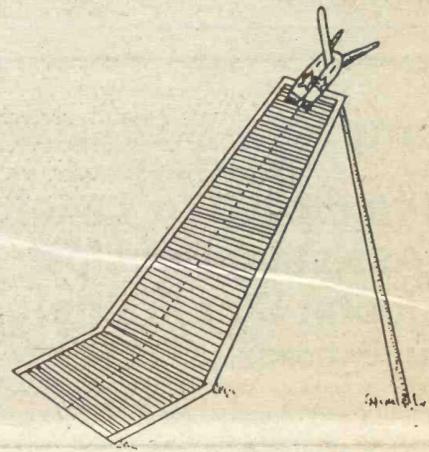
For further information, application forms and a job description for the Native Liaison Officer - Hearing Impaired/Deaf Native children, please contact Lauren Hughes at 441-6058.

## Backrest a necessity

**Backrest:** The willow backrest was always a common household item for Indians to prop their bodies up when relaxing in their lodges. These were easy to construct by simply lacing together several dozen willows and then fastening the

works to a tripod. The user had to be sure to sit on the extended piece which covered the ground or they

would just fall over backward unless the bottom ends were somehow staked down.



## Employment Opportunity

REGISTERED  
NURSES

## INUVIK REGIONAL HEALTH BOARD

Inuvik meaning "Place of Man" is the terminus of the Dempster Highway, and is 340 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, perched on the very edge of the northern frontier.

Challenging positions are available in the 63 bed Inuvik Regional Hospital.

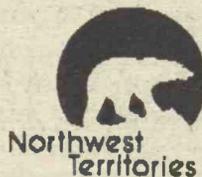
Applicants must have a minimum of one year recent experience and be eligible for registration in the Northwest Territories. Benefits include: moving expenses, vacation travel assistance, and subsidized accommodations. Salary starts at \$33,403 per annum plus a yearly Settlement Allowance of \$2,553.

Individuals requiring further information should contact The Special Projects Nursing Officer at (403) 979-7115.

Reference No.: EV-34-88(2)

Submit applications including telephone numbers to:

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EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Director of Social Services

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

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

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

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

Salary commensurate with qualifications.

Closing Date: Aug. 12, 1988

Interviews: Aug. 16, 1988

Please forward resume to:

Bigstone Cree Band  
General Delivery  
Desmarais, Alberta  
T0G 0T0

## ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

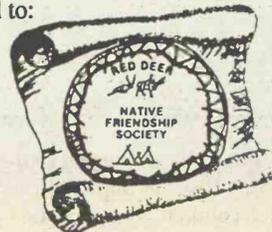
The Assistant to Executive Director is responsible to the Executive Director and performs the following duties:

- ✓ Establishes and maintains efficient office procedures
- ✓ Assists the Executive Director in ensuring that all terms and conditions of any agreement entered into by the centre are being met
- ✓ Keeps an up-to-date record and inventory of all equipment and properties of the centre
- ✓ Responsible for the general upkeep and sanitation of the facility
- ✓ Attends board meetings as may be required
- ✓ Establishes and maintains a data collection system including records of referrals
- ✓ Assists the Executive Director in preparing proposals
- ✓ Responsible for the overall operation of the centre in the absence of the Executive Director - plan, organizes and supervises the centre's programs to ensure that they are designed and operated to meet the aims and objectives of the centre
  - by identifying unmet needs within the community
  - by designing a program to meet this need
  - by identifying and soliciting suitable funding, by supervising the implementation of the programs
  - performs other duties as may be required

**Qualifications:** Good verbal and written communication skills; computer knowledge and experience; programming in social, culture, recreational and education; design, implement and evaluate; knowledge of Native language and culture; driver's license.

Deadline: July 25, 1988 - 4:30 p.m.

