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## Apeetogosan fires top brass

By Keith Matthew  
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EDMONTON

Troubles continue to plague Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., a money lending organization, as the top two executives for the corporation were fired on August 31.

Chief executive officer and president, Jan Willey and chief business analyst, Stephen Crocker were relieved of their duties by the board of directors for Apeetogosan.

Regarding the dismissals, the chairman of the Apeetogosan board, Lloyd New would only say, "They are no longer employed with Apeetogosan. There might be a court case pending so I don't think that I want to comment on that."

The interim manager is Hugh Thomson, who sits on the board of directors. The board of directors will be hiring another general manager and structural changes within the company are also imminent, said New.

He pointed out Native Economic Development Program (NEDP) officials were consulted prior to the changes being made and the present funding arrangements are not jeopardized.

Director of field operations for NEDP, Archie

Sharp, says he had been informed of the decision to release the two workers.

"They (board of directors for Apeetogosan) advised us of the actions they had taken."

When asked if Apeetogosan is operating within the guidelines of the contract it had signed with NEDP, Sharp says, "Basically they are. We were dealing with them on the changes. There were a couple of little changes, but we are okay."

Sharp says Apeetogosan will receive additional funds in accordance with the contract signed between the two parties. He adds, "There are a couple of things I have to talk to their lawyer about, but the basic requirements have been met."

The latest firings are just a part of the revolving door at the lending company set up to loan money to the non-Status and Metis people of Alberta.

Previous board members Ron Scrimshaw, Sam Sinclair, Phillip Lane, Steven Brant, Robert Chalifoux, Jan Willey and Florence Gauchier were forced to resign on February 12, 1988.

"They (Metis Association of Alberta) figured the Metis people were being poorly represented," explained Robert Chalifoux.

The next board of directors consisted of Sharon Johnstone, Dan Martel, Paul Desjarlais, Phil Coutenay and Hazel Wheeler. These directors ceased to hold office as of April 15, according to an Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs document.

More recently Larry Desmeules resigned as the sole trustee of the corporation on July 21.

The current board of directors is Florence Gauchier, Lucille McLeod, Lawrence Laboucane, Garry Gairdner, Hugh Thomson and Lloyd New. The trustees for the corporation are Thelma Chalifoux, Gordon Watson, Laurent Roy and Peter Campion.

New concludes, "We are nearly back on schedule now. There are portions of the contract that we had to fulfill which we did at the meeting with the NEDP on July 21. Since then all the conditions have been met and the funding is starting to flow normally again."



### Remembering...

Close to 80 people gathered at the Batoche cemetery on Sept. 4 to honor the Metis and Indians who sacrificed their lives during the 1885 uprising.

Here, Terry Lusty offers tobacco at the gravestone of Gabriel Dumont. - Photo by Cookie Simpson

## Opinions split on new land deal

By Lesley Crossingham  
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EDMONTON

The Dene-Metis land claim deal struck in Fort Rae, N.W.T. Sept. 5 has drawn both criticism and acclaim from Alberta's Native leaders but opinion is split on whether the deal will set new precedents for aboriginal land claims.

The settlement which was officially signed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney saw about 15,000 Dene and Metis assume ownership of 180,000 sq. km. and special rights and interest to 880,000 sq. km. The Natives are now also eligible for cash compensation worth about \$500 million in 1990 dollars.

In an interview from his Edmonton office, Metis Association of Alberta president Larry Desmeules welcomed the deal saying he felt it proved the good intent of the government.

"The government is getting more sincere (about aboriginal rights) and we feel this government is sincere -- we are optimistic about the future," he said.

Desmeules added that the association is still studying the Dene-Metis deal and its ramifications.

However, members of the Lubicon Lake Indian



'This government is sincere': Larry Desmeules

band, which has been attempting to negotiate a land settlement with the provincial government for 48 years, say the deal may not have any effect on Alberta land claims as the government has insisted on treating each land claim and each band very differently.

In a telephone interview band advisor Fred Lennarson pointed out that because the government is not consistent in its requirements from aboriginal people it is not treating all Canadian aboriginal peoples equally or fairly.

"All the Lubicon band

is asking is to receive the same deal as other Treaty 8 Indian nations received at the signing of the Treaty and that is much less than the Dene and Metis are receiving in this deal," he said.

He pointed out that one of the main bones of contention between the government and the Lubicon people is the question of membership. The government has insisted that some people the band say are members are in fact members of other bands or Metis. However, in the Dene-Metis deal the Metis were treated equally with

the Dene Indians whereas the government is accusing the Lubicon of adding Metis people to their band list. Government officials say Metis people cannot receive benefits under any Lubicon agreement.

"The membership requirements (of the Dene-Metis) include four criteria which are: Canadian citizenship, lineal descent, residency in the area and acceptance by the community. In our dispute with the government we can easily prove those four criteria but the government is insisting on a geneology study, no other band has been subjected to such criteria."

He also pointed out that Metis, Indian and Inuit people are recognized equally as aboriginal people in the Constitution and to treat one aboriginal group differently from another contravenes this clause.

"As a country we have to deal with the question of equality," he said. "You can't treat people who have similar claims in very different ways."

Indian Association president Roy Louis was contacted at his Edmonton office but would not comment before studying the deal. Lubicon Lake chief Bernard Ominiyak was unavailable for comment at press time.

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CLOSE TO HOME

# McKnight to decide if Bloods get land deal

By Jackie Red Crow  
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, Alta.

Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight is expected to decide by Sept. 30 whether to approve or reject a proposed major land purchase located off the reserve by the Blood chief and council.

The decision is the last step needed to close the land deal, thus allowing the band council to withdraw from its capital account in

Ottawa to purchase about six sections of land of the Palmer Ranch near Water-ton Lakes.

Under Section 64 of the Indian Act, the minister must authorize the withdrawal of band funds derived from oil and gas revenues held in trust by the minister.

Band leaders refused to disclose the selling price of the prime ranching land near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is not known also if the Blood council had put a deposit

towards the land purchase.

Wallace Many Fingers, executive co-ordinator and band councillor Andy Black Water, in an interview Sept. 6 said, "Until we get approval, everything is speculative at this moment."

And, band lawyer, Eugene Creighton, also stressed on Wednesday the proposed land deal "must get the minister's blessing, if he thinks it's a good investment."

The bank council has been negotiating with Palmer Ranch officials for

several months on the proposed land purchase. "We've finished negotiating the nitty gritty - we've talked dollars and cents, talked about mortgages and now we're just awaiting the minister's consent for release of capital funds," said Creighton.

Documents to justify the purchase have also been sent to the minister's office in Ottawa.

Councillor Black Water explained the primary reason behind the proposed land purchase saying that

more grazing land is needed especially because of the severe drought conditions on the reserve. The reserve occupies about 510 square miles bounded by the Belly, Oldman and St. Mary rivers with over 61,000 acres under cultivation.

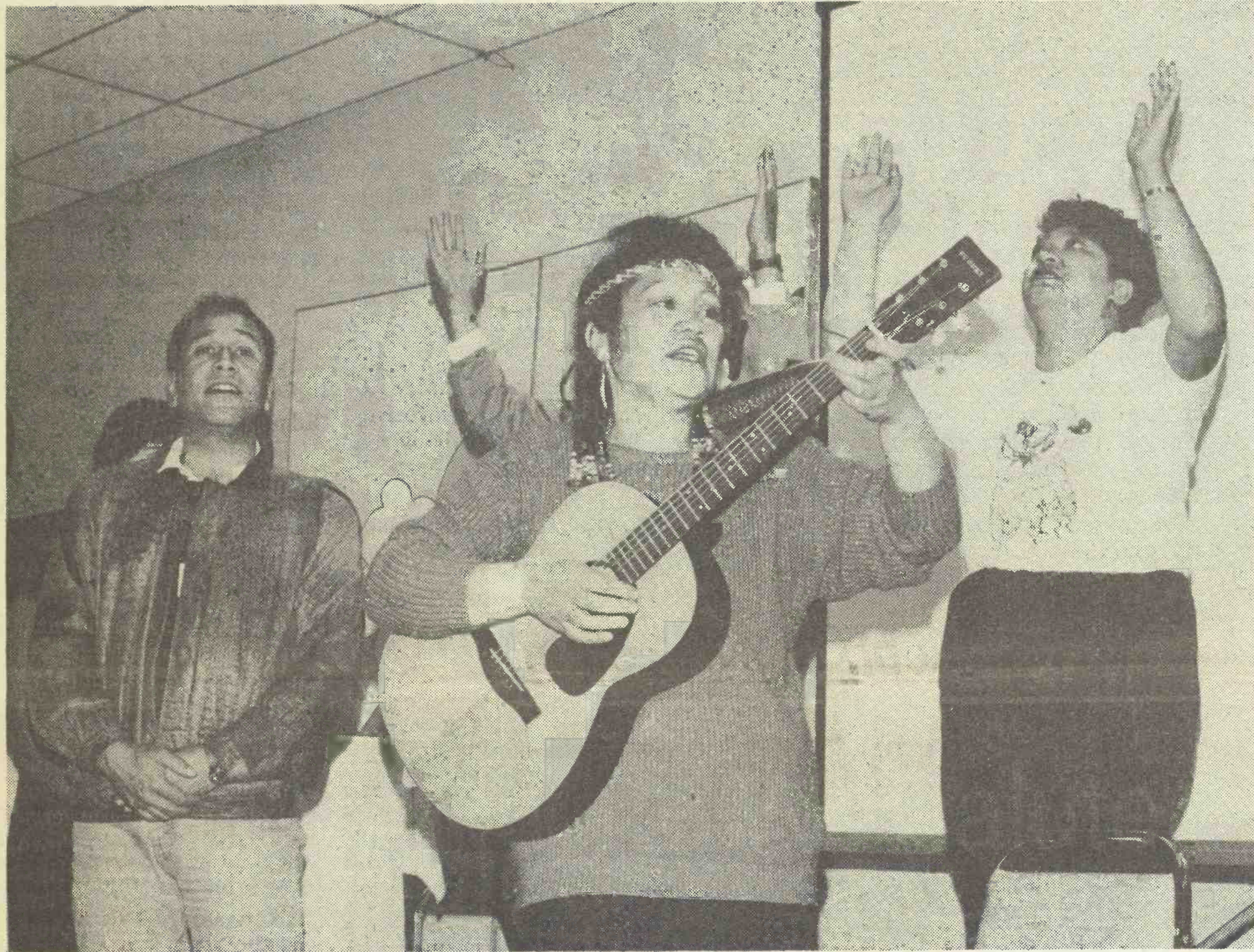
Many Fingers supports the land deal saying "it's a good investment and will have a significant impact on tribal operations." He added the proposed land will increase the reserve's land base which will provide more economic develop-

ment opportunities.

