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Mohawks win injunction

Mask removed from view

By Dan Dibbelt

CALGARY — A court here has ordered the Glenbow Museum to remove from its Spirit Sings display a false face mask considered sacred by Mohawk Indians.

The ruling follows an injunction filed by the Mohawks on Thursday, Jan. 14, stating that the exhibition of the mask violates the intended purposes of the mask and its sacred functions.

"It (the mask) does not belong here. It is not meant to be desecrated," said Chief Billy Two Rivers of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake. "What we are demanding is the return of the false face and other spiritual artifacts that are in this display."

The Mohawks contend the mask, one of 38 items loaned to the Glenbow from the Royal Ontario Museum, has spiritual value and belongs to their spiritual leaders.

"Even our people have limited access to them," said Chief Joseph Norton, also of the Mohawks of Kahnawake, a reserve just outside Montreal.

"The false face is limited to its use in specific ceremonies that are appointed throughout the year," said Norton. "Only then are they used by the people who have responsibility for it. Other than that, no one else is supposed to see it, no one else is supposed to use it for their own pleasure."

Even the catalogue description of exhibits, produced by the museum for the Spirit Sings exhibition, attests to the sacredness of the mask: "Within the medicine society, the mask represented spirits commanded by the Creator to lend healing power to human beings. Because of its sacred connotation, only members within the society are allowed to look at the mask."

While Glenbow spokespeople would not comment on the sacredness of specific artifacts, they did say great effort was made to ensure none of the displayed artifacts would offend Natives.

But, one of the Spirit Sings guest curators, Martine Reid, an anthropologist specializing in north-

west coast people, said sacred articles caused her some concern.

"This (the display of sacred artifacts) has happened many times in British Columbia," said Reid. Because her husband is a Haida, Reid says she can understand the Mohawk's concern. The painted wooden mask has brass metal inserts around the eyes, animal teeth, a crooked nose and a large grin. It has now been ordered removed until the hearing scheduled for Jan. 28.

"We're pretty well satisfied with the outcome," said Norton. "It's obvious that the strength in the spirit of the false face is on our side in this particular case."

Should the Mohawks win their case for the return of the mask and several other items, now on display at the Spirit Sings, the Glenbow Museum may be making future trips to the courthouse.

The Micmac tribe, from Conne River, Newfoundland has said they may seek court action against the museum to retrieve a canoe in its display.



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CROSS-CANADA SUPPORT

Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come, of the Grand Council of the Quebec Crees joined over 150 protesters who picketed the Spirit Sings opening at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary Jan. 14.

DAN DIBBELT, Windspeaker

City cop charged

By Lesley Crossingham

An Edmonton police officer and former marketing manager of Cree Airways has been charged with fraud and theft in connection with the now defunct Native-owned airline company.

Randolph Kim Klokeid, a 10-year veteran of the force, was arrested Jan. 18 and suspended without pay after a police investigation.

Klokeid is currently suing Cree Airways for more than \$185,000 which led to the freezing of bank accounts and the seizure of the small company's six Cessna planes late last year.

In an interview from his Edmonton home, Cree vice-president Dave Calahasen said a complaint had been made to city police after financial records indicated there were alleged discrepancies.

"The police did their homework and now I am sure justice will be done," he said.

Calahasen won't disclose the names of the shareholders, other than to confirm that Klokeid's mother, Marion, is among them. She is also suing the airline.

Contacted in his Edmonton office, Klokeid said he and his lawyer are currently working on his defense, but refused to give details other than to say he felt "confident" over the impending trial.

Meanwhile, Calahasen is still trying to raise \$20,000 needed to fight the Klokeid lawsuit. But, he admits if he is unable to raise the cash by Jan. 22, it will be the end of the small airline which only began operation in August last year.

Party's over at Elizabeth

Chairman gets first private line

By Donna Rea Murphy

ELIZABETH SETTLEMENT — For Archie Collins, the party's over.

After 17 years of unexpected wake up calls, he will finally get some peace and quiet. On Jan. 15 he became the first resident in the Grand Centre area to have his party line phone changed to a private line.

"It's fantastic," said the Elizabeth settlement chairman. "We won't have to put up with the phone ringing at all hours of the night and sometimes all weekend long."

Although there were many headaches with a party line, Collins says the real problems arose when others would call long distance and bill the charges to his number. "Sometimes our phone bill would have \$40 worth of calls that we didn't make and they couldn't be traced."



Photo Courtesy of Donna Rea Murphy

ARCHIE COLLINS and MLA ERNIE ISLEY
...commemorate first private line

As chairman of the settlement he receives phone calls at home after business hours, but privacy

was at a premium. He said he and his family always had to be careful of what they said.

Following a promise made by Premier Don Getty last spring to provide private line service to rural Alberta, AGT began the changeover. The first private line is scheduled for a farmhouse between Stettler and Joffre, east of Red Deer.

According to Lakeland MLA Ernie Isley, at the Collins' home for the official changeover, "This is probably the best program for rural Albertans." With the move toward computer technology more people are doing private business by phone and private lines are a must.

The \$500 installation fee to rural residents will be spread out over a 20-year period to minimize the impact. Changeover residents will also receive a \$100 rebate.

AGT anticipates completing the change province-wide by 1991.

National

Nations gather to protest Glenbow's Spirit Sings display

By Dan Dibbelt

CALGARY — More than a dozen representatives from Aboriginal nations across Canada gathered to voice opposition to the opening of The Spirit Sings exhibition, in Calgary, Thursday Jan. 14.

The exhibition, heralded as the flagship of the 1988 Olympic Arts Festival, is the target of a boycott by the Lubicon band which is in a battle with the federal government over their land claim.

They oppose the exhibit because they contend the exhibition's exclusive corporation sponsor, Shell Oil, is responsible for the destruction of their lifestyle.

"We look at the people involved with Glenbow, the people sponsoring The Spirit Sings, as our enemies. They are destroying us at a community level," said Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak, shortly before the opening ceremonies.

Joining Ominayak in his protest were Native leaders from Newfoundland, Quebec and British Columbia.

"I say if we share the flame, we should share the blame and we should share the shame," said Grand Chief Matthew Coon-Come of the Grand Council of the Quebec Crees. "It is a national shame for the

Canadian people to allow the governments of Alberta and Canada to continue this bureaucratic warfare."

Coon-Come's sentiment was expressed by other Native leaders as well as Native and non-Native supporters of the Lubicons, when the protest took to the street.

A crowd of around 150 protesters gathered at the entrance to the Glenbow Museum to march peacefully under the careful watch of city police.

Meanwhile, inside the Glenbow Museum 2,500 people gathered to hear Foreign Affairs Minister Joe Clark, Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein, Glenbow Chairman David Tavender and other dignitaries officially open the exhibit. Opening prayers by Jim Many Bears of the Blackfoot band started the ceremony.

"As you see this exhibition, you will appreciate the traditions, culture, and above all, the spiritual and artistic heritage of the Native people," said Tavender.

