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Liquor licence is approved, Ft. Chip chief disappointed

By Lesley Crossingham

Chipewyan Chief, Pat Marcelis "heartbroken and disappointed" after his community voted to approve a liquor licence at the Fort Chipewyan Lodge resort March 16.

The lodge will become the first business to serve liquor in the historic northeastern hamlet which celebrates its 200th birthday this year.

The plebiscite which saw 333 voters of a possible 673 voters turn out, was held after Marcel collected more than 100 names on a petition shortly after hearing a liquor application by the lodge. Unofficial results showed that 185 voted to accept the licence, more than 50 per cent of the cast ballots.

However, Marcel says many eligible voters failed to cast ballots because "they thought the vote was for the liquor licence."

"I asked people to come to the band office to talk about it, but many didn't show. I had the message broadcast on CBC but many just didn't understand," he said.

Marcel feels the majority of voters were the 18 to 30

year olds rather than the older, more mature voters.

"It seems our young people are just going to learn the hard way, the way I did," he said. "I hate to see them go through the pain and suffering I did; I hate to see children growing up to learn about alcohol from first hand knowledge — it's sad."

Many voters told Marcel they felt a legal liquor outlet would prevent the bootleggers who sell homemade alcohol in the area. But Marcel says he knows from bitter experience that legalized liquor outlets do not prevent this problem.

"I have seen bootleggers in all cities, they thrive wherever they go. The licence here won't make any difference," he said.

However, Marcel says he will be monitoring the situation and if he sees a marked increase in alcoholism and related problems in his community, he will renew his fight.

"I will continue my work here, counselling, working with youngsters and those who have suffered with alcoholism. I will continue to educate people through programs, but the bars will still be there."

INSIDE THIS WEEK



■ She's trying to saw her way to the Queen Trapper title at Wabasca's Winter Carnival. See how she made out on page 6.



■ Two towns claim the honor of being the oldest in Alberta at 200 years old. See pages 10 and 11.



■ This woman was so impressed with Nechi's reputation, that she sold all she owned to move here from New Zealand. See page 2.



Left to right — Dennis Wallace, Elder Sam Young, Chief Mike Beaver and Chucky Beaver.

Bigstone gets \$4.5 million for education, open kindergarten, too

By Terry Lusty

The community of Wabasca-Desmarais was a beehive of activity this past weekend with their winter carnival, the opening of a new school and the signing of a multi-million dollar tuition agreement.

On March 11, during the carnival the Bigstone Cree Band opened their kindergarten facility with a ribbon cutting, then signed a tuition agreement worth about \$4.5 million.

Signing the \$4.5 million agreement were Bigstone Chief Mike Beaver, North-

land School Division chairman Jeff Chalifoux and superintendent Brian Calahan and the regional director of Indian Affairs, Dennis Wallace.

The \$4.5 million go toward tuition fees, books and supplies, transportation service, school maintenance costs and services, wages of teachers and para-professionals — covering all band education costs except capital costs, like a new building or school board debts. Indian Affairs spokesman, Fred Jobin said: "It allows them greater participation in the education of their children and

the operation of their education."

Calahan claimed the signing was "worked with honesty" for the sake of the children and "will allow us to plan better for them."

The money to be handed to the band this September, will be spent by the Bigstone Cree as they see fit.

Chief Beaver criticized existing conditions which keep his people in a state of dependency. He hinted that the signing may be a step toward self-sufficiency.

After the signing, a ribbon was cut to officially open the two-storey kindergarten building. Former chief and education advocate, Elder Sam Young, cut the ribbon then thanked everyone who took part in the agreement, especially the role played by the chief and council.

Education portfolio holder for Bigstone band, Chucky Beaver, remarked that the proceedings "give us more opportunity to implement cultural programs plus...a better environment for the students." His sentiments were echoed by the chairman of the Desmarais local school board, James Yellowknee, who said "this is only a start for a lot of good things to come in the community."

Another speaker and emcee for the signing, Adrian Yellowknee said, "We have now opened the door for our children to get the best education possible in the Northland School Division system."

The band also has members residing in more northerly communities like Trout, Peerless and Chip lakes as well as Calling Lake, Edmonton and Fort McMurray. Whether they attend college, university or grade schools that are local or away from the community, all expenses are the responsibility of the band.

The tuition agreement is only the second of its kind to be signed anywhere in Alberta. A similar signing took place last fall by the Chipewyan and Cree bands at Fort Chipewyan.

Gadwa wins again

By Lesley Crossingham

Gordon Gadwa is still chief of the Kehewin band.

Gadwa and members of the Kehewin council received three year terms of office during an election held March 16. Newly elected members of council are: Victor John, Eric Gadway, George Dion, Roland Dion, Harvey Youngchief, Harold Watch-

maker, George John and Gloria Badger.

Gadwa was unavailable for comment at press time. However, band office officials say a press release will be issued next week with the full results of the voting count.

This is Gadwa's third term as chief of the northeastern Alberta reserve.

Literacy program helps students

By Dorothy Schreiber

Many of us can read this newspaper's stories and ads while others like Elvis Quintal, 30, at one time could only look at the pictures and guess what the words on this page mean.

Until recently, he couldn't read or write.

Now he and 23 others like him, grown-up, barely able to read and write are back to school at Edmonton's Ben Calf Robe school to learn reading and math skills to overcome barriers to jobs and further education.

Quintal dropped out of school at 15 after he was placed in a special class for slow learners. He didn't belong there he says, "they made a mistake."

His lack of education



STUDENTS QUINTAL AND CAMPIOU
...overcoming barriers to jobs and confidence

caused him problems with work but equally difficult was coping with how he saw himself.

"My self-esteem was low because I thought I couldn't be this, I couldn't be that. I was down, bummed out because I couldn't read or write."

He remembers looking at the want ads but his reading skills, were so low that he'd miss important parts in the ad. "I'd phone and they'd say, well, didn't you read the ad."

In restaurants with friends he simply ordered what he heard a friend

ordering.

Most of his life he's worked in jobs that needed no reading and writing skills.

"The kind of job I was doing was hard labour. They'd hire anybody as long as you could work hard," he says. He's worked as a firefighter, in auto body shops and on pipelines.

Once he wanted to get a certificate in auto body repair but was unable to find a garage that would take him on as an apprentice because he couldn't read. He was turned down by about 15 garages. Still, he worked "on and off" in auto body shops for \$5 an hour, unable to enter an apprenticeship program that

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Bill C-31 workshop at U of A

Few off-reserve rights source of frustration

By Dorothy Schreiber

The increasing amount of people reinstated under Bill C-31 believe they've gained very little real off-reserve rights when it comes to housing and some areas of education.

During a workshop on Bill C-31 held at the University of Alberta March 12 participants

expressed growing frustration over non-existent off-reserve housing.

"How can we apply for housing if we're not wanted on the reserve," asks Nellie Carlson, workshop facilitator for Indian Rights for Indian Women.

"The only way to get housing is to go for it politically," says Jenny Margetts, president of the

Indian Rights for Indian Women.

In the area of education many agreed that there is a need for new policies to cover off-reserve academic upgrading and to cover the costs of books and supplies for elementary and high school students.

The women say they are not "asking for handouts" but ask "how can we get

ahead if we're being held back."

One woman believes that women reinstated under the bill who chose not to return to their reserve should still be entitled to the same rights as those who do return.

Discussion also touched on the creation of new reserves for reinstated people. Suggestions ranged from reclaiming reserve

land that was illegally sold by the government to moving onto existing unused reserve lands.

At the end of the workshop, six issues were identified for future workshops: housing, education, land claims, band membership codes and Native women and the law.

The women felt the two-hour workshop did not allow time to fully explore

and understand all of the issues. Now they'll approach the Department of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of State for funding for future workshops.

The workshop was sponsored by the Aboriginal Student Council as part of a Native women's forum which also included members from Women of Metis Nation.

Students live in two separate worlds

By Mark Calliou

Native people who dream of a secondary education should be prepared to live in two different worlds, a Hobbema educator told a crowd at a recent education conference in Grande Prairie.

Dr. Fred Carnew, keynote speaker at the Education Advisory Conference March 3-4, told listeners about how Native people can get lost in today's society. However, through maintaining culture and identity, many can avoid the "lost" feeling. He stressed that students keep their language and culture alive while at the same time, retain credit subjects and learn life skills that will work in urban settings.

Still, local students who attended the conference felt that one of their major problems was loneliness. They also felt that the discipline they get on the reserve was not adequate

enough to allow them to function in an urban school. They also found that when they entered an urban school they had to retake courses, pointing out that educational standards should be the same on reserves as they are in city schools.

Discussions also revolved around the idea of having an educational board consisting of band members and teachers to set up a working educational system that will work on their reserves.

Members of the Little Red River band, Assumption, Meander River, Tallcree, John D'Or Prairie, Garden River and Fox Lake attended. Many voiced their concerns about various aspects of the education system, but their main concern echoed earlier speakers — how to prepare students for urban living and still maintain their cultural heritage.



MARK MCCALLUM, Windspeaker

SHERYLL MATTHEWS OF NEW ZEALAND

...was so impressed by Nechi that she sold all she owned to train here

New Zealander gives it all up for Nechi

By Mark McCallum

A New Zealand woman was so impressed by the reputation of the Nechi addictions counselling training centre that she sold everything she owned and moved to Canada last year, hoping to get training at the centre.

Sheryll Matthews, a member of New Zealand's Maori Aboriginal nation, says that Nechi, near Edmonton, is light years ahead of training centres in her homeland. She heard about the centre from a Native counsellor and friend she met in New Zealand.

Matthews pulled up roots and came to a land thousands of miles away from her birthplace because she was concerned that New Zealand's alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities are lagging behind other countries.

She explains that in the six months she worked as an addictions counsellor in a New Zealand treatment centre, her training was limited to one workshop that lasted two days.

"It just wasn't enough. I thought to myself, this is not right. How can I help anyone when I'm not sure if I know what I'm doing?" she

recalls, noting she has gained confidence in her ability to help others since she began training at Nechi June 14 last year.

The "intense" 10-month training program at Nechi is showing Matthews "how to help people help themselves." She explains the program is giving her a new self-awareness that did not exist before. To better help others with painful addictions and withdrawal, she reasons a counsellor needs this personal growth and self-development.

Each training day begins with a sweetgrass ceremony and prayer. The training centre is widely noted for the cultural emphasis in their programs. "It's a new culture for me and I love it," she says excitedly, adding the culture is "very spiritually healing." The rest of the morning is usually spent in lectures with Elders, recovering alcoholics and Nechi trainers.

In the afternoon, the training schedule can vary. Sometimes a "primary group" meeting is held, in which "everyone says how they're feeling about the progress of the training." The meetings are held to "blow off steam" and "brainstorm" different topics. "We are all

teachers," says Matthews, explaining Nechi asks its students for input.

The training program also includes role playing, which sees trainees act out situations that occur in a drinker's life. Matthews explains it's a good way to look at the effects alcohol can have on the drinker and people around him.

Trainees are also learning "art therapy" at Nechi. "It's a way to express yourself more visually and break through barriers," says Matthews.

Training is not always serious business. To raise the energy level of the trainees, sometimes they'll do bending and stretching exercises. "It helps build positive reinforcements and there's a lot of fun and laughter as well."

Before Matthews began training at Nechi, she explains that her life was clouded with alcoholism and she did not have faith in anything. She was addicted to drugs and alcohol and she was an atheist. But, she turned her life around. Matthews has been drug and alcohol free for the past two years (in March) and she has experienced a "spiritual awakening."

"I have a better understanding of who I am. I feel

healthier and believe there is a Creator," says Matthews, explaining she believes that there's a force that guides people through their lives — a force that guided her to where she is today.

The 33-year-old says she was a "full-fledged alcoholic" from the first time she took a drink at age 14. Looking back on it now, she explains she dismissed her drinking as the "normal thing to do." Hangovers became common. And, she would ignore early warning signs of her alcoholism, laughing off the blackout spells.

Matthews also became hooked on drugs in her teens. As her addiction increased, her life started to crumble and fall. She attempted suicide several times, only to escape reality with a bottle and a joint after failing to kill herself. "I was beginning to think I was insane," she recalls, noting she would blame her job, friends or anything but herself and the addiction that was consuming her life. She moved a total of 17 times, which she now calls a "geographical escape" from feelings of ridicule and

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Provincial Briefs

Gil Cardinal's film a finalist for AMPIA awards

The documentary feature, *Foster Child* produced by Gil Cardinal and the National Film Board, is among the finalists of the 1987 Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA) awards to be announced this week.