Windspeaker reported last month that the Blood band council were negotiating the Palmer Ranch purchase because of "depleting grazing land on the reserve." A decision to place 650 head of band cattle near the Beebe Flats which is considered a recreational and wilderness area came under fire by the Kainai Wilderness and Recreation Association.

A press statement is expected to be released after Sept. 30 on the outcome of the proposed land purchase.

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Performers at the 1987 Aboriginal Film Festival: Maori dance troupe

## New rooming house swamped by homeless

By Mark McCallum  
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EDMONTON

Already there is a long waiting list for one of Edmonton's newest inner-city rooming houses.

The 26-unit rooming house officially opened Aug. 29 and now less than two weeks later there are some 35 people waiting to get in, says Ann Harvey, executive coordinator of the Edmonton Inner-City Housing Society.

Harvey is not surprised that the rooming house, located at 9524 - 107A Avenue, has been overwhelmed with tenants. She points out a number of studies, the latest coming from the Edmonton Coalition on the Homeless, indicates there is a shortage of affordable housing in the downtown inner-city area.

"A lot of affordable homes are being lost to fires, bulldozers and just plain neglect," she says, adding new city buildings like the police headquarters complex, a fire hall and the Remand Centre are replacing a number of these homes.

Harvey also says it may be difficult to predict whether the waiting list will increase or drop because

"many of the people in this area are transient and move regularly." She is certain, however, that the list will change because these people rarely stay in one place very long.

The rooming house, an initiative of the Edmonton Inner-City Housing Society, has three different types of units with varying rental fees. Utilities costs are included in rental payments for the rooms, which all have furnished kitchen and bedroom spaces. The most affordable unit (\$175 to \$180) has shared washroom facilities. But, the other two types of units, bachelor suit (\$265) and one bedroom (\$290) suites, are more private, each with its own washroom facility.

Harvey says the present rent costs will drop once the mortgage loan on the rooming house is paid off. There is a \$941, 598 loan on the complex amortized over 35 years. But, she adds quickly, the society hopes to pay off the loan sooner.

The society's short term goals are to make tenants feel welcome and encourage participation amongst residents, says Harvey. She notes tenant meetings are now being held to decide on house rules. "We want people here to feel like it's really their own home."

## Visitors from Japan, Norway, expected

# Fest attracts filmmakers

By Patrick Michell  
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY, Alta.

Native filmmakers with films and videos from as far east as Japan and as far west as Norway are expected at the second annual Indian Summer World Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures, being held in Pincher Creek

Sept. 21 - 25.

The festival is being hosted by the Blackfoot, Blood, Peigan, Sarcee, Stoney, and the American Blackfeet, all members of Treaty 7 area.

This year's theme, Achievement, is aimed at recognizing professionalism among Native filmmakers, although the films will not be judged. Not only will films and videos be

screened, but the festival will also have an Indian village, handgames, and fine arts and crafts exhibits.

Five hundred people attended last year's festival. Volunteer David Green expects a similar number of people to attend this year's festival.

"We are expecting the same number of people. We are not expecting as large a

number of films. We think the number of films will be slightly smaller, but that suits our purposes very well. This will enable us to concentrate a little better on the films we do get."

The festival is open to both commercial and non-commercial films and videos produced by Aboriginal people from around the world.

# Names wanted for hero award

Who do you think should be named the Windspeaker Unsung Hero for 1988?

We all know someone who gives a lot of their personal time to some unselfish purpose. Perhaps it's the coach of your community's bantam hockey league, the special volunteer who goes out of her way to provide hot lunches for children at the school, or the friendship centre worker who puts in a lot of time to make things

happen.

If you know someone you'd like to nominate as the Windspeaker Unsung Hero for 1988, all you have to do is write us a short letter about that person. Tell us how that person goes about making your community a better place to live in and how they spend their own time to help other people.

Windspeaker will choose from these letters, one per-

son to be the Unsung Hero and another as runner-up. We will announce the winners in the October 21 issue of Windspeaker and publish some of the letters from people who have nominated unsung heroes. The two winners will be awarded prizes, as will the people who nominated them.

Letters nominating Unsung Heroes must be postmarked no later than midnight Oct. 7, 1988. In

your letter, be sure to include the name, address and telephone number of the person you have nominated to be the Windspeaker Unsung Hero, as well as your own name, address and telephone number. Send letters to: Windspeaker Unsung Hero Contest, 15001 - 112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 2V6.

Stay tuned for more contest details.

## Women get shelter

A 20-bed shelter "exclusively" for women officially opened Sept. 7 to become Edmonton's latest refuge for the homeless.

The shelter is staffed around the clock because director Joyce Muckler says many of the female tenants have behavior problems and are alcohol and drug abusers. She adds staff members are always there to offer support and assistance to these people.

"These are girls that slip through the cracks," says Muckler, adding there are now four tenants staying at the non-government funded shelter. Each pays a

\$290 monthly rental fee.

The Edmonton People In Need Shelter Society (PINS) is responsible for opening the shelter, located at 10325-96 Street. This is the society's second shelter. The first shelter opened in August, 1986 and was co-ed, but it now caters solely to men. "It just didn't work because they didn't get along," says Muckler.

Most of the tenants who stay at the shelter are "hard to house" people with mental health problems, adds Muckler. She says many of their tenants will likely be referrals from social services and other government agencies.



## CLOSE TO HOME

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker



Not far into run: Thunder slowly eats up miles to New York City

## Thunder runs, but needs funds

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask.

Despite leaving Edmonton in a cloud of controversy, Jim Thunder's run from Edmonton to New York to retrieve Big Bear's sacred bundle is on schedule and he says his spirits are high

as he nears Lloydminster.

Thunder was challenged in his run by families who claimed he should not receive the bundle and was an imposter when he claimed to be the grandson of Big Bear.

On Sept. 4 at Batoche the hat was passed in the big top tent where competitions were being

conducted and \$389.15 towards the run was raised. However, Lewis Cardinal claims that what little funds they have will not go far. They are hoping to soon receive some promised funds from a charitable organization in Edmonton.

Maria Campbell, author of Half Breed, vouched for

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Thunder's sincerity regarding his 4,400 km run to retrieve the bundle. She explained his teachers over the years are unquestionable elders who are "highly respected and credible." Campbell adds that one in particular is "one of the most respected in the (Battleford) area and another, a spiritual elder, is probably

one of the best around as a spiritual leader and practitioner."

Thunder is running to New York to retrieve Big Bear's sacred bundle which is now being kept in New York city museum. He also hopes to raise funds to support the Big Bear Cultural Committee.

## Janvier band changes election procedures

By Mark McCallum  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

JANVIER RESERVE, Alta.

Janvier Treaty residents voted to change their election process recently to increase the length of time leaders are in office and add an extra councillor position to the band administration group.

The Janvier band will now use a band custom election process to vote for leaders. Band members overwhelmingly showed support for the change, prompting a switch from the election process suggested in the Indian Act to the more customary procedure.

More than 51 per cent of the 89 eligible voting members on the reserve cast ballots Sept. 7 in an election that determined the outcome of this issue. The results were 45 in favor of using a customary election process, eight against and there was one spoiled ballot.

Now, the band custom process will be used at the next leadership election in January. And, the next administration will stay in office longer because the band also decided to increase the length of time leaders are in office from two to three-year terms.

Present Chief Walter Janvier is happy with the new election procedures.



Pleased with election results: Walter Janvier

He says the shorter terms of office under previous election policies forced leaders to "rush through major issues."

The Janvier chief also feels the change will ensure control of the band and all its resources stays in the hands of people from the community. He says, "We wanted the decision making power to stay on the reserve where it belongs. We don't want other people making decisions on our behalf."

Janvier explains previous elections held under the Indian Act allowed non-Natives to run for chief or councillor positions within the band. However under customary election procedures, candidates must be band members, 18 years old and over, as well

as residents of the reserve for at least six months prior to any election. Each candidate will also now need at least five nominations, three more than was needed prior to the changes.

Janvier says this will eliminate confusion. "It really got out of hand before...We had about 17 or 18 people running for council at the last election."

The current leadership administration is made up of Chief Janvier and councillors Fred Cardinal and Jack Black. One more councillor position will be added to the Janvier administration at the next election when band members will cast ballots again to decide who will be the leaders of the band for the next three years.

## Sept. 26 by-election

# MAA set to vote

By Keith Matthew  
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EDMONTON

The list of candidates running in the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) by-election is official. Running for the Zone 4 vice-president's position, vacated by Dan Martel, are Joe Blyan, Gordon Poitras and Russel Plante.

Running for the vacant board of director's position are Thelma Chalifoux, Stan Belcourt and Stanley Gladstone.

The closing date for the nominations was on August 26.

Chief electoral officer, Bruce Gladue confirmed the list of candidates for the position and said one

nomination for the vice-president's position was turned down.

A nomination for Clifford Gladue was rejected because he didn't have the required number of names on the nomination paper. He had 26 names on the list but only 19 were accepted as members in good standing with the Metis Association of Alberta.

Gladue said there will be polling stations in Calahoo, Drayton Valley, Whitecourt, Edson, Grand Cache, Gunn, Hinton, Leduc, Marlborough and Onoway.

According to Gladue, Alberta Beach Local 160 is not taking part in the election but "we will still be setting up a poll in the

local which is boycotting the election."

Freezien Norris, who was the president of the local before changing its political affiliation to the Alberta Metis Nations Alliance says, "I don't know who is going to turn out to vote. As far as my group is concerned they want nothing to do with the Metis Association of Alberta."