"Let us open this exhibition with a sense of pride. Let us first and foremost enjoy the magnificent art that these priceless relics display," added Klein.

But, for many of the Natives protesting outside the museum, the priceless

relics are more than magnificent pieces of art.

"These artifacts which museum curators call artifacts are to us living spirits," said Grand Chief Joseph Norton of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake in Quebec.

"We are fed up. We will no longer stand for it, no longer be insulted by having our national treasures displayed," added Norton. "These things were either stolen (from us) or bought illegally in some fashion."

Later that day the Mohawks filed an injunction in Court of Queen's Bench against the Glenbow to have several artifacts removed from display. That injunction was granted Jan. 15.

Of greatest concern to the Mohawks was a false face mask considered sacred to them. Norton said the mask belongs to their spiritual leaders, the Medicine Society, and that even the Mohawk people have limited access to it.

Glenbow curator Duncan Cameron would not comment on the mask or other artifacts on exhibit.

But Glenbow public relations officer John Gilchrist

said efforts were made to avoid offending the Indian population.

"The curators worked very hard to not bring out anything that had religious or sacred connotation," said Gilchrist.

Glenbow Museum officials are calling the opening a success and are denying that the protest had any affect. But the removal of the false face mask may only be the first of several injunctions to affect the display.

Other leaders say they, too, will seek injunctions against the Glenbow, pending on the result of the Mohawk hearing, scheduled for next week.

And support for the Lubicons is growing. Also present for the protest were: Gregg Smith, Indian Association of Alberta president; Narcisse Blood, Treaty 7 president; Larry Desmeules, Metis Association president; Chief Michael Jo, Conne River band, Newfoundland; Chief Billy Two Rivers, Mohawk Council of Kahnawake; Lawrence Courtoreille, Treaty 8 vice-president; Woody Morrison, Haida Nations; and Aaron Grey



DAN DIBBELT, Windspeaker

PROTESTERS ...fill streets outside museum

Cloud, Vancouver local of the United Native Nations president
Georges Erasmus,

national chief of First Nations was also to attend, but had to cancel his appearance.

New talks end in stalemate

By Lesley Crossingham and Dan Dibbelt

OTTAWA — A meeting between Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak and members of the federal government in an effort to resolve the band's 47-year-old land claim has ended in a standoff.

"They are just not serious," said Ominayak in an interview from his Ottawa hotel Jan. 21 after the two-hour meeting.

Ominayak says talks with Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight, federal negotiator Brian Malone and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark ended in a stalemate after McKnight made several "unacceptable conditions" including refusing to allow E. Davie Fulton to rejoin the negotiating team.

"He (McKnight) even said he would conduct a federal inquiry. But I think that was a threat because we pointed out that the Fulton inquiry took about a year and they (the government) still didn't act on the recommendations."

Ominayak says he is frustrated over the negotiations and his band is considering asserting their own jurisdiction.

"You have to remember we never gave up our land title and we'll probably have to declare our jurisdiction before this whole thing is over."

The band would prevent any development by oil companies on land they declare their own and they will use "whatever it takes" to assert their jurisdiction.

"We have had a lot of people who have offered to help us," he added.

The meeting was arranged after the chief and Clark were unable to meet during the opening of the Spirit Sings exhibition of Native artifacts in Calgary last week.

During his address Jan. 14 Clark said the band itself is preventing a speedy settlement to the land claim by its refusal to release a genealogical study to the Alberta government.

"I don't know how else they can come to a decision that is being asked of them without that evidence," he said.

E. Davie Fulton is a former cabinet minister responsible for an independent report in 1985 which found the federal government at fault for not giving the Lubicons a reserve promised in 1940.

That report was tabled by the government and not released until last year's appointment of Calgary lawyer Brian Malone as negotiator.

But Indian Affairs regional director Dennis Wallace disputes the number of Lubicons entitled to land, saying some Lubicons may not be entitled to land because they may have been included in other settlements. He also said it is necessary for the province to see the genealogical study in order to verify numbers.

"Records from back then are very sketchy," said Wallace. "Many of the records were held in churches — they're 80-years-old...and there are gaps."

"The Alberta government should see the report so they can justify the transfer of land."

While provincial governments are not usually involved in land claims, Wallace says the request is not unprecedented and he gave the example of the Fort Chipewyan reserve.

Lennarson, however argues that the Fort Chipewyan claim did not revolve around a question of band numbers, but with

compensation and remuneration in exchange for land.

As for Lubicon band members being previously included in other band land claims...that is irrelevant, said Lennarson.

Lennarson said the "counted-once" and the script rule have been brought up in other cases, but have been quashed by the federal government. The script rule would exclude from the band population any Indians whose relatives accepted script in exchange for land from the government.

While the band says their population is 447, the province has only agreed to turn over 65 square-kilometres based on the band's 1940 population.

Wallace also said the province would be willing to turn over the 65 square-kilometres as an interim claim until the settlement can be reached.

But, Lennarson says that would not be acceptable as the province has already said any transfer of land would be full and final.

McKnight could not be contacted for comment at press time.

National Briefs

Torch boycott has little affect in N.W.T.

INUUVIK, N.W.T. — The Northwest Territories government boycotted the Olympic Torch relay after officials learned only a few Native runners would be participating in the run.

However, Bill Erasmus, president of the Dene Nation, said his group would not protest the relay, although they did support the Lubicon Lake Indian band's land claim against the federal government.

Chamber of Commerce executive director Dick Hill called the government decision "stupid and sad," adding that the "majority of people here support the Olympics."

Police chief 'racist' says witness at Marshall inquiry

HALIFAX, N.S. — Former Sydney police chief John MacIntyre lied to an inquiry into Micmac Donald Marshall's wrongful 1971 murder conviction, says the officer who proved Marshall innocent.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Harry Wheaton testified he believed the former chief was racist and that he had tried to coverup his actions by removing a document from Marshall's file and slipping it under his desk.

The document was a statement from a witness who testified that MacIntyre bullied her into making a false statement.

Wheaton also described Sydney as permeated with a "red-neck attitude" and said MacIntyre showed a general dislike for Indians.

Provincial

Communities know best - report

By Dorothy Schreiber

The unique nature of the Native community necessitates the need for specialized mental health care for both children and families, says Murray Armstrong the author of a newly released report.

The report, *Exploring the Circle, A Journey into Native Children's Mental Health*, was commissioned in 1986 by Alberta Mental Health Services as part of a children's mental health project designed to explore and to make recommendations on all children's mental health issues.

However, it was discovered that Native children and their families were "different enough to require a specific look at them," explains Armstrong in a telephone interview from his Calgary office.

Unlike other Alberta families, Native families have other influences in their lives such as status, tribal, cultural and historical differences.

The report, which takes all of these differences into account makes strong recommendations for Native involvement in any mental health services developed for their communities.

"I'm not about to sit here and say I know what's best...kids and families know what's best for them," says Armstrong, who is also the co-ordinator of Native mental health.