The winners in nine award categories will be announced March 19 during the annual awards banquet in Edmonton.

Foster Child is a true story of Cardinal's search for his family and his roots. The film was released to rave reviews last fall.

Native woman runs for U of A Student Council prez

EDMONTON — A Native woman from a tiny B.C. reserve where few finish high school hopes to head the student body at the University of Alberta.

Louise Day, 27, a third year arts student majoring in psychology would be the first Native person, and one of few women elected president of the union if she is successful in the March 16 election.

In her election campaign, Day says she would emphasize greater student union involvement in social issues such as racism, the Lubicon Lake land claim fight and poverty, if elected.

Day was born on the Tahltan Nation reserve near Telegraph Creek in northwestern B.C.

Chief feels betrayed by province

Lubicon unhappy over open letter to Albertans

By Lesley Crossingham

The Lubicon band says it has been "betrayed" by the Alberta government after an open letter addressed to "all Albertans" over the recently announced Daishowa pulp mill to be built near Peace River.

The government letter signed by two cabinet members disputes recent news reports that the Alberta government would subsidize the Japanese pulp company saying that the \$65.2 million the government will spend on road and rail access is not a subsidy.

"These costs are separate from the \$500 million estimated by Daishowa to construct the pulp mill for which no grants have been allocated," says the letter signed by LeRoy Fjordbotten and Jim Horsman.

However, Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak says the letter, which touches on the Lubicon Lake land claim indicates that "our land and membership rights are being settled by the federal and provincial governments without our involvement."

"Basically, the open letter returns us to the unacceptable position taken by federal negotiator Brian Malone," says Ominayak in a prepared statement. "Premier Getty and I discussed this unacceptable approach on March 4 and agreed to a significantly different approach, in which Getty would encourage the federal government to negotiate our land and membership rights directly with us, under the auspices of a three person tribunal constituted to resolve any

disputes.

Ominayak points out that this promise was not mentioned in the open letter, nor was the pledge to involve E. Davie Fulton in the tribunal. Fulton is the author of a government report on the land claim shelved by the government shortly after it was written in 1984.

Ominayak is also concerned over the pulp plant saying the government had not consulted with the band before leasing the timber rights of the Lubicon traditional lands to the Japanese company.

The government says there were "widely advertised public meetings in surrounding communities... (but) these meetings pertained to the construction of a new pulp mill on the west side of the Peace River — well outside our traditional area," says Ominayak.

Ominayak adds that he was assured that trees would not be taken from the Lubicon area because there were plenty of trees on the west side of the Peace River.

"Needless to say, we heard nothing further about timber leases in our traditional area until we heard the public announcement that the Alberta government had given the new pulp mill a timber lease completely covering our traditional area."

Ominayak is also angry



CHIEF BERNARD OMINAYAK
...says letter 'returns to the unacceptable position'

about government statements that logging would enhance wildlife. "Provincial officials said the same thing about gas and oil development activity...in fact development activity hasn't improved the wildlife habitat in our traditional area. I have chased away the animals, undermined our traditional hunting and trapping economy, forced 95 per cent of our people onto welfare and destroyed our traditional way of life."

However, Ominayak is particularly upset over the government statement that

the band claims 25,000 square miles for a reserve.

"This statement...is untrue. It comes from a legal action filed on our behalf in 1980 which incorrectly identified the extent of our Aboriginal land rights. The current legal actions calculate the extent of our Aboriginal lands at 7,000 square miles, at least 92 (square miles) of which we intend to retain for reserve purposes."

Currently the band is considering suing Bill McKnight, minister of

Indian Affairs, for conflict of interest over the Daishowa contract. The band says that as both Indian Affairs minister and minister in charge of Western Diversification, which has committed \$9.5 million for the Daishowa access roads, the minister was in a conflict of interest.

At press time Premier Getty could not be reached for comment. However, government officials say that the premier is trying to contact Ominayak who is currently in Ottawa.

National Briefs

Sex offender was fired from Indian boys school in B.C.

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — Rev. Tony Harding, who headed the Lytton, B.C. school for Indian boys, fired sex offender Derek Clarke in 1974 as dormitory supervisor.

Clarke, 51, pleaded guilty in a provincial court to 11 counts of buggery and six counts of indecent assault between 1964 and 1987 involving boys aged nine to 14 in Lytton and Vancouver.

Harding said he didn't inform police because he wanted to protect the man's victims.

Teachers quit at Red Earth, one fears for her life

SAKATOON, Sask. — "I feared for my life," said one of six teachers who quit their jobs at the Red Earth reserve school.

The teacher said she left because the band council would do nothing to improve safety for women teachers. The issue arose after a March 6 attempted break-in at the teacher's residence on the reserve.

Indian man shot by police, public inquiry launched

WINNIPEG, Man. — Manitoba will hold an inquiry into how the justice system treats Natives following the shooting death of John Joseph Harper, 36, by a police officer.

An internal police investigation cleared the unidentified officer of wrongdoing in the shooting, but Native leaders have accused Police Chief Herb Stephen of whitewashing the incident and wonder if racism was involved.

Attorney General Vic Shroeder gave in to pressure from the Native community and said the inquiry, which has yet to be approved by cabinet, will not focus specifically on the death of Harper, but on the entire issue of the justice system's treatment of Natives.

Schroeder said a full-scale inquest scheduled for early April should answer questions surrounding Harper's death.

Marshall's lawyer denied access to RCMP report in 1983

HALIFAX, N.S. — Stephen Aronson, the lawyer who represented Donald Marshall during his 1983 appeal, said the Nova Scotia Attorney General's Department denied him access to a RCMP report that proved his client's innocence.

Aronson told the Marshall inquiry that his defence was hindered by a lack of department cooperation because he could not adequately defend Marshall without the report.

Marshall was freed after an RCMP report in 1982 concluded he did not kill Sandy Seale. His murder conviction was formally quashed in 1983 after he spent 11 years in prison.

Native dancers perform at U of A to help open campus event

By Albert Crier

A traditional dance done in full regalia was part of the opening events for International Awareness Week at the University of Alberta March 4.

The Native dance demonstration was sponsored by the U of A Aboriginal student council as their contribution to the annual campus-wide event. The Native events including a fashion show, Native art exhibit, Native arts and crafts sale and a Metis hoe-down drew large appreciation audiences.

"The way we organized Native awareness events this year, was unique in that we took part in a larger cultural awareness program," said John Kortuem, president of the council.

These events were happened with other campus activities which included a rainbow of international cultures, foods, films, workshops, crafts and music.

Native highlights of the week saw Pat Piche, an experienced dancer, open the fashion show with a traditional dance then close the show with a fancy dance.

Clothing designed by Piche and Kathy Shirt were



DANCER AND DESIGNER PAT PICHE
...opened International Awareness Week

featured at the fashion show by Native students who modeled the contemporary Native and non-

Native designs.

Alex Janvier, a world renowned artist, visited the campus on March 7 as part

of the Native art exhibit shown in the HUB mall.

A Native women's forum workshop on March 12 addressed the inadequate distribution of funds for Native women's organizations, family violence, lack of university courses on Aboriginal subjects, problems experienced by people in regaining Indian status and rights and cooperation between Metis and Indian women.

The Metis hoe-down saw enthusiastic jigging and square dancing with fiddle music by Gilbert Anderson, Homer Poiras and others. The hoe-down was the grand finale of the Native events. It was held at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre March 12. The event was a joint effort by Native seniors, parents and students to raise money for the Native Student Development Fund.

Pleased by the success of the events, Kortuem said: "In profiling a Native presence on campus we hope to encourage more Native students to pursue University education. Our reaching out, to Native seniors and parents and to the international students, helps us maintain our ties to the local community and to other cultures."

Reinstatement process a 'bureaucratic nightmare'

The processing of applications for people wanting to be reinstated under Bill C-31 has been described as a "bureaucratic nightmare."

This week Windspeaker received a telephone call from an individual who has been living out the nightmare for the past four years.

Frank Carifelle says even though he made an application for reinstatement prior to the enacting of Bill C-31, to date, all he has received from the government are letters either requesting that he submit further documents or letters which say further archival research is

Adult education with a positive twist

Reading and writing skills are like keys which unlock doors to gaining satisfying employment, attaining further education and even learning to feel good about yourself. Take away those keys and the doors become frustrating and debilitating barriers.

Learning those skills as an adult takes a great deal of courage and desire and students enrolled in an adult education program at the Ben Calf Robe school possess both qualities.

Education has always been an area riddled with problems for Native people but once in a while we come across individuals and individual programs which are, to turn a phrase, riddled with solutions.

The program appears to work for students for a number of reasons. The students are allowed to work at their own pace, all students are Native and there is a dedicated instructor who seems to find time to give individual attention to 24 students who are working at different grade levels.

The issue of education has had a long history of failing to meet the needs of Native people but

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required before his application can be completed.

His mother who passed away recently had also applied for reinstatement, and to date, her application is still outstanding.

this program is a clear demonstration of what can happen when a program responds to Native people.

The fact that adult Native people are returning to school and are entering a program which not only gives them educational tools but also helps them to develop a greater sense of their own worth is cause to feel optimistic, about the direction education is taking.

Programs like this can help to heal many of the bad educational experiences that Native people have endured in the past.

The government's new policy of processing easy applications first before dealing with the more complicated ones has turned an already bad situation into a frustrating experience for Carifelle and others like him.

Instead of trying to hike up the numbers of completed applications to make the stats look better the government might be wiser to deal with long outstanding applications.

Rather than trying to "look good" why don't they make the effort to "do good."

Carifelle is losing patience and asks does he "have to dig up the bones" of his ancestors to prove he is Indian.

To further frustrate the issue he has had to deal with staff turnover in Ottawa and each time he has had to bring another staff member up to speed on the details of his application.

The government was right in wanting to return status to people who lost it under unfair circumstances, but a process which makes people wait year after year to regain their rights is questionable and unreasonable.

Again, Aboriginal people are left in the same old bind of fight, fight and fight some more for the very rights which they have always been entitled to and should never have lost in the first place.

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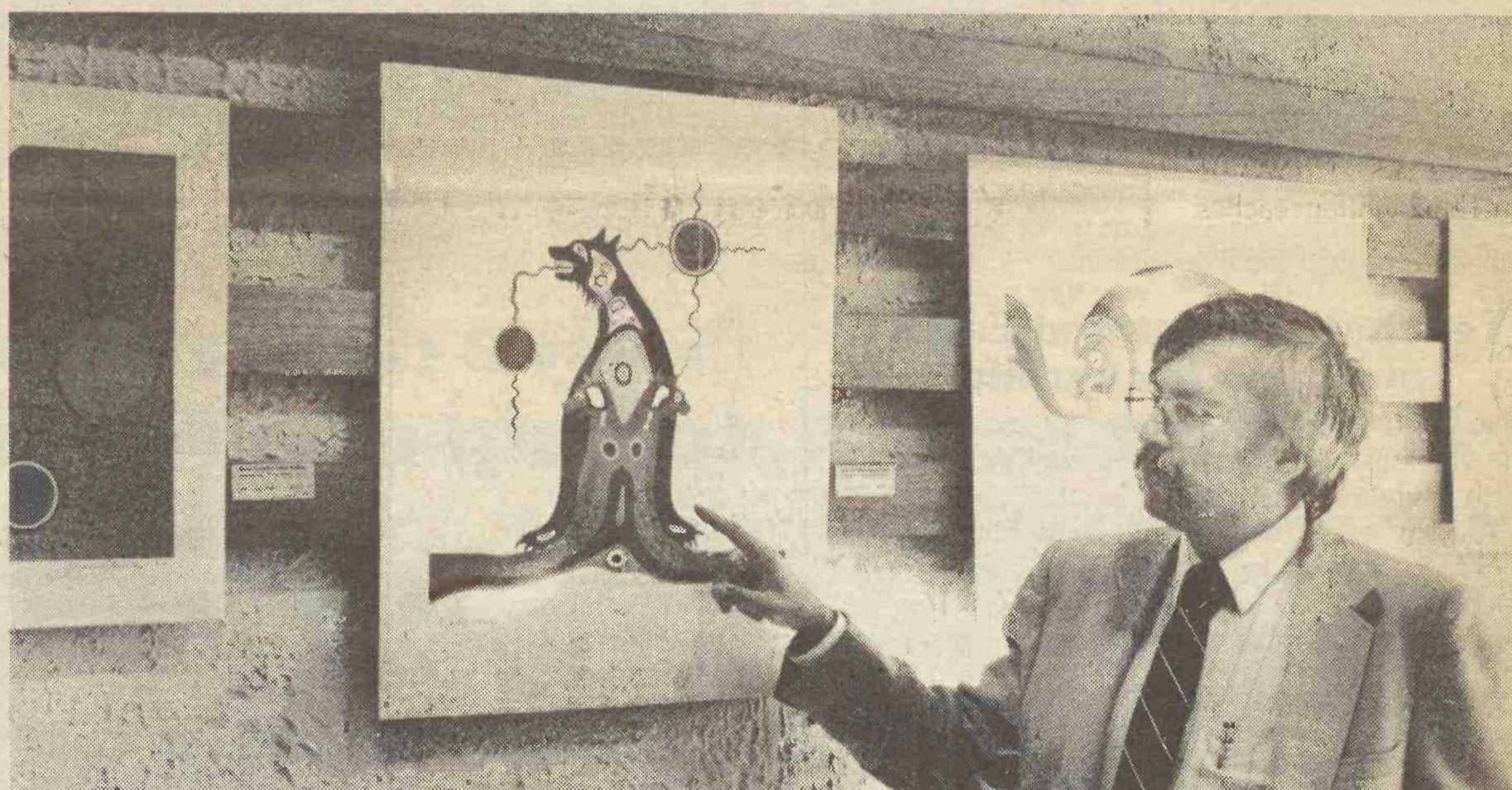
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BEARDY ART ON TOUR

Allan E. Kiesler of Great Canadian Print Co. in Winnipeg talks about this Jackson Beardy, now deceased, print entitled, "Wolf Family."