Norris was suspended from the MAA in March 1988 for asking to see the financial records and has since changed her 44-member group's name to the Lac Ste. Anne Riding Association

"I wanted to see the books, so they suspended me, as far as I know I am still suspended," she said.

## Man charges RCMP with assault

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

A young Metis man is charging an RCMP constable with assault causing bodily harm in an incident that took place last February on the Kehewin reserve.

Ross Collins from Elizabeth Metis Settlement says his jaw was broken in two places while he was being arrested by Constable Harvey McClelland and further

alleges he was "roughed up" while being held in the Bonnyville police station.

McClelland is pleading not guilty and is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 10 before a provincial court judge in Bonnyville.

Collins decided to "take it all the way" and charge McClelland when his injuries were not addressed until "sixteen hours later" by the local doctor in the local hospital.

Charges laid against Collins for assaulting a peace officer with intent to

resist a lawful arrest, as well as obstructing a peace officer, were dismissed in court.

Staff Sergeant Fell, public liaison for the St. Paul subdivision, says Constable McClelland has not been suspended. Fell also says he is "not at liberty" to discuss the policy of the police force when its members are being charged with an offense. He did say, however, that a lawyer has been retained on behalf of McClelland.

# Bank seeks art

Peace Hills Trust, the only "major" Indian-owned financial institute in the nation, plans to stage a "Native Art Collection" contest in November.

A panel of six judges from the bank, owned by the Samson Indian band of Hobbema, will select winners on Nov. 8, to be followed by a formal awards ceremony Nov. 15. Winning artists in adult and youth categories will receive a total of \$3,600 in cash prizes.

And, artists can also take advantage of the exposure because entries will be on display for public viewing Nov. 9 - 18 in Edmonton.

If you're interested get your entries in early. The deadline for entry is Oct. 31. Call (403) 421-1606 or toll free at 1-800-661-6549 for more information.







## LOOKING BACK

## Metchewais, 82, recounts life at Cold Lake

By Kim McLain  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

COLD LAKE RESERVE, Alta.

Theresa Metchewais, 82, feels like reminiscing about days past — almost forgotten memories of laughter, danger and pain.

The old lady has just returned from church. She sits at her chair in the end of the kitchen table with her back to the wall. From where she sits she can see the living room and kitchen. And through the large window to her right she can see any visitors who might drive up along side the house.

A granddaughter — one raised by Theresa — is home for the weekend. The girl, 18, now lives and works in Edmonton. Without a word she puts on tea and while the water is heating she mixes up some bannock dough.

Today the house is quiet. Ten years before Theresa lived in a smaller three-bedroom house without plumbing and heating and with half a dozen noisy grandchildren and usually two or three sons or daughters. Theresa's raised three grandchildren almost from birth, and has fed and lodged a few others.

### The Quiet Son

But today it is quiet. One son, in his 40s, sits on the sofa. He's the reserve's church organ player. He's always quiet and is always available to chauffeur his mother and father. Once, long ago, he was going to be a priest. Instead, he became the family musician. His siblings claim he can play almost any instrument: fiddle, guitar, trumpet, harmonica, accordion. "I was going to get educated once," he says. "And what would you have done?" someone asks. "Oh, be an educated bum I

guess," he says, and laughs, something he rarely does. Now he stares at the wall; he seems far away and lost in dreams that fell by the wayside. But one senses that he's content. Living his life at his parent's side, there for them everyday, he's found his place in the family circle.

Back at the kitchen table, Theresa is joined by Albert. The Metchewais clan says Albert is a part of the family; the children call him uncle, the adults call him brother. But in the whiteman's way he's not related, not by blood. He's Chipewyan, while the Metchewais clan is Cree. Still, he's family to them.

Theresa wants to talk. But she doesn't want to be inhibited by English, a language that she doesn't speak well. She can talk excellent Cree and Chip. Today she uses Albert as an interpreter and speaks in Chip.

She's been around the reserve so long that she has childhood memories of Father Legoff, the man the reserve was once named after; now the band calls itself the Cold Lake First Nations.

"There was no such thing as welfare in those days," she says. Most of the families made money through trapping. The money would be used for things like team horses and wagons since there were no cars then. For \$300 a man could get a good team with "everything included."

There was lots of farming, hunting and fishing. People made their own furniture, beds, benches and tables, not to mention entire houses and barns. And there used to be an old man on the reserve who would make dressers. Theresa made all the clothes, too. "Things weren't expensive. Ten cents would buy a large pail of lard," she says.



Stories unlimited: Theresa Metchewais

There were no doctors, either. Theresa was one of many midwives traveling all over to help deliver babies. "Some (midwives) got paid," she says. "But we did not take pay, we did it with kindness."

Theresa had fourteen children — four died at birth. And she's outlived three others.

### Alex, the Husband

When she was 17 she married Alex Metchewais. Alex's father, a heavy set man named Alphonse from Big Island Lake, Sask., married a Chipewyan woman at Cold Lake. He brought Alex with him. Asked if Theresa thought Alex was handsome she answers: "No...I do not like to brag about my men." She laughs at her humor.

Alex is still alive at 88. Sometimes he just up and leaves Cold Lake, he enjoys a change in scenery every once in a while. If he can't find a ride, he'll hitchhike. At about six foot four, he laughs about small cars today; they go right under his arm when he's hitchhiking, he says.

Once a nephew observed that it seemed like his grandfather was living in poverty and he pitied Alex's lifestyle. But Alex says in Cree: "Today I'm a lucky man, now after all these years I am reaping the rewards of life."

Other than weddings — Christmas and New Year's were the biggest celebrations of the year.

"People used to come from all over," says Theresa. "One Metis family used to come every year for midnight mass. They put up a tent beside the church." Despite the snow and cold, they were too proud to ask for a place to stay," she says.

Powwow was virtually unheard of — fiddling and jigging was the thing. She remembers George Martial, a Metis who became a treaty, used to make the crowds roll with laughter when he'd imitate a chicken or duck while he jigged. There would be dances and

feasts for a whole week during New Year's. The banquets would move from house to house.

On the kitchen table would be foods like wild meat, rice, dry apples, raisins, potatoes. Some delicacies were boiled moose head and some parts of the insides. "We cooked everything, nothing was left out."

After a week of celebrations, the parties would move to the part of the reserve next to the lake and start all over again. "There was so much food because everybody shared and got along well."

By now the house smells of fresh bannock. Theresa is quiet while she prepares herself some bannock and her grandchild pours her some more tea.

### Danger on the Lake

"When I was young, before I was married," she begins, "we went north to Primrose Lake; on the other side of the Cold Lake." Theresa and her aunt were crossing the lake with a dog team. "I was laying on the sleigh," says Theresa, "when the ice broke and I fell into the water."

Luckily her aunt pulled her out but the sleigh sank to the bottom. Her aunt took her to the lakeside camp and started a fire. Theresa then had to wait by herself while the aunt went back to the reserve to get her father. She recalls how scared she was as wolves circled the camp. Late that night her father arrived to take her home. "I often wish I died there...but it wasn't meant to be."

Then in the early 1960s,

Alex and Theresa's house burnt down in a fire that began from a spark from a cast iron heater.

"We lost everything that we worked hard for," she says, even a little dog that was hiding under a bed. Her father almost burned as he re-entered the house to get her son, now the church organ player. Her mother walked out of the blazing log house through a window. A grandson in a rope and cloth swing was nearly lost, too. Since then the family has started their lives over again from scratch.

### Starting Over

Theresa says starting over has been hard in these modern times. In the old days people earned their own money and bought whatever they needed. Crops were good and people were kind to each other. Above all, she says, people were very independent and "life was good."

"I do not enjoy this modern way of life," she admits. She thinks mankind won't survive if we remain dependent on welfare and family allowance. One thing is for sure: "People are not like it was before."

Two hours have passed and Theresa's getting sleepy. She says: "If you want to hear some real stories I will tell you sometime — sometime when you're not so busy and your stomach is full."

"Come again soon and next time I will tell you a special story. Nobody might believe me but it's my story. You can ask Alex and he will tell you it's true."

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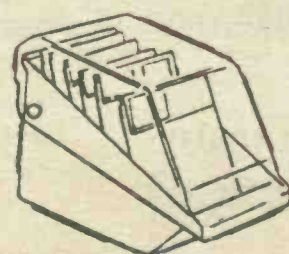
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COURTESY OF JOAN CHALIFOUX



Kinuso WOW students: (L to R) Lou Ann Giroux, Chris Whitford, Jake Laboucane, James Giroux, Dean Dumont, Leon Giroux, Shannon Nadeau, Wade Twin and co-ordinator Therese Giroux.

## No drugs, no sex, no booze, student says 'no problem'

COURTESY OF JOAN CHALIFOUX

This summer 10 Kinuso high school students stepped into the working world, and their Native culture through a Work Orientated Workshop (WOW) project on the Swan River band.

Through field placements in Slave Lake, and a field trip to Grande Prairie "the students got a chance to see what's available to them," says Therese Laboucane-Giroux, Kinuso WOW trainer and co-ordinator. Laboucane-Giroux feels the WOW program

benefits her group because "they received a wider exposure to jobs." Usually, summer jobs were limited to general clean-up.

The students enjoyed their work experience and it gave them a chance to go to Slave Lake, 60 km away. Daily, Laboucane-Giroux picked them up and drove them to their job placements, which were mainly in retail. WOW student, Lou Ann Giroux enjoyed her placement at a department store, saying, "I liked trying on the different fashions."



WOW: Air band

The workshops took place in the basement of the Swan River Band Group Home, and Lou Ann found the one on budgeting especially beneficial. "Now I can make my money go further," she says.

The highlight of the summer for the WOW participants was spending one week of workshops at the Swan River Band's Annual Cultural Camp. The coordinator for the camp workshops was Don Burnstick. The workshops covered sex education, alcohol and drug abuse, Native culture and self-esteem.

"I learned a lot from Don's workshops," says WOW participant Dean Dumont.

"There were only three rules," says Laboucane-Giroux. "No sex, no drugs, no alcohol." They got used to it after a few days and "they were like one big family."