The report does not supply all the answers nor it is the final word on developing mental health service

for Native children, he adds.

Now, he is using the report as a consultation tool to stimulate discussion and receive feedback from Native groups, communities and individuals.

Once Native communities have had the opportunity to discuss the contents of the report, Alberta Mental Health Services will decide how they will address issues facing Native people.

The department "is very committed to doing something," says Armstrong, but he doesn't know when, or if, the recommendations will be implemented.

However, he emphasizes that mental health services must be Native controlled and community based in order to be successful.

"Historically, any human service to Native people has been imposed by the dominant society with little attention paid to the needs of Native people as defined by them. There is danger that history could be repeated while developing a Native children's mental health service," he states in the report.

Although there are serious problems in the Native community, such as the high suicide rate, there are also indications the situation is improving.

He points to local initiatives such as the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School in Calgary and the Kiphtakew school on the Alexander reserve, which use teaching methods based

on holistic learning techniques as indicators of a growing and often unrecognized strength Native communities use to take care of their own people.

In defining Native children's mental health issues, Armstrong talks about loneliness, alienation and prejudice.

"If a kid is leaving the reserve for education reasons and going to the city...that could be a mental health issue because that kid may need financial and spiritual support (and) may need to be connected to other Native people in the city.

"It's not only kids sniffing glue," he says, who require mental health services.

New chief elected at Sucker Creek

By Albert Crier

SUCKER CREEK — Building community unity towards a better economic future is the top priority for the new Sucker Creek tribal council, says recently elected Chief Donald Calliou.

Calliou was elected chief, along with eight council members for the 910 member band, located 35 km east of High Prairie.

"I have noticed that for a number of years now, our people have been drifting apart. The council will work really hard to pull the community together," said Calliou.

Keeping the band membership informed on band services and economic opportunities, negotiating for more land and tapping into jobs — these are other items the council will look into, added Calliou.

"There are no oil and gas revenues coming into Sucker Creek and band programs are our biggest employer. Many members are leaving the reserve to look for work and seek improvements to their lives," said Calliou.

Calliou is joined on band council by incumbents: Fred Willier, Laverne Willier, Francis A. Willier and new councillors Ken

Cardinal, Henry Calliou, Arthur Calliou, Roderick Willier and Steve Willier.

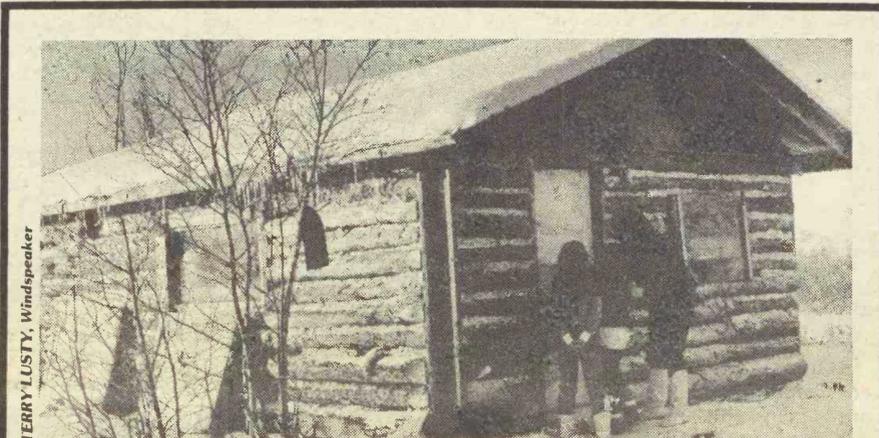
Out of 170 eligible voters, 138 electors voted the present council to replace former chief James Badger and council, following Indian Act election rules.

Other band elections, held recently in the province, saw the Fort Chipewyan band elect Chief Pat Marcel and councillors Archie Cyprean, Pat Lepine and Charles Voyageur, on Dec. 9, 1987.

The Saddle Lake First Nations elected Chief Eugene Steinhauer and councillors Henry Paul Cardinal, George Bretton, Wildred Large, Floyd Steinhauer, Gordon Steinhauer, Mike Steinhauer, Barry Wood and Henry Quinney, on Oct. 8, 1987.

The Sturgeon Lake band, elected Chief Ronald Sunshine and councillors Alfred Dolan Goodswimmer, Mildred Chowace, Arnold McLean, Felix Stoney, Pete Joyce, Lester Chowace, Richard Cappel, Edward Goodswimmer and Adolf Cappel, in Sept. 1987.

The Goodfish (Whitefish) Lake band elected Chief Ernest Houle, along with councillors Joe Cardinal, Miles Hunter and Velma Memnook, on Oct. 6, 1987.



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER...

Ah ha! Caught in the act, eh? This cabin belongs to trapper Michael Cardinal of Fort Chipewyan and is the halfway point along the winter road between Chip and Fort McMurray.

Cardinal's door has become something of a guest register for passers-by. On this particular day, Fort Chip Cree band members Trish, Ivy and Cookie Simpson were no exceptions. They also stopped to make their presence known by adding to the numerous signatures already gracing the door.

Traditional healing a Treaty right

By Albert Crier

The door is opening for Aboriginal people who need help from traditional medicine men when modern medical practices have failed to overcome physical and mental health problems.

The practice of referring patients to traditional healers is being encouraged by the Medical Services Branch (MSB) of Health and Welfare Canada, which is responsible for

covering Treaty Indian health care costs.

Although it is not a written policy, the practice of sending sick people to Indian medicine men and women is pursued in other Canadian provinces.

There have been numerous requests for traditional healing practices by patients who are not getting satisfaction from modern medicine, says Rose Martial, a urban health worker, at the Alberta Indian Health Care

Commission.

Coverage of health care costs is a Treaty right and when doctors cannot help Indians with an illness, then referring patients who want to go to a traditional healer is encouraged, says Marie Carey, director of Mental Health Services of the MSB.

Manitoba, Ontario and northern Quebec regions, already refer Indian clients to traditional healers and sometimes cover patient

expenses, reports Carey.

Although traditional healers and Elders are not always paid for their services, out of respect for the Indian culture, travel and accommodation costs may be covered depending on individual needs, she explained.

Most hospitals do not approve of traditional health practices, so patients have to go to the traditional healers, who are usually Indian Elders living out in the country, explained Martial.

Martial receives an average of 450 specific requests to her Edmonton office, with about 20 per cent asking for information on where to go for traditional medical help.

Rufus Goodstriker and Lawrence Mackinaw will talk on the role of traditional healers at the upcoming Urban Health Care symposium, slated for Jan. 28, at the University of Alberta.

Centre still in action

By Dorothy Schreiber

HINTON — The Women's Centre here is still "going as strong as ever" despite recent financial difficulties that threatened to shut the doors.

"It (the centre) was going to be history four months ago" because the society was having difficulty meeting a \$1,200 monthly mortgage payment, said presi-

dent Debbie Calihoo of the Hinton Native Women's Society.