The 1976 print valued at \$750 was on display in

February at Edmonton's Bearclaw Gallery as part of a national tour of the late Beardy's art estate. Beardy died of a heart attack in 1984 at age 40.

Photo by Terry Lusty

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Opinion

Reader has message to share about the effects of alcohol

Dear Editor:

I am a Native from Hobbema and 33-years-old. I have taken a good look at my life and what drinking has done to me and my family.

I have lost my wife and family and today I just hate to think about it. As I look back to my past I try my best to learn from it. I do not wish to dwell on my past as I have done for a great many years.

I am most certain that a lot of us behind these prison walls try to reflect on our past as the days go by, yet we have to live with agony and pain due to our stupidity.

Isn't it high time that we try and live the realistic way of life? I have used alcohol excessively in the past few years of my life and I know that I can't blame the alcohol for all the mistakes I've made. So my brothers, sisters and friends, certainly hope that this poem I have written reaches you — that it makes you think.

I do not wish to preach to you as you read my poem, remember the choice is yours and mine. A lot of us prisoners make plans then don't bother carrying them out when we're released. We sure can talk up a

My Dream for Reality

In my dream I see a vision, a vision I prolonged to see
And in my vision I see *harmony*, harmony for my people
In true *life*, I've always wanted this to be
In my dream I see *devastating life and evil*.

My people, my people, I long for your *happiness*
Try to understand the ways of our lives
The *drugs* and *alcohol* has turned our lives into *ugliness*
Sadness and *despair* are the ways of our lives.

My people, my people, we need to change
Unmanageable lives we have lived for years
If one can see that no alcohol is strange
Only we, can wash away the bitter tears.

I'm tired of dreaming, let's get together
This world can be *harmonious* if we choose it to be
My people, my people, let's change our lives for the *better*
We have brainwashed ourselves and who are we?

Alcohol, alcohol, you have changed my living ways
I will eliminate you, just you wait and see
 My life and my future are important to me these days
 Alcohol, I am not your friend anymore and I don't want to be.

My brothers and sisters, let's live to *reality*
Let's *fight* to the end to live our lives in *harmony*
Let not the alcohol lead us to *unstability*
My people, my people, we must *fight* to be *happy*.

(Dedicated to my friends who wish and pray for a change in life.)

I am an Alcoholic, Don J. Nepoose

storm the night before we're to be released, right? I know that I have done these things too and I'm sick and tired of living the unrealistic life.

As a brother, I have heard that Indians don't give up easy. And I know this to be true. If we believe in our higher power as we know Him, I'm sure that we'll go a long way if we ask our higher power for guidance.

I don't mean to be rude in my message. It really hurts me to know what alcohol can do to our lives and also to our loved ones.

My dear brothers and sisters out there, we don't need to live like this. You know and I know that there's a chance for us out there. Let's do away with our excuses and start taking steps ahead instead of backwards. We can make this a better world to live in if only we could think for ourselves.

I hope you like the poem as I was having a hard time putting it together. It's not that easy when you try and put your brains to good use, but now that I think I'm in my right frame of mind, I'd like to wish you all the best of luck and remember the old man speaks!

***I am an alcoholic,
Don J. Nepoose***

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Dear Editor:

There will be a reunion of the Mackay Indian Residential school in Dauphin, Manitoba on July 1-3, 1988. Any student, staff or teacher who attended the school in

Dauphin from September 1957 to the closing of the school in June 1988 is invited to attend. Registration fee is \$25 per person and we ask that you send in your registration as soon as possible so plans can be made accordingly.

To receive further information regarding the reunion please contact the following people: Belinda (McGillivray) Vandembroeck, General Delivery, Sundance, Man., R0B 2A0, telephone (204) 486-2088 or Bonnie Duncanson, Box

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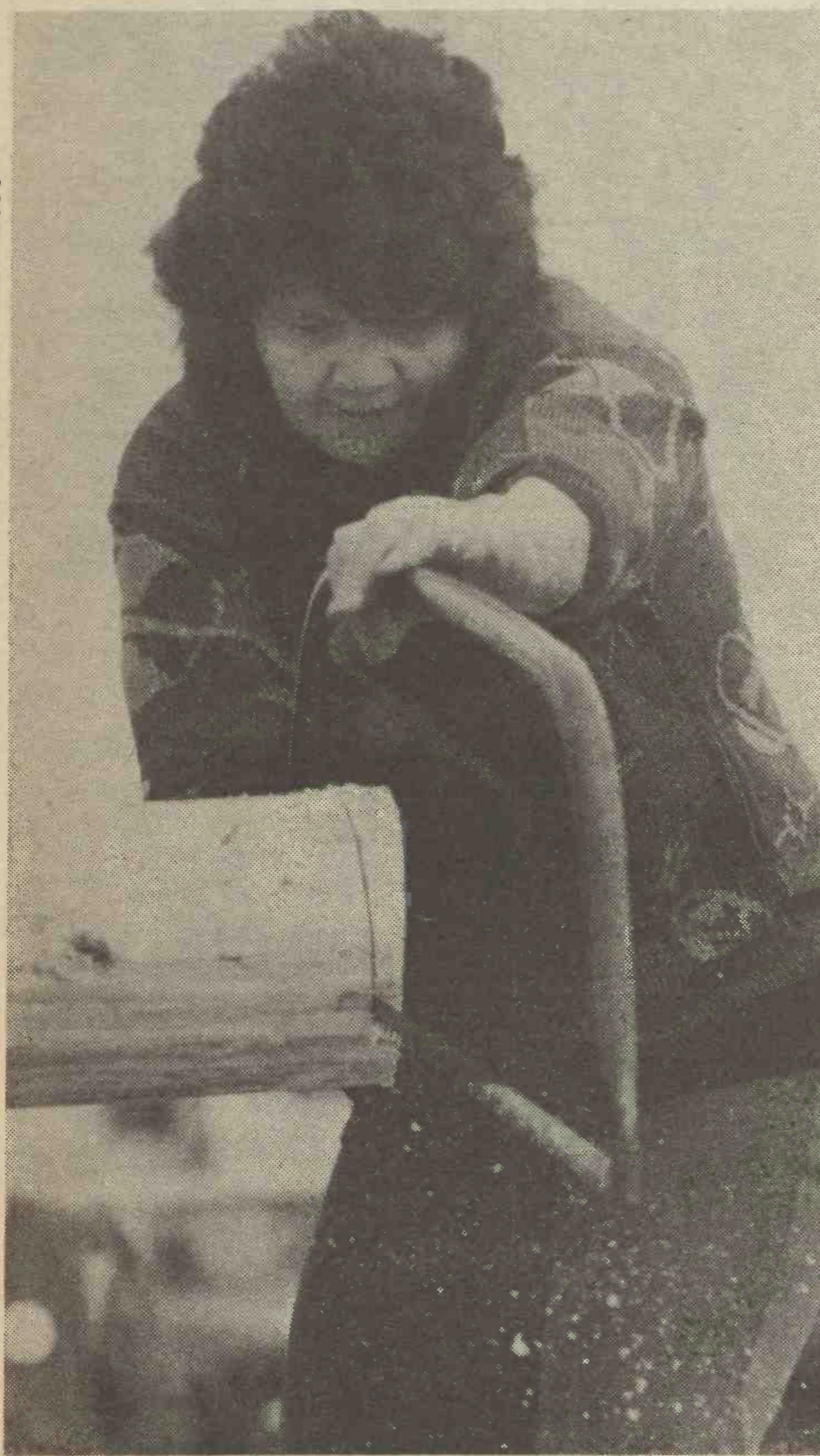
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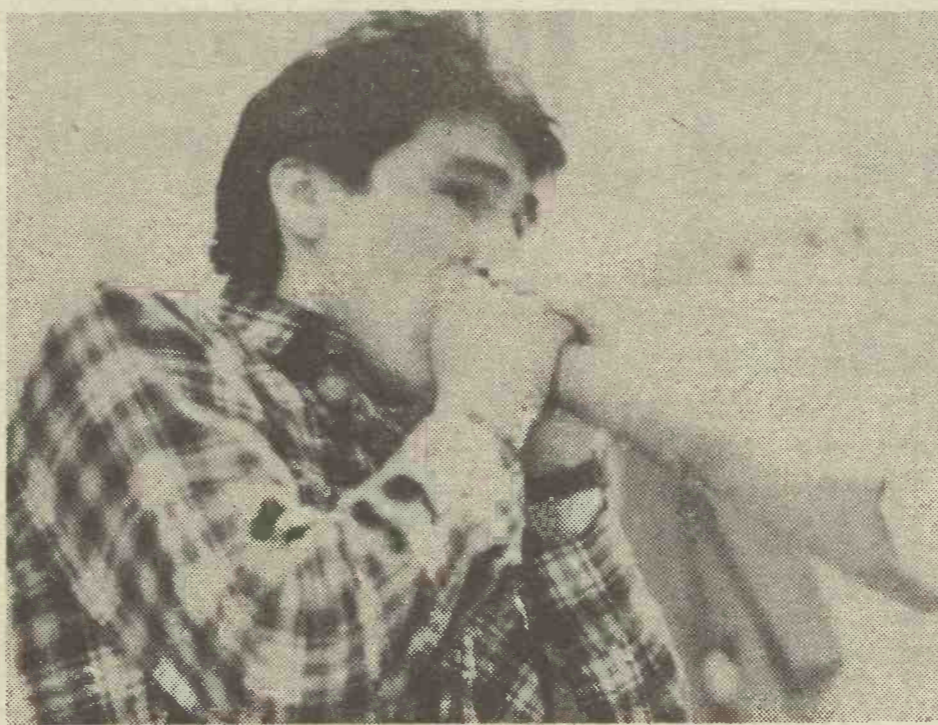
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LINDA BEAVER
...the chief's wife

'KAPOOR' CARDINAL MOOSE CALLS (below)
...Solomon Yellowknee and Bertha Auger, right



King and Queen trappers crowned at carnival

By Terry Lusty

This year's Mad Trappers Winter Carnival at Wabasca-Desmarais witnessed an exciting photo finish as the two top teams entered the eleventh and final event tied on Sunday, March 11.

Once the smoke had cleared, it was a jubilant Robert "Kapoor" Cardinal and Clara Moberly of Wabasca who came out victorious and were declared this year's King and Queen Trapper. In capturing the titles, they had to overcome the very tough team of fellow locals, Solomon Yellowknee and Bertha Auger who won the king-queen crowns at Fort McMurray a week earlier and who held the lead at Wabasca right up until the final event.

The carnival came close to being cancelled due to a lack of snow. In fact, the skidoo races were cancelled and the snowshoe races were moved to the frozen lake at the Wabasca end of the community where snow and ice conditions

were better than at Desmarais, where all the other events occurred.

A large and receptive crowd at the Desmarais recreation centre greeted the contestants who did the first three events Friday evening, March 11. Chief organizer was the Bigstone Cree Band's recreation director, Ernest Auger, who claims he might enter next year's carnival.

