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Historic deal to create jobs in oil industry

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EDMONTON

Natives living in north-eastern Alberta can look forward to more jobs and better business opportunities after a four-party agreement, the first in Alberta, was signed in Government House, June 17.

Attorney General Ken Rostad says the agreement, signed between the federal and provincial governments, Syncrude Canada and the Athabasca Native Development Corporation (ANDC) is a "great step" forward for Native people.

The five-year agreement is intended to improve opportunities for Native people in the Fort McMurray area and allow them to participate in the economic benefits of oil sand developments.

Other goals include the growth and development of local Native businesses; an increase in the number of local Native persons acquiring education and training to qualify for employment; and the coordination of policies and initiatives within existing programs to

increase recruitment, training and employment of Native people in managerial, technical apprenticeship and professional positions with Syncrude's operations and other regional employers.

Both governments have committed \$75,000 toward the operation expenses of the Athabasca Native Development Corporation for the first year of the agreement. Financing for projects outlined under this agreement will be coordinated through existing government programs.

Syncrude, an oil sands exploration company, has been in operation near Fort McMurray for more than 12 years and since that time president Ralph Shepherd estimates more than \$10 million has been directed to local Native businesses in the area.

However, he stresses that the hiring of Native employees and Native businesses is not purely a social responsibility but in the interest of the company.

"Native (employees) are very good and it is in Syncrude's best interest that we employ them," he said. "As far as the economic development point of view it is in our interest to obtain supplies in the Fort McMurray, and we can obtain that from local Native businesses.

The agreement took

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\$10 FOR FOOD

Elders Emma and Tom Fiddler received their Treaty payments of \$5 a piece at the Treaty Days celebrations at Frog Lake recently. They say they will use the money to buy food. Treaty Day celebrations will be happening all over Alberta this summer with other reserves holding similar days to re-enact the signing of Treaties which are contracts between the various Indian groups and the federal government. For more details see pages 11 to 18 for our special on the Lakelands of central Alberta.

Photo by Lesley Crossingham, Windspeaker

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Getty wants public inquiry into Blood deaths

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EDMONTON

Premier Don Getty has announced a full scale public inquiry into deaths on the Blood reserve after a two hour meeting with Blood Chief Roy Fox, Thursday June 16.

A smiling Fox emerged from the meeting saying he was happy with the premier's decision. "It's going to mean that we have some avenue to use in bringing forth their (band members') concerns," Fox told reporters.

Fox, and other Blood council members had charged that the murders were all racially motivated and that the local RCMP had not done enough to investigate the deaths.

However, Getty said the public inquiry was not a criticism of local police saying he had the "utmost confidence" in the RCMP.

"I would like to think that they (Natives) are being treated fair, both on and off the reserve," said Getty.

However, Getty admitted that no terms of reference for the inquiry were outlined during the meeting

and that the inquiry would look at all aspects of policing in or around the Blood reserve, not just the murders.

Solicitor General Ken Rostad said his department was satisfied with police reports on the Blood deaths and that the inquiry would only look at general police policies.

"We are satisfied with the report from the RCMP," he said. "There was a lack of evidence," he said referring to allegations that the four deaths on the reserve during the last five years were in fact murders.

Rostad was also non-committal over the Blood's request to include other southern Indian people in the inquiry, saying he could not comment without the specific terms of reference.

"It will evolve around policing in general, not just incidences...and it will look at policing on and off the reserve," he told reporters.

In a Blood press release, Fox said the band would like to work with the Alberta government on a regular basis in order to "seek solutions and not to escalate tension and violence...we are willing to

enter into government to government relations, not municipality to government relations," said Fox.

Fox also asked Getty to broaden the inquiry to include all southern Alberta Natives, both urban and reserve based.

Fox was accompanied by band council members and relatives of Bernard Tallman Jr. who was murdered near Lethbridge earlier this year. Two non-Native men have been charged with murder and are due to appear in court next month. □

Tribal newspaper rumored to be shutting down

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HOBBEEMA, ALBERTA.

Rumors that the Bear Hills Native Voice newspaper at Hobbema is shutting down by the end of June has created quite a stir in Indian country.

An announcement in the June 16 edition states that, "the offices of Bear Hills Native Voice will be closed," effective June 30, 1988. The notice adds that, "this is the last issue that will be published."

"They're just revamping," says Vivian Samson, the assistant to the director of administration for the Four Bands. Samson indicated that there is a possibility that the paper may become a private enterprise but nothing is definite at this time. "The task force hasn't met yet," she explained adding that they are slated to come together on June 27-28.

The task force consists of one political representative from each of the four Indian bands because the paper is a joint project of the four. Samson also informed Windspeaker that "there's a few proposals" which the four bands has received by interest groups wishing to take over the paper. Those will be dealt with by the task force, she says.

The paper, first published in July of 1975, has not indicated that it will cease production. The public was informed that the paper was faced with financial cutbacks but there has not, to this point in time been any official word that the paper is going under.

When contacted recently by Windspeaker, Karen M. Young, the paper's program director, refused to comment about the status of the paper. Efforts to contact her since have been unsuccessful. □

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CLOSE TO HOME

Subsidized housing secured for Treaty Indians

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EDMONTON

Native housing corporations which provide low-income housing to the Native people of Edmonton aren't meeting the high demand for accommodations, according to a worker for the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA).

Carla Woodward says, "Other housing corporations can't meet the demand because it is so high."

The IAA has started work on an independent non-profit housing authority that will provide subsidized housing to Treaty 6 and 8 Indians living off-reserve. According to Woodward, the housing corporation "will be a separate organization from the IAA."

The proposed housing corporation will serve the needs of Treaty Indians living in Edmonton. If the project is successful, it will expand to service major northern Alberta communities such as Fort McMurray. Woodward says, "We are talking with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and we are virtually guaranteed the money."

The major objective of the proposal is to provide affordable housing to Treaty Indians. By providing affordable housing in urban areas where there are superior education facilities, employment opportunities and medical care the IAA hopes to improve the quality of living of Native people.

The IAA is currently carrying out a "need and demand" study to find out the needs of the Treaty Indians living in the Edmonton area and have sent out 2,500 questionnaires through the mail and by dropping off the forms at different locations throughout Edmonton.

"We are just in the starting stages," says Woodward.

After the needs assessment is completed the IAA will be able to assess the housing needs of the people who have filled out the questionnaires.

The survey will assist the IAA in securing sufficient funding to form the housing corporation and to tailor the corporation's services to the needs and desires of the people who will be using the service.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has provided funds for the

study and will be providing funds to run the corporation according to guidelines it has already established.

Other housing corporations such as the Canative Housing Corporation and the Metis Urban Housing Corporation are already in operation in Edmonton and can't meet the requests of people requesting housing.

The IAA is using the Lethbridge Native Housing Program as a model because it was developed to serve the needs of the people in the Treaty 7 area and the Treaty 6 and 8 people will be served by the housing corporation that the IAA hopes to start.

However, because of the strong demand Woodward warns that "people are not going to automatically get a house because we are just starting out."

The IAA has planned to purchase 20 houses in the spring of 1989 instead of building because of the high costs of construction. □

Land claims 'dragged' out NDP critic calls Alberta gov't 'insensitive'

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CALGARY

The Alberta government has been very insensitive to Indian people, especially in recent years, according to NDP Indian Affairs critic Bob Hawkesworth.

Hawkesworth, recently appointed to this position, criticized the Getty government for its recent cutbacks in health care and education and also called the federal government a disaster for Indian people.

Hawkesworth was particularly harsh with both government's handling of the Lubicon land claim, something he says should never have made it as far as the courts.

"In 1940 the Alberta government asked for a reserve of 66 square km," said Hawkesworth. "But Canada just dragged its feet."

"But I think the real culprit in all this, at least in recent years, is the Alberta government," he added. "This claim is 48 years old. It's been unresolved long enough and it's time to get down and settle it."

But Hawkesworth doubts whether the courts are the best place to do that. "I'm



Calls gov't 'real culprit': NDP critic Bob Hawkesworth

sorry it ended up in the courts," he said, adding it may take a long time to be resolved.

Hawkesworth expressed disappointment that the E. Davie Fulton report had not been used in helping to resolve the claim. And while he did feel the provincial government should be involved in the settlement as far as the land transfer is concerned he felt band numbers is an issue to be decided between the band and the federal

government.

Hawkesworth also criticized the recent lease of forested land to the Japanese wood products firm, Daishowa.

"The minimum the government should be insisting on is that Daishowa has a training program and a requirement to hire Native people," he said, adding Indians in the area should receive royalties.

Hawkesworth sees economic development on reserves and in the commu-

nities surrounding them as a priority and a solution to many of the problems facing Natives today.

"The government should insist that all big projects, whether they be Syncrude or Daishowa, provide training and job openings for Native people," he said.

Hawkesworth also lists housing and education as priorities, along with possible solutions to unemployment on the reserves.

"There is a big housing need," he said. "We have to establish training and jobs on the reserves so that communities are building their own houses."

Hawkesworth was also concerned about cutbacks involving young people. "Cutbacks create problems years and years down the road," he said, stressing the need to address problems now.

"The government should be there to help," said Hawkesworth, citing the example of the NDP government in Manitoba.

"The NDP there had a real commitment to the Indian people," he said. "And all we need here is a chance to prove that same commitment." □

HISTORIC DEAL

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more than two years to negotiate and Chief Robert Cree of the Fort McMurray band says he hopes other major companies in Alberta will follow Syncrude's example.

The agreement "will be encouraging young Native people to complete their education and obtain necessary skills and trades training as jobs with Syncrude should be assured for well qualified local Native people," he said.

The corporation has already established an office and staff in Fort McMurray and will begin working with all parties to implement the agreement he said.

The agreement, which covers both Indian and Metis people in the area also drew appreciation from Metis Association of Alberta vice-president Gerald Thom who said he hopes other regions of the province will be inspired by the agreement.

"I would like to see other agreements," he said. Regions such as the "Peace River area could strike up a deal with Daishowa (a Japanese company which recently won a government contract to log the area)."

Fort Chipewyan Chief Rita Marten said she had personally worked for Syncrude during the past 10



Sign 5-year agreement between four parties: (L to R) Robert Cree, Ken Rostad and Stan Shellenberger

years. "Syncrude has always hired quality as opposed to quantity and Natives are just as qualified," he said.

Although this agreement is the first ever signed in Alberta, it in fact follows two previous agreements, the first of which was signed in 1976 between the federal government, Syncrude and the Indian Association of Alberta.

This agreement was designed to provide Indians with employment opportunities with Syncrude and to help develop business

opportunities in the Fort McMurray area. The second agreement provided a minimum of \$3 million to assist Indian owned firms to become established in the Fort McMurray area. These agreements committed more than \$10 million for training and economic development.

As a result two companies were created. The Indian Oil Sands Economic Development Corporation was created to explore business opportunities and to help existing and new businesses. The second com-

pany, the Indian Equity Foundation was formed to direct equity financing to Indian owned firms operating in the Fort McMurray area.

In July 1986 the original agreement expired and at that time the new agreement was negotiated to include all Native people in the area including the Metis.