However, monies derived from bingo games, hall rental fees and a new lunch program have helped keep the centre afloat.

"Every little bit is helping...we're happy that we're able to keep our head above water," says Calihoo.

The centre was purchased in Dec. 1983 for

\$150,000 and has \$80,000 outstanding.

The centre was formed to provide a place where Native people in Hinton can meet and get together. An AADAC counsellor is housed in the centre and a program will soon be under way to teach lifeskills.

The society has a membership of about 60.

World Briefs

Reagan-Gorbachev pact influences Hopi and Navajo

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Daniel Inouye has pleaded with the Navajo and Hopi tribes to sit down and resolve their differences over a land dispute that had divided them for more than 100 years.

Inouye, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, said if President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev were able to settle their differences, the two Indian nations should meet again in the spirit of the U.S.-Soviet peace accord.

Inouye was speaking during hearings on the re-authorization of the Navajo and Hopi relocation commission, which will help the two nations move onto their own reservations.

Australian Aboriginals mourn white settlement

YIRRKALA, Australia — Aborigines say they will not be celebrating the bi-centenary of European settlement in Australia. Instead, they will mourn two centuries of contempt by the balanda (white man).

Roy Mirika, leader of the Arnhem Land people, says little has changed since his people were forced off their land and herded into European settlements. Today, he and other leaders still complain of being regarded as second-class citizens with no control over the development of their land.

Opinion

Imprisonment helped reader reflect on heritage

Dear Editor:

I have been seriously thinking of writing an article to your paper. Now, I'm in

my right frame of mind! I would like to say that I strongly believe that this poem will touch the hearts of many a reader of your

paper Windspeaker.

I am from Hobbema, Alberta, and I'm 30-years-old. One of my concerns is to get this message out to people who read the Windspeaker. I must say that I've come a long way trying to get this message out to people whom I think will be interested in reading what I have to say in this poem.

Today, at my age, I'm happy to say that I'm glad that I have lived this long and decided to write an article about our people. I must say that I have seen a lot of people changing drastically. Which of our people care about the loved ones out there? What about the loved ones behind bars? What about the people that are slowly dying? And most of all, what about our Elders?

The reason why I have decided to write this article is: I have spent a lot or many a year in these places called prisons. I'm truly sick and tired of living a life like this. Hey, I'm not crying for sympathy, okay! I'm sure that my poem will tell it all and I hope that you people out there will at least try and understand what I'm trying to say, or what the poem says.

I had the roughest time trying to write this poem so that I can relate my message to a lot of concerned people out there. Once again, I hope that this poem had touched a lot of hearts and minds out there. So my brothers and sisters, here is the message I have been talking about.

Don J. Nepoose

'Brother' lives with the pipe

Tansi Windspeaker:

I have read your column addressed to the inmates of our country and wish to say thank you for your support for our brothers inside.

Windspeaker and the Elders are helping us in the institutions. We have pipe ceremonies, sweatlodges, and powwows and cultural nights.

The brothers who are

locked up for their crimes committed against society don't want society to deny our religion. The non-Native society has little human respect. They don't know how to live in harmony with all things. They lock us up, but we have our pipe.

A brother,
Andrew Martin
Grande Cache
Correctional Centre

'Special' praised

Dear Editor:

I wish to extend congratulations to the journalists and editorial staff of Windspeaker for your excellent special report *Alcohol and Drug Abuse: Everybody's Problem*.

Alcohol and drug abuse is indeed everybody's problem. If there is to be a solution, it too will need to come from all of us. As your supplement clearly illustrates,

more and more individuals and groups are confronting the challenge of addictions and are seeking a solution. The result: positive change is taking place.

Keep up the good work. I shall look forward to your next special report.

Yours truly,
Carol Cameron
Manager
AADAC - Community
Education Services

The Indian People Have Lost Their Will to Care

Where's all the fun and laughter gone these days?
My people have changed their living ways
There used to be a time we'd share
But Indians today don't seem to care.

Many have strayed to distant lands
Forgot their pride and even left their bands
Their troubled moments they just couldn't bear
The Indians have lost their will to care.

I've seen it all in my younger days
Today my mind is in a daze
I understand what made my people change
Cause money and welfare stole their pride to change.

Today we live in bitterness and grief
But only they will not believe
Tomorrow's sun may never shine clear
If only my people wouldn't fear.

We, the Indian people, were strong and free
With so-called welfare we should disagree
If only we can laugh once more
And respect our culture even more.

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TOUCHING THE CIRCLE Rick Wagamese

There's a rather special hill just inside the boundaries of the Sarcee reserve. Looking at it you wouldn't think that this small weather-beaten rise with its sparse grove of trees held any significance to anyone. Yet, it will always occupy a very warm spot in my heart and mind. It was here, not all that long ago, that this hill helped introduce me to a stranger — myself.

At 32 years of age, the trail of my life had led through countless broken friendships, a shattered marriage, the twilight zone of drugs and booze, jails, and all too many one-room mansions in less than quality neighborhoods. Searching. There always had to be something more. So I became different people at different times. I have been the militant Indian, the struggling poet, the workaholic, the bigot, the philosopher and the drunkard. The truth, it seemed, was something outside of myself. It existed in a philosophy or an attitude which I could adopt in order to solve all the problems of my life. I searched painfully.

You see, all my life I've had a problem. I was a brown body floating through a whiteman's world. Having been taken from my family at an early age, I became one of the "disappeared ones" — lost in a system, didn't understand. Through non-Native foster homes and schools, all I knew of my Indianness was the little I got from textbooks and Hollywood. I spent all my life posing rather than being. It's pretty hard to discover yourself when you're never really sure what that self is. And so I searched.

Fitting in. That's pretty much what it was all about. Looking for that one place that I could enter and feel like I belonged. The one circle where I wouldn't have to act. The pain arising from all of this could be easily pushed aside through a drink or a fix. It was a lesson I learned all too well.

Finally, about a year ago, following an aborted suicide attempt, the road to this hill and the truth began. I'd drank and drugged my way to a position in my life of ultimate loneliness. There were no people left in my world. I'd pushed them all away. And there was no God. I was convinced that he wouldn't have me, even if there was one. I was alone and afraid. I wanted to die.

The funny thing about truth is, once you discover it, you always seem to discover a whole lot more. Truth, you see, isn't an all encompassing thing. There are literally a countless number of truths. The first truth I discovered was that I am an alcoholic and an addict. I used these tools all my life in order to avoid pain. All that

The Search for self often found in solitude

I managed to accomplish was to create even more pain.

The second truth I discovered was that I needed help. This truth led me to Sunrise Residence and the Sarcee Old Agency Lodge. Treatment centres. I had to learn to face my pain and this meant having to learn to face myself. With the help of counsellors and my fellow addicts and alcoholics, I came to yet another truth — that I was not alone and that I was not unique.

There is literally an entire generation of our people who have become displaced. An entire generation who have struggled with their identity and with themselves. My story is actually pretty boring in comparison with others I've heard.