After judging the first contest, best northern dress, scoring was close in both the male and female categories. The top three scored nines and tens and one eight. The colorful event was won by Yellowknee and Auger. Yellowknee also won the log sawing a full 20 seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

Singer Chucky Beaver did extremely well, coming first in four events including jigging, moose calling, log throwing and snowshoe racing.

Kapoor managed a second in jigging, learning the dance two days earlier. He also came second to

Beaver in the snowshoe race despite tripping and falling once and having to regain a lot of lost ground.

Not to be taken lightly was Bigstone Chief Mike Beaver and his wife Linda. He won the nail pounding while she won log throwing.

Another strong challenge came from the Fort Chipewyan brother-sister team of Alice and George Marten. Alice hammered her way to a win in nail pounding earning her way into second place overall by the eighth event. Their ranking, however, dropped as the Cardinal-Moberly team finished strong in the final three events to overtake not only the Martens, but the first place Yellowknee-Augur team.

The upset surprised many since Cardinal-Moberly trailed the leaders by 12 points at one point in the competition. Though Moberly was a former carnival contestant, it was the first such experience for Cardinal. They each racked up a second and two firsts in the last three events.

The final point tally in



CLARA MOBERLY
...Queen trapper winner

order of standing is: Robert "Kapoor" Cardinal and Moberly of Wabasca, 58; Solomon Yellowknee and Bertha Auger of Wabasca, 57; George and Alice Marten of Fort Chipewyan, 49; and Albert Peters and Annie Auger of Fort McMurray who were the defending title holders, 48.

Organizer Ernest Auger thinks the carnival will grow with each passing year as more people become aware of it and turn out to enjoy themselves. This is the second year for the competition.

RESULTS

Here are the results in order of standing in each event:

Northern Dress: Solomon Yellowknee and Janet Gladue; Chucky Beaver and Bertha Auger; Albert Peters and Annie Auger.

Jigging: C. Beaver and J. Gladue; Robert "Kapoor" Cardinal and Clara Moberly; S. Yellowknee and Linda Beaver.

Moose Calling: C. Beaver and C. Moberly; S. Yellowknee and Alice Marten; Mike Beaver and B. Auger.

Log Throwing: C. Beaver and L. Beaver; R. Cardinal and C. Moberly; George Marten and B. Auger.

Log Sawing: S. Yellowknee and A. Auger; C. Beaver and A. Marten; A. Peters and C. Moberly.

Tea Making: A. Peters and Margaret Rose Auger; G. Marten and L. Beaver; M. Beaver and A. Auger.

Squirrel Skinning: S. Yellowknee and B. Auger; Denis Auger and A. Marten; M. Beaver and L. Beaver.

Nail Pounding: M. Beaver and A. Marten; S. Yellowknee and J. Gladue; G. Marten and M. Auger.

Snowshoe race: C. Beaver and C. Moberly; R. Cardinal and A. Marten; A. Peters and B. Auger.

Target Shooting: R. Cardinal and C. Moberly; A. Peters and A. Auger; D. Auger and J. Gladue.

Trap Setting: R. Cardinal and J. Gladue; S. Yellowknee and C. Moberly; G. Marten and B. Auger.

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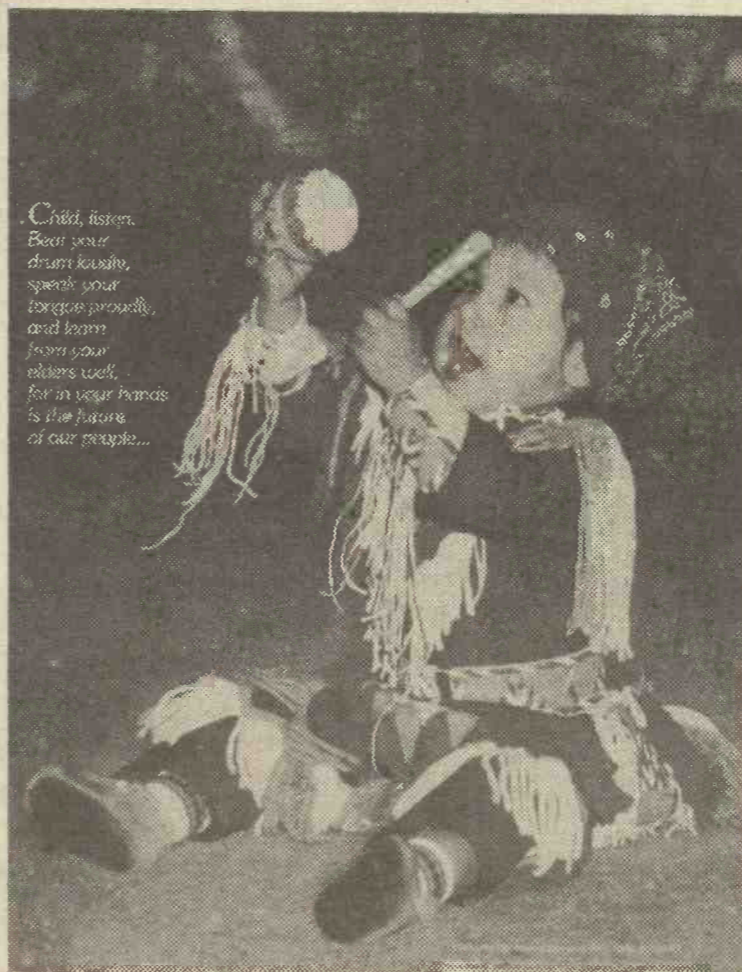
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Grande Prairie centre makes room for boxers

By Mark Calliou
Grande Prairie
Community
Correspondent

The friendship centre here is pleased to say the town's boxing club will be working out at the centre in our newly renovated room. **Gary Bredeson** and **Dan Higgins** are the instructors. For more information about this club call **Mark** at 539-7514.

The Metis Association Local 20 held its annual meeting and election of officers at the friendship centre March 6. Here are the results: **Edith Trump**, president, **Doug Eiter**, vice-president, **Veronica Graff**, secretary-treasurer and **Bill Supernault**, **Richard Venne**, **Dave**

Supernault, **Bea Supernault** and **Della Tietge**, board members.

The centre's **volunteer appreciation and awards banquet** will be held March 19 at the Elk's Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will start at 6:30 with awards ceremony and dance to follow. The centre will be honoring about 200 volunteers this year. The event is invitation only.

Native Awareness Day will be held at the Grande Prairie Regional College on March 18. Native artifacts and various crafts from the friendship centre will be on display. Information about Native people and resources will also be available.

Native Counsellor Training Program (NCTP)

students hosted an informal luncheon for their families and the staff and board of the friendship centre March 4. About 60 people attended to welcome all the New NCTP trainees. They are: **Brenda Auger**, **Beverley Belcourt**, **Wayne Belcourt**, **Brenda Campbell**, **Debbie Champagne**, **Florence Henry**, **Marge Cunningham**, **Roberta Penner**, **Yvonne Ryan**, **Betty Sowan**, **Loretta Savard**, **Linda Stubbs**, **Vera Torgersen**, **Karen Veith** and **Wayne L'Hirondelle**.

Remember, when you're near the friendship centre at 10105-97 Avenue here in Grande Prairie, stop in for a visit and browse through the craft room and library. The coffee is always on.



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

(L to R) Three Quintal sisters, Priscilla, 14, Josette, 13 and Joanne, 10 of Wabasca pay their respects at the gravesite of a close relative.

"Spirit houses," like the one pictured here, are commonly found in Native communities. Their function is to act as a dwelling place for the spirit of the deceased in the afterlife.

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Handicapped boy well cared for at Kehewin

By Dorothy Schreiber

People working in a unique group home on the Kehewin reserve have set up a special program to care for a severely handicapped Native boy whose treatment in a foster home became the center of controversy a few years ago.

Before returning to the reserve two years ago the nine-year-old boy who suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome, lived in a foster home in the Bonnyville area for five years. During his stay at the foster home, the boy's sleeping quarters became the subject of media scrutiny when it was reported that he had been sleeping in a carpeted enclosure under the basement stairwell of his foster parents home. In an Edmonton Journal report,

the foster parents explained they confined the hyper-active child during the night in order to prevent him from hurting himself.

"I went there (foster home) ... I wanted to see for myself. Because of where it (sleeping quarters) was built I believed it was a cage ... we thought it was better that we bring him home," said Kehewin Chief Gordon Gadwa in a telephone interview with Windspeaker.

The foster child was returned to his natural parents on the reserve nearly three years ago. But the boy's parents were unable to give him the specialized care he needed. Then, last July, a band group home was opened to provide the youngster with 24-hour care and a specialized residential program.

"The only way to have a good program and good

services for him was to have his own home," explained Gadwa. It was difficult for one person or family to take care of the young boy who has been

capped children, costs about \$253 a day to run.

So far the band has put about \$62,000 toward the group home and has spent \$25,000 in renovations to

'...his attention span has increased from five minutes (to) 40 to 45 minutes on a good day.'

described as "perpetual motion."

Up until recently the band financed the home but an agreement reached between the Department of Indian Affairs and Alberta Social Services allows the federal government to channel funding directly to the band.

The group home, which is the only on-reserve group home for mentally handi-

the home which has no sharp corners, padded walls, thick carpeting and wall sockets placed out of reach to ensure the young resident won't harm himself.

The youngster who attends school five days a week has "come a long way since he's been at the residence," said Molissa Van Langin, group home supervisor, in a telephone interview.

"He was a very hyper-active little boy but he's settling down...his attention span has increased from five minutes (to) 40 to 45 minutes on a good day."

Van Langin has written a number of in-house teaching programs for eating, dressing and toileting. The lessons help the young boy become semi-independent.

Three other staff members who work with Van Langin are currently enrolled in a behavior management course to learn how to read and write in-house teaching programs for the young resident.

"We try not to make it a babysitting service, but a teaching service."

Although he doesn't speak, the youngster attends school on the reserve and is integrated into some classes such as gym. At school he is

instructed in self help and self care activities.

Travelling to school on the bus with other children and being in classes has helped the youngster to develop social skills.

"He learns just by watching the other kids how to act appropriately in groups and around other people."

Van Langin describes him as having a sense of humor: "He likes to tease and stuff...he has days where he's cuddly and likes to sit in your lap and gets lots of hugs...(and) some days he's very aggravating, like an ordinary kid."

The Kehewin chief says there is room in the group home for three more children who are mentally handicapped. Children must be Native, under 17 years of age and from northeastern Alberta.

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Roy Randolph missed by Metis people

By Lyle Donald
Edmonton
Community Reporter

Well hello again, the first thing I would like to do is offer my condolences to the Randolph family with the loss of a true family man and well-respected person in the Metis community, **Roy Randolph**. I had the pleasure of knowing Roy for over 10 years, seeing him at Metis assemblies and various functions in the community. Roy will not only be missed by his immediate family, but by all of us who knew the man he was.

I have gotten some good feedback from people who read my first report. But like other good writers, I made one or two boo boos in the last and apologize to **Joe Blyan** and **Gary Boudreau**. The united Metis locals of greater Edmonton profits do not go to the Oteenow rec club, but will be available to amateur athletes and teams in need in the Metis community.

Last Thursday's CNFC steak day the special guest, provincial Liberal leader **Nick Taylor**, was a no show, so a last minute substitute was introduced, none other than IAA president **Gregg Smith**.

Smith, being the politician he is, "ad libbed" a speech and since he mentioned my name in it, I thought I would return the favor, but I'll have more on him later on this report.

It was a busy week at the **University of Alberta** as they hosted their Native Awareness Days. The only function I made it to was the dance at the Friendship Centre March 12. Master of ceremonies, **Lloyd Auger** and musicians **Homer Poitras, Gilbert Anderson, Beatrice Calliou, Eugene Bouchier, Moise White** and others donated their music and time to raise money for the Native Students Emergency Fund. And a success it was, they had over 150 people come out and do their Metis aerobics (square dancing two step, jigging, etc.) By the way, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre offers square dancing lessons or Metis aerobics every Sunday afternoon between 2-4 p.m. Not only would **Moise White** be happy to show you how to square dance, but they have good live music to dance to by A Taste of Nashville's **Don Suave** and fiddler **Rod Sutherland**. Also, last weekend I put this fine-tuned body of mine through a slight

torture test. No, I did not have a date with **Irene Willier**, Windspeaker's lovely receptionist, but I was asked to play hockey with the Edmonton Old-timers' hockey club. I only had the blades on twice this year in a game situation, so after the first game on Saturday morning they were thinking of changing my name to **Zamboni**, because everytime I fell down, I cleared the ice better than the machine did. One shocking thing that happened which did not happen in my old hockey days is that I only had one penalty, and the penalty I got made me laugh, because if you think Gretzky takes dramatic dives and should win an Oscar, you should have seen **Eugene Newborn** from Alexander, it truly was a highlight.