As a result of this negotiation leaders from five Indian bands and five Metis locals established the Athabasca Native Development Corporation to

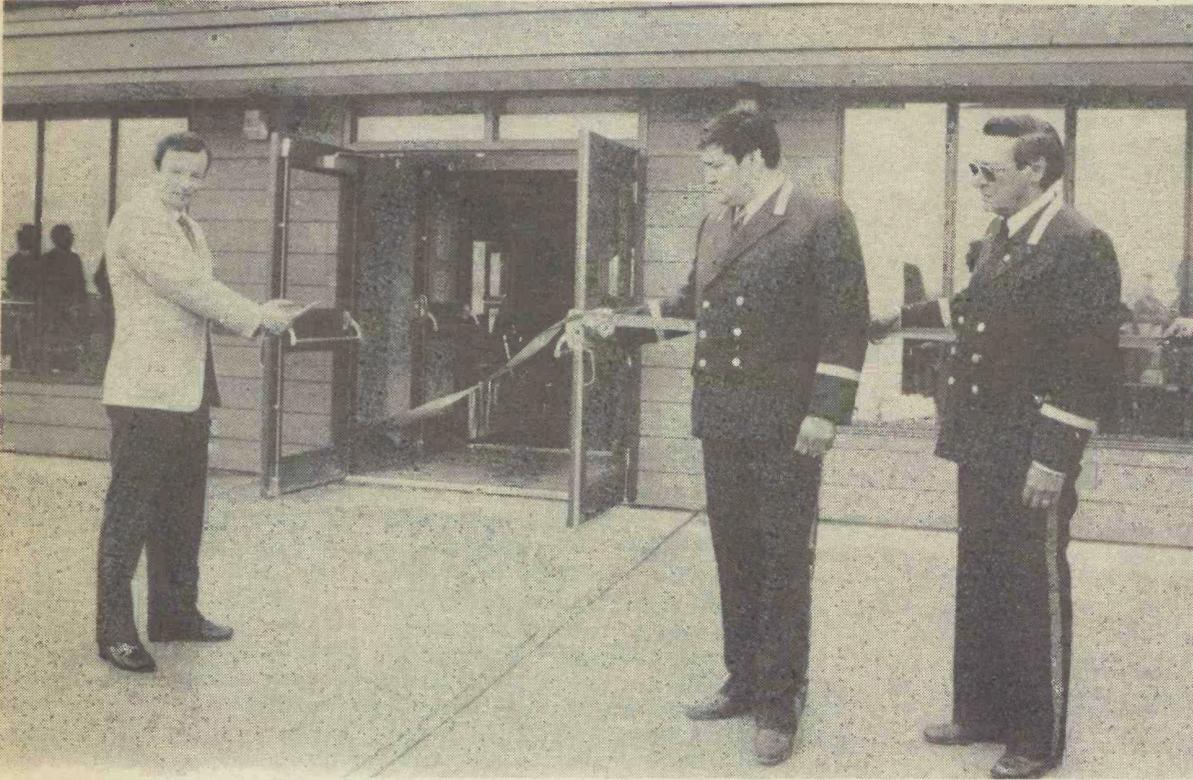
represent the Native people of the area.

The Athabasca Native Development Corporation consists of: the Cree band of Fort Chipewyan, the Athabasca/Chipewyan Indian band; Metis Local 124 from Fort Chipewyan; the Fort McKay Indian band; the Fort McKay Metis Local 122; the Fort McMurray Indian band; Anzac Metis Local 334; the Janvier Indian band; Janvier Metis Local 214 and Conklin Metis Local 193; Fort McMurray Metis Local 1935. □

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CLOSE TO HOME

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Cut ribbon for halfway house that will allow spouses to be counselled together: Jim Moore (left), Tom Abraham and Francis Scanie

New halfway house called 'home away from home'

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
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FROG LAKE

People came from all over the province to the quiet little lake in eastern Alberta to witness the opening of the new Frog Lake halfway house, Puskeyakewin, on June 9.

Representing Health Minister Jake Epp was Jim Moore who cut the ribbon allowing the guests to spill inside the newly completed building.

Director Raymond Quinney, a former chief, is proud of the new building which will not only serve Frog Lake but also Cold Lake, Heart Lake, Goodfish Lake, Elizabeth and Fishing Lake Metis settle-

ments.

"This halfway house is a place of refuge. It allows a client who has undergone treatment a place to rest and think things over in a semi-protected place," he explains.

Clients who have taken alcoholic and drug treatment courses offered at such places as the Bonnyville Rehabilitation Centre are sent to the new halfway house for follow up treatments and counselling. Some of the services offered include lifeskills counselling, AA meetings, and Native spirituality.

Counsellor Peter Wasakahat holds workshops on Native traditions, and has even included a sweatlodge ceremony as well as daily

pipe ceremonies.

"The Native spirituality is the heart of our halfway house," explains Quinney who adds that after controlling their addiction to drugs or alcohol, many Natives begin to express an interest in their culture.

"Our young people are losing their culture, the spiritual aspect of our traditions. And because society is changing rapidly, we need to touch base with our culture."

The centre also has facilities for wives and husbands to stay with their spouse so both can be counselled. Quinney feels that home environment is essential to maintaining sobriety.

"Because of poverty and the assault on our culture,

we have had a family breakdown. These people often have no home, no place to go."

The \$500,000 centre is built high on a hill that overlooks Frog Lake and is surrounded by trees. Several scenic pathways have been carved out of the hillside so patients can spend time close to nature.

Inside, the tipi-shaped central area points up to the sky and the smaller rooms leading off are lined with pine. The walls are covered with bright pictures and colorful vases of flowers adorn the hallways.

"We try to keep this place cheerful," smiles Quinney. "It must be welcoming - a home away from home." □

Inspired lectures witnessed at anti-alcohol and drug conference in Slave Lake

Close to 300 people attended a three day conference in Slave Lake entitled "Community Initiatives Conquering Alcohol and Drug Abuse," on June 10, 11 & 12. Participants came from all over Alberta and as far away as the Northwest Territories to listen to speakers discuss the role of community involvement in preventing alcohol and drug abuse. Some of the local communities represented included Trout Lake, Peerless Lake, Wabasca-Demaris, Sturgeon Lake and Driftpile, among others.

On Saturday, featured speaker Dave Belleau from Alkali Lake, British Columbia explained the process his community struggled through to achieve sobriety and to rebuild after many years of tragic alcoholism. The story he shared was inspiring to many.

Paul Hanki's workshop on mobile treatment, the process where alcohol and drug abuse treatment is brought into the community rather than residents going out to treatment centres, stressed their importance of community leaders being totally behind the treatment program. Without the support of leadership, a mobile treatment program will fail.

The solvent abuse workshop given by Dianne Moir of Nechi Institute alerted

many to the dangers of inhaling solvents and featured a community action model which could be applied to prevention activities.

The necessity of people in the community working together and forming a caring team to help overcome substance abuse was emphasized by Maggie Hodgson of Nechi Institute, St. Albert in her session. She explained how this approach was used in the O'Chiese community near Rocky Mountain House. Being a role model, that is being alcohol and drug-free oneself, is also very necessary in order to help the community. As all the workshops stressed, helping the community starts with helping oneself and being sober and drug-free.

Fun as well as learning was an important part of the conference. At the Round Dance Friday night and the Sober Dance held on Saturday night, both open to the public, attendance was well over 300. Participants commented on the great time they had and the Sober Dance was probably the largest ever held in Slave Lake.

Throughout the conference, a great sense of community and caring was felt. Participants left with many new ideas and with hope for the future of their communities. □

Elder encourages kids to push themselves

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
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EDMONTON

Young people have to realize that only by pushing themselves to their physical and mental limits can they experience the wonder of traditional aboriginal experience, says Ojibway Elder Alex Skeet.

Speaking to an Assembly of First Nations workshop held in Edmonton June 1, Skeet and fellow Elder Robin Green told the audience of the many and varied experiences they discovered after enduring sweats and fasts. They pointed out that if young people wanted to become true leaders they must experience all aspects of traditional aboriginal life.

"These experiences are real and they are part of



being an aboriginal," says Skeet. "Our young people say these things have no part in modern life or no part in being an Indian...they say it's part of our past... but it's not."

Green feels that only through a return of the traditional values of the sunrise ceremony of "giving thanks to the Creator for the moon and the stars, of being grateful for the animals, the birds and the fishes that give us nourishment," can young aboriginal

people learn how to fight for Indian rights.

"These things go hand in hand," he said. "You have to have the respect of the tribe. A lot of young people say these things are part of the past and that they have lost their language and cannot speak to their elders. It's not their fault they have lost their language, but it is the way the Europeans tried to conquer us. But they should remember that if it wasn't for the elders they (Europeans settlers) would have achieved their goal. Only through elders can we grow again."

Green pointed out that the Great Spirit sends messages to the Indian people in the old way. He recalled an incident that happened on his own reserve when he went to

retrieve some fishing nets he had laid in a nearby lake.

"When I reached the lake where the nets were I found an eagle feather floating on top of the water. This was a sign, a message," he said.

Skeet, whose name in Ojibway means Bear-Walking on the Ground, pointed out that many young would-be leaders do not have an Indian name, or if they do, they don't attach any significance to it.

"I was born in a log cabin and when I was born I didn't breathe," he said. "They put me aside but my mother wanted to hold me. She took me up and breathed into me and I began to breathe. Now I am 66 years old," he said.

He was then given his Indian name which he says provided a shield for him, especially during his early

years.

"My name protects me," he said. "The spirit of the bear looks after me and when I am walking he is with me all the time. He gives me instructions, he gives me guidance."

Later, Skeet was given the name of Thunderbird which means Lightning that Strikes the Ground. Again he feels this name guided him and helped him raise his five children.

Skeet recounted his younger years and how he felt he went off the path and lost himself by drinking alcohol. But, after a number of years he began to feel the call back to his roots.

He returned to his reserve and took part in sweats and fasts and began to experience the true nature of aboriginal life.

Now he is a respected

elder of the Ojibway and the assembly. During last year's first minister's conference, Skeet conducted the sacred pipe ceremony and handed the pipe to the prime minister and the premiers.

However, these honors did not come without dedicated hard work. "We have to make our brothers understand these things that you learn. You don't get these things for nothing. You have to punish your body with pain. You have to work for it. But when you do have these experiences they provide direction for your future."

After the discussion several elders from the audience joined Skeet and Green in urging young people to work closely with the elders and to rediscover their aboriginal traditions. □

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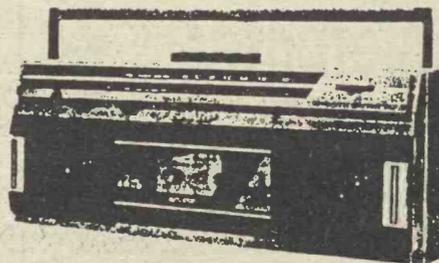
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GRASSROOTS

Newest friendship centre got its start on a napkin

BY EVERETT LAMBERT
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HIGH LEVEL, Alta.

The idea for the High Level Friendship Centre (HLNFC) first began as a sketch on a restaurant napkin and on June 9, the dream became reality. The centre officially opened its doors to the Native people of the northwest Alberta

who now have access to one of the finest friendship centres in western Canada.

As part of his 50th year commemoration, Chief Harry Chonkolay of the Dene Tha' band located near High Level performed the cutting of the opening ribbon.

The elder Chief born in 1908 celebrates his 50th year in office as leader of

northern Alberta's Slavey band. After taking office in 1938 Mr. Chonkolay has won every election for chief since. A host of other activities have been planned to celebrate his golden year.

The opening prayer was led by Chief Andrew Seewepagaham of the Little Red River Cree band. Also on hand for the opening ceremonies was president

of the (HLNFC) Patrick Cavanaugh, Secretary of State's, Stan Shanks, Alberta Municipal Affairs Clifford Supernault, originally from the nearby Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, MLA Al "Boomer" Adair, and High Level Mayor Bob Walters.

The opening activities included an array of events. Rodger Cardinal, originally

from nearby Ft. Vermillion was the master of ceremonies for the afternoon's events along with Joe Couterpatte of the High Prairie Friendship Centre.

Activities featured a fashion show, the White Braid Society, the Dene Tha' Drummers, food and presentations.

The new facility adds a feather to the hat of existing centres across Canada and is definitely a flagship of Alberta centres. The beautiful cedar finished building takes its beginnings back some 13 years to 1975.

That year eight women joined together to form the High Level chapter of the Voice of Alberta Native Womans Society (VANWS) which is the fore-runner of what came to be known as the High Level Native Friendship Centre Society.

Those eight original women were Albina-Fournier, Madeline Perrot, Bella Atchooay, Mary Francis Leona Shandruk, Marion Schulte, Clara Ward-Woodbridge and Rose Bjornson.

After their incorporation, membership grew rapidly

necessitating a referral drop-in centre. In 1976 the (VANWS) Northern Lights Wigwam was opened.

After amalgamating with Community Life in 1978 the group came to be known as Kikino (Cree for "us"). Feeling that their aims were not being fulfilled, the Native woman of Kikino, those who had originally established (VANWS), split from the organization. After being urged by many Native people they regrouped and formed the (HLNFC) Society in 1982.

Originally the center was housed in staff member Lois Green's home. However, in 1983 they were able to rent space for an office, which was to be sold two years later.

Land was quickly found, and a rental trailer donated by the Minister of Housing.

In 1985, (HLNFC) conducted a needs assessment which identified a number of programs and facilities that were lacking. From the assessment a decision was made to expand facilities which is how the new centre came to be.

The classy building will house an array of programs and services: Youth Development; Referral and Counselling; Craft collection and sewing; Home School liaison; Hospitality; Newsletter; Annual meetings; Trade shows; Children's and elder's events; and a fur depot.