Anyway, these centres gave me the opportunity to meet with Elders and the people who practice an everyday communication with the Creator. Soon I was talking about my identity problem. Soon I was sitting in the sacred Sweat Lodge and using sweetgrass in prayer. Soon I learned yet another truth. That I am and always have been an Indian and that this cannot be stolen from me. Through them I was able to sit on that hill which is the basis of all of this.

The hill sits behind the Old Agency Lodge. In the quiet of summer evenings, I climbed that hill and sat in the silence of closing day. As I watched the sun setting behind those purple mountains, I gave thanks for the trail of my life. I gave thanks for that day and for the earth beneath my feet. I began to see that I could use all the pain and weakness as tools of strength. And I began to realize that my Indianness was not simply something I could wear on my sleeve. That it was so much more than just my long hair and turquoise. That it was something much more concrete, yet far more intangible, than that. It was a song of the heart. A belief and a truth.

And that my friends, is the basis for this column. Because there are so many of us who have become a generation of the disappeared and because I've learned that mine is a common story, I've chosen to share it. Every week or two I'll fill you in on episodes in the search. Things I've learned from people I've talked to and maybe someone out there won't have to go through all of that solitary searching. Maybe we can lead each other to other truths.

So until next time, may you walk tall. Meegwetch...

Community

Morin made official Elder at honor feast

By Irene Willier

EDMONTON — The Native Pastoral Centre has installed Connie Morin as its official Elder.

"I am proud of my Native heritage and culture," said 77-year-old Morin at a feast held in her honour last Nov. 28. She was then presented with a hand embroidered shawl decorated with eagle feathers and a dove symbolizing the Native and Roman Catholic traditional beliefs. The shawl was stitched by Lucienne Meek.

Father Giles Gauthier spoke lovingly of Morin, saying the Elder is very "precious to the community because they recognize her as a real Elder in the sense of the word."

Morin was raised in a convent where she learned music, painting, sewing and singing. She still uses these skills and has painted many pictures that hang in private homes. One of her paintings of the Blessed Kateri (an Indian woman who has been designated as a saint) hangs in a shrine in Montreal.

However, Morin, originally from Poundmaker's reserve in Saskatchewan also spends a lot of time at the centre teaching bible study, as well as playing the organ for any services.

Morin will be celebrating



CONNIE MORIN and FATHER JAYAWARDHANA — Respected Elder wears hand-stitched shawl.

her 50th wedding anniversary next June and has raised four children of her own and a foster child. Currently, one of her grandchildren is studying for the

priesthood.

"I am getting old now and can't go out as often," she said, but she still finds time to devote to the centre and her people.

Halfway house opens

By Diane Parenteau

FROG LAKE — It's been a long time coming, but on Monday Jan. 11, the Frog Lake Puskeyakewin Halfway House staff opened the doors and welcomed their first four clients.

Situated in a lovely wooded area near the waters of Frog Lake, the home for recovering alcoholics was built for people in the region and employs Native staff.

Executive director Norman McCullum, who started the project in October of last year and has since been working to set up the facility, program and hiring staff.

"My goal was to do three things," said McCullum, who comes from the northern Saskatchewan Metis community of Buffalo Narrows, "To have the best possible staff, to hire as many Natives as possible and to hire as many locals as possible. We've done that and I've really been blessed with good staff."

While decorating the interior, McCullum tried to get away from the institutionalized look. Contemporary colors of grey and dusty rose have been used throughout.

"We wanted to give it a homey feeling because it is their home," said McCullum. Bright art prints hang on the walls and large silk flower arrangements add a touch of warmth.

The building's three wings meet at the entrance where the eye is pulled upward to the cedar beam ceiling and skylight. The two opposite hallways lead to the bedrooms which

have individual washroom facilities and showers.

McCullum would like to see the suites named after prominent respected community individuals or Elders and has approached chief and council for a list of name recommendations.

The third wing consists of a cafeteria, modern kitchen with storage area and a laundry room.

The kitchen's head cook, Vyna Fluney and housekeeper Florence Saskatchewan from Frog Lake, provide three meals every day, using traditional menu items like bannock, duck soup, small game, fresh fish and stew. And there's always a supply of fresh fruit for snacking.

"Junk food is discouraged," said McCullum. "I didn't even want a pop machine in here."

A satellite screen TV room and family visiting room adjoin the entrance area which are designated smoking and non-smoking respectively.

Landscaping is yet to be completed but plans are in place for anticipated work in the spring.

"We have two landscapers coming in," said McCullum. "We're building a tipi, sweatlodge and a huge deck that can hold 100 people. We plan to hold family barbecues and have the deck lighted for evening meetings outside in the summer."

A daily activity program has been worked on since October.

"There's a lot of things we want to do," said program coordinator Lina Isbister. "Relapse program, personal development,

training for job interviews, career development planning... and we'll get into basic job readiness."

"Lastly we want to set up a community support networking, counselling services, family, AA group and a sponsor," added McCullum.

The centre's policy for length of stay has a minimum of one month and a maximum of one year.

"I personally feel that the route to take is long-term care," said McCullum. "Too often we xerox people through centres. This way we're looking at long-term care."

A year sounds like a long time to the clients but "I tell them time will go fast because you feel like a part of this place and time will go."

Clients come from all over. They are referred by rehabilitation centres, social services, counselling services and must have some sobriety before entering the home.

"The clients don't have to be Native," said Isbister, herself a Metis. "We don't discriminate."

And McCullum feels that the mixture of cultures will be beneficial to the centre because they all have something to share.

At present, all but one bed is reserved by clients still attending treatment centres.

"Our goal will be to put these people back into society," said Isbister. "The secret to success will be to have staff and time to work with them at their own pace."

The halfway house is planning its official grand opening sometime in June.

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New jobs at Amoco plant

By Donna Rea Murphy

GRAND CENTRE — Construction is in full swing at the Amoco Canada plant site on Elizabeth settlement.

While cold weather stalled work on the ecology pit (waste holding pond) over Christmas and the first week of January, the placement of heaters on the site is allowing work to continue.

Ron Johnson, senior field foreman, says the steam injection and production-gathering systems are being built, and all major equipment is now in place. All inter-connecting pipe linking the facilities is being joined and a service rig is nearing completion.

Sixteen wells, six of them complete, have been drilled on the pad by Citation Well



JOE CARDINAL

...works on inter-connecting pipes

Services of Bonnyville. Johnson says other than well drilling, most of the construction was completed after Dec. 15.

Electrical work will begin next week by Vulcan Electric of Crand Centre

and start-up procedures will follow. This involves steam stimulation of each well in order to draw the heavy oil out of the ground.

John says Amoco is hoping construction will be completed by March 15.

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Friendship centre wants self-sufficiency

By Mark McCallum

The Grande Prairie Native Friendship Centre is filled with successful programs from not one but two locations in the community.