And, talking about not having any respect for your prez, **Gregg Smith** laced the blades on with the Enoch team and in the final game scored two goals leading them to a victory against Alexander. Some of the names those women in the stands called Gregg, blew the wax out of my virgin ears. Some of the mild ones were "goal suck" and "loafer." — remind me not to run for politics.

A couple of upcoming

events in the Metis community are a series of seminars called **Tracing your Metis Roots** sponsored by the Louis Riel Historical Society. On April 5, they will be conducting seminars on how to build your family tree and show how to trace your ancestors. There is a \$30 charge for this and if you would like to donate a copy of your family tree to the society it will be included in the LRHS library. Maybe I might join in that, maybe there is **"Chicken George" Donald** on my dad's side or a **"Kissy" Grandbois** on my moms.

Also the **Millwoods Local 1888** will be having a bazaar on April 9 at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. Included is a flea market, bake and craft sale, rummage sale and slave auction. This event starts at 10 a.m. and **Brenda**



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BRENDA BLYAN
...will be auctioned at Millwoods bazaar

Blyan says she will be one of the people auctioned off. Too bad for her, because my payday is a week later and I will probably be broke. Phone Brenda at 454-2110 for more information.

The St. Alexander Catholic prayer group will be hosting their **Ultreya**

celebration on March 26 at the Alexander reserve school gymnasium. Groups from both the Metis and Indian communities will be participating in this event and is open for all. Everything starts at noon. So if you are interested, phone **Father Bradley** at 470-5447 for more information.

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Stories by Terry Lusty

Fort Chip keeps pace with modern society yet remains untainted by man

Fort Chipewyan — 200 years young, picturesque, alive and untainted by man.

Fort Chipewyan — a panorama of exotic wildlife including the rare whooping crane and peregrine falcon; home to blue herons, pelicans, snow geese and swans; abundant with northern pike, goldeye and pickerel in one of the worlds largest inland, fresh water deltas which sees the Peace, Athabasca and Birch rivers come together.

Known as Alberta's oldest settlement with a population of nearly 1,800, Fort Chip has much to crow about. Not only is it almost unscathed by human development, it continues to harbor a Native majority largely unspoiled by dominant society. At the same time, it is growing with a changing world — keeping pace with modern day society.

It all began 200 years ago when the area, about 150

miles north of Fort McMurray, was visited and settled by European folk. As early as 1778, the district was entered by explorer Peter Pond, as well as such historic figures as John Franklin, Simon Fraser, Alexander Mackenzie and David Thompson. But even before them, local Chipewyan and Cree tribes lived there as hunters and fishermen. Many became trappers, traders, loggers and firefighters. Still, they were people of the land.

Now that relationship has changed some. Use and ownership of the land held a far different meaning amongst the white race in their quest for furs and other resources of the land. Consequently, it had spin-off effects amongst the Aboriginal people who always thought the land was owned by no one person.

Roderick Mackenzie, representing the North West Company (NWC),

established a fort on the south shore of Lake Athabasca in 1788. A decade later it was relocated to its present site on the north shore. By late spring of 1804, the NWC rafted in the community's first batch of horses all the way from Edmonton.

The rival Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) made its appearance in 1815 when John Clarke constructed Fort Wedderburn on Potato Island. In 1820 the post became the base of operations for Sir George Simpson whose name is carried on to this day by his descendants in the community.

By mid-1800, mission sites began to spring up — Catholic in 1849, Anglican in 1879. The two co-exist to this day and remain in use by the community.

The large fur trading company of Lamson and Hubbard set up shop during the First World War. A dozen years later, the Old Bay buildings were torn down and replaced by a new facility.

By 1959, the arrival of electric power lit up the hamlet. Within a few more years, telephones, CBC TV and an airstrip were added. Two schools were

built as were a number of other infrastructures essential to community life.

Today, an airport, nursing station, office complex, RCMP station, and arena serve the daily needs of the people. The hamlet also boasts of four cafes, two garages, three stores, a daycare and preschool in the former Bishop Piche school (originally called Holy Angels), a new K-12 Athabasca Delta community school, a travel lodge, motel, laundromat, air charters and water and sewage systems.

Centuries old traditions of living off the land by hunting, fishing and trapping continues to thrive. The community, however, does not live in the dark ages. It is now embarked on several economic ventures and is taking a serious stab at tourism.

In its 200th year, Fort Chip has matured and come of age. Its success is a tribute to its Aboriginal population, the backbone of industry and commerce which has prospered due to their presence, involvement and cooperative spirit.

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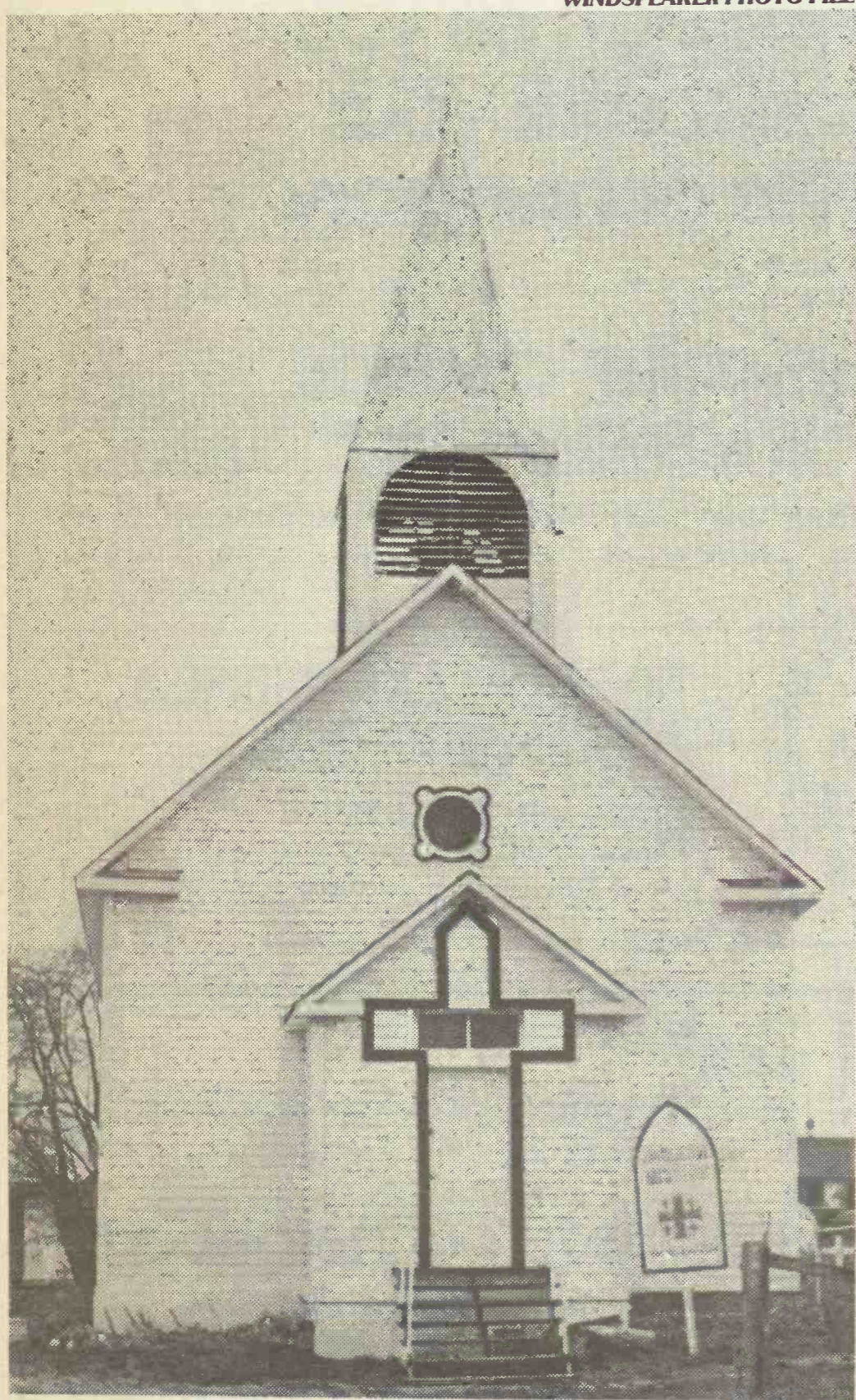


Trappers at the turn of the century.

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Mission girls clean fish on the shore.



Anglican church (above) co-exists with Catholic church

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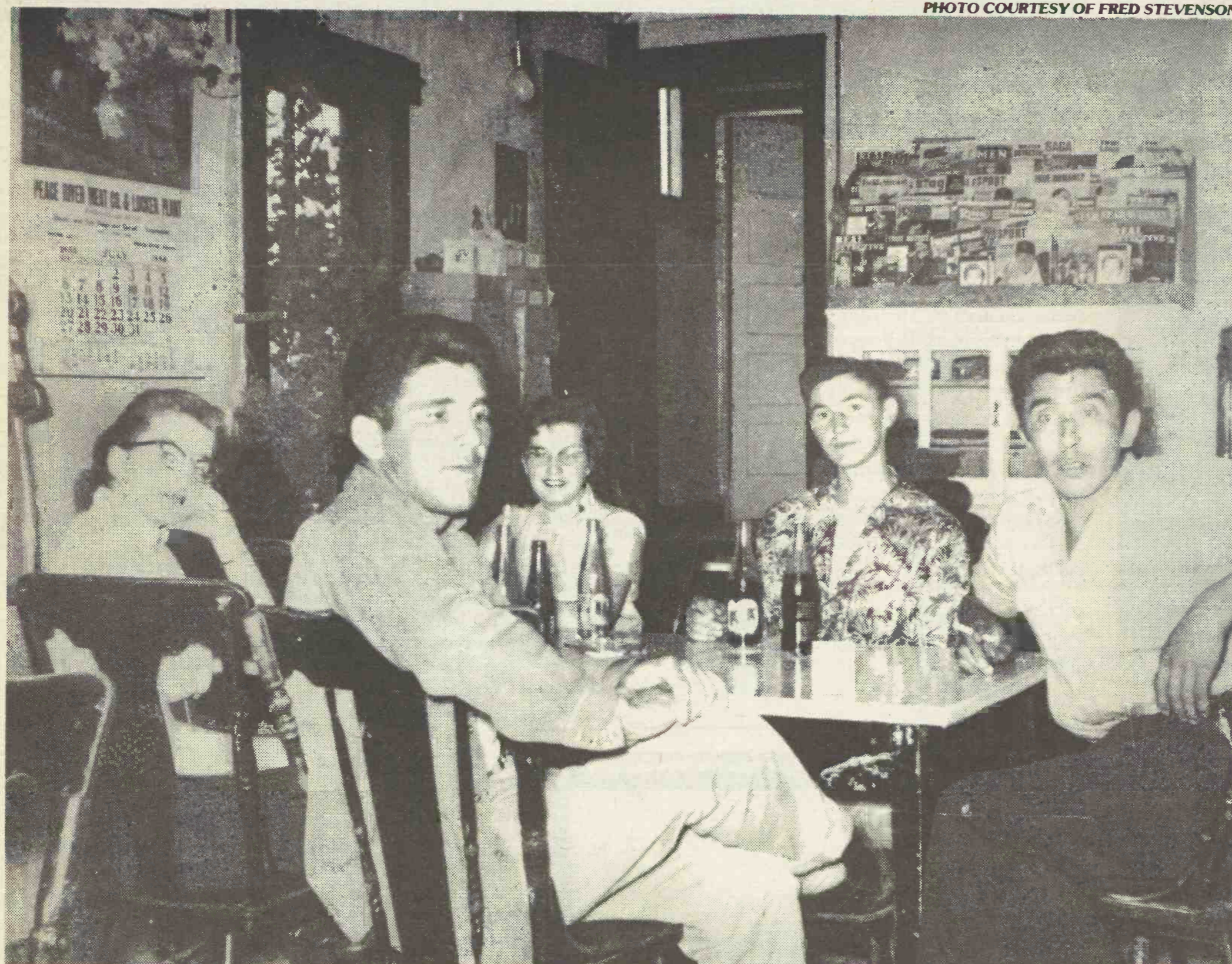


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Bicentennial planning committee.

Fort Vermilion still a frontier town, locals like it that way, too

Fort Vermilion or "The Fort" as it is nicknamed, is still a frontier kind of town. And the people who live there like it that way.

Off "the beaten path," 35 miles east and another 13 miles south of High Level in northeastern Alberta, The Fort originated as an extension of the fur trade.