To take the centre into its fledging year is the centre's board: Vice-President, Karen McKay; Treasurer, Jenny Cardinal; Secretary, Laura Webb and the Directors are: Marie Oxman, Elmer Cardinal, Leslie Nooskey, Audrey Davis, Rhonda Lizotte, Don Deschene, Cecile Hinds and John Loftus. □

MEDIA GRADS

The graduating class of the Native Communications Program at Grant MacEwan College participated in the college's spring graduation. Pictured are, top row (l-r): William Singer, Paul Saturley (instructor) Bob Lysay (instructor), and Ron Gauthier; front row: Peter Jackson, Norma Large, Cecile Sharphhead, Gord Atkinson and Marcel Twigg. Absent from the photo is Brenda Stehelin. Native Communications is a one-year certificate college program with an emphasis on media



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GRASSROOTS



DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

Meet Peggy Roberts, one of the newest additions to the Slave Lake Friendship Centre. She officially became the centre's new executive director May 5 but says she is only now getting a handle on her new job and hopes to steer the organization in a positive direction.

Her ways are down-to-earth although she admits to having a "weird sense of humor" that helps ease tension at times. However, I quickly found her easy going wit and personality to be delightful. Here see for yourself: "I'm 37 but I don't really see what that has to do with anything. Sometimes I feel like I'm 16 going on 84 — it depends on how my day is going."

All jokes aside, though, she is very serious about her new job and explains why she took the helm of the friendship centre. "I wanted a job that would be different everyday — challenging — and that would put me in touch with people."

Roberts, who hails from Grouard, says she will take care not to make any hasty decisions or changes. "Somehow, within the next year, we have to find out how we can best serve the community," she explains, adding she plans to take a serious look at the "overall picture of the community" and develop reliable programs that will be innovative and steadfast. Her interest in the friendship centre stems from a previous job with Municipal Affairs where she worked as a liaison between Native groups and the government department. She agrees that the experience also helped prepare her for the challenge ahead.

The biggest hurdle Roberts will be facing in the future is the national dream of self-sufficiency that leaders from friendship centres across Canada continue to campaign. Closer to home, she says government cut-backs are forcing them to trim corners and cut costs. But, ever optimistic, she is confident the centre will remain a prominent fixture in the community with careful planning and organization.

And, she reminds me again that the community will play a big role in the centre's future. "It's not only my centre. I think it's other people's centre too now."

"Right now, it's just been crazy around here — we're really busy," she says, explaining the centre's current situation and rushing to end our telephone conversation. "I guess..." She pauses. "We'll have to roll up our sleeves and get down to work." And, that pretty well sums up Roberts in a breath.

Read on, people, and see what's happening in other parts of the woods.

FORT McMURRAY: If you're interested in Native artifacts and history, Fort McMurray's Nistawayou Friendship Centre may have just what you're looking for. The centre has its very own museum (at Heritage Park) which will have Native artists, craftspeople and powwow dancers working there throughout the summer.

The museum is just one of the many things the friendship centre will be operating this summer. The centre is now beginning its summer programming. To ensure they get a healthy start, centre manager Jerry Cuthbert says new summer staff members and board officials were given a two-day workshop on team building, culture, policy and organization.

"We want to give our new people a sense of what they can expect...and hopefully it will help them feel more comfortable in their new positions," he explains, adding the workshop's instructor Diana Moir has gained a good reputation for her work at such places as Nechi.

The staff is preparing for summer day camps and is now taking registrations. The one week camps will begin in July and run till Aug. 19. They are also planning to take a group to Conklin for "Metis Days" on June 29. And, another trip is being planned for the Lac St. Anne pilgrimage July 26, 27 and 28. Cuthbert says they will be providing transportation to the holy pilgrimage, but not accommodations. Travellers will "need to pack their own gear."

If you plan to stay at home this summer in McMurray, come to Heritage Park Canada Day (July 1) and be entertained by the centre's powwow dancers. Staff members are also preparing a float for the city's Canada Day parade. So, if you have any ideas or are just inter-

Slave Lake gets new executive with lots of zip!

ested in the centre's many other activities, call them (743-8555).

WHITEFISH LAKE (Atikameg): Guess who's planning to make an appearance at his mother reserve?

Alvis Grey says he's currently talking to Whitefish Lake reserve band officials about the possibility of performing there July 15. Although nothing is certain yet, the outstanding rock and country music entertainer is hopeful. He adds that Manitoba's Ernest Monias and the Shadows may also be performing along with Grey.

ENOCH: The youth club here is planning to host a dance with live entertainment July 2. Enoch reserve band councillor Pearl Cardinal says the club is hoping to raise money through the dance as all proceeds will go toward activities for Enoch youths. The dance will be held at the Enoch Recreation Centre and will feature the singing talent of Terra Cota.

CORRECTION: An advertisement which recently ran in Windspeaker incorrectly stated that Cold Lake First

Nations was looking for 16 teams for a slow pitch tournament. But, organizers are in fact looking for no more than 12 teams for the tournament, scheduled to kick off along with Cold Lake's annual Treaty Days event July 8, 9 and 10.

The ad also incorrectly stated the entry fees for teams was \$100. The correct amount for fees is \$150 per team.

"We're not expecting to gain money; we're just hoping for a fun day," says interim recreation director Armand Martial, adding they will pay out all of the cash from entry fee to top teams.

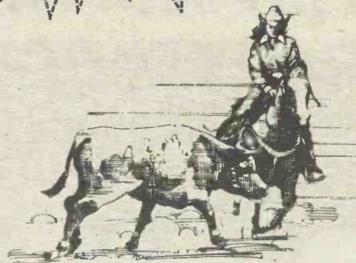
Sorry for any inconvenience or confusion the ad may of caused. And, I hope all of the folks that decide to attend the event have a good time. They can look forward to canoe races, dances, talent show competition and a whole host of other outdoor activities.

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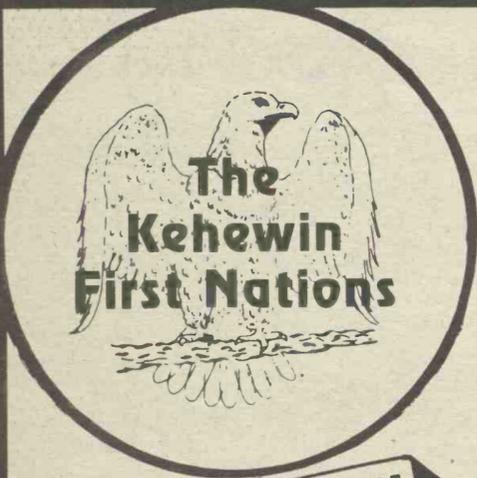
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Outreach workers stay on top of growing work force

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

GRAND CENTRE

The staff at Native Outreach see a variety of people with a variety of needs each day. Today they are helping Yvonne Onespot Walker apply for a business grant.

They pour over the mounds of paperwork, calculator in hand, answering questions, filling in lines. "You never know what each day is going to bring," smiles Melanie Janvier the regional manager.

Basically, explains Janvier, Outreach is a job and career counselling agency that specializes in placements for Native people. But she stresses they also help out in a lot of other areas, including housing applications, UIC claims, Alberta government training programs, federal manpower as well as soliciting employers for work.

When a client comes into the small office located in the heart of Grand Centre, Janvier and other staff members determine whether they need further training and what kind of work would be best suited to their needs.

Janvier stresses that the office not only serves Grand Centre, but also Lloydminster, Lac La Biche and St. Paul.

Janvier also has to overcome all kinds of obstacles, such as the inability of some workers, due to lack of transportation, to take jobs at some of the remote oil drill sites.

"We have been negotiating with bands for a bus system that would bring the clients into town and then off to their jobs," she says.

Currently, there are many openings in the Grand Centre area especially while the Canadian Forces Maple Leaf days are on, she explains. During



Lending a helping hand to jobless: Melanie Janvier

the Maple Leaf Days, armed forces from Europe converge on the small Alberta town to take part in military exercises.

"There have been lots of openings for kitchen help and laborers and that has kept us quite busy. In June there is an Army cadet

camp at the base and again they hire extra help."

However, Janvier points out that there is little work on the nearby reserves.

"A sawmill just opened on Cold Lake (reserve) but there's not much turnover in staff at these places," she

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Thursday.

"Now Lloydminster is asking for our services and we are in the process of setting up a service there in the same way," she explains.

In the meantime, Walker has finished filling out the forms and says she is looking forward to opening an upholstery store in Bonnyville.

"I want to make everything from chairs to tipis," says Walker who received her training at the Calgary Tent and Awning store and later made several tipis for the Stoney band near Calgary.

"I've worked for people all my life, I think it's time I got my piece of the pie," she laughs.

Janvier stresses that no appointment is necessary to meet with staff members at Outreach.

"We realize people can't always get a ride down here so we try to make things convenient for them." □

Elizabeth settlement Metis leader keeps watchful eye on oil industry, says peaceful life not disturbed

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

ELIZABETH

Settlement chairman, Archie Collins wants to debunk the myth that Elizabeth is covered end to end with oil derricks or that there are hundreds of jobs being created daily.

"People have the wrong idea," he says pointing to the green leafed trees that line the road outside his office on the sleepy little settlement near Grand Centre.

"Thanks to the media people people think there's lots of jobs and that's why we have so many people applying to get in here."

The settlement signed a deal for land oil exploration rights with Amoco Canada last year. However, unlike many Indian reserves, the settlement does not have any rights to the resource itself.

"Amoco has drilled 29 delineational wells and one site is drilled with a pad," explains Collins. "Amoco has an agreement with us to train people to work on heavy oil and out of 24 fourth class engineers we ended up with 15 fully qualified people."

The engineers finished their training at AVC Lac La Biche and are now employed at Grand Centre. The graduation takes place June 29 when the new plant will be opened.



Working closely with oil companies: Archie Collins

Collins admits the Amoco deal certainly gave an economic boost to the settlement and has created service industry jobs too. Currently, the settlement is negotiating with Esso Resources and British Petroleum on other well sites in and around the settlement.

Walter Desjarlais, manager of the Pimnee Development Corporation, owned by the settlement, says he is concentrating on the oil industry. "We are working close with Amoco and Esso trying to get work from them for our members," he says.

Eventually, Desjarlais would like to see jobs open-

ing in upper management levels for settlement members as well as jobs in service industries.

"There are a lot of opportunities in all kinds of industries, such as servicing trucks, and we certainly want to capitalize on it," he says.

Thanks to the Amoco deal and other related services, the settlement currently enjoys an employment level of 75 per cent and Desjarlais says he wants to ensure it never drops below that level.

"We are seeing that people get school upgrading and since the Amoco deal there have been offshoots in other industries too." □

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Marble represents new person**Graduating class winning battle against drugs and alcohol**

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

BONNYVILLE

They stand in a circle beneath the tipi-like dome. As each name is called out they clap, cheer and hug one another like a family.

This is the graduating class of the Bonnyville Rehabilitation Centre. Each person in this small circle has had a problem with alcohol or drugs but more importantly, each person has recognized that problem and has done something about it.

As each name is called, counsellor Muriel Sikorski presents them with a

beaded necklace containing a glass marble. This marble, she explains, represents the new person.

"Keep it near you. Put it next to your bed. When you touch it think of what you have done here, and remember," she says.

After the ceremonies, the week's "secret buddy" names are released. Sikorski explains that every week members of the class are given the name of another class member to be a "secret buddy."

"You can send them nice little notes; give them a flower and all week you can try to guess who it is," she says.

As each name is called out the secret buddy comes over to shake hands or to hug. There are squeals of delight and sometimes surprise as the two buddies are lined up, laughing and giggling.

The graduation closes with a song and the Lord's prayer. Everyone holds hands and says goodbye. Some cry, others just shake hands.

Soon the halls of the centre are quiet as clients and family spill out into the sunshine, cram into cars for the long journey home.

In an interview after the presentations, Sikorski explains that the marbles

are an important part of the centre's program.

"The actual necklaces are made by Grade 7 students at Elizabeth (Metis settlement) and they are blessed by an elder before we give them out. Each glass marble represents a new you — a clear, shiny you. They are nice and clear to keep your mind clear. It not only represents your mind before addiction it reminds you of what happens when you become addicted."

Clients who enlist at the centre undertake a 28 day program which Sikorski stresses, not only helps combat alcoholism and drug abuse, but also helps personal growth.

"Alcoholism is only one problem. And it often arises because the person has other living problems. If you dig deep enough you will come up with something that focuses on that problem and it is often in the home."

When clients first come to the centre, Sikorski notes that they are often afraid to show emotion or trust because of family problems at home.