At the cultural camp students learned how to "open up and express themselves," she continues. "The workshops were good for them - they needed them. When their parents tell them not to drink or take drugs they don't listen,

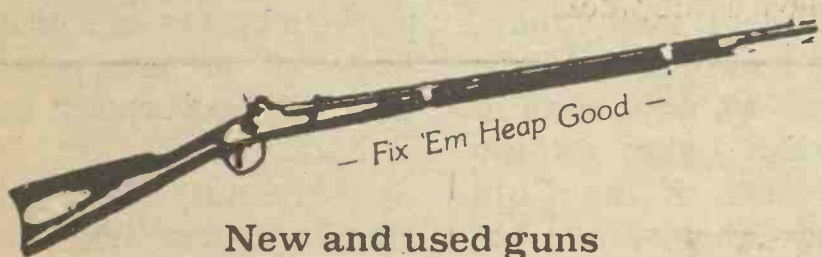
but when someone else tells them, they at least think about it. They aren't going to change overnight but at least now they're thinking about the consequences."

Sweetgrass ceremonies held at the cultural camp helped cleanse the body, mind and soul. An air band contest added to the enjoyment and helped boost the students' self-esteem.

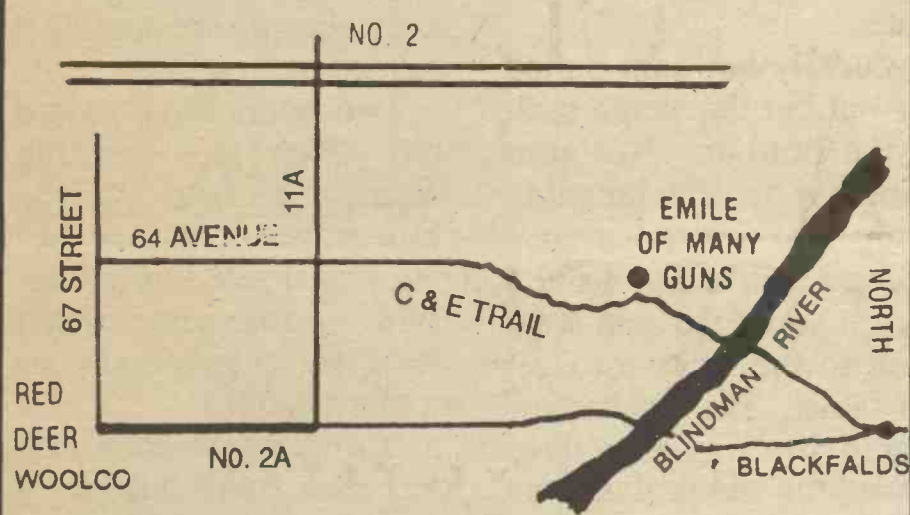
Laboucane-Giroux feels the students' attitudes toward school have changed, and most will be attending school this fall. "They've gained a lot this summer but it probably won't show until later on in their lives - when they'll need it most."

WOW is an eight-week program for students with low attendance, low marks, and who are thinking about leaving school. The Kinuso WOW project is funded by Employment and Immigration Canada's Challenge '88 program and the Swan River band is one of four Native communities in Alberta that hosted the workshop this summer.

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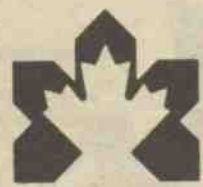
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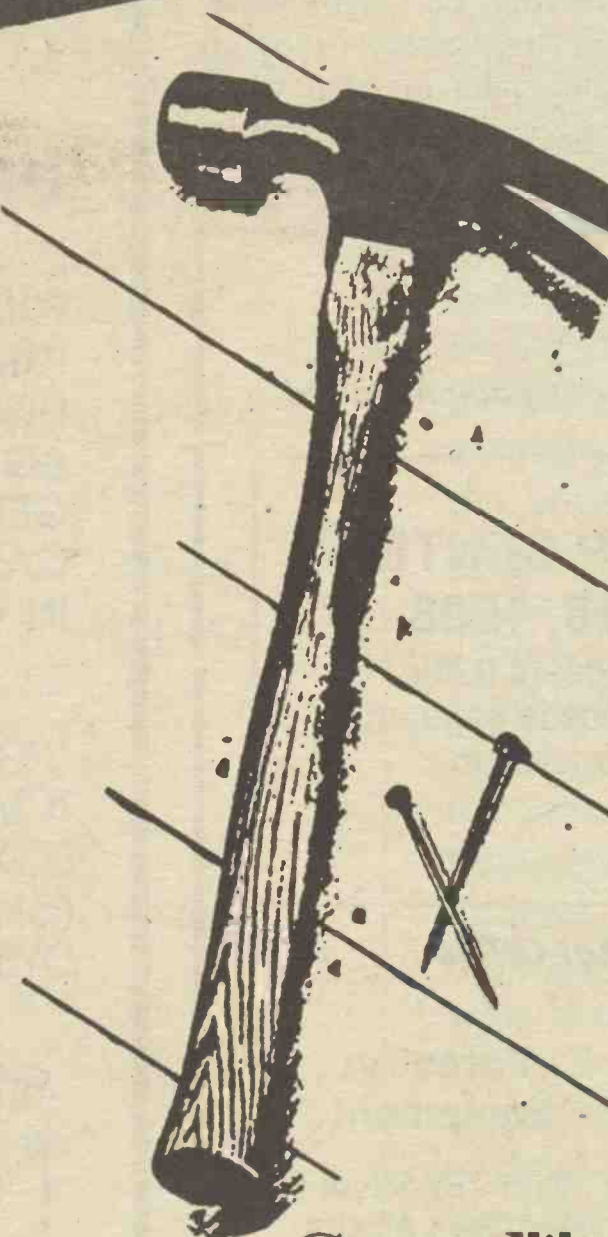
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## GRASSROOTS



## DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

Wisakedjak, the legendary Indian trickster, is the subject of a video that was proudly displayed at an open house, hosted by the *Bonnyville* Canadian Native Friendship Centre recently.

The 40-minute video, created by the friendship centre, was screened regularly at the open house, held Aug. 22 - 26. "Everyone really enjoyed the video because it has humor," says *Val Meader*, community development representative.

To the credit of the friendship centre, the story stays within the boundaries of tradition and ends with a moral as do most Wisakedjak tales, which have been passed on to wide-eyed youngsters for untold generations before the arrival of Europeans to this country. A friend to all animals big and small, Wisakedjak proves in this story that all creatures need friendship. A mask worn by one of the characters in the video was also on display, admired by many who attended the open house. Other traditional garments were on show.

The Wisakedjak production is only one of about 10 full-length videos on Native topics that are available at the centre, says Meader.

Friendship centre staff members also took the opportunity during the open house to tell people about the host of informative and interesting activities planned for the upcoming winter season.

A "craft hour" will begin Sept. 8 and will continue to be held weekly every Thursday afternoon. The first program will feature a french braiding course. Then, on Sept. 19, a "handi-craft" class will be held to show people more traditional skills like beadwork and mukluk making.

A three part workshop is also being held at the centre on sexual awareness. Meader agrees the AIDS scare is largely responsible for the workshop. The first part of the workshop, entitled "Sexuality", already took place last month. However, two other workshops will be conducted by a health nurse, to deal with the topics of contraceptives and sexually transmitted diseases, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24 respectively.

Other continuing services offered at the centre include a clothing bank and fitness facility. The centre houses a complete set of universal and free weights, an exercise bike and a rowing machine, all of which is available to members of the friendship centre. "Swim night" will also be revised in October as soon as renovations are completed to Bonnyville's local swimming pool.

A Cree language instruction class has also been proposed, but Meader says it's still in the tentative stages. Still, there are a number of activities available to people. "We want people to know what we have to offer and take advantage of it."

**Paddle Prairie:** Congratulations *Elmer and Kim Ghostkeeper!* The couple was blessed with a bouncing baby girl on July 21. *Winter Laina* now becomes the newest addition to the Ghostkeeper family, also graced by adopted twin boys.

Mother Kim says their thriving store at Paddle Prairie will be decreasing hours for the "slow" winter months "to spend more time at home with the family." The store, usually open 16 hours a day, will cut down to 12 hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. But, she adds they plan to expand their stock of groceries in the near future.

The Ghostkeepers are keeping busy. The Metis couple may also try to break into the horse breeding business, says Mrs. Ghostkeeper. They purchased two Morgan mares recently and have already completed building a log barn and fenced corral. "It's a handsome barn," she notes, adding they will probably start breeding young colts next year.

She explains horse breeding is a pastime her husband enjoys, but they would prefer to keep it low key until further down the road. "Right now, I don't think we have the time for it and we don't want to get too tied up with it," she says.

**Wanted:** Powwow video and experienced instructor for a dance group at the Slave Lake Friendship Centre. The young group (6 - 16 years) of powwow dancers already have some experience, but centre executive director *Peggy Roberts* says enthusiasm seems to be tapering off because "they're tired of doing the same dances over and over again."

Roberts is hoping to attract a dancer who could give a weekend workshop to rekindle interest in powwow.

## Legendary joker 'visits' Bonnyville

"They already know the basics," she explains. "But, I think they need to learn more of the finer points about things like the sneak up and grass dance."

**Slave Lake:** The friendship centre in this community should have enough activities to keep everyone busy when the 5th annual Cultural Celebration Days kicks off Sept. 16 - 18.

The hosting friendship centre staff is planning several events for people of all ages, says Roberts. The centre executive director notes three separate princess pageants have been planned for youngsters 3 and under and 4 - 10 years old, as well as a teen pageant. Best Moosum and Kookum contests are also planned for the event.

Other activities include jigging, fiddle, horse shoe and moose calling (junior and senior categories) contests. And, for those who feel they don't have the talent to enter any of these contests--here's a "fulfilling" pastime almost anyone can do--pie and koobasa eating contests will also be held at the event. Now, if eating is your game, don't miss the friendship centre's pancake breakfast.

And if you feel you're the best log sawer or trapper in your neighborhood, enter the "Bull of the Woods" contest. It's open to both men and women who will be competing for a trophy.

Afterwards, the *Fourth Generation* band will provide the entertainment for dances to be held each day of the weekend celebration. A family sober dance

will be held the first night and a cabaret will be held the following day.