In 1788, Charles Boyer of the North West Company built "The Old Establishment" trading post about five miles downstream from the town's present location. Four years later,

Alexander Mckenzie came through on his way to the Pacific. Over the years, various posts of different sizes, descriptions and names sprang up and disappeared up and downstream from the town.

Historically, the area was home and hunting grounds to the Cree, Slavey and Beaver Indians. For them it fulfilled their every need as they lived from hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering.

To Indian people, the river was their highway just as it was for those who

came along many years after them, about two centuries ago.

The area, like many river valleys, abounds with natural beauty. To the north it is cradled by the Caribou Mountains and to the south by the Buffalo Hills.

The mighty Peace River, originating in British Columbia and entering Alberta through its mountain ranges and the town of Peace River to the south, flows eastward through the community and onto Fort Chipewyan. It is the red

clay base of the soil which gave The Fort its name.

The present name and location of The Fort did not come about until 1828-30 after the community had gone through a number of posts over a 40-50 year period. Real settlement in the area did not happen until after 1830.

By the latter 1800s, Christianity swept the region as the Roman Catholic and Anglican faiths vied for converts and established churches, schools and missions. As well, inbound settlers brought farming, forestry, trapping and, much later, oil and gas development.

From the turn of the 20th century until the 1950s, great numbers of river craft plied the waters as it was the most viable and economic form of transportation available. For most, it was the only means of travel. With the construc-

tion of the Mackenzie Highway during the '60s, river travel became less and less a desired form of travel.

Even with road travel, however, the community still had to be reached by ferry in summer or ice bridge in winter because there was no bridge across the river. The 1974 construction of the Fort Vermilion bridge put an end to the life of the ferry.

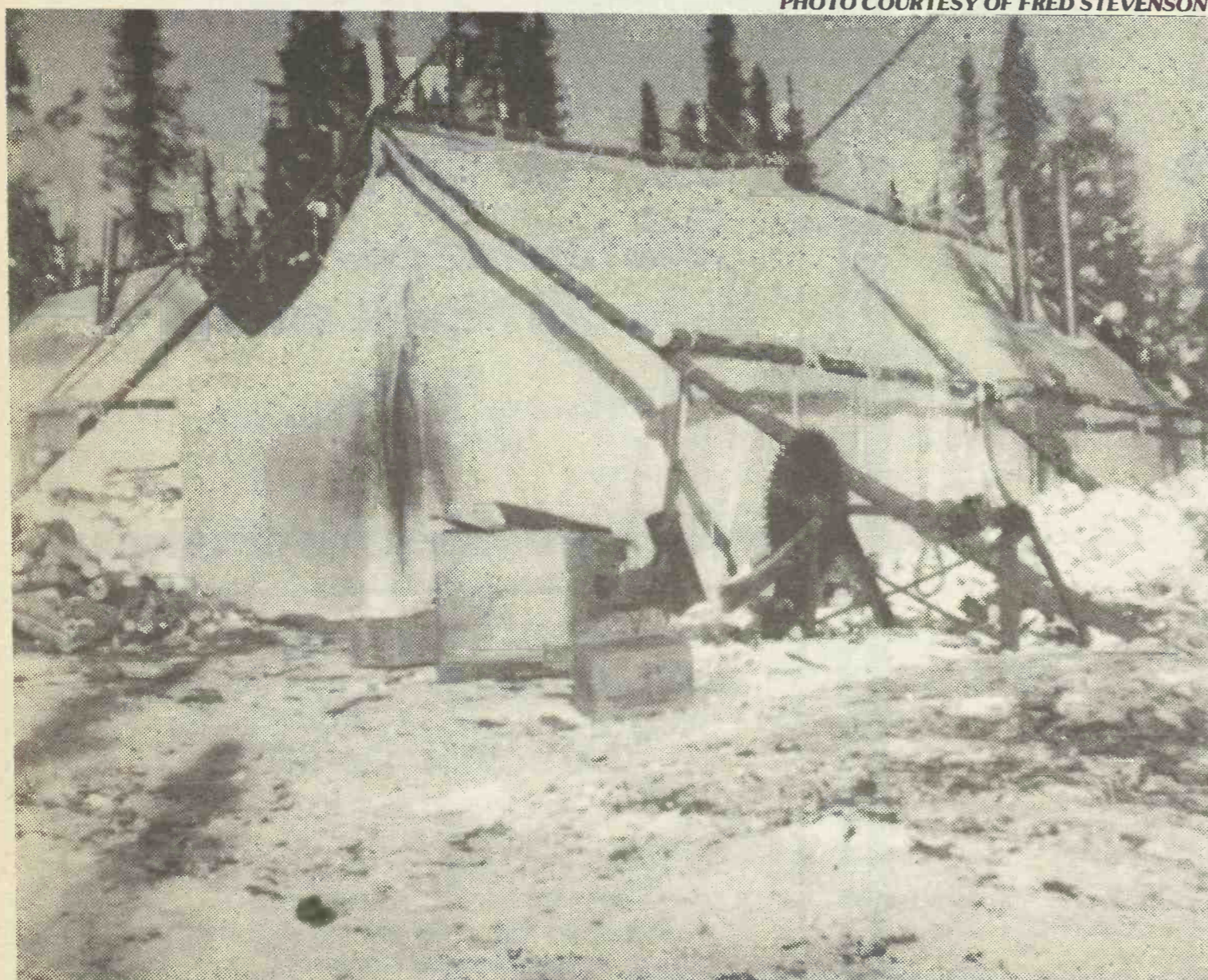
Besides water craft, a familiar sight to many was that of log homes. For many decades the land was dotted with hand-hewn log houses. One building, the HBC's Factor's House, is now a provincial historic site. Now frame houses are the standard.

Today the community of Fort Vermilion is served by a hospital, schools, the RCMP, a provincial building, a legion, fire hall, post office, park, airport, library and rodeo grounds. The oldest standing building today is the Batt Store.

The bicentennial committee of The Fort boasts of it as the place "where Alberta began," a phrase jointly shared by the community of Fort Chipewyan which also celebrates its bicentennial this year.

The true heritage of the community lies not in its physical structures and accomplishments but in its 2,500 people — people who paved the way or descended from those who paved the way, for the generations of today. The first of these were Native people, people who continue to show the way; people of the land.

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Sawmill camp on the outskirts of town.

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The best transportation before the 1960s.

Arts and Crafts

Noskey started drawing at nine

Young artist an undiscovered talent

By Marlene Cardinal

EAST PRAIRIE Roger Noskey is a talented artist struggling to be recognized by family, friends and other artists in his field. But, as of yet very few people know of his talent as an artist because he still wants to continue his education in Grande Prairie learning new art techniques and developing his own style of drawing, painting and dotting.

Roger has been living in East Prairie for almost four years and no one really knew of his talents because

he is a shy person. He enjoys living at the settlement because it's quiet and the people are friendly.

He is the eldest, at 25, of 14 brothers and sisters born to Elaine Noskey. She died in the plane crash in 1984 which claimed the lives of five other people, including Grant Notley. His father Alfred Whitehead lives in Little Buffalo and hasn't been with his mother for a long time. Since he was three he lived with his aunt, Hazel Whitehead. He remembers moving a lot as a child.

At the age of nine he first

became interested in drawing. He copied a few pictures but wasn't as satisfied as when he drew his own ideas. Now, all of his work is freehand. He took a Native traditional art course in Grouard for one year and graduated with a knowledge of painting, printmaking, sculpting and drawing. He enjoyed the course so much he took it over again to perfect his own drawing and take more training.

At 21 Roger was taking upgrading at Fairview College when he met a Christian couple who encouraged him to do something with his talent. They introduced him to a teacher who taught art at the Grande Prairie college. Soon Roger was enrolled in a bachelor of art course there. Unfortunately his mother died during this time and he just didn't have the desire to go back to school.

All of his drawings are done in freehand especially the dotting technique. He prefers to use a pen to teach himself better control and allow fewer mistakes. But if he does make a mistake, it's blended into the picture. He enjoys drawing or painting landscapes not to look as one picture, but a blending of many pictures.

Roger hopes to win a \$5,000 scholarship offered by the Alberta Indian Arts

and Crafts Society (AIASC). This would offer a good chance to go to school and not worry about his aunt's health and the chores at home. For now the Whitefish band is paying for his art supplies which he is grateful for.

His goal is to be known as a Native Christian artist. He doesn't only want to draw pictures but he wants his pictures to tell a story of God. He wants to be a good influence for Natives. He hopes to show his brothers and sisters that he is not just a person drifting through life and that they have gifts of their own that they can take pride in.

When Roger is a recognized artist he hopes to use the name of Iron Voice, his grandfather's family name. He wants to carry on this name so it won't be lost. He respected his grandfather because he was a man of God and rarely got mad.

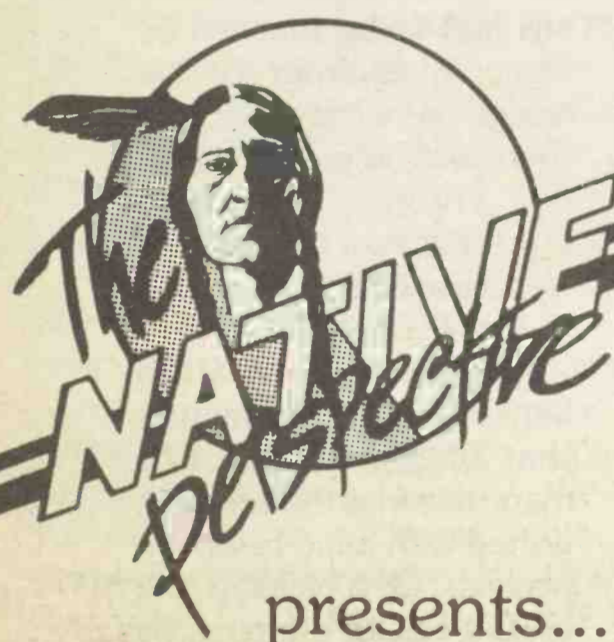
His other interests include playing guitar, drums and bass guitar, and, like his artwork, he does it well. He feels television interferes with his mind so he doesn't want to watch too much so he can keep his mind clear so his pictures can take shape.

His late mother was a Christian who taught him of God and how to sing Cree hymns. He said they are a little hard to master but with anything, it needs practice.

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Innovators

Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief

Film pays tribute to women

By Dorothy Schreiber

Many have said that women are the backbone of the Native family and community.

A film by the National Film Board called Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief is an inspiring testament to the spirit, strength and determination of Native women.

The five women featured in the 30-minute documentary vary in age and background but share a common bond of having worked hard for their dreams.

For many years, Margaret Joe worked as a kitchen aid and a housekeeper in a hospital. Following a divorce she decided to train as a practical nurse — but she didn't stop there. She went on to become the first Native woman to serve as a minister in the Yukon government. Her message to anyone who has an interest in political issues is "to go for it."

Chief Sophie Pierre says her mother's teachings "made me very aware of my culture and she has brought back into my life the Indian religion."

"We all come from a tribe, we all have a culture (and) a language. We've all got people that are willing to teach the young people that."

Lucille McLeod from Edmonton, one of the originators of Native Womens Pre-employment Training has spent many years counselling and "building up" Native women to help them find and keep the jobs they want. She worked at a variety of unsatisfying jobs and understands what it is to lack self-confidence. In the



EDMONTON'S LUCILLE McLEOD
...spreading the word of self-esteem

film, she likens herself to an evangelist spreading the word of self-esteem.

"We can raise ourselves up. We have the potential, once we take all our power and our decision-making power back... We need to help ourselves," says McLeod.

Corrine Hunt from the Kwakwilt Nations in British Columbia says when she was growing up it was always her brother who got the outside jobs like mowing the lawn while her tasks were always performed inside. Today she operates hydraulic equipment on a commercial fishing boat off the coast of British Columbia.

"When I was offered a job on the boat, it was a cook inside...I told them I'd work on the boat only if I could work outside... Women have to break out of traditional roles...if they want to fly a plane, if they want to work on a boat that's what they should do."

Roberta Jameison is Canada's first Indian woman lawyer. From the Six Nations reserve in Ontario she went to university in Montreal where she says she would have fled and returned home had it not been for the companionship and humor of the Native women she met while living in the city.

"I see a time ahead when Indian people are at last controlling their affairs again and I'm interested in making that happen, whether it's as a leader or someone who tries to get cooperation amongst the governments outside... (and) inside communities."

The documentary was directed by Carol Geddes, a Native woman from Whitehorse.