"One of the first exercises we undertake is the trust walk. Two clients are put together and one is blindfolded. The other talks them on a walk through the

trees down to the lake and guides them. Then the roles are reversed for the way back. It's a great ice breaker. The clients learn to trust each other and realize we are all here for some reason."

There are a lot of ice breaker exercises as well as listening skill enhancement and communication skills. And each week there is an AA meeting.

However, one of the more important lessons is the elder's workshop held each Wednesday. Each week a different elder from one the nearby bands visits the centre and holds a pipe ceremony. He explains the sweetgrass and the sweatlodge as well as counselling and answering questions. "It is a vital aspect of Native drug and alcohol treatment," says Sikorski.

Other lectures include workshops on drug abuse, solvent abuse, the grief

cycle, letting go, and how to deal with every day problems.

In addition there is a large gym where basketball games are organized as well as the lake which is used for boating and fishing. In the winter ski expeditions are organized and throughout the year square dances and sober dances are held each Friday.

The centre itself is built on a hill that overlooks Moose Lake. It was designed by Cree architect, Donald Cardinal and is shaped like a pair of wide spread arms, as if in welcome. In the centre section, a large hall is made in a tipi shape with large glass panels that let in the light.

"We try to keep it like a family here," says Sikorski. He admits that most staff members are either recovering alcoholics or from an alcoholic family.

Sikorski, who is part Native, still has relatives on the Cold Lake reserve and sometimes visits the reserve when a powwow is being staged. "Those are my roots, that's where I feel safe and it's such a good feeling," she says. □

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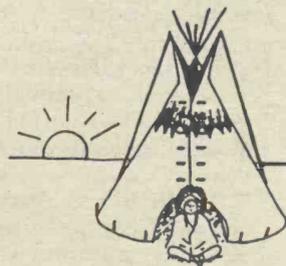
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Jobs to be created through space-age greenhouse

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

KEHEWIN

Eric Gadwa has never been accused of having a green thumb, but after September, this band councillor will be surrounded by radishes, lettuces, spinach, cabbages and herbs thanks to a new space-age gardening technique currently being constructed on the reserve.

Gadwa, the economic development officer, along with Chief Gordon Gadwa recently signed a contract with hydroponics engineer, Ron Tuttle and a 146 x 22 feet wide structure will soon be creating employment as well as hundreds of fresh vegetables year round.

The hydroponics garden is being funded by the Native Economic Development Program which is investing \$202,000 and the Alberta government which is contributing \$110,000. The band is investing \$336,000 toward the initial stages. Eventually, after all stages of the project are complete the project's estimated cost is set at \$1.2 million.

Hydroponics, explains Tuttle, is a new technology which allows plants to grow in water in large green houses. The plants can be harvested year round and because no soil is used, many of the pests usually associated with vegetable gardening just don't get a chance to nibble away on the tender young plants.



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Signing a contract: Eric Gadwa & Chief Gordon Gadwa

"The plants are raised as seedlings and then placed in a growing tube which contains a special mixture of nutrients and water. They grow in a 30 day

cycle," explains Tuttle.

The plants require little maintenance and usually don't even need spraying with herbicides as few pests can enter the controlled green house area. When the vegetables are harvested, plant staff merely lift them out of their water tubes and, without even removing the roots, simply package them in large plastic bags.

"They can stay fresh without refrigeration with a little water in the bag," says Tuttle. "Even after they are purchased they don't need to be refrigerated."

The first phase of the hydroponics plant will be what Gadwa calls the "pilot" stage where any problems can be ironed out. Currently, four women

and eight men will be employed during the initial stages and later only four staff members will be required.

Gadwa feels that because few herbicides are used on the plants that people with allergy problems and those not wishing to consume chemicals will buy the vegetables.

"And the vegetables will be fresh, not shipped in from California or the East Coast," he added.

Currently, most industry on the reserve is heavy oil related and Gadwa wants to diversify the Kehewin economy. "The oil won't last forever and we have to look to the future," he says.

The new hydroponics project will be officially opened in September. □

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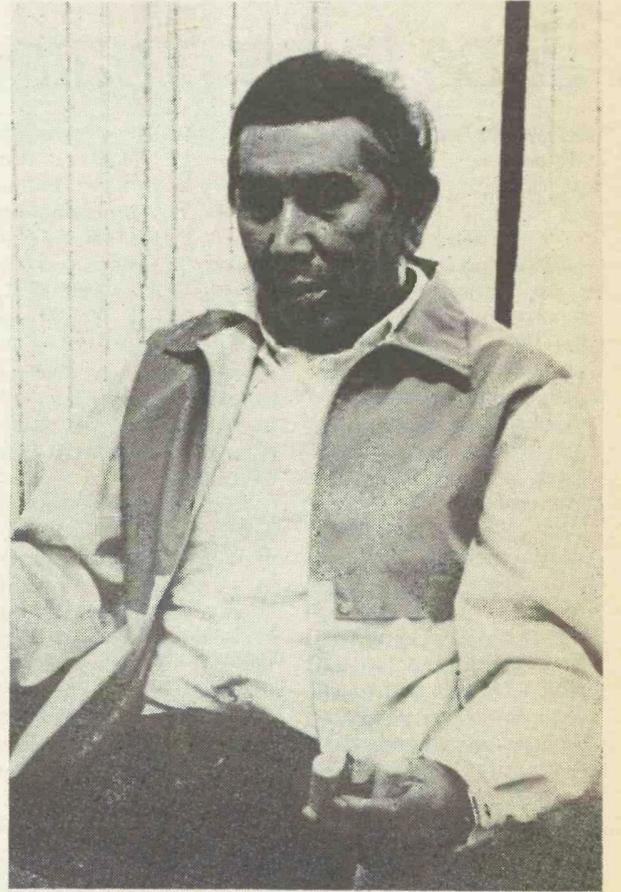
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Old teachings, a new twist to help grip alcohol and drug addictions

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Brought up with culture: Pete Waskahat

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

FROG LAKE

Pete Waskahat was just a child when he was chosen by his mother to carry the legacy and learn the ways of his native ancestors. Today he uses that knowledge and understanding of his culture as an alternative form of drug and alcohol counselling.

As the cultural counsellor at the Frog Lake Puskeyakewin Halfway House, Waskahat teaches clients Indian customs, ceremonies and beliefs to help them come to grips with their lives and problems.

"Pete is a man that has been brought up with his native culture and lived his culture," said Halfway House Director Raymond Quinney. "He's been

involved in all the ceremonies you can think of and has a great respect for our way of life."

Waskahat's office just off the mezanine of the newly opened centre differs from most. There are no books about certificates or diplomas on the walls.

The 60-year-old father of 14 never went to school. "My mother didn't want me to go to school," said Waskahat who looks younger than his age. "She wants me to learn the cultural thing."

Waskahat's inability to read or write has not been a barrier for his current job because he says there is more than one way to be a counsellor.

"You can use a book, it's easy because everything is written down," said Waskahat motioning to himself.

"Myself, everything I do in counselling is by experience." He calls it the, "Indian Way" of counselling.

Waskahat stopped talking for a moment to put another pinch of snuff in his lip and removed his cap before continuing.

"Everything you do on this earth, if you understand it, it's good for you. If you don't understand it, it doesn't work for you," he added rocking back in his chair. "Understanding is everything. I understand this cultural way, that's why I use it."

He equates this concept with many aspects of life including culture, nature and even alcohol. "When people use alcohol, they don't understand what it means for the people," explained Waskahat. "It's for the white man, not for the Indian people. You see

a priest using wine, it's for a purpose but on the other side our Indian people use it without understanding how to use it."

The cultural counselling program at Puskeyakewin teaches the clients to understand and respect life themselves.

"If you understand why you have life, that's an important thing," said Waskahat. "It was lent to us to use on this earth for a certain amount of time. When he (the creator) wants this power back (walking and talking) our bodies are no good any more."

His hands moved continuously while he talked emphasizing the importance of what he was saying.

"If you understand about life, then respect is the next thing." He added, "Once they understand they don't have to come to me."

Puskeyakewin Director Raymond Quinney says, "The spiritual beliefs and pride our forefathers have lived with has been lost along the way. It's difficult for an individual to enter into another culture and survive because they've lost their roots."

It's (the cultural program) an attempt to show them the many aspects that we (Native people) use to live in harmony with nature as a whole."

The cultural component at the Halfway House includes everything from burning sweatgrass to sweats, pound dances and Indian hand games. It's not mandatory for all clients. They have the option of seeing other counsellors

within the centre if they choose.

"We say try this culture, try our culture," said Quinney. "In here (the Halfway House) a person is weak but once they get involved in the ceremonies it gives them a sense of belonging, pride, responsibility. It can only help. It's there if they want it."

"Lots of them don't want cultural counselling," said Waskahat. "Sometimes I can tell they don't want to listen but then next time, they want to come to my session."

Twenty-four years ago Pete Waskahat turned to his culture when he quit drinking. "One day my mother came to me and tell me, Son, what are you going to do about this things your grandfather tells about culture?" said Waskahat. "When I used alcohol I didn't have anything in mind that was taught from the elders. I was busy using alcohol."

He attributes his children's cultural upbringing to the fact that only one of the 14 drink.

Twenty-eight-year-old Henry, a Chipewyan Indian from the St. Paul area approached a counselling agency to get referred to Frog Lake. The cultural atmosphere and program attracted him. Henry was raised in the blue Quills boarding school and lost his Indian identity.

"I came here because it's run by Natives and I want to learn about my culture. By culture I mean values and what we're suppose to be growing up with," said Henry.

"In the past years Indian culture is coming back strong to the people," said Waskahat. "It's not just here it's all over. Indian people begin to understand what it means to the people." "We can't say it's for everyone," said Raymond Quinney. "but it helped a lot of people." □

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Wherever youth gather to learn, McGilvery is sure to be there

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

FROG LAKE

Anywhere in the Lakeland area and beyond where people gather to honor, speak about, help or participate with Native young people, Louis McGilvery is there.

The 62-year-old white-haired father of 13 from Saddle Lake reserve has a genuine concern for the future of today's youth and as an elder, is willing to help whenever and wherever he can.

He's been a board member with AADAC, court worker, politician, Bonnyville Rehabilitation centre board member. He now sits on the Saddle Lake Family and Child Welfare board and the Puskeyakewin Halfway House board of directors.

He was invited to speak at the recent official opening of the Puskeyakewin Halfway House on June 8th.

"He speaks from his heart," said Puskeyakewin director Raymond Quinny. "He's very cultural oriented and dedicated man."

McGilvery spoke, as he often does, about his reserve and the startling number of young deaths in the past few years.

"I keep a list of the epitaphs from funerals," said McGilvery. "About 80 per cent of them are due to drinking, smoking and pills."

The pain of the numbers could be seen on his face. Some of the dead were family and friends. "Just about one third of my life has been liquor," added McGilvery after the ceremony. He shifted his body in the chair and passed a brown hand over his short cropped hair. The cap he wore rested on his knee. "My drinking came before my family. Now my family comes first and I thank the Lord for giving me the strength."

He is a strong Catholic and follows the Indian traditions as well. Admitting that culture is important, McGilvery also said that culture alone will not solve all the problems.

"The courage to overcome a liquor dependency," says McGilvery, "must come from within."



'Speaks from the heart': Louis McGilvery

"I always say to myself, every day when I look in the mirror, You are my biggest enemy."

In December of 1930, Louis McGilvery, then, five-years-old, was the youngest child to attend the Blue

Quills boarding school where many Indians lost their culture, some never to

return.

"I really had to struggle to gain my identity and I'm really proud of who I am," said McGilvery. "You really have to put hard work in to achieve something, believe in yourself as an Indian person. Your skin will never change."

McGilvery was able to

hang onto his culture through the boarding school years when on holidays he would spend time with his father.

"My father always sang," said McGilvery. "I always sang with him. I could never lose that."

Elders at Saddle Lake have been trying hard to work more closely with the

youth, teaching them things about their culture. "This is what we're doing, talking to the young people, getting them involved in functions."

McGilvery also emphasized the importance of parents taking a more active role in what their children learn. "Teach your children and grandchildren what the meaning of culture is, parents have to be the first educators. Education has to come from the home. What you teach your children, that's what they learn."

"What you have inside," he continued placing an open palm over the snapped front of his jacket, "should be able to share with other people...honesty and love. You achieve something if you give yourself for something."

I worked a lot for young people and I'm still working with them. We need a lot of people (to help). I'm never scared of myself to help people on any reserve, anywhere.

"If you really love people an think about people, something has to be done." □

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Sports day builds tradition

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

ONION LAKE

There has been a Canada Day sports day on this reserve for as long as the people can remember and this year will be no exception.