But if you're just not the active type, then you may take pleasure in watching a dance display by the *Swan River Reelers* or a magic show to be put on by *Doc Myles*.

The excitement is building "because it's my first one," says Roberts, who joined the friendship centre last May. "I'm kind of worrying about it," she adds. "But, I think it will turn out okay because it's usually well attended."

**High Waters:** The Slave Lake Friendship Centre will also play host to a discussion workshop to be held Sept. 23 for flood victims from the region.

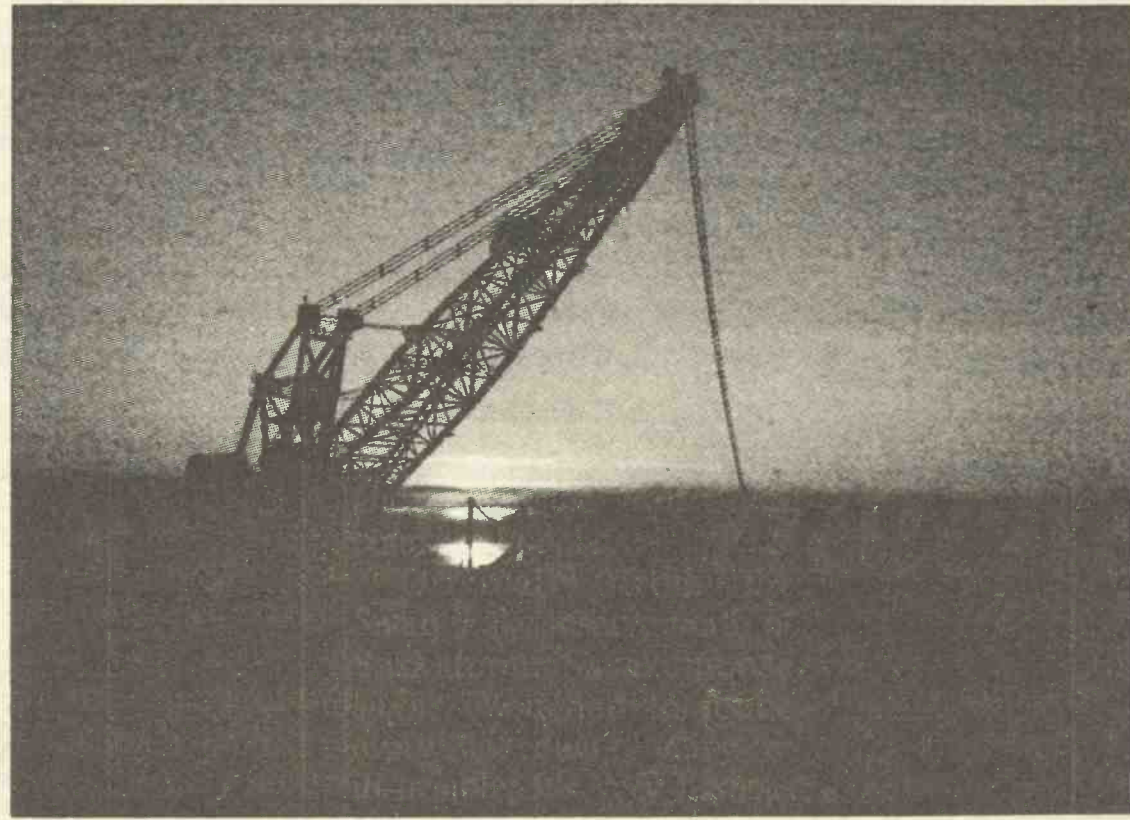
Keynote speakers will include local MLA *Larry Shaben* and MP *Jack Sheilds*. The workshop is being set up by Metis local 555. For more information call local president *John Meyers* (849-3459).

Jim Thunder's run to New York city to retrieve *Big Bear's* sacred bundle is in dire need of contributions. Assistant P.R. man, *Lewis Cardinal* reports that their funds are slowly being depleted and any help from Windspeaker readers would be greatly appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible by referring to charitable tax number 503-555-27. People are asked to forward any contributions to: Big Bear Cultural Committee, c/o Bank of Montreal, 10405 - Jasper Avenue, Edmonton T5N - 3N4.

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GRASSROOTS

# Metis pay tribute at mass gravesite



Flag-bearer: Dumont

Close to 80 people turned up at the Batoche cemetery this year to pay tribute to the Metis and Indians who sacrificed their lives during the struggles of 1885.

Leaving the campgrounds at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4, the procession to the cemetery was led by flag-bearer Yvon Dumont of Manitoba and

sergeant-at-arms Terry Lusty from Alberta who also conducted the proceedings at the gravesite.

Once the procession arrived at the cemetery, the crowd encircled the mass grave where Lusty provided a brief history of the ceremonies before calling on Metis Elder Joe Amyotte who said a prayer.

Father Doucett of Duck Lake also said a prayer and was followed with short speeches from Murray Hamilton, Yvon Dumont and Rose Boyer. Both Hamilton and Lusty concurred that the Metis have progressed but the battles are not yet over. They spoke of the housing, education, employment and other needs of the Metis.



Procession crowd: The march to the cemetery

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

# 4,000 gather at Batoche, celebrate Metis culture

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

BATOCHÉ, Sask.

Although a lack of funding almost cancelled it, about 4,000 people turned out to celebrate this year's Back to Batoche Days, Sept. 2-4.

Co-ordinator Ron Rivard, of Saskatoon, was exuberant over the outcome but admitted attendance was affected by conflicting major events and the late notice of dates for the celebration.

"Beauval (Jamboree) got at least 1,000 people that would normally be at Batoche," he said. Other functions which drew a lot of people were the powwow at North Battleford and a ball tournament at Prince Albert.

This year marked the 18th anniversary of Batoche days. Judging by the overflow crowds and the numerous participants who thronged into the big top tent to see the jigging, square dancing, fiddling and talent contests - Metis culture is alive and well.

The significance of the

fiddle in Metis culture was emphasized by the return engagement of three of the prairie provinces' best - Reg Bouvette, Johnny Arcand and Calvin Volrath. The musicians filled in time between sets and contests and also provided backup for the jigging and square dancing contestants.

One of the big winners turned out to be Lorri Ann Church of Meadow Lake. The 17-year-old who won the 1986 talent contest, repeated her success this year with a self-composition, I See You.

The Chief Beardy Memorial Dancers were also repeat winners from last year as they captured the square dance honors again.

In jigging, Timothy Cote of Kamsack and Elaine Sutherland from Beardy reserve won the senior divisions, while Albert Severite of Kamsack and Lorena Gardipy of North Battleford took the junior titles.

Henry Gardipy, Lorena's father, won the senior fiddle crown and was followed by Everett Larson, 62, of Saskatoon and Alf

Pederson, 76, from Tisdale. Saskatoon's Randy Hamilton took first in the junior ranks.

Sports organizer Claude Petit was pleased with how smoothly and quickly the slowpitch, tug of war, and horseshoe tournaments were executed and said he looks forward to next year's contests.

Coordinator Rivard also expressed his extreme pleasure with the way things turned out. "We came within our budget and there were no major problems."

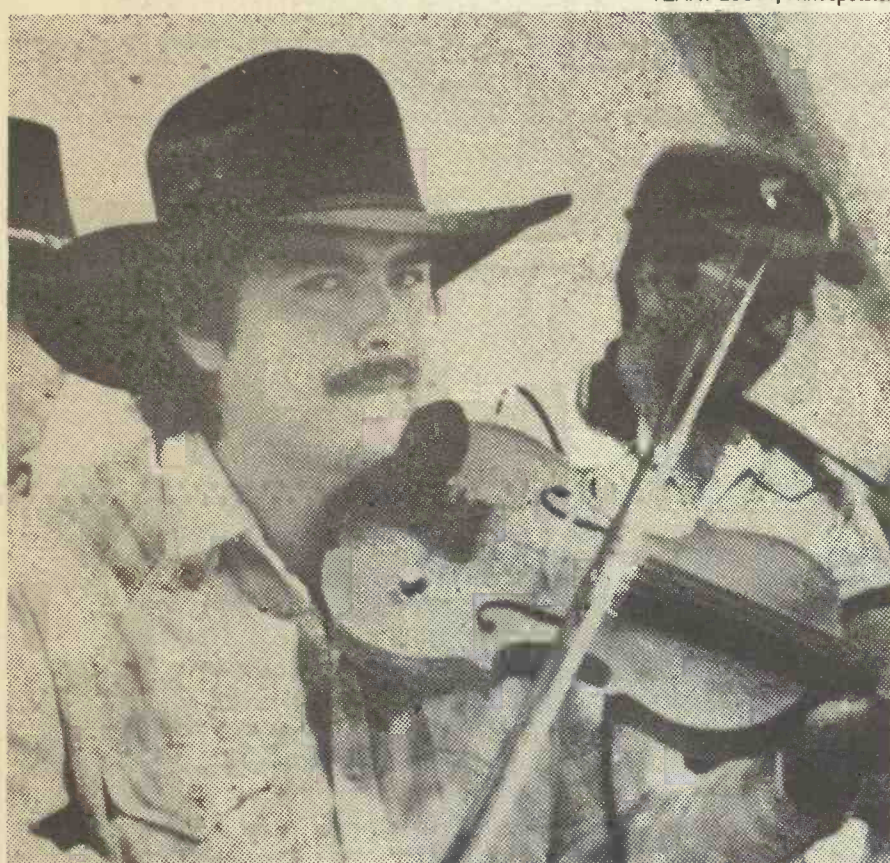
He feels good promotion and the establishment of a date for 1989 well beforehand, will result in a bigger crowd next year. "We will explore other means of generating interest and, most likely, we'll return to running the events on the third weekend of July, one week after the Big Valley Jamboree at Craven."

The prestigious title of Mr. and Mrs. Batoche for this year went to Mr. & Mrs. Clovis and Eva Regnier from St. Louis, Sask. They were chosen on the basis of their many years of involvement at the community level.