Mail to:



Red Deer Native Friendship Society  
5217 Gaetz Avenue  
Red Deer, Alberta  
T4N 4B4  
ATTN: Caroline Yellowhorn

## JOB OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

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

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

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

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

Salary: Negotiable Deadline: August 19, 1988

Send resumes to:  
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Vice Chairman  
St. Paul Treatment & Training Centre  
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Box 179  
Cardston, Alberta T0K 0K0



## Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE(S) Inuvik Regional Health Board

Located in the Northwest corner of Canada's Northwest Territories, the Inuvik Region is made up of twelve (12) communities with very diverse cultural groups. Unique and challenging career opportunities exist for qualified single and married nursing staff to deliver health care services out of community health centres.

Minimum qualifications are: BScN or Public Health Diploma; Outpost Nursing Diploma; nurse practitioner; RN with outpost nursing experience. Salary starts at \$33,403 per annum depending on qualifications and experience, plus a Settlement Allowance and other allowances. Moving expenses are also provided.

Individuals requiring further information should contact the Special Projects Nursing Officer at (403) 979-7115.

**Reference No.:** EV 33-88(2)  
Submit applications including telephone numbers to:

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# BLACKFOOT INDIAN DAYS CELEBRATION '88

Blackfoot Centennial Rodeo Grounds

## AUG. 5, 6, 7, 1988

**Grand Entry: Daily 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.**

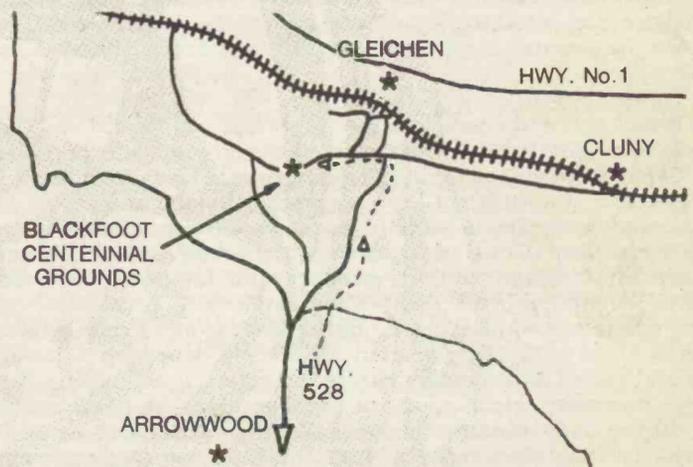
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#### Competition Categories

	1ST.	2ND.	3RD.	4TH
MEN'S TRADITIONAL ..... (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
MEN'S GRASS ..... (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
MEN'S FANCY ..... (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
MEN'S CHICKEN DANCE .. (17 & up)	\$400	\$300	\$200	
LADIES' TRADITIONAL ..... (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
LADIES' FANCY ..... (17 & up)	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
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BOY'S TRADITIONAL ..... (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
BOY'S FANCY GRASS ..... (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
GIRL'S TRADITIONAL ..... (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
GIRL'S FANCY ..... (14 to 17 yrs.)	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$ 50
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BOY'S FANCY & GRASS ... (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
BOY'S TRADITIONAL ..... (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
GIRL'S TRADITIONAL ..... (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
GIRL'S FANCY ..... (9 to 13 yrs.)	\$200	\$100	\$ 75	\$ 50
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MEN'S TEAM .....	\$300	\$200	\$100	
LADIES' TEAM .....	\$300	\$200	\$100	

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Committee Giveaway & Memorial Giveaways
- Drummers to be paid
- Handgame Competition
- Jackpot Bingo on Location  
(During afternoons)
- Mini-midway on Location
- Concession Booth  
(Limited power hook-ups available)



#### For More Information Contact:

TERRY BEAR CHIEF (Administration) 734-3070/734-3833  
 FRED BREAKER (Pow-wow co-ordinator) 734-3804/734-3806  
 (During office hours Monday to Friday)

OR

LILA HEALY (Concessions) 734-3804/734-3806  
 CLARENCE (Agar) WOLFLEG (Security, PR) 734-3804/734-3806

## OVERALL COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY . . . . . \$16,400.00

- Strictly no alcohol/drugs allowed on location.
- Committee will not be responsible for any losses, damages or theft.
- In the event of inclement weather, pow-wow will move to the Blackfoot Recreation Arena near Gleich, Alberta.
- August 4 — Mini Pow-Wow.