"As far as our records show, there has been a July 1 sports day for 90 years," says organizer and president of the Canada Day Committee, Bruce Carter.

This year several new events will be added, including heavy horses pulling team, horse back wrestling, horse shoe tourney, foot races, a gymkhana event and pony chuck wagon races.

"One of the big draws is the ball tournament," says Carter. "We hold that every year."

Carter explains that the most traditional event is the pony wrestling where young men, stripped to the waist, try to wrestle each other while riding bare back.

"It's pretty difficult," laughs Carter. "It's hard not to lose your balance. That's why the boys don't wear shirts, so their opponent can't just pull him off by his clothes."

Every year about 27 trophies are handed out and



Sports days organizing duel: Joe Carter (left) and Bruce Carter

about 4,000 attend from all parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Onion Lake reserve is located on the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and in fact used to be two reserves called Makaoo and Seekaskootch.

Most of the time band members say they don't notice the border cutting through the reserve, except when they want to phone

home.

"My relative lives just across the road from me in Alberta," says Carter pointing to his cousin Joe Carter who is education coordinator for the band. "But I have to dial long distance. It is cheaper to get in my truck and go visit him than to phone him," he laughs.

Both Carters are members of the July 1 organizing committee and say it has

become quite a tradition on the 2,000 plus population on the reserve.

"I remember as a boy seeing all the farmers coming here every year. Sometimes they would camp, bring their whole families to take part," says Carter.

And the farmers keep coming, along with visitors from all over the west. "We're looking forward to another good year," he laughs. □

Chief says economic growth way to self-gov't

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

ONION LAKE

As many Indian nations strive toward self-government through the political route, one leader feels the only way to achieve any real power is through economic strength and diversity.

At only 26, Onion Lake Chief Wallace Fox is already dealing with businessmen and government agencies in an effort to bring a strong economic structure to his reserve located on the Alberta/Saskatchewan border.

"The power is at the band level and that, in reality, is economics. I see our band striving towards that but at the same time never losing the teachings of our elders," says Fox.

"We have to educate our people in terms of treaty rights but we also have to educate them with the tools of the white man.

Currently, the band is involved in oil exploration and is about to open a truck

stop on the reserve and another in Lloydminster.

A new health clinic, fully paid for by the band, has also opened recently and the band is negotiating with the Department of Indian Affairs for about \$6 million for a new school for the reserve.

The reserve has about 700 students registered in its elementary school and Fox is proud of the fact that 37 out of the 57 staff members are Native.

"Our population is growing rapidly," he says. "And our people have to realize that the welfare system isn't always going to be there."

Fox was elected to his second term of office May 31 and says he intends to study other reserves for ways and means of improving Onion Lake.

"We are visiting the Blood reserve later this week to look at the health clinic there," he says adding he hopes to meet with distant relatives he has at the Sarcee reserve near Calgary. □

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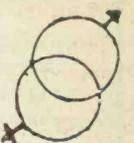


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Spunky elder reveals feelings about education

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. PAUL

She can be a fun loving woman with a warm smile and quick laugh or a strong leader with a definite opinion unafraid to voice it.

Sixty-nine-year-old Edith Memnook, a Goodfish Lake Elder, was both at the Blue Quills First Nations College annual graduation ceremony June 18th where she performed the opening invocation.

A spunky mother of 20 (six deceased), grandmother of 76 (the newest born graduation morning) and great grandmother of 27, Memnook was a band councillor when Blue Quills was turned over to Native people. She has an obvious interest in Native children's education.

She was one of the instrumental people in the staged sit-in of 1969 when native leaders and elders occupied the school for one month. She has been the Blue Quills school board member for 16 of the last 19 years and treasurer since day one.

"I was working on the school committee at that time (1969), said Memnook. "Alice Makokis used to work as a school counsellor. Her and I went directions to get people here on a certain day. We all had the chiefs and councils from all the reserves not only here, it went across the country."

The boarding school was going to be closed down because most of the reserves had schools of their own says Memnook.

"We said no. There were



Blue Quills: Grade 8 graduating class

still students that needed guidance and a good home," said Memnook. "We wanted the school open for the orphan children, children from broken

homes and neglected families."

Memnook is a small lady with sparsely greying braids who had a dream for Blue Quills. She dreamt it would be a permanent Native run school for native children.

"I'm still dreaming," said Memnook citing the financial funding difficulties the school has encountered. "And I'm going to keep on dreaming of what I want to see for our native people."

"We told the government we wanted the culture taught here," said Memnook. "It started with the Cree language."

The cultural component was a crucial aspect of the Native boarding school

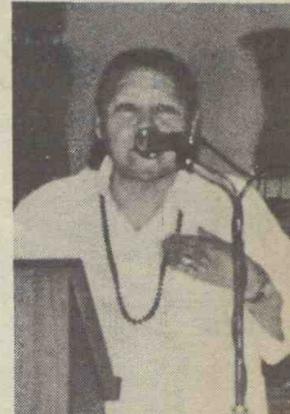
plan as Memnook well knew from her own personal experiences.

She attended the Poundmakers Lodge boarding school when it was run by the United Church. It separated her from her family and her culture with long lasting effects.

"It was a half a century," said Memnook. Her forehead frowned as she remembered the painful past. "I was so scared to let people see me (at ceremonies and other Indian events). I was taught it was a sin."

She leaned forward and held the hand of the ranch child that just came over to her.

"I lived with it for so many



Edith Memnook

years to try and live as a white person." She talked almost disbelieving what she had done. "It was fear, strictly fear," that kept her away from her Indian identity for so long.

Her mother who lived to be 107 taught her the values of medicines she used and about religion. "As I was taught what God created I said why should I be afraid (to be Indian) because God created me. Slowly I used to participate (in ceremonies) little by little."

In 1981, Edith Memnook enrolled and completed a one year social worker program at Blue Quills because he said she had to try it and prove she could. She set out to be an example for others that age is no barrier to education.

"Now today see how many graduates that are mothers," she noted.

"It makes me feel good," she concluded about being present at the graduation exercises. □

Raspberries secret to happiness

BY DIANE PARENTEAU
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE

"We used to go round and round looking for raspberries," said Lawrence Steinhauer of Saddle Lake. "I used to wish we could get a chance to raise them right off our doorstep then by gosh, the God Almighty gave us the chance."

That was over eight years ago, today the 71-year-old farmer and his 62-year-old wife Eunice grow row after row of raspberries, strawberries, rhubarb, a few cherry bushes, apple trees, and newly acquired plum trees in addition to a vegetable garden.

"You're never too old to learn," said Steinhauer, "and that's what I'm doing. You can't learn by a book, you learn by doing it." Steinhauer learned to grow a garden from his father and was a grain farmer for years.

The Steinhauers tried at different times to start raspberries but were faced with disappointment until Mr. Steinhauer spent some time in a local hospital and met some people there who offered him advice.

"I started talking to this Ukrainian in the hospital," said Steinhauer. "He gave me a tip, by gosh I used their tips and it worked."

"It's not hard work but it's exercise," he says.

Strawberries are a little harder to care for and both Lawrence and his wife say they are trying to get out of them.

"There's too much crawling around (with strawberries)," said Steinhauer. "I'm not use to that no more."

It was the love of raspberries that initially attracted

the Steinhauers to berry farming and they continue to get pleasure from it. "Oh they're in leaf and flowers," said Eunice, "and when they're in fruit."

"My wife loves picking raspberries," said Steinhauer. "That's the good thing about it, it's not hard work but it's steady."

Mrs. Steinhauer's 86-year-old mother also loves being out among the berries. "That's all you do till freeze up from morning to night," said Mrs. Steinhauer. "My mother loves picking too."

Two years ago they had three freezers full of raspberries in addition to eating fresh berries all summer and selling to local customers.

Last year Lawrence and Eunice expanded their garden areaby brushing, picking roots and fencing and by doing most of the work themselves.

He cut and peeled all the posts for the surrounding fence and then together with his wife they put it up. "My wife helped me hold the rails and I nailed it," said Lawrence.

All this from a man who was partially paralyzed by a stroke four years ago.

They have a view of the road, can keep an eye on the garden, enjoy the aroma of nearby lilacs and imagine the mouthwatering taste of raspberries picked fresh from outside their doorstep. Steinhauer admits, "it's a good life." □

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Goodfish leaders sign deal to make clothes for Syncrude

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER
Windspeaker Correspondent
GOODFISH LAKE RESERVE

New jobs and construction of a new garment factory have been guaranteed for the Goodfish Lake band after signing a contract worth almost \$700,000 with Syncrude Canada Ltd. to manufacture 100 per cent of the company's work clothes.

The two-year contract was signed on May 25 in Fort McMurray between Syncrude officials and the chief of the Goodfish Lake band.

Over the next two years the band, located 150 km northeast of Edmonton, will manufacture coveralls, parkas, vests and winter suits for Syncrude employees working in plant and mining operations.

The infusion of additional money and work has given the band the "confidence" to begin planning the construction of a new garment factory in order to meet expanded production needs, says Ed Gulewich, general manager of Goodfish Lake Development Corp.

"We're operating in an old and inefficient building," he said in a telephone

interview adding they are now looking at constructing a 10,000 square foot building within the year.

The contract also means that the plant will have to take on additional employees and Gulewich believes the current number of 25 staff will be doubled within six months to a year.

Bill Enge, business development coordinator for Syncrude, says the contract is a part of their policy to help Native people in business.

"That's the reason why we're working with Goodfish Lake," he says.

The sewing and garment factory began in 1980 as a make work project which employed 11 people. Over the past eight years the number of employees has risen to 25 full time people and five part-time workers who will produce 26,000 articles of clothing this year as compared with an output of 6,000 pieces six years ago.

"That's quite a growth rate and we know the potential is there because we have turned away a lot of business simply because we do not have the production space," says Gulewich.

He describes the business as "very viable" and adds that the garment factory is not "subsidized by anybody. We survive solely on our revenues."

The garment plant, along with a dry cleaning operation, currently earns the band about \$1.3 million annually.

The garment plant also supplies clothing for Dow Chemical workers and has about 150 contracts signed with small businesses in the area who rent work clothes from the plant.

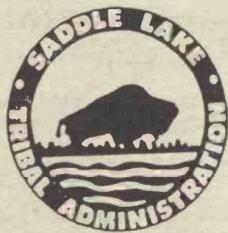
The chief of Goodfish Lake Ernie Houle says he would like to see the plant expand its operations to include other companies both inside and outside of Alberta.

"We just don't want to concentrate on the northern oil patch — we want to take a look around."

Houle, who was elected chief six months ago, says he is confident that he and his three member council can continue to promote expansion of the garment plant.

"I have a very young council who are eager to capitalize on the economy for the betterment of our community," he said. □

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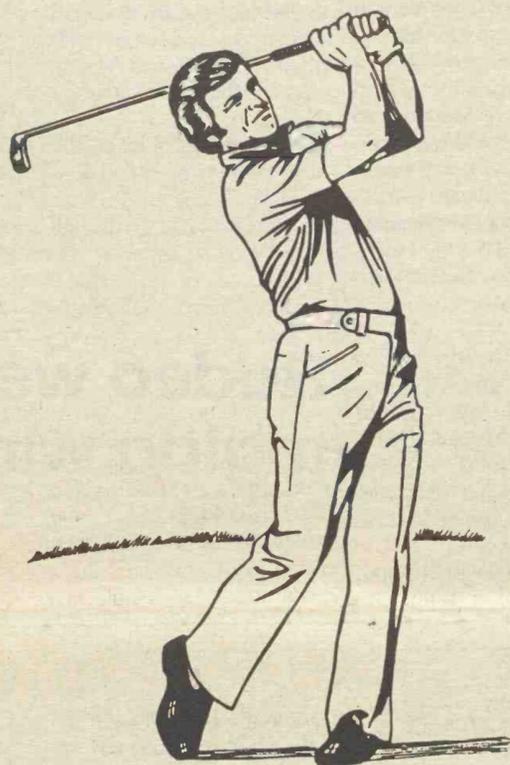
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San Diego player takes golf classic title home

BY BEA LAWRENCE
Windspeaker Staff

HOBBEMA

Rick Mojado topped the 144 golfers in attendance at last weekend's Myers Buffalo Golf Classic tournament at Wolf Creek Golf Course near Ponoka. Mojado scooped up \$1,500 for his 149 score. Ken Sinclair took second place with a 150 score for \$1,000. Third place went to Dale George with his 151 score for \$700 and Leo Sasakamoose won \$500 for his 152 score.