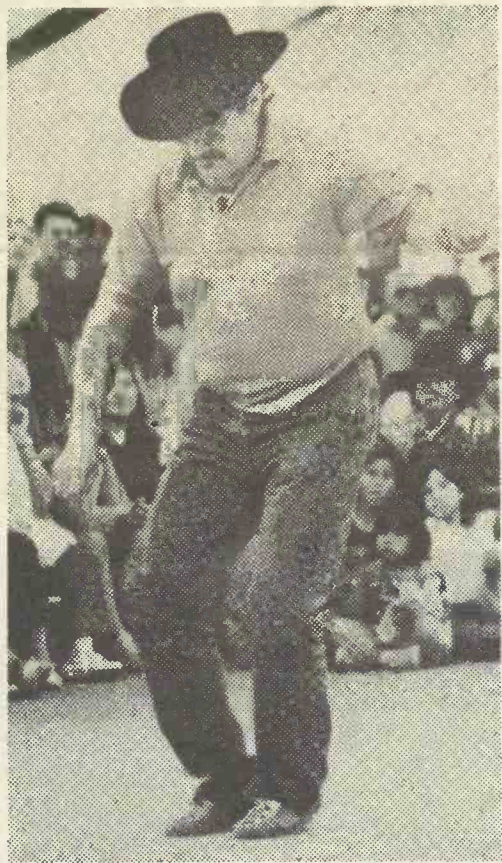
TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

Gold medal jigging: The Chief Beardy Memorial Dancers



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'Fiddling around': Kelly Atcheynum



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**GRASSROOTS**

**Change welfare mold - McLeod**

By Lyle Donald  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Martha Giroux is proud to be among the 16-member graduating class honored at a banquet ceremony in Edmonton Aug. 27 for achievements in the Family Support training program of Metis Children Services.

A happy Giroux told more than 200 guests at the banquet that the 42-week program gave her a life-time of experience. While getting practical training from the child welfare unit at the Centennial Mall district office, she recalls witnessing a number of family break ups, child apprehensions and drug and alcohol abuse. She hopes to change this sad trend with her new skills.

The unique program, designed through Metis Children Services to train Native and Metis women, was created by project coordinator Lucille McLeod.



LYLE DONALD, Windspeaker

Big hearts: First all-Native and Metis grads

She hopes the sensitivity and strength of these students will give Native people now in the welfare system a boost.

But, McLeod feels this can not be done until changes are made within the existing system, giving Native clients assistance that is more relevant to their needs. She adds bureaucrats seem to be more sympathetic to these needs and are starting to see the value of

traditionally Native views like extended family care rather than apprehension of children.

Alberta Social Services deputy minister John Lafrance agrees with this concept. He said he is convinced the family unit must stay together, to maintain a stable home life. He was pleased a number of the graduates received practicum within his department.

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KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker

# 163 golfers from Canada and USA challenged by Wolf Creek course

By Jerome Yellowdirt  
Windspeaker Correspondent

PONOKA, Alta.

About 163 golfers from Canada and the United States were challenged by the tough Wolf Creek Golf Resort course in this year's National Indian Athletes Association (NIAA) tournament.

According to NIAA president Satch Miller, the greens were the most difficult: "When you made an approach shot or tried a long putt, the ball would roll off the green," he said. "The overlay out of the course was great and you had to be on top of your game or you would be in trouble.

"Anytime we get that Canadian participation, we know we're going to have a good tournament because

there are a lot of good Indian golfers that come from Canada," Miller adds.

Awards and special presentations were made to numerous people who contributed and dedicated their efforts to Native golf. Included for their participation and recognition are Raymond Arcand, Marvin Fox, Father Tony Duhamel, Vern Spence and Willie Littlechild.

Also recognized for their participation and in appreciation with their involvement with the NIAA for 1988, were Ray Ahenakew and Victor Buffalo.

Tom Almojuela, a colonel in the U.S. Army, from San Diego, Lloyd Goodwill who hails from Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, and Ed Lueppe II of Delver, Colorado joined Leo

Sasakamoose of Edmonton as big name golfers in this year's tournament.

This year's ladies' champion comes from Warm Springs, Oregon. Sixteen-year-old Shawna Craig had many of the older ladies impressed with her performance as she came in with a "low gross" score of 165.

The seniors' championship was won by Tom Estimo, of Warm Springs, who came in with a 155 "low gross."

Lenny (The Bear) Buffalo also got his name in the NIAA record books as he captured the peewee boys' championship with a 137 after 27 holes of golf.

A location for next year's NIAA Championship has not yet been selected, but Miller says "we won't know until March or April when we sit down and have a meeting with the executive."

The tournament results are as follows: Men's Championship Flight "Low Gross": 1. Leo Sasakamoose, 149; Men's First Flight "Low Gross": 1. Tyler White, 164; Men's Second Flight "Low Gross": 1. Henry P. Cardinal, 162; Men's Third Flight "Low Gross": 1. Warren Cardinal, 178; Men's Fourth Flight "Low Gross": 1. Derwin Swampy, 178; Men's Championship "Low Net": 1. Levi Bobb, 156; Men's First Flight "Low Net": 1. John Cardinal, 145; Men's Second Flight "Low Net": 1. Walter Rain, 118; Men's Third Flight "Low Net": 1. William Delver, 135; Men's Fourth Flight "Low Net": 1. Bill Camille, 150; Ladies Championship "Low Gross": 1. Shawna Craig, 165; Ladies First Flight "Low Gross": 1. Debra Morin, 205; Ladies Second Flight "Low Gross": 1. Geraldine Omeasoo, 225; Ladies Championship "Low Net": 1. Liz Poitras, 151; Ladies First Flight "Low Net": 1. Elizabeth Cutam, 143; Ladies Second Flight "Low Net": 1. Ernestine Saulteaux, 153; Senior's "Low Gross": 1. Tom Estimo, 155; Senior's "Low Net": 1. Simon Threefingers, 147; Peewees (27 holes): 1. Lenny Buffalo, 137; Junior Girls: 1. Terri Jo Bly, 223; Junior Boys: 1. Dwight Buffalo, 176.

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# Leo wins again

By Jerome Yellowdirt  
Windspeaker Correspondent

PONOKA, Alta.

The powerful tee-off blasts and accurate putting of Leo Sasakamoose won him this year's National Indian Athletes Association (NIAA) championship Sept. 1-4.

Sasakamoose was seven over par in his qualifying round with a 79 and admits the competition was tough and so was the Wolf Creek course at Ponoka.

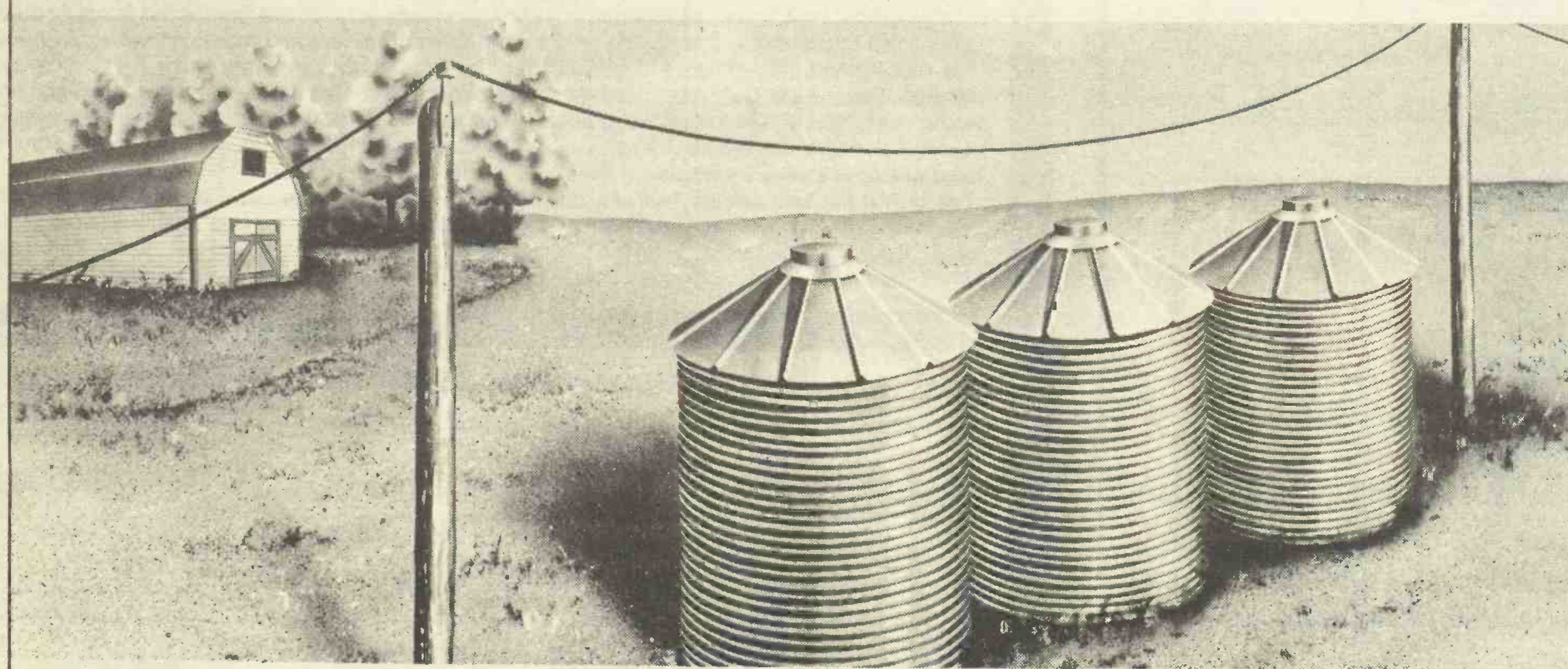
Originally from the Sandy Lake reserve north of Saskatoon, Sasakamoose says, "You had to make every shot count or you were in trouble; it's very hard to make a comeback especially on a course like the Wolf...a large part of the game is your mental attitude.

"I've won two other tournaments this year, the Bob Kootenay Memorial and the Sarcee Nations Classic, but this was the one I really wanted," he said.

In his final round, Leo posted an amazing two under par 70, giving him a two-day total of 149. "As an amateur, getting a 70 and teeing off the professional tee-off placements is quite an accomplishment," said the champion.