It's often hard to avoid confusion because the centre operates out of two buildings separated by six city blocks, but executive director Melodie Wilton says people do get used to the idea of two centres.

Wilton explains the centre was all under one roof in the heart of Grande Prairie (located at 10105-97 Ave.) before it purchased a second building two years ago located at 10507-98 Ave. This was, and still is, a bingo hall with enough office space to accommodate five staff members. It expanded the centre's operating space from 10,000 square feet at the old building to 53,000 extra square feet at the new one.

To avoid confusion, Wilton explains the centre

decided not to move any of the services or programs it offers to the new building. Instead, they conduct these activities in the centrally located building and have moved only the management staff over to the new building.

Wilton says communication between staff in the two centres was difficult at first, but after the initial growing pains, employees soon became used to the distance.

The new bingo hall, which was purchased for \$670,000 is already fulfilling its money-making potential. The bingo hall is rented to other groups and creates \$400,000 of revenue each year.

Before the new building was purchased in May 1986, Wilton explains the centre feared it might lose its government funding.

So to ensure the centre could continue to offer services to the community, the board of directors decided to make self-



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

MARK CALLIOU and MARJORIE JANSSEN — Laughing it up in one of two buildings the centre owns and operates.

sufficiency a primary objective. Wilton predicts that new revenue will enable the centre staff to reach this goal within the next five years.

The extra space has also enabled centre staff to offer additional programs. In the two years since purchasing the hall, the centre has added a library and museum.

The library stores about 500 books, video cassettes and tape recordings on Native culture and the museum houses Native artifacts dating back to the mid-1800s such as spearheads, clothing, brushes and pipes.

"With the exception of material provided through the Native Education project, traditionally most of the information on Native people is about American Natives," notes Wilton, adding that the centre is trying to make Grande Prairie residents more aware of Canadian tribes.

The centre also sells crafts and serves as a drop-

in centre. It is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and has ping pong and pool tables that residents can use free of charge. The centre also sponsors sport teams such as a hockey team and a mixed slow ball club.

Programs such as the urban referral and student support worker program are also available through the centre.

When the centre reaches self-sufficiency, Wilton says they hope to establish an adult education program for Natives that will deal with sensitive problems in an understanding manner.

Call 532-5722 for more information.

Drop out rate prompts new school

By Mark McCallum

STURGEON LAKE — Concern that the drop out rate among Sturgeon Lake students may reach critical levels has prompted the band to step in with plans to take control of their education.

Plans to build and operate a new school on the reserve began to form after the band noted students seemed to have trouble adjusting to nearby schools located in Valleyview, 6 km east of the reserve.

Band administrator



RICHARD KAPPO ... 'funds secured'

Richard Kappo says many students found it difficult to adjust from a separate school, which they attend

until Grade 6, to a public junior and high school.

The Department of Indian Affairs has agreed to fund the Sturgeon Lake school which is expected to cost about \$3 million. However, the department will not disclose the amount of financial assistance it is willing to give because the project is still out to tender.

Department regional superintendent, Don Woloshym, says the department "will take an active part in the planning and development of the school, but the band will decide

how it's operated. It's going to be left completely in the hands of the band."

Kappo says the school will follow a regular curriculum but will also include Native cultural and traditional studies. He predicts the attendance of students will improve "because they will be in a familiar environment."

Woloshym adds that of the 21 band-operated schools in Alberta "in most cases the attendance has improved."

The school is expected to open in 1990.



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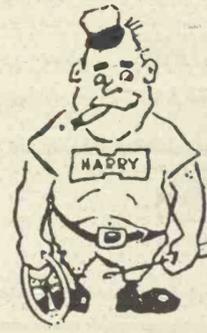
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New homes from scratch Band rebuilds homes

By Mark McCallum

A unique housing program is enabling the Sturgeon Lake band to tear down the old and build new homes from "scratch."

The band has been building new affordable homes since 1983 with financial assistance from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and grants from the Department of Indian Affairs.

"The worst housing in Canada is on reserves," says Edmonton corporation branch manager Doug Dennis, noting that they are currently assisting 20 reserves in Alberta. The corporation has helped build more than 400 houses on reserves in the province since the late '70s.

Dennis says banks often close the door on bands trying to apply for loans because "you can't put a mortgage on reserve land"

which in most cases is the only valuable asset owned by bands. His organization provides subsidies that can reduce interest rates on loans "to try meet the very real need for decent, affordable housing on reserves."

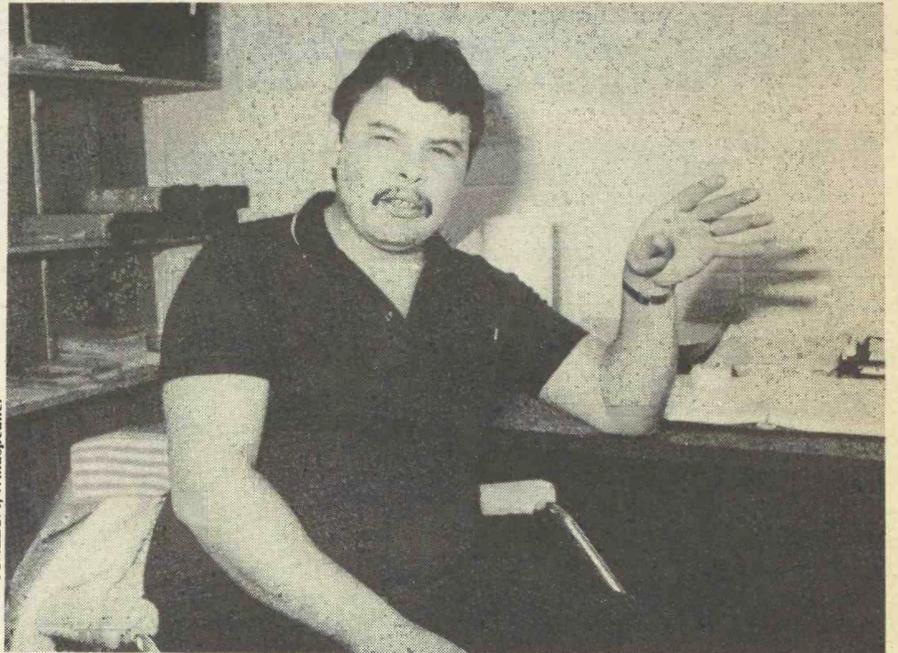
Loan subsidies totalling \$435,000 annually have been provided to the Sturgeon Lake reserve. The loans also helped the band get a \$265,000 capital grant from Indian Affairs for a one year period.

The band signed a 15 year agreement with the corporation that states the band will pay back all low interest rate subsidies they get on a contract basis each year when the deal expires in 1992.

Work on the \$73,000 homes is being carried out by the band, which currently employs 15 band members at a cost of \$100,000 a year. The houses are inspected by the corporation to ensure they meet provincial housing standards.

Chief Ron Sunshine notes the new homes have modern conveniences such as electricity, water and sewage facilities and the reserve is in the final stages of replacing "unrepairable old" houses. More than half of the band's 1,000 members have received new homes, he adds.