The top 20 players at this family golf classic event enjoyed winning back their entry fee costs which included a steak barbecue and dance Saturday evening. The two day event got underway at 8 a.m. both

Saturday and Sunday in "hot, hot temperatures," said family committee member, Carla Buffalo. "You could tell who were the avid golfers because they were really, really tanned," she said.

The rest of the top 20 winners in order of place, name, score and amounts won are: Andy Fox, 154, \$350; Ron Albert and Levi Bobb (tied for sixth place), 158, \$275 each; Lloyd Gauthier, 163, \$200; Gerald Kaquitts, 164, \$175; Don Ross, 166, \$150; Danny Buffalo, 167, \$145; Jim Sinclair, Tony Baptiste and Chris Johnston (tied in 11th place), 168, \$135 each; John Dorian and Duane Mistakenchief (tied in 12th place), 170, \$122.50 each; George Fiddler, 172, \$115; Ernie Cardinal and Elvis

Baptiste (tied in 14th place), 173, \$107.50 each and Lee Whitford 174 score for \$100 summed up the top 20 winners.

In the senior's championship section Jim Sinclair took first with his 168 score to win \$350. Fred Sasakamoose came in second with his 173 score for \$300 and Simon Three-fingers and Sykes Powderface tied for third with their 174 score for \$225 each.

Betty Orich placed first with her 184 score for \$500 in the ladies' championship flight. Wanda Baptiste took second with her 189 score to win \$450 and Holly Johnson placed third with her 199 score for \$375 while Leona Lafond took fourth place with her 200 score for \$325.

In the ladies' first flight

Roseanne Antoine topped the rest with her 213 score for \$100 and Valerie Bonais took second with her 220 score for \$85 while Vi Fiddler placed third with her 222 score for \$75.

June Peacock took first in the ladies' second flight with her 238 score win for \$100 and George Metoose placed second with her 242 score for \$85 and third place went to JoAnn Buffalo with her 260 score for a \$75 win.

The men's first flight top winner Jim Pederson with his 176 score for \$100 and Ray Ahenakew placed second with his 178 score for \$85. Third place went to Rudy Saulteaux for his 183 score for \$75.

In the men's second flight, Don Irving topped the rest with his 182 score for \$100 while Lyle Daniels placed second with his 188 score for \$85. Third place split went to Teddy Hodgson and Eddy Buffalo with their 191 tie score for \$75 each.

The men's third flight winner was Clarence Baptiste with his 194 score for \$100 and Kirk Buffalo placed second with his 196 score for \$85 while Collin Buffalo placed third with his 197 score for \$75.

In the men's fourth flight, Herb Fiddler took first with his 207 score for \$100 and Leonard Ledoux placed second with his 208 score for \$85. Norman Antoine placed third in this round with a score of 209 for \$75.

Micheal Gallagher walked away in the junior's section with his 173 scoring win for a \$150 gift certificate. Second place went to Lenny Buffalo with his 180 score for \$125 gift certificate. Third place honors went to Darren Simon for his 186 score for a \$100 gift certificate.

Gift certificate winners in the peewee section went to top winner Trevor Ledoux for his 99 score for \$75 while Jason Cutarm placed second with his 122 score for \$70 and Chaed Samson took third position with his 124 score for \$65. Fourth place split went to Elliot Weaselfat and Kelsey Saulteaux for their 125 score for \$30 each.

In the team golf tourney, British Columbia and United States won with their 626 score for \$50 each going to the top four players who formed the teams for British Columbia, United States, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan placed second with their 651 score and Alberta came in third spot with their 655 score.

Other highlights at the two day event noted Lee Whitford's hole-in-one shot at the 17th hole, Saturday. "And I didn't enter in the jackpot event for today," said Whitford. Saturday's

jackpot long-drive winner was Robert Sharphead from Enoc. Ken Sinclair was a winner in Saturday's jackpot KP tourney as well as Sunday's long-drive winner. Novelty prizes were also given away Saturday on all 18 holes. Lenny Buffalo won a head cover and golf bag for his first hole in the junior long-drive. Other novelty prizes included such items like the western jacket, luggage set, sweatsuits, rain jacket and golf shoes.

Long distance travellers to the two day family event were Rick Mojado and Frank Mazzetti from San Diego. The other participant and volunteer organizers travelled from B.C., Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Special appreciation and thanks to all the volunteers who worked the bingos in order to help raise monies to organize the Myers Buffalo Golf Classic tournament. □

Rodeo weathers raging winds

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA

High winds almost knocked out Hobbema's first major summer rodeo June 11-12. The event was one that proved to separate "the boys from the men" or maybe that should read, "the men from the animals."

The 1988 Panee Spring Bust Out Rodeo had most of the animals winning out over the Indian cowboys in nearly all events, especially team roping, calf roping, saddle bronc and bull riding.

The winds which raged all day Saturday kept rodeo announcer Cecil J. Nepoose of Hobbema more than awake as they buffeted the rodeo booth to and fro, high in the sky. Ropers also had their hands, rather their eyes, full as the gusts attacked with vigor.

The roping event times on Saturday may have been somewhat forgivable given the velocity of the winds which wreaked havoc for ropers. The unsavory conditions were further heightened for a large part of Saturday as rain coupled with the winds ran interference. However, Sunday's cowboys had no excuse as the day was sunny and clear the whole time.

There was more than \$8,000 up for grabs (excluding \$5,000 in the chuckwagon purse) and most of it went elsewhere as Hobbema cowboys were blanked for first place in all events except team roping (the top paying event) which Hobbema's Carter and Dion Yellowbird won in

4.7 seconds.

A total of 128 ropers competed in team roping but a mere 28 of them managed to rope their victims.

When it came to second place finishes, Hobbema's Indians still fared no better. Only a 67 in bareback riding gave Hobbemian Leon Montour a second aboard Showboat.

In bull riding, just five of 23 entries stayed the eight seconds to finish in the money. Collin Willier of Sucker Creek took first with a 75 ride on Prince Charles and Calgary's Darcy Cressman who was last year's runner-up in the Calgary Stampede's novice bareback won that event with a 69 on top of Miller's Deal.

Cardston's Lewis Little Bear showed others the way as he grabbed first spurring 70 on the saddle bronc Simple Dude. Terry Dixon of Morley twisted his steer in 6.2 seconds to earn first in the doggin' while Justin Kaquitts won the boys' steer riding with a 67.

In calf roping, Wright Bruised Head of Cardston tied his calf in 9.2 for first. Only one out of three ropers were actually successful in snaring their calves.

Verna Daniels of Morley ran the barrels in 17:04 and Loretta Lefthand ran the senior's division in 17:09 to win at barrel racing. Interestingly, only 18/100 of a second separate the top six contenders in the senior category.

The only other event, chuckwagon races, were run on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Canada's

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SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

The good news is that runner Allan Beaver is going to live and train in Ontario with a high-calibre cross-country running coach. The bad news is that since Beaver is leaving on July 18 he'll have to cancel the Lloyd Yellowknife Memorial Road Race.

The race was scheduled to be run in Wabasca on July 30. Naturally Beaver is disappointed, but still, he must be anxious to move to Guelph, where he'll train for two months with Jim Mambourquette. "If I do well there I might be able to train with Albert Shearhart (the Canadian national coach)," said Beaver.

While in Ontario Beaver hopes to run in the Toronto marathon and the Tom Longboat road race in Brantford, Ontario.

Most recently, Beaver ran in the Canadian amateur cross-country championships in Mississauga, Ontario last Saturday June 18 where he ran against 1,300 other runners. He didn't win, but did have a pretty good finish despite a mild cold, jet lag and the hot humidity that most of us bush Indians aren't used to.

Beaver said he would like to thank Peace Hills Trust for sponsoring him on his trips and, of course, his parents and family.

HOBBEWA: Plains Auto kicked off the WIN-Golf season last June 12 weekend at the Wetaskiwin golf course.

Here's the winners and their flights: Paul Johnson earned the championship in the men's first flight while Dorothy Simon took the title in the ladies' first flight. In the second flight, John Alexander swung himself to the number one spot on the men's side while Wanda Baptiste won the ladies' side.

Lyle Dodging Horse won the third flight, Bill Godin took the fourth flight and Stanley Big Plume grabbed the title for the fifth flight. Darren Simon won the junior flight. Golf veteran Leo Sasakamoose earned the men's low gross for the tourney scoring 77.

For more information about the WIN-Golf group contact Leona Lafond at 584-4104 or write to: WIN-Golf, Box 370, Hobbema, Alberta, T0C 1N0.

IRCA: Here's the most recent standings in the Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association. The association has 12 rodeos scheduled from June through August all over Indian rodeo country. Four have already passed.

There's plenty of cowboys and cowgals in each event, too many to mention here. Instead, here's the top two positions in each event:

In bareback it's Dexter Bruised Head out front with 98 points. Bill T. Head is the closest contender with 62 points.

Lewis Littlebear has a nice lead in saddle bronc with 112 points, Skinny Campbell is second with 78.

In bulls, there's a close call battle between Benjy Buffalo 94 points and Allison Red Crow 92 points.

Sam Bird has calf roping tied right now with 78 points. Bill Powell is his nearest competition with 44.

Bruce Labelle has wrestled his way to the top of the steer wrestling event with 82 points while Melton Louis runs second with 51. Once again, it's Livia Piche 102 points and Chantelle Day Chief 80 points running one and two in senior ladies barrel racing.

And finally, Wes Manyfingers has 44 points in boys' steer riding. Steed Wesley and Josh Twigg are right behind him with 42.5 points each.

It's gonna be a great rodeo year — I can feel it in the air. For more info about the IRCA contact the association by phoning 653-4997 or 653-4996. Or write: Indian

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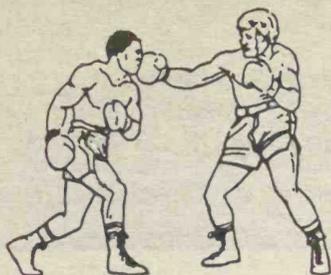
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OUR PEOPLE

59-year-old cowboy not ready to hang up hat yet

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

If you ever happen to come across one of the genuine diehard cowpokes on the Indian circuit or the Calgary Stampede, Sarcee reserve's Gordon Crowchild has got to be one of them.

At 59, Crowchild is still as hale and hearty as they come. What makes the man even tougher is the fact that he's a seasoned veteran who loves the sport. That's why he's still around the rodeo scene contesting steer wrestling, wild horse racing and wild cow milking on both the Indian and pro circuits.

Almost each and every July without fail, he can be found among the teams entered in wild cow milking or wild horse racing at Calgary. Oh, he admits he's never grabbed first overall in either event, but he enjoys the challenge and the excitement...it's in his blood. It's been that way for nigh onto 20 years now says Crowchild.

He says he started off in the rodeo business back in 1944 at age 14 when he first entered the boys' steer riding at the Calgary Stampede. At times, he

used to outride for the chuckwagons and the stampede has always been good to him as far back as he can recall. Perhaps, that is why it became his favorite of all the rodeos across the country. Anyone who makes it to the stampede he says, has proven their ability as a cowboy in his estimation.

One of Crowchild's early role models was the legendary Bill Linderman who excelled in steer wrestling and bareback bronc riding. There are other Indians he speaks of highly.

Among them are: Levi Blackwater of Cardston in bull riding, steer wrestling and team roping; Pete Bruised Head, also of Cardston, in bronc riding and steer wrestling; Bud Connelly of Browning, Montana in bareback bronc, steer wrestling, team roping and all-around cowboy; all-around cowboy Jack Edmo, also of Browning, in bareback, saddle bronc and roping; Fred Gladstone in calf roping; the Gottfriedsons in bronc riding; and Clint Morin from Saskatchewan in saddle bronc and team

roping. The most outstanding of the bunch to his way of thinkin' has been Bud Connelly.

As a seasoned cowboy, Crowchild sure does raise a few eyebrows at times when asked for the number of his pro card. It's #612. That compares to #6,793 if one were to buy a pro card at the time of this writing.

Crowchild scoffs at the soft touch he had for awhile when he worked in the office for Indian Affairs which he left in 1949. "I could have been a retired civil servant today but I wanted to be a cowboy," he notes. He quit drinking in 1959 and has just ranched and competed in rodeo since.

In 1971, he won the IRCA steer wrestling championship and in 1978, he ran a close second to Clarence Blackwater at the national finals in Salt Lake City.