Sasakamoose says he will savor this championship, adding that "the sleeping wolf might not have been awake, but I sure tamed the sucker, didn't I?"

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SPORTS  
ROUNDUP

By Klm McLain

**Sucker Creek:** Those Lesser Slave Lake slowpitch giants, the High Prairie Selects and the Driftpile Swingers, had a showdown again. This time the two teams battled it out in a tournament sponsored by the Sucker Creek Capitals at High Prairie's Jaycee Park last Sept. 3-4.

In the end, the Selects batted themselves to the \$1,400 victory. The Swingers settled for second and snared \$900. The Jimmy Bugs (*Jim Giroux*) Driftpile team earned \$600 for third after they defeated the Gift Lake Sluggers who bagged \$350 for fourth. Fourteen men's teams entered — some from Fort Vermilion, Tall Cree and Grande Prairie — says *Bruce Willier*, who took calls for the Capitals.

On the ladies' side, the High Prairie Angels played divinely and defeated the Faust Pickups to win \$600. The Pickups earned \$400. The Gift Lake Spiders webbed \$200 for third. Six ladies' teams showed.

Bruce thanks team volunteers *Steve Willier, Marty Cook, Gordon Prince, Rodrick Willier and Chico*. He adds: *Margaret Willier* and her daughters and gate keepers *Pat Watson, Elaine Willier, Sandy Willier and Anne Willier*.

"Slowpitch," says Bruce, "is very popular up here — there's a tournament almost every weekend."

In fact, the High Prairie Angels are hosting a tourney at Jaycee Park this weekend. Then, Sept. 17-18, Jousard is hosting a tourney. Contact *Gordon Prince* for the Jousard event at 776-3923.

**Kehewin:** There was more slowpitch action in the east side of Alberta as the Kehewin Top Guns hosted a coed tourney attracting seven teams, two from Saskatchewan.

In the 'A' side final, the Top Guns bit the dust against the Bonnyville LaPote team. The LaPotes' earned \$500 while the Top Guns settle for \$400.

On the 'B' side, the Kehewin Redwings' bats boomed to win \$300 for their defeat over *Joseph Bighead's* Pierceland, Sask. team, who went home with \$250 says *Brian Youngchief*, centre-fielder for the Top Guns.

Here's the individual award winners: Bonnyville's

## Fastball in Indian Country still big but slowpitch has caught on bigger

*Tammy Davies*, catcher; Top Gun's *Robert Paul*, pitcher; Top Gun's *Lorna Youngchief*, first; Redwing's *Peggy Wells*, second; Top Gun's *Davy Dumais*, third; Top Gunner's (a team different from the Top Guns) *Earl Youngchief*, short stop; Top Gun's *Leo Gadwa*, left; Saskatchewan's *Archie Sundown*, center; Bonnyville's *Sid Sabatier*, right; and Bonnyville's *Sandy* (last name unknown) won best rover.

**Hobbema:** The people here hosted a fastball tournament on the August 5-7 weekend that saw winners from Alexander and Edmonton, according to a story in the Kainai News.

On the men's side, the Alexander Teepee Crawlers bagged \$1,100 after defeating the Hobbema Indians 8-2. The Canoe Lake Commadors defeated Manitoba's Sioux Valley 6-3 to win third.



Coach: Rupert Arcand

*Vince Pyaktck* earned best catcher award while teammate *Steven Ermineskin* was best short stop. Other top infielders were Hobbema's *Rod Buffalo*, first, Alexander's *Rupert Arcand*, second and a Canoe Laker, third.

**Moses Lake:** Fastball is still alive and well at the Blood reserve, says *Evan Iron Shirt*, rec man for the band. But slowpitch is catching on fast.

Right now the reserve — the biggest in Canada — has 16 slowpitch teams and about eight fastball teams. But most recently fastball had the limelight in a five-team tourney last Labor Day weekend where the Kainai Express wumped the Stand Off Royals 10 to zip. *Sheldon Day Chief* was the winning pitcher who helped earn his team the \$350 cash prize. The Royals settled for \$200 and "I was the pitcher," admits Ivan.

Teams that went home empty handed were the

Moses Lake Rangers, Bullhorn Mets and Lethbridge's Fort Whoop-ups.

The next big fastball (and possibly the last this season) will be this weekend as the Laverne Blues host a \$250 entry fee event.

**Stand Off:** While we're in this southern neck of the woods I just wanted to mention the *Joey Young Pine* Memorial rodeo has changed its date. The originally published date was the Labor Day weekend — the new date is Oct. 1-2. Turned out the stock (*Shade and Sons*) was already booked for another rodeo. Look for the Young Pine rodeo ads for more information or call *Dallas Young Pine* at 737-2264.

**Cold Lake:** "I'm sorry. The number you have dialed is no longer in service," was probably the answer you got trying to enter this reserve's open golf tourney scheduled for August 27-28. And even though the advertisement said "Rain or Shine," the event was cancelled due to a lack of entries.

Apparently one contact person moved just before the band booked three full-page ads in *Windspeaker*, so the published number became invalid. The other contact person changed jobs, leaving one of his numbers invalid and his home phone unattended. (Not exactly a par performance!)

In a telephone conversation with a Cold Lake band member, it was pointed out that nearby Kehewin was hosting their cultural celebrations, attracting even a good chunk of the Cold Lake people. As for golf tournaments around the province, there was one in St. Albert and another hosted by Peigan.

Next year the band will take the telephone company's advice and reach out and touch someone and schedule the tourney on slower weekend, and, make it easier for golfers to enter.

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**SPORTS & LEISURE**

**Sights set on Albuquerque finals**

**Cowboys boost standings at Louis Bull**

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

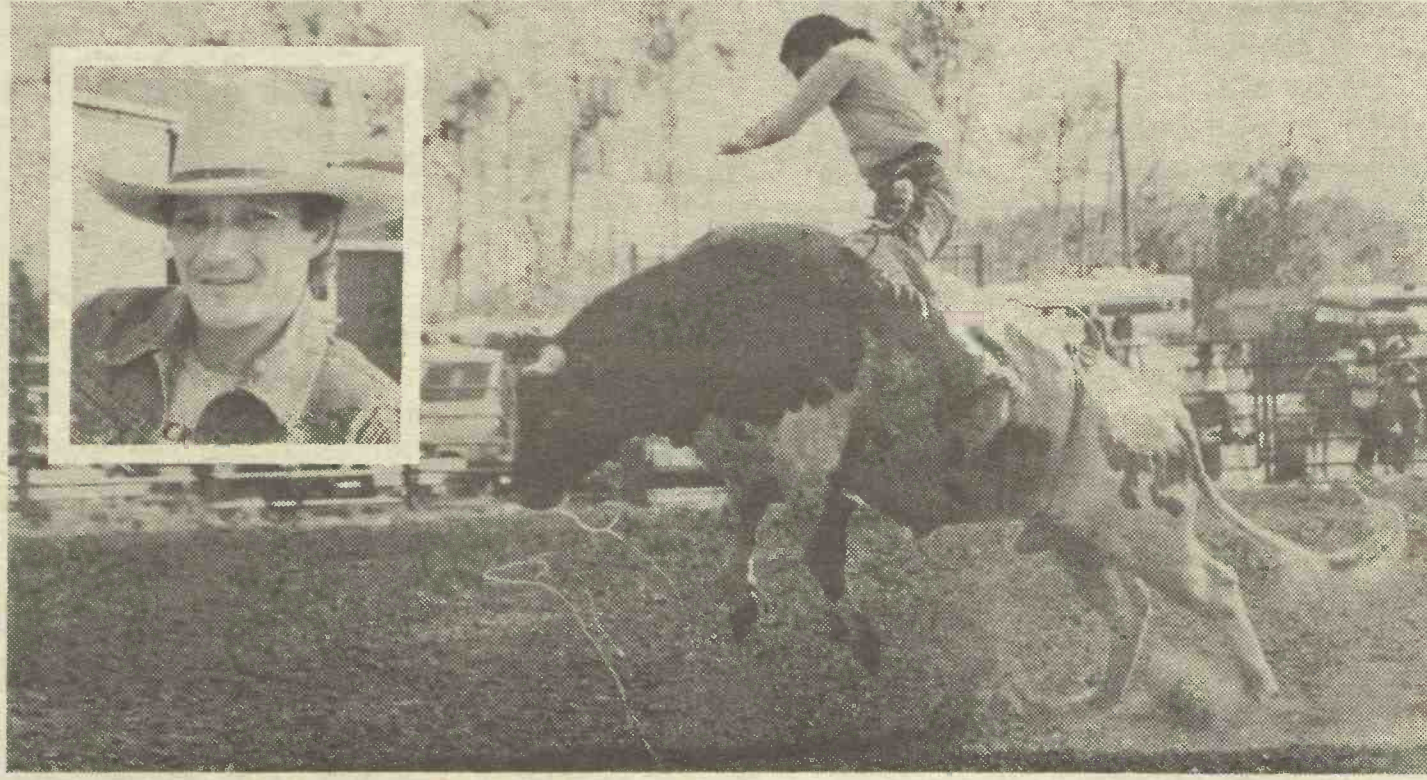
HOBHEMA, Alta.

With the end of the rodeo season in sight, cowboys converged on the Louis Bull rodeo to boost their total point standings in anticipation of the Indian World Finals in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

With Keith Dinwoodie from British Columbia as rodeo announcer, hundreds of contestants had to be satisfied with one go-round over the three day competition. The weather was hot and the animals tough and ornery as cowboys dogged their steers, roped their calves, or rode broncs to land at the pay window or bite dust.

With trophy saddles and prize money totalling around \$45,000, one of the more fortunate cowboys was Dallas Youngpine from Stand Off who won not only the bareback riding but the all-around title as well.

The wild and wooly bull riding was taken by Sarcee's Darrel Big Plume who scored 73 points aboard the Roasting bull, Sunset, to collect \$1,090



Ernie Jimmy on Seminole: Bullriding winner, Darrell Big Plume, inset

for his efforts.