The film produced by Studio D, nicknamed the women's studio, will premiere at the Provincial Museum theatre in Edmonton, March 25 at 7:30.



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WORTH LOOKING INTO.

Lecture at the Provincial Museum of Alberta

Fort Chipewyan: Hub of the North 1788 - 1988
200 years of continuous settlement:
Alberta's Oldest Community has a Birthday.

On Thursday, March 24 at 8 p.m., Dr. Patricia McCormack, Curator of Ethnology for the Provincial Museum, will present a slide illustrated talk on the Museum's upcoming Fort Chipewyan Bicentennial Exhibit. Visitors will have an opportunity to see various artifacts collected for the exhibit, including the skiff presently on display in the Indian Gallery. Refreshments to follow.

Fort Chipewyan is celebrating its bicentennial and, to make this event, the Provincial Museum will open a major exhibit this fall. As a community and a region, Fort Chipewyan exemplifies the broader social history of the Canadian North, where most of the peoples are descendants of the original Native and European fur traders who occupied the region.

Founded in 1788, Fort Chipewyan is the oldest settlement in Alberta. Dr. McCormack will describe the forces which have shaped the lives of the people of Fort Chipewyan over the past 200 years, including the connection to the Orkney Islands.

The Provincial Museum of Alberta is located at 12845 - 102 Avenue in Edmonton on Bus Routes #1 and #2 and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Mondays.

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CULTURE AND MULTICULTURALISM

Sports

Oldtimers strut their stuff

Enoch goes undefeated at Alexander tourney

By Lyle Donald

ALEXANDER — One thing you can say about oldtimer hockey games are that the moves are still there, but they're not as fast as they used to be. Still, a goal still feels as good as it used to back in minor hockey.

Most recently in oldtimers action, Alexander hosted their annual all-Native hockey tournament March 12-13 with eight teams entered. The only disappointment in the tournament was the team from Morley not making it down, leaving a few teams with a bye.

The Enoch oldtimers had the right stuff, going through the tournament undefeated, sliding by the host team in the final game on the "A" side 5-3.

Both teams came out flying and Alexander went into a 2-0 lead, both goals scored by Jerome (Max) Yellowdirt, until the 12:30 mark when Gregg Smith, and four minutes later, Roy Arcand, tied up the game,



ALEXANDER AND ENOCH, BOTH IN THE FINAL, LINE UP TO SHAKE HANDS
...IAA prez Gregg Smith (right) gets all-star center award



ending the period 2-2.

Both goalies, John Alexander for Enoch and Harvey Burnstick for Alexander, kept the scores respectable as the two teams had a lot of scoring chances.

Barney Ward has the hot stick in the second period for Enoch scoring two goals, giving his team a two goal lead until the 5:03 mark when Norm Kootenay beat the Enoch goaltender, ending the second period 4-3, Enoch.

The third period was no

different, both teams having a lot of chances and the goalies turning all but one away, that being a breakaway and Enoch's Gregg Smith putting it by a down and out Harvey Burnstick. Enoch wins the tourney 5-3.

The Edmonton oldtimers (IAA) defeated Battle River from Saskatchewan 7-4 and took the "B" side of the tourney.

The first period belongs to Edmonton's Dave Calahasen, as he scored a hat trick, and linemate

Garnet Chalifoux got one. Battle River's Jerry Tootoosis replied with one goal, ending the first period with Edmonton leading 4-1.

Two of Edmonton's defencemen, Buth Faubert

and Lyle Donald scored one each and Saskatchewan's blueliner Ron Ironchild with one, ended the second period 6-2 Edmonton.

The third period was a

strange one with the referees getting penalty happy and making a lot of calls against the Edmonton club. Saskatchewan took full advantage of those penalties and scored two goals. The Edmonton club then played a very tight defensive game and shut down their rivals. Edmonton's Frank Harper put one into the Saskatchewan empty net ending the game 7-4 for Edmonton.

All-star awards went to: Alexander's Harvey Burnstick, goalie; Alexander's Norm Kootenay, right defence; Battle River's Gerry Bird, left defence; Enoch's Roy Arcand, right-wing; Enoch's Gregg Smith, centre; and Edmonton's Dave Calahasen, left-wing.

Money available for sports

By Mark McCallum

For athletes in remote parts of the province, winning is not everything, sometimes getting to the game is half the battle.

The provincial government is making an effort to bring the game to these athletes by offering grants for recreational facilities and "specialized" sports

equipment to them through two government departments.

Alberta Recreation and Parks has a budget of \$29.5 million available through per capita grants for recreational facilities, and the Alberta Sport Council has a \$960,000 annual budget that can supply athletes with grants of up to \$30,000 for sports equipment.

Zone 8 coordinator for

the council, Kevin Arnsdorf, says small communities in the north don't often have the facilities or sports equipment to give their athletes the chance to compete in recreational activities. Arnsdorf says the problem is made worst because the communities are "spread out," which limits any thoughts of sharing facilities.

To help solve this problem, Recreation and Parks grants for recreational facilities are being offered to communities on a per capita basis. Grande Prairie regional consultant Bob Shillington explains the amount of the grant depends on the population of the community. For each resident the department gives the community \$12. He notes a minimum grant of \$4,800 can be sought by communities with a low number of residents. He adds that his department is also prepared to offer advisory services such as active programming, budgeting and facility design consulting.

The Sport Council, on the other hand, offers communities money through the local sports development project, which provides grants that can be used to buy sports equipment for new recreational programs. Arnsdorf says the grants must be for buying "specialized" equipment. For example, he explains, the council gave a judo program a grant for mats used to break falls in the sport.

"We can do some great things if we work together," concludes Arnsdorf.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Let's take a mid-winter's look at Louis Bull country — hockey, snow, icy roads, frozen noses, golf, studded tires, wind howling in the trees, snowsuits ... hey, hold your huskies, did I hear someone say golf?

Yup. "It's the Louis Bull Mid-Winter Tune-up golf tournament in Victoria, B.C.," says Bill Godin, rec man at Louis Bull. "This is the time most golfers start getting rusty." So, to break up winter and loosen up the ole swing, the Louis Bull band offered a three-day fun tourney in Victoria.

Three hundred ninety-five smackers got you transportation, stay at a hotel with a nine-hole golf course, banquet dinner, wine and cheese. "All you had to bring was your body."

Well, nearly 80 people thought it was a good idea and signed up for the weekend, "and had a really good time," says Godin.

The first day was a practice run followed by a wine and cheese gathering. The next day, 17 teams swamped the course for a scramble golf tourney. Dwayne Mistaken Chief and his team, Geraldine (Jelly Bean) Omeasoo, Homer Poitras and Curtis Henry, swung themselves to a first place finish with 67. Earning second with 69 was Liz Poitras, Eric Janvier, Bill Godin and Garret Elliot. Third spot was split three ways by Lloyd Gauthier's team, Bob McGrath's and Danny Henry's. Leo Sasakamoose snared fourth place while fifth place was split among Don Elliot's, Calvin Buffalo's and Ernie Cardinal's team.

That night the golfers treated themselves to a banquet where they raffled off a set of \$1,600 Ping golf clubs. Marilyn Roan was the lucky one.

On day three, things got a little more serious as the individual tourney went into play. Cash prizes of \$2,300 were split over five men's flights, two ladies' flights and one open flight.

For the second year in a row, Dan Henry won the top flight while Wanda Baptiste won the ladies' flight and Bob McGrath won the open flight.

Coordinator for the tourney, Bill Godin, says he thanks all the golfers and his fellow workers, especially Lloyd Gauthier for all his help putting the event together.

Next year they might go to Las Vegas, but right now the Canadian dollar is too worthless in the States so Victoria is the next best thing.

"Where else can you play golf in March?" he concludes.

Louis Bull band finds cure for rusty golfers at Victoria, B.C.

DUNCAN'S BAND: Who would of thought that Julie Hamelin, 21, city kid, would end up living and working at the Duncan's Band, six-by-three and a half km reserve, population 60 something?

"It's pretty different here — get's kinda quiet sometimes," says Hamelin, receptionist for the band.

Most of the people at Duncan's Band live in trailers, in either Phase 1 or Phase 2 (sounds like West Edmonton Mall doesn't it). Some Elders have houses, like Jim Testawich, John Testawich and Ted Knott. They're a close community, being within walking distance of each other's homes.

By the way, the other family living there other than the Testawichs' and Knotts' are the Lawrences — it's a three-family town.

So what does someone do for fun around there, I ask?

"Bingo, watch TV...the kids play hockey in town (Grimshaw), we have a rink here but nobody uses it," says Hamelin. "We're starting an arts and crafts class for the kids, too," she adds.

If you want to find Duncan's Band on the map look 44 km west of Peace River or 8 km southwest of Brownvale. But, "I don't even know if we're on the map," chuckles Hamelin.

BLACKFOOT: Charlie Small Face was the winner of the 10 teams at the Treaty 7 mixed curling championship at the Gleichen curling arena over the 12-13 weekend and his team got Olympic curling sweaters for their first place win.

Small Face's rink curled past the Melvin Red Gun rink 12-2 to win the "A" side. Clarence Weasel Fat's rink defeated Melvin White's rink 10-2 to win the "B" side and on the "C" side, Faron McMaster's rink defeated Darcy Red Gun's rink 6-2. The teams received a trophy for their victories.

The other rinks at the tourney were Rick Running Rabbit, Terry Bear Chief, Rebecca Red Gun and Mario Water Chief.

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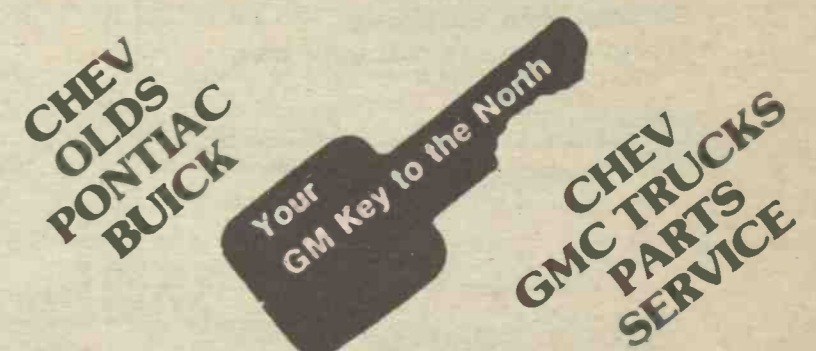


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- **Memorial Hockey Tourney**, April 1-3, Cold Lake First Nations. Contact Kevin Scani at 594-7183 for more information.
- **Easter Classic Hockey Tourney**, April 1-3, High Prairie Sports Palace. Contact Harry Laboucane at 523-3608 for more information.
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- **Invitational Basketball Tourney**, March 30-April 2, Blackfoot.
- **Commerical Hockey**, April 1-3, Saddle Lake.
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- **Basketball Finals** ("A" men's and ladies' for Western Canada), April 8, 9 & 10, Blackfoot Band. Call 734-7030 or 734-3833 for more information.
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Killer Bees stung by Big Rock hockey team during Treaty 7 senior A meet

By Mary Ann Crow-Healy

STAND OFF — Ploughing through a five-team double knockout tourney undefeated, Big Rock took the Kainai senior "A" caliber hockey championship with relative ease March 12.

Having defeated the Northern Knights in their first game, the Killer Bees in their second, Big Rock takes on the Killer Bees again for the championship game.

The final showdown opens with a Big Rock goal by Julius Spear Chief less

than a minute into the first period.

This is followed by another Big Rock goal, Marvin Wells scores. Then, at 4:45, the Killer Bees reply with their first goal scored by Rusty Healy. Then comes another Big Rock goal from Tom Dixon and another from Delray Wadsworth. Big Rock still leads at 4-1 at the end of period one.

Now in the second period, Big Rock's Maynard Wells buys himself a penalty leaving his team a man short. Killer Bee's Bobby Shade takes advantage with a power-play goal. But then, at 13:10, Rusty Wells scores another for Big Rock. The period ends



MARY ANN CROW-HEALY, Windspeaker

BIG ROCK AND KILLER BEES ACTION ...chase the puck

with Big Rock still leading 5-2.

The third period sees four more Big Rock goals from Tom Dixon, Raymond Wells, Rusty Wells and Maynard Wells, while the Killer Bees added two goals scored by Murray Heavy Shields and Doug Singer.

Big Rock wins the championship 9-4.

Tourney all-star trophies for the "A" side go to Killer Bees' Murray Heavy Shields for left-wing; Big Rock's Julius Spear Chief for right-wing; Killer Bees' Greg Standing Alone for left defenceman; Killer Bees' John Heavy Shields for right defenceman; Big Rock's Maynard Wells for

center; and the best goalie trophy goes to Killer Bees' Rick Soop.