He's had all kinds of injuries — to his feet, ankles, knees. A dislocated shoulder and other ailments never deterred him either. He just keeps on going, hittin' this rodeo and that rodeo and doesn't know when, if ever, he'll hang up his spurs for good. □

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LOOKING BACK

Stone writings reveal ancient times of mountain people

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

MILK RIVER, Alta.

The soft sandstone cliffs, the secret niches, rocky ledges and caves of the foothills and the mountains are the canvas for a unique story on stone that can be seen along the banks of the Milk River in southern Alberta.

These fragile rocks with their unique and priceless prose mark the places of vision quests and sacred rites, some now long forgotten. They also mark the place of meeting, where tribes such as the Crow, the Sioux, the North Shoshoni and the Nez Perce as well as the Blackfoot and Cree came together every summer.

Here, in ancient times, tribes traded goods, stories and wrote of their exploits upon the sacred sand stone cliffs.

The Milk River area abounds with glyphs and writings. Nearby coulees such as Verdigris, Rocky and Police coulee are ringed with stones and rocks covered with stories of battles and conflicts.

Other peoples came to Milk River. In nearby Verdigris coulee is the famous Ogam pillar which overlooks the river. The pillar is covered with the ancient writing of the Celtic people (now the aboriginal people of Scotland, Wales and Ireland) and tells the stories of their migration. This stone is thousands of years old.

In another coulee a three legged "wheel of fire" seen in the ancient coins of Syracuse adorns the top of a hoodoo. This same figure also appears on the coat of arms of the Isle of Man, near Ireland.

Some of the most strik-

ing images of the past are the five major styles of human figures associated with horses and shield bearers.

One image is of a rider on a horse wearing a head-dress of four feathers and carrying a shield with a circle design. The figure spears a pointed-shoulder man carrying a weapon. The horse is armored and looks very much like an ancient knight. However, experts say the rider was probably a Shoshone as this tribe made armor from hide and are the only ones known to have used horse armor.

The area was also used for vision quest purposes. In order to become accepted as an adult member of the tribe a youth would seek a desolate place where he would fast and watch. The dreams he experienced would be interpreted and would indicate his future role in life as a hunter, warrior, or even medicine man.

Some youths have recorded their dreams on the rock face and many unrecognizable glyphs have been said to be vision or dream figures.

Another series of rock art deals with every day life. One scene, called the life scene, depicts a midwife with hands outstretched assisting the birth of a child. The rest of the panel depicts a battle involving four shield-bearers, two pointed shouldermen and three square shoulder men. Other pictures show the sundance and the traditional skin piercing ceremony.

However, by far the most intriguing inscriptions are the Cree syllabics that appear on several stones. Because of the belief that the syllabics were invented

by a missionary, many of these writings have not been read. But with evidence pointing to the ancient origins of the syllabics, research is currently being undertaken to transcribe the writings, some of which appears to be very old.

One of the tragedies of Writing on Stone Park is that in modern times many people have defaced the rocks and the ancient writings. Some rocks containing unique pictograms have been pried off the surface with knives and removed, others seem to have been

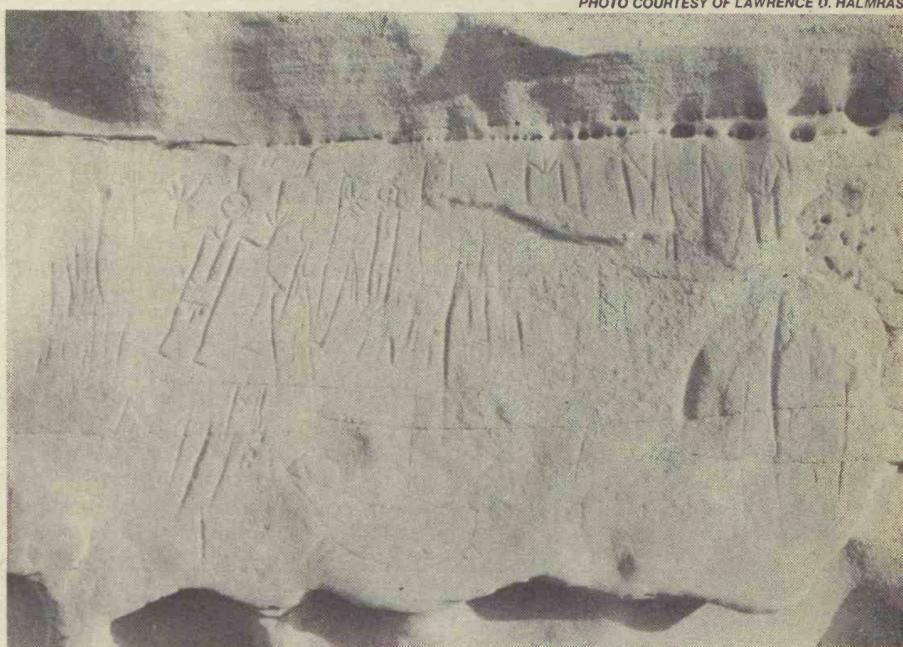


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Hidden away in caves and on rocky ledges: Stone writings

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Third 75.00	Third 75.00	Third 75.00	Third 50.00
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LEARNING

University students get scholarship bonuses

BY MARK McCALLUM
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Five students at the University of Alberta received an extra bonus recently in the form of scholarships after completing a course in the university's Native Studies program.

Administrative assistant of Native Student Services Eric Newborn described the scholarships, which

have a total cash value of \$2,100, as a bonus for the students.

"It doesn't pay all the bills, but it sure helps," notes Newborn, adding that most of the students in the program get financial assistance from the Department of Indian Affairs.

Native Studies director Richard Price presented the students with the scholarships May 24 and 25 at

the university's annual school council meeting. The scholarship recipients were Jeannine Laboucane (Adrian Hope Scholarship in Cree language and culture), Lori Tootoosis (Adrian Hope Scholarship in Native issues and insights), Evelyn Cardinal (The Johnny Samson Scholarship in Native Studies), Jane Martin (The Tkachenko Prize in Native Studies for introductory

Cree) and Robert Lindsay (the Tkachenko Prize in Native Studies for intermediate Cree).

The Native Studies program has been called the first of its kind at the university. Although the program has only been in existence for one year, many are anticipating great things for it in the future. "Hopefully, it will become one of the best (programs) in the country," says New-

born with some excitement in his voice.

Those close to the program are also hoping that it will break new ground and offer students a wide variety of educational skills. Still in its infancy, Newborn explains that some one dozen courses offered through Native Studies are being scrutinized carefully by the ever watchful eye of teachers and students alike. The program currently offers a range of innovative courses that touch on both contemporary and historical topics such as Native law, aboriginal self-government, Native economic development, contemporary Native art and the Metis: the emergence of a people.

Students are taught by both Native and non-Native teachers and have the

opportunity to learn any one of three Native languages (Cree, Slavey and Inuktitut) offered to students at intermediate and more advanced levels of study.

Newborn did express some concern with the low number of students that submitted applications for the scholarships. He believes that many of the students may feel intimidated by a misconception that they will be competing for scholarships against a large number of other students. But, he says that's far from the truth and advises interested students to submit scholarship applications early next year when at least five more lucky people will walk away with a bonus at the end of the school year. □

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Wins Adrian Hope scholarship: Jeannine Laboucane

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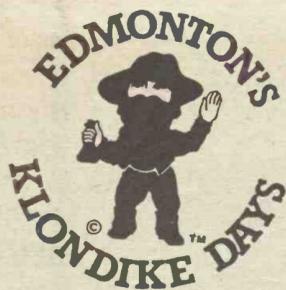
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Ben Calf Robe students model outfits for fashion show

BY KEITH MATTHEW
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Ben Calf Robe school held an open house on June 17 to highlight a fashion show put on by students of the school which was seen for the first time by about 100 people.

This fashion show was a new concept for the students who took part and according to the teacher who oversaw the event Louise Breland-Potiuk, "I think it was a very positive experience for the students who were involved. We

seen young girls turning into young women." She added that the fashion show provided them a sense of confidence." A couple of the girls in the fashion show were the head down variety."

The models took turns showing off the fashions of Kathy Shirt who is the owner-operator of Kathy's Cree-a-tions. Shirt says she took part in the event because she enjoys it and "it is something that the girls who took part in the show will always remember."

Twila Turcotte was the modelling instructor for the

girls and she taught them how to walk, how to sit, how to act while fashioning the clothing. Turcotte says, "I've been modelling on and off now, nothing serious, for eight or nine years now." She adds, "I like working with the youth."

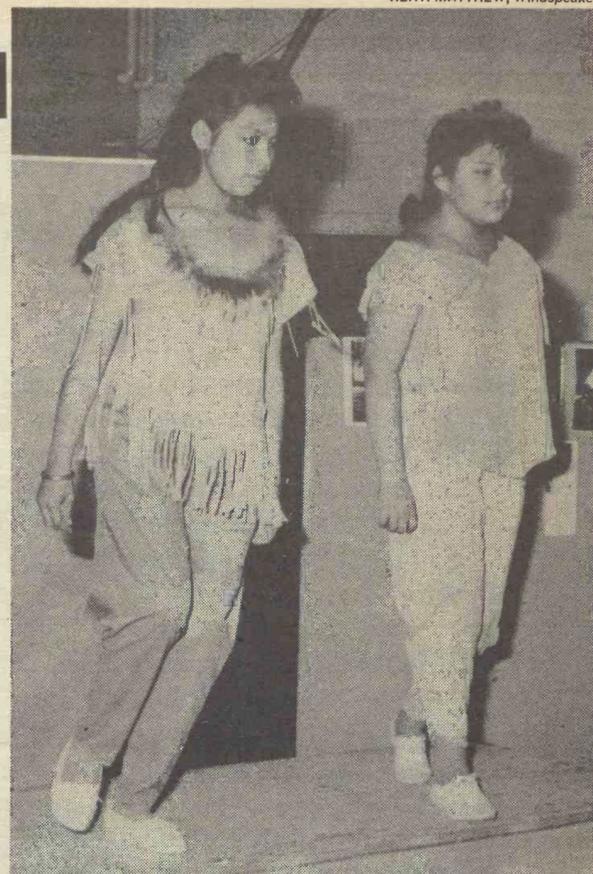
Turcotte spent about two or three hours each practice session teaching them the proper ways to turn and how to work together. There were 12 classes in all to prepare them for the show.

"People don't give them the confidence that they need and I'm interested in

showing them that they can do what they want to do with their lives," she says.

The models involved in the show from Ben Calf Robe school were Joanna Gladue, Carla Buckle, Kennedy Wolfleg, Tara Kappo, Lorinda Potts, Pam Quinn, Melinda Hoof and Jackie Cote.

One of the models for the show says she took the course "because it was something new and interesting. The fashions were neat." She says that instructor Twila Turcotte was nice and "she taught us how to conquer our fears." □



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COORDINATOR

The Chief and Council of the Dene Tha Band invites applications for the position of Coordinator of Family & Children's Services.

The coordinator will act as a member of a management team in facilitating a comprehensive community development process leading to the re-development of community based Child Welfare Services. This will involve the following duties: program development, supervisor of eight staff including family support workers, homemakers and receiving home staff, liaison with local agencies and public education campaigns.

The applicants should have the following: Master of Social Work or Bachelor degree with extensive experience in Child Welfare Services; familiarity with the provisions of the Child Welfare Act and legislation; experience in family life enrichment and public awareness activities; related experience in working in Native communities; and, familiarity and appreciation of traditional Indian values, customs and family life.

Salary: Starts at \$35,000 per annum (negotiable). Housing is provided.

Closing Date: June 30, 1988

Send Resume to:

**Bill Pelech
Dene Tha' Ehts-Ande
Social Development Program
Box 958
High Level, Alberta
T0H 1Z0
(403) 926-2422**

RODEO

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top drivers turned the barrels and made their single loop around the racetrack as they vied for total prize money of \$5,000.

Once the dust had settled after a thrilling and hotly contested final heat that wound up to be a three rig photo finish, it was defending champion Tom Glass that won. He was also last year's Calgary Stampede winner with the very same Calgary Herald wagon. Coming second was Dallas Dorchester with the Metropolitan Life wagon and third went to Jerry Bremner and the Olds College wagon. The professional chuck-wagons have been running at Hobbema for 15 years now and always managed to draw a good sized audience.

This year's stock con-

tractor was the 7 West Ranch (Alec Piche) and the bullfighter was Sarcee's Richard Bish.

Panee now has a new director in the person of Marcel Saulteaux and one thing which is definitely in his favor in fulfilling his duties is the fact that he is a rodeo competitor himself. Working rodeos is no stranger to him as he is a

former bull rider, team roper and calf roper. In fact he is still active in roping and was a competitor who could have placed third in team roping had he not broken the barrier.