The reserve is replacing houses at a rate of ten a year, building 58 bi-level units to date. By constructing houses with a bi-level frame, band administrator Richard Kappo explains that the band can later expand the living space and add another to the 1,000-1,200 square foot units.



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

ROY FLEURY

...students get ten months of intensive training

Students cram two years in one

By Mark McCallum

GRANDE PRAIRIE — Fifteen local students here have just completed an intense 10-month training program for addiction counselling.

Program instructor, Roy Fleury, says the program is unique because a similar training course at Grant MacEwan takes two years to cover the same content his group covered in ten months.

For five days a week, students were either in class or out in the field receiving practical training from addiction centres such as Nechi/Poundmaker and Kapown as well as weekend workshops.

"It was pretty tough. There was a lot of late nights spent studying, but I'm glad I stuck it out," says

new graduate Tex Napio.

Fleury explains the reason the program is so intense is because the Canadian Job Strategy program, which funds the course, is only available for 52 week periods.

So students found themselves cramming information on how to treat alcohol and drug abuse as well as follow up treatment methods for six weeks at Nechi, in St. Albert, just outside Edmonton.

Then they move into the classroom where they received textbook and audio visual instruction, as well as courses in first aid and basic cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) because "in crisis situations, such as suicides or family violence where a husband is beating on his wife, it could save somebody's life," explains

Fleury.

Students also took part in lifeskills courses and for those who did not receive their high school diploma, upgrading was provided as well as an opportunity to take their GED (general equivalency diploma).

Shortly before graduation, Napio said he could feel his confidence growing and when he received practical training at Grouard's Kapown centre, he recalls he still "didn't know if I was ready."

But, after working with the patients and the staff he soon found his confidence shot up and now he says it keeps "building."

Fleury hopes the program will receive funding for additional courses, but has yet to hear from the Canadian Immigration and Employment Commission.



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TRINITY, JASON (top), DOROTHY and KURTIS (bottom) — At the Walker home more than 50 grandchildren, foster kids and handicapped people find love and care.

Foster home filled with joy

By Mark McCallum

GRANDE PRAIRIE — The Walker house bubbles with the shouts and giggles of children; foster mother Dorothy Walker says she wouldn't have it any other way.

The 57-year-old says her greatest joy comes from bringing up her foster and adopted children. "If I didn't have these kids, I wouldn't have anything to lift me up when I'm feeling sad."

Walker cares for two mentally handicapped children, six grandchildren, one adopted child and a foster child. And she estimates that more than 50 children have been under her care since she started fostering in 1968.

Walker and husband Ernest moved to Grande Prairie in 1968 from Kinuso. But, when Ernest passed away from cancer, she turned her energies toward the community and began volunteering countless hours at the local friendship

centre. She sat on the board of directors for 18 years and still acts as a Cree translator for doctors and police in the area.

Then she began her work as a foster mother where she says she found enormous satisfaction in raising children. However, she soon discovered not all foster mothers share her dedication as she saw some children who had not received adequate clothing or food. One four-year-old boy under her care came with holes in his shoes and

she noticed he would eat hungrily. "So I told him 'take your time boy, there's lots of food.'"

Walker also cares for handicapped children and says she doesn't find these children difficult to raise. "You just have to be more patient with them," she explains.

Walker doesn't see the difference between people that some seem to think is important. After all "we all bleed the same, don't we," she says with a smile.



DROPPIN IN

By Mark
McCallum

Goin' down the road

If you haven't heard from me lately, it's because I've been on the road again. I travelled to Grande Prairie, Sturgeon Lake and Slave Lake in the middle of January to gather news.

Drop into the Grande Prairie Native Friendship Centre if you ever get the chance. I enjoyed looking through a well-stocked library and great Native cultural displays at the drop-in centre. And, for more physical recreation, they have ping pong and pool tables available.

While I was in **Sturgeon Lake**, I got a first-hand look at community spirit in action. The band is currently replacing the old houses on the reserve with bi-level homes outfitted with modern conveniences. They've replaced about 70 per cent of the homes. And, it doesn't stop there. The band has received the go-ahead from Indian Affairs to build a school on the reserve that will be operated by the band. Construction on the school is expected to be completed by 1990.

I didn't get much of a chance to visit **Slave Lake**, but I did drop by the friendship centre at the end of the day. And, what a facility! The centre is stocked with everything from a racket ball court, weight room to a drop-in library and a cultural room.

I can't list all the activities happening in these communities, but I hope you get a good idea of what's new in these places and check them out for yourself.

Now, let's see what I missed since I was gone...

CALGARY: Native Friendship Centre worker Verna Eagle Speaker invites everyone in town for the Olympics to drop by and catch a glance of the new Native princess who will be crowned at a pageant being held during Native Awareness Week. The educational week will begin on Feb. 10 at an opening ceremony and won't end until Feb. 14.

Eagle Speaker says Calgary's Mayor Ralph Klein will join guest speakers from Treaty 7 at the ceremonies. "We'll probably get a lot of out-of-towners in because of the Olympics. But, we hope that doesn't frighten any of the people from the community away because they're part of the friendship centre, too."

EDMONTON: An open house will be held at Metis Local 1885 on Jan. 29 "to let everyone know what we've been doing for the past year and what's planned for 1988," explains staff worker Shella Haze. The local is situated at #100, 12120 - 106 Ave.

SLAVE LAKE: The friendship centre has a new executive director. Lester Willier, of the Sucker Creek reserve near High Prairie, started his new job on Nov. 23. Former executive director Alex Courtorielle has resigned to pursue a career with the RCMP.

A former teacher's aid at the Ben Calf Robe school in Edmonton, Willier plans to "establish a strong working relationship with the community."

Willier says that he wants the centre to take a stronger stand against substance abuse. "We all know what chemicals can do to a person, family and community," he says. The 41-year-old adds that he has been a non-drinker for the past seven years. And, he is also a community resource worker and addictions counsellor for the Enoch band near Edmonton.

Willier's future plans for the centre also include getting youth and Elders more involved with activities. **GRANDE PRAIRIE:** Native Counselling Services Roy Fleury sends a big hello to Tall Cree and the teachers and students at the school where he taught last year. "HELLO!"

NEW YEARS BABIES: Well, not quite. But...two near misses. Congratulations are in order for Karen and Robert Bull of Hobbema who had a girl on Jan. 2, 1988. And, another Hobbema couple, Eugenie Headman and Edgar Curly also had a girl on the same day.

That's all for now, have a good week.

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Sports

Nighthawks host ladies' provincials **Spirits outspike Strikers, 15-6, 15-5**

By Kim McLain

HOBHEMA — Coach Robert George looked on helplessly as the Saratoga Spirits, a ladies' team made up of ex-Strikers, assaulted his new Strikers with a barrage of spikes led by power-hitter Darla Ferguson.