Big Rock's Rusty Wells gets the Mr. Hustle trophy while the sportsmanship award goes to Tom Dixon from Big Rock.

The top scorer is Bobby Shade, Killer Bees and MVP is Doug Singer, Killer Bees.

In the "B" side the Ole Yellers come out on top of the 12-team entry undefeated, taking the championship game against Cree Coulee 7-3.

Tourney trophies for the "B" side go to Ole Yeller's Steven Calf Robe for left-wing, Cree Coulee's Burt Mistaken Chief for right-

wing; Cree Coulee's Floyd Young Pine for left defenceman; Cree Coulee's Lamont Healy for right defenceman; Ole Yeller's Wilbert Chief Moon for center; and Ole Yeller's Fred Weasel Head for best goalie.

Cree Coulee's Tim Eagle Speaker earns the Mr. Hustle award and MVP goes to Randy Hairy Bull, Ole Yellers.

At tourney's end, coordinator Randy Mills honored Jim Goodstriker, Jim Red Crow and Herman Medicine Crane with plaques in appreciation for their years of support and contributions to the sport of hockey.

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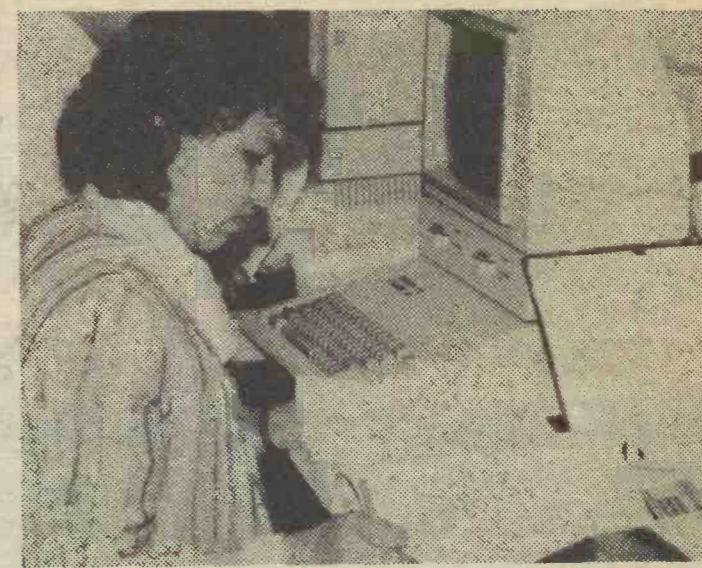
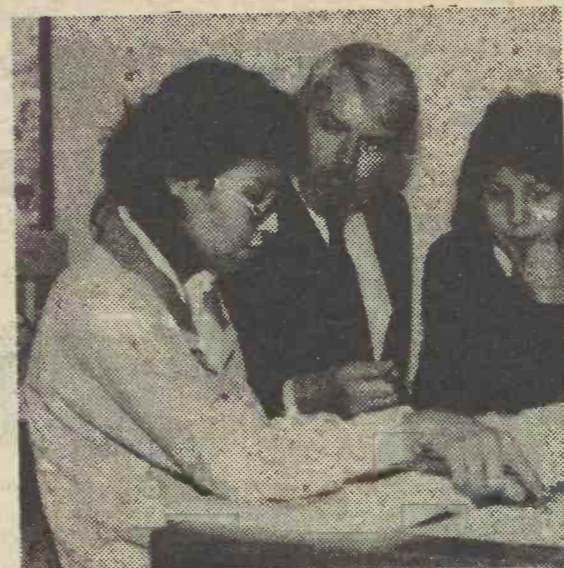
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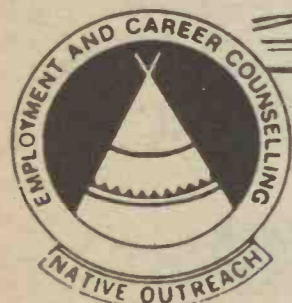
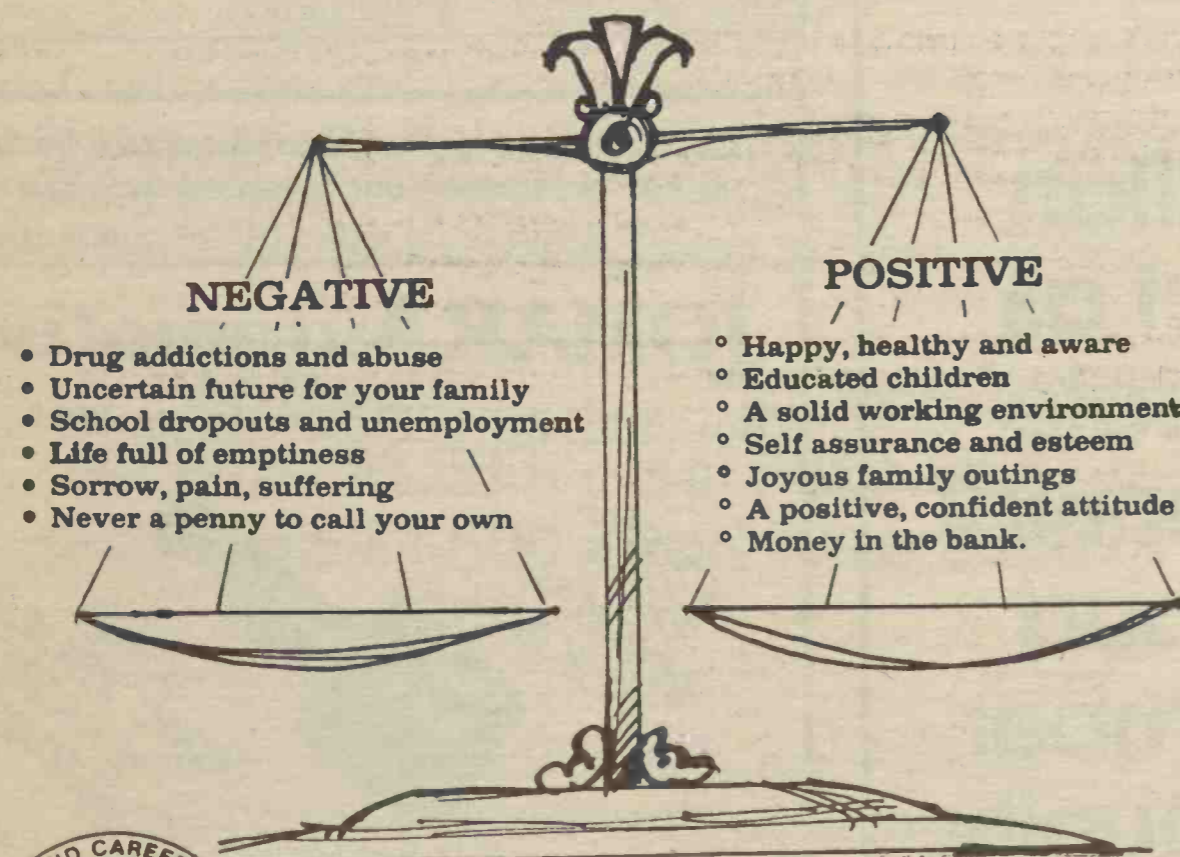
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Fast-paced hockey in Senior "C" provincials

Enoch Tomahawks hold off Goodfish Flames to win 12-10

By Kim McLain

The Enoch Tomahawks, Goodfish Lake Flames and Sturgeon Lake senior hockey teams faced off in hockey battle in pursuit of the provincial championship in "C" calibre action on Saturday, March 12 at the Enoch arena.

Goodfish Lake and Sturgeon Lake were the first to compete in three 15-minute stop period tourney, in a game that was fast-paced and very physical. But Goodfish Lake's ability to speed up the play and

adapt to the hard-hitting style of Sturgeon Lake paid off — the Flames won the game 8-4.

Enoch met Sturgeon Lake in the second game, scoring three short-handed goals in the first period, the Tomahawks took the wind out Sturgeon Lake's sails. Sturgeon Lake never really recovered and the game ended 9-2 for Enoch.

That evening, sparse but enthusiastic spectators, were treated to a fine showdown between Enoch and Goodfish. The score was 4-4 after the first

period. Then in the second period, Enoch exploded with six unanswered goals before Goodfish scored two, ending that period 10-6, Enoch ahead. In the final period, Goodfish came out strong with three goals to Enoch's one, but it wasn't enough for the Flames. When it was all over, Enoch won the championship 12-10.

Enoch will be hosting another senior hockey tourney April 7-10, said Robert Morin, Enoch rec employee. He added that the evening of April 7 and

morning of April 8 local teams will be scheduled in for games. "This should give more time for visiting teams to travel," he explained.

He said if they get 16 teams they'll award over \$8,000 in prize money, awards and trophies. Plus, he said, there will be dances with live entertainment.

Interested teams can contact Robert Morin for more information at 470-5647.

Any profits will go toward minor hockey.

Peavine Jr. Flyers win big in McLennan

By Larry Erutse

The few spectators that turned out for McLennan's first Native hockey tournament were treated to close games, three that ended in shoot-out. A shoot-out occurs when a game ends in a tie. A player is chosen from each team and he will try to score against the opponents' goalie in a breakaway situation.

The Peavine Jr. Flyers not only skated away with the first place trophy and \$800, they also took best centre, best goalie and best left defence. The Tall Cree Toros took the second place team trophy and \$600 along with the best right defence and top scorer. The third place High Prairie Stingers, the host team, received \$400 plus the MVP while the fourth place Sucker Creek Capitals broke even with their \$300 win.

The other teams that were out of the awards were the Gift Lake Islanders, Loon Lake Jets, Peerless Lake Bruins, High Prairie Buchanan Lumber, Sturgeon Lake Mavericks and Paddle Prairie.

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ZEALANDER

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low self-esteem. She was running away from the problem.

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"I really understand people who are recovering alcoholics because I'm one myself. I used to think I was doomed, but it's not like that. Alcoholism is a disease and it can be over come. For the first time in my life I feel like I have a future," she concludes.

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LITERACY

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would have more than tripled his wage to \$18 an hour.

Fellow classmate Fred Campiou knows the frustrations experienced by Quintal. He dropped out Grade 8 because he didn't like school and "wanted to do his own thing."

Like Quintal, he worked in "hard labour jobs" in a sawmill, commercial fishing and later for a lawn service company.

"I got jobs where I didn't have to read and write."

Even though he had enough basic writing skills to fill out an application form, the task made him self-conscious and uneasy, often he'd read the form aloud to himself to "understand it better."

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He no longer wants to be an auto body repairman and is taking his time deciding what career path he will follow. He has a year before he completes Grade 10 and says, "I could go for

a lot of things...it's an open door."

Quintal encourages other people who dropped out of school at an early age to complete their education.

"If a person is considering going back to school...and they think it's too late to learn, well it's not," he says with a determined voice.

"Nowadays you have to have an education," says Campiou, who plans to finish high school and take a course in child care. The father of a one-year-old daughter says he "loves kids" and would like to

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Instructor Mavis Averill says the program concentrates on English and offers instruction up to Grade 10 level. She says Grade 10 is the "magic" number which qualifies students for courses at NAIT, Concordia College and Grant MacEwan College.

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Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre

SUMMARY: Reporting to the Board of Directors of the Slave Lake Friendship Centre.

DUTIES:

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- Acts as senior advisor to the Board on all matters concerning the operations of the Centre;
- Plans, organizes and supervises the Centre's programmes to ensure that they are designed and operated to meet the aims and objectives of the Centre;
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Job Summary:

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Qualifications:

- MSW or equivalent.
- Demonstrated knowledge of experience with Child and Family Services Act, as it pertains to Native Child Welfare, 5 years senior management experience involving Native child and family servicing planning, policy and program development; implementation and analysis; experience in administrative financial responsibilities; highly developed managerial skills in budget forecasts, reports and submissions; demonstrated understanding and sensitivity to the social concerns and history of Native people; strong interpersonal skills; highly developed effective negotiation, consultation and presentation skills; ability to speak a Native language a definite asset.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications

SUPERVISOR

Job Summary:

Under the direction of the Executive Director, the supervisory role includes developing and implementing a work plan for Native child and Family Workers consistent with the goals and objectives of the Agency. Other responsibilities include staff hiring, development in training on culturally - approach counselling strategy to improve functioning of Native families; maintain liaison and consultation with Native and other organizations providing child and family services, and ensure interservice - cooperation.

Qualification:

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