Panee's largest and most lucrative rodeo for the summer will be August 5-7 when the North American Indian Classic takes place. □

RODEO RESULTS

Bareback: Darcy Cressman 69, Leon Montour 67, Kurt Buffalo 66, Dexter Bruised Head 66

Boy's Steer Riding: Justin Kaquitts 67, Max Big Throat Jr. 66, Cody Laroque 62, Trevor Lefthand 57

Bull Riding: Collin Willier 75, Leon Ferguson 73, Perry Baptiste 68, Conrad Small Legs 66

Calf Roping: Wright Bruised Head 9.2, Levi Blackwater 9.7, Lawrence

Crawler 10.1, Carter Yellowbird 11.0

Junior Barrel Racing: Verna Daniels 17.04, Traci Creighton 17.79, Bonnie Crawler 17.84, Janelle Shade 17.91

Senior Barrel Racing: Loretta Lefthand 17.09, Thora Shade 17.11, Angela Young 17.18, Lisa Creighton 17.24

Saddle Bronc: Lewis Little Bear 70, Lionel Wildman 67, Kim Cauliflower 63, Justin Simeon 60

Steer Wrestling: Terry Dixon 6.2, Clinton Bruised Head 8.7, Virgil Jacobs 9.9, Dennis Samson 14.0

Team Roping: Carter and Dion Yellowbird 4.7, Clinton and Wright Bruised Head 5.1, Leon Montour and Dennis Samson 5.3, Clinton and Robert Bruised Head 6.5, Leon Montour and Keith Johnson 6.5 □

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHERS ATHABASCA DELTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALBERTA

Applications are presently being accepted for the position of Industrial Arts teacher for Athabasca Delta Community School located in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta, effective August 29, 1988.

Athabasca Delta Community School is a fly-in community located in the northeastern corner of the province. It is an attractive and progressive community with a good number of support services offered. Athabasca Delta Community School offers instruction K-12 to 270 pupils.

The successful applicant should hold a valid Alberta teaching certificate, have training and/or experience in working with native people would be an asset.

We offer an excellent salary, complete benefit package, location allowance, and modern, subsidized housing.

Interested applicants should send a complete resume including the names of two professional references, and Superintendent/Student Teaching Reports to:

Brian Callaghan
Superintendent of Schools and Human Resources
NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION #61
P.O. Bag 1400
PEACE RIVER, Alberta T0H 2X0
(403) 624-2060

Deadline for applications: July 1, 1988

Board Member

An Indian owned institution is looking for a business oriented individual to sit on their board.

Candidates should possess a strong business background and some banking knowledge.

Awareness of Indian culture would be an asset. Please reply in confidence to:

**Mr. V. Buffalo
Box 60
Hobbema, Alberta T0C 1N0
Closing date June 30, 1988**



Good News Party Line

Summer Camp out Gospel Music Festival, July 1-3, Caslan Metis Settlement. For further information contact Mike at 470-0746, Dave 478-6322 or Horace 689-2153.

Yellowhead Walking Horse Show, June 25-26, Panee Memorial Agriplex, Hobbema.

Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage, July 24 - 28, 1988, Alberta Beach.

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772-AIDS**

Confidential,
professional information
on AIDS and its prevention.

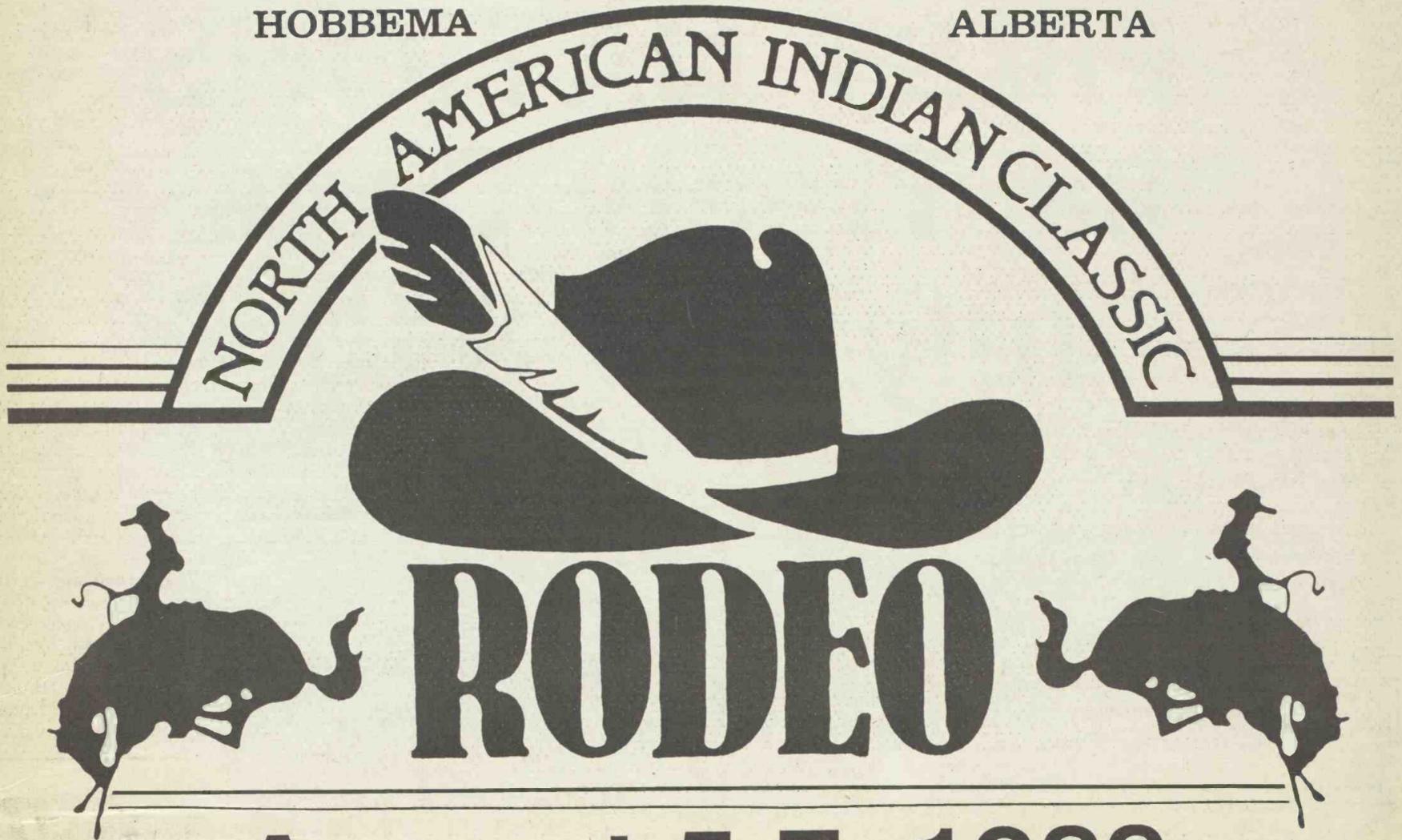
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August 5-7, 1988

*Dual Sanctioned -- Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association (IRCA) and
Northern Alberta Native Cowboy's Association (NANCA)*

7 Major Events

Prize Money \$1,200

Entry Fee \$50

2 Minor Events

Junior Barrels & Boy's
Steer Riding

Prize Money \$750

Entry Fee \$50

Entries Open: July 27, 1988

IRCA Central Entry System: 12-6 p.m.

Call Back: July 29

Top ten cowboys and
cowgirls in each event
will go to the finals
Sunday afternoon 2 p.m.

August 5-6

Parimutual Races & Horse Shows

Traditional Grand Entry - Saturday & Sunday

Beer Gardens

Friday &
Saturday

Gregg Smith - Rodeo Announcer

Herb Chisan - Rodeo Bullfighter

Rodeo Producers

Crane Rodeo Co.

Seven West Rodeo Co.

Block Brothers Co.

Herman Roasting & Sons Rodeo Co.

*For More Info Phone Marcel or Larry
585-3884 or 585-3770*

RAFFLE

For a 4-year-old
Quarter Horse

ADMISSION (daily)

Adults \$6.00 per person

Children aged 10-14 and

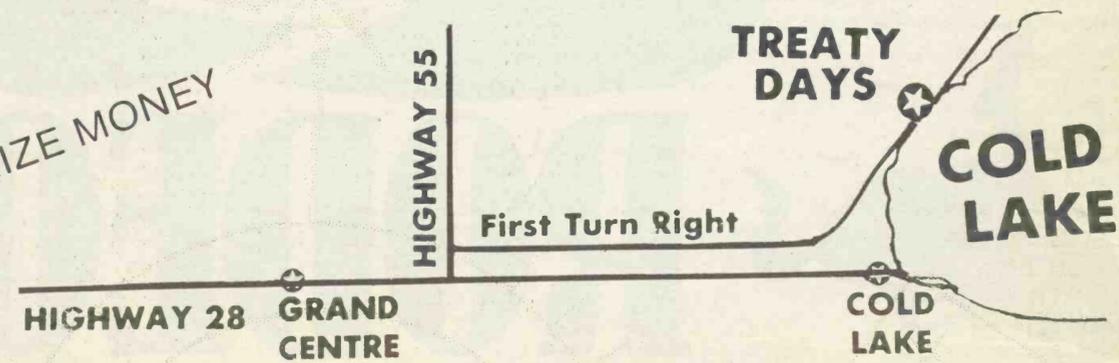
Senior Citizens \$3.00

Children under 10 free

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS '88 Treaty Days July 8, 9 & 10

At English Bay on Cold Lake, AB

ENTERTAINMENT
FIREWORKS
TROPHIES, RIBBONS & PRIZE MONEY



SCAVENGER HUNT - Ages 6 - 12
1st \$10.00 2nd \$5.00

HAND GAMES - 12 Team Limit
ENTRY FEE \$200.00 per team (8 per team)
TO ENTER: Phone Clarence Scanie (403) 594-7183 Ext. 47
PRIZE MONEY: Will be Determined By The Amount Of Entries

TALENT SHOW: Saturday Only
Jigging, Singing & Fiddling
ENTRY FEE \$10.00 PRIZES TO BE WON

ADULT CANOE RACES
ENTRY FEE REQUIRED

MENS	LADIES	MIXED
1st - \$100.00	1st - \$100.00	1st - \$100.00
2nd - \$50.00	2nd - \$50.00	2nd - \$50.00
3rd - \$50.00	3rd - \$50.00	3rd - \$50.00

DANCE
Fri., Sat. & Sun. ADMISSION: \$5.00 Adults
July 8, 9 & 10th \$3.00 Students & Seniors
Band: Kelly Atcheynam (Blue Water Band)
August Collins (Halfbreed)

5 MILE CANOE RACE
ENTRY FEE \$50.00 per Canoe (2 per team)

1st - \$500.00	2nd - \$300.00	3rd - \$100.00
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TUG OF WAR
ENTRY FEE REQUIRED

MENS	LADIES
1st - \$150.00	1st - \$150.00
2nd - \$100.00	2nd - \$100.00

JUNIOR CANOE RACES
ENTRY FEE REQUIRED

BOYS	GIRLS	MIXED
1st - \$50.00	1st - \$50.00	1st - \$50.00
2nd - \$25.00	2nd - \$25.00	2nd - \$25.00
3rd - \$25.00	3rd - \$25.00	3rd - \$25.00

FOOTRACES

Ages	1st	2nd
2 & 3	\$5.00	\$3.00
4 & 5	\$5.00	\$3.00
6 & 7	\$5.00	\$3.00
8 & 9	\$5.00	\$3.00
10 & 11	\$5.00	\$3.00
12 & 13	\$5.00	\$3.00

BANNOCK & TEA MAKING CONTEST
ENTRY FEE REQUIRED

1st - \$90.00	2nd - \$60.00	3rd - \$55.00	4th - \$45.00
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BOOTHS: \$50.00 per Day
Contact: Treaty Days Committee 594-7183 Ext. 47

CO-ED SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT
Limit 16 Teams

A SIDE	B SIDE
1st - \$600.00	1st - \$300.00
2nd - \$500.00	2nd - \$200.00

ENTRY FEE \$100.00 per team. DEADLINE July 8th at 4:00 p.m.
Phone Entries To: Treaty Days Committee (403) 594-7183 Ext. 47

FOR INFORMATION & ENTRIES
Contact: Treaty Days Committee
(403) 594-7183 Ext. 47
Before 4 p.m. June 30th 1988

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