Other big money winners included Blood Indian Clinton Bruised Head whose 9.2 seconds in calf roping earned him \$1,623; Clinton and Wright Bruised Head's rapid 5.1 seconds in team roping for \$3,429; and \$2,308 that was split between Paddle Prairie's Carmen Houle and Hobbema's Sandra Buffalo who both ran the senior barrels in 15.5 seconds.

Houle and Buffalo had to resort to a flip of the coin to determine which would receive the trophy saddle. Buffalo was the lucky one.

**FINAL RESULTS:**

**Bareback:** Dallas Youngpine, Cardston, 65; Leon Montour, Hobbema, 62; Paul Youngpine, 58.  
**Bulls:** Darrel Big Plume; Collin Willier, High Prairie, 72; Leon Montour, 71.  
**Calf Roping:** Clinton Bruised Head; Jay Bob Lytle, New Mexico, 10:3; Robert Bruised Head, Stand Off.  
**Junior Barrels:** Janelle Shade, Cardston, 16.0; Michelle Wesley, Morley, 16:3; Stephanie Simon, Sarcee, 16.6.  
**Senior Barrels:** Carmen Houle; Sandra Buffalo; Tracy

Vaile, Montana 15.8.  
**Saddle Bronc:** Kim Colliflower, Hobbema, 68; Skinny Campbell, Montana, 67; Lewis Littlebear, Cardston, 66.  
**Steer Wrestling:** Jay bob Lytle 3.7; Wright Bruised Head, Stand Off, 4.3; Robert Bruised Head, 4.5.  
**Team Roping:** Clint and Wright Bruised Head; Ted Hoyt and Spike Gardipy, Montana 5.4; Bill Powell, Montana and Glen Wolfleg, Gleichen, 5.5.  
**Junior Steer Riding:** Steed Wesley, Morley, 68; Andy Okeymow, Hobbema, 66; Kirby Dachuk, 63.

**All-girl rodeo**

**Raine top cowgirl**

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA, Alta.

When the points were all tallied up, the senior all-around cowgirl at the Louis Bull Girls' Rodeo Club rodeo, turned out to be Gina Raine of Hobbema.

She placed first in senior barrel racing, second in goat tying and third in breakaway roping at the Sept. 2 rodeo. In total points, she was closely followed by Sandy Buffalo of Hobbema and Denise Swampy, from Courtney, B.C.

Ponoka's Billy-Jo Pugh captured the all-around junior title after winning in goat tying and placing third in barrel racing.

Gina Raine won the barrel racing in 15.65 seconds, followed by Carmen Houle of Paddle Prairie in 16.06 and Denise Swampy in 16.56. Swampy also came first in team roping, along with her partner Matilda Roasting in 22.57 seconds.

Steer undecorating went to Ponoka's Lorna Nom, who fired out of the gate to win in a very rapid 5.34 seconds, compared to Hobbema's second place Sandy Buffalo in 19.41 and Yvette Dechamps' 21.79.

The senior cow riding was won by Wendy Stang with 60 points, followed by Leslie Buffalo's 58 and Gail Hill's 55.

In senior goat tying, 12.36 seconds was fast enough for Ponoka's Tammy Tonneson to walk off with first. Gina Raine placed second with a 15.15, followed by Lorna Nom with a 17.25.

Winners in other events were: Tiny Tots Barrel Racing: Desiree Roasting, 21:39 and Haley Deschamps, 22:67; Junior Goat Tying: Billy-Jo Pugh, 20:95 and Grace Deschamps, 1:09:63; Junior Steer Riding: Grace Deschamps, 51; Calf Roping: Tammy Tonneson, 1:15:75 and Sandy Buffalo, 2:33:72; Junior Barrel Racing: Billie Dee Buffalo, 16:92; Yvette Dechamps, 18:96; Billy-Jo Pugh, 19:83; Breakaway Roping: Sandy Buffalo, 5:12; Denise Swampy, 7:49; Gina Raine, 8:90.

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## BREAKING NEW GROUND

'No token Indians'

# Natives matched with jobs

By Keith Matthew  
 Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The president of the Alberta chapter of the Inter-Provincial Association on Native Employment (IANE) says the organization is not working to get "token" Natives into the mainstream work force.

President Craig Barraclough says, "We don't want to create employment for token individuals and that is why our emphasis is on people that are taking further education. We want to get quality people and qualified candidates" into the work force.

"One of our first objectives, because we've been totally voluntary up until now, is a fund raising program which will be pointed towards the private sector, but also, we will try to get government funding to open up a full-time office for the Alberta chapter."

The planned office will be opening sometime in the upcoming year.

He says two full-time workers will be hired once the funding has been secured and they will be travelling to various post-



Wants quality workers: Craig Barraclough

secondary institutions and gathering information on how many Native students have enrolled in programs and the courses they are taking.

Other duties the office will be undertaking will be to establish a library and a data base. The data base will consist of jobs held by

Alberta's Native people. It will assist young Native people with information on role models and career opportunities.

Barraclough says, "By organizing this data base and working with organizations like Native Outreach, we hope to be able to bring together employers and potential Native employees."

The proposed office will be located in Edmonton and will serve as the operation's headquarters for the Alberta chapter. There are currently chapters of IANE operating in Manitoba and Saskatchewan with future expansion planned for the Northwest Territories and British Columbia.

Barraclough, Native affairs coordinator for Esso Resources, is the current president of the Alberta chapter of IANE. Also sitting on the board for Alberta are: vice-president Al Demerais, secretary Marcel Cardinal, treasurer Tom Ghostkeeper, Vi Santo, Peter Liske and Lillian Souray.

According to Ghostkeeper: "We haven't actually physically started it (the office) because of the lack of commitment...because it is all volunteer."

He also says that the board members pick up their own tabs when travelling. They do not receive any sort of an honorarium or travel expenses.

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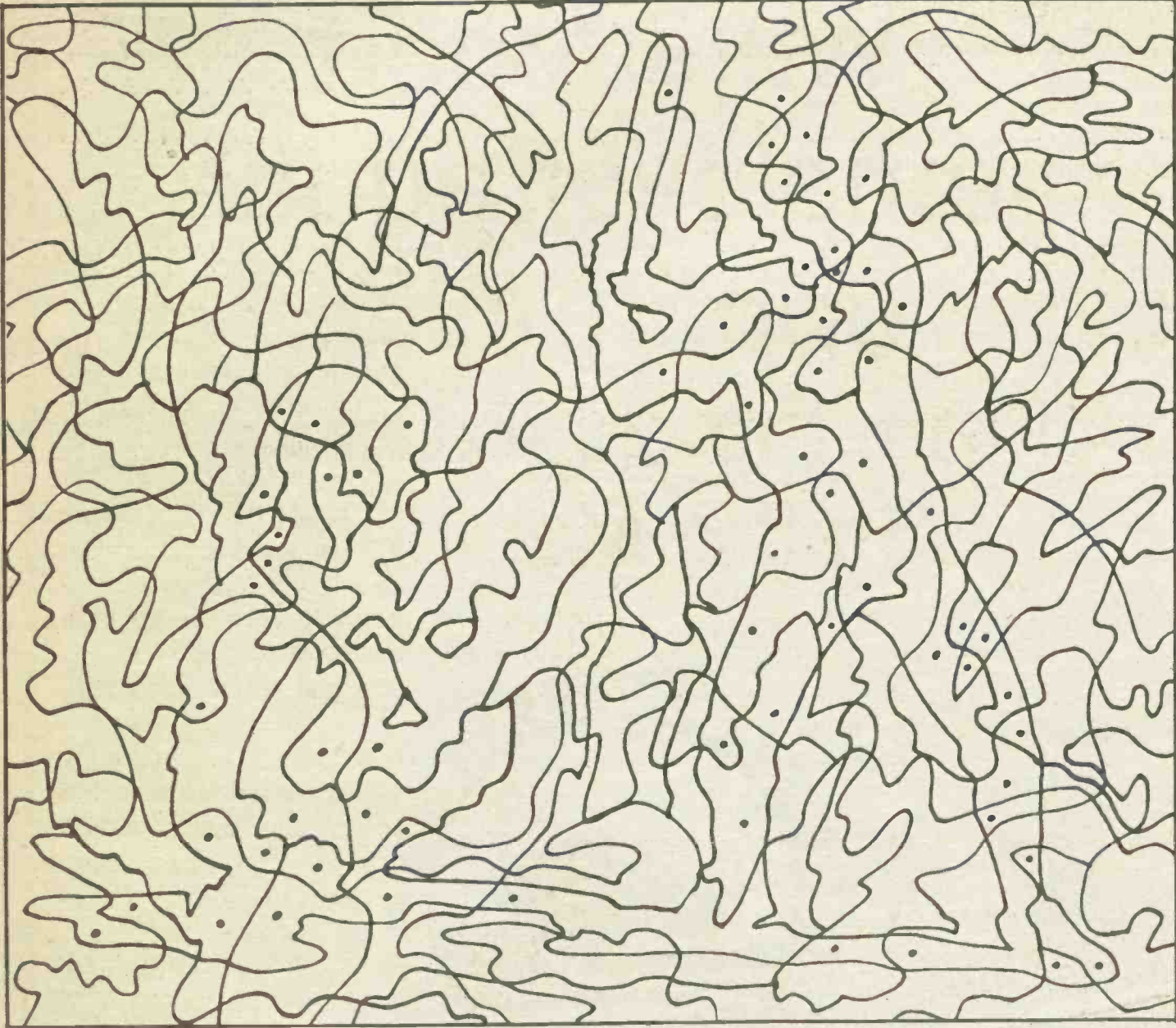
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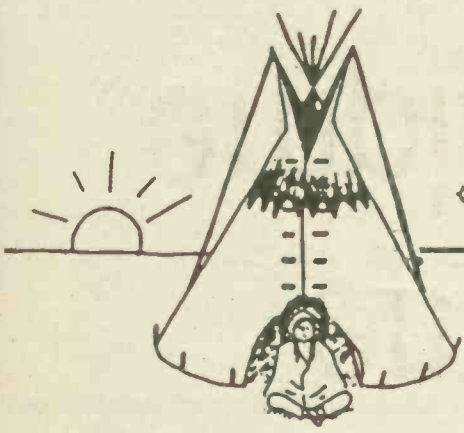
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