When it was all over, it was Edmonton's Saratoga Spirits defeating the newly formed Edmonton Strikers 15-6 and 15-5 at the ladies' provincial volleyball championship tournament at Hobbema last Jan. 15-17 weekend.

The Strikers, who had only practiced twice, were riding high on the momentum of their 15-6 and 15-1 victory over the hosting Hobbema Nighthawks, last year's champs, as they went into the final game.

But that momentum wasn't enough to carry

them to first place.

The Spirits, who had watched the semi-final from the benches, livened themselves up with a vigorous pre-game workout with a portable stereo blaring out Michael Jackson's Bad as background music. But it was a hard spike by Spirit Darla Ferguson at the start of the final showdown that took the wind out of the Striker's sails.

A total of seven teams showed up for action: the first place Edmonton Spirits, second place Edmonton Strikers, third place Hobbema Nighthawks, Kehewin, Saddle Lake, Kainai Trailblazers and the Louis Bull Silver Bullets.

Medals, sweaters and T-shirts were given out to the top three teams. Receiving individual awards were: Audra Stevenson of the Strikers for Most Valuable

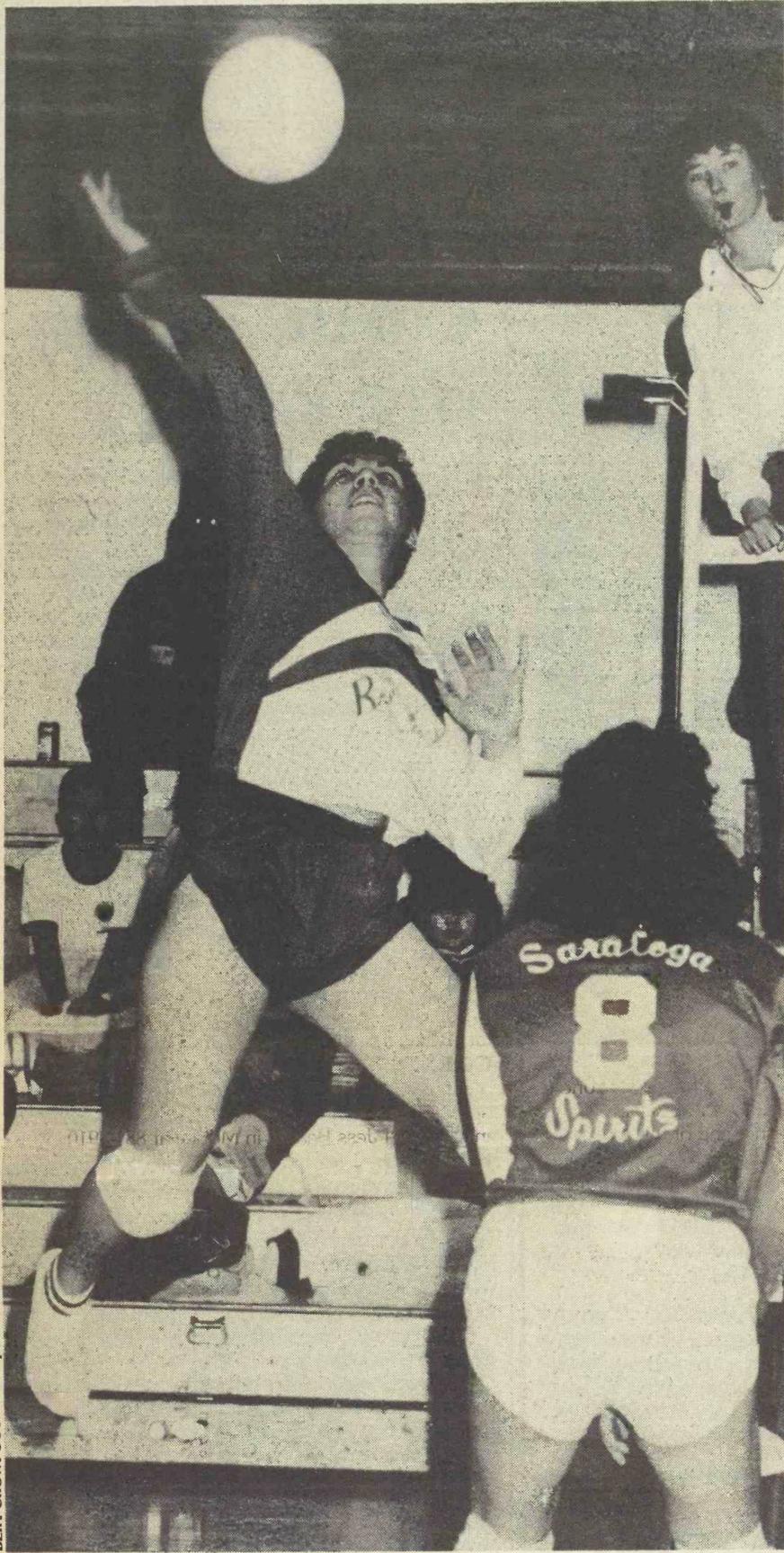
Players, Spirit Connie Badger for Best Setter and Darla Ferguson for Best Spiker.

The Saratoga Spirits are coached by Delbert Wapass. The players were Tracey Poitras, Doreen Cardinal, Val Cardinal, Alisson Poitras, Stephanie Poitras, Connie Badger and Darla Ferguson.

New Strikers were Lynette Chalifoux, Sally Bidin and original members Audra Stevenson, Audrey Park, Ronnie Hamelin and Jean Cardinal. They are coached by Robert George.

Cyndie Swampie, general manager of the Nighthawks, passed on the job of organizing the provincial championship to the Spirits — as is the tradition of the tournament.

Hobbema Elder Wilson Okemow prayed and sang a traditional song, closing the tournament with an Indian twist.



BERT CROWFOOT — Windspeaker

ABOVE — Edmonton Spirit Darla Ferguson spikes her way to victory over the Edmonton Strikers. **RIGHT** — Strikers Sally Bidin (left) and Jean Cardinal after the final game, "maybe next time."



BERT CROWFOOT — Windspeaker

Bounty Hunters over Crusaders and Strikers

By Kim McLain

HOBHEMA — After settling for numerous second place finishes, the Frog Lake Bounty Hunters have won the all-Native provincial men's volleyball championship, defeating well-known solid teams like the Blackfoot Crusaders and the Edmonton Strikers.

Playing back-to-back games last Jan. 16 Saturday, the ten men's teams finished the tournament one day ahead of schedule at the

Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre at Hobbema.

About eight matches and 20 games later, the small, but spunky Bounty Hunters played flawlessly, defeating the Crusaders of the Blackfoot reserve.

"It's all mental — that's the name of the game," said Wilson Faithful, coach of the Bounty Hunters.

As another example of mind over matter, Faithful added that one of his players continued playing in the final game, even

though he had pulled tendons in his calf.

"It's like that at final games," said Faithful, referring to the psychological frenzy of championship competition.

The Edmonton Strikers, favored to win the tournament, lost to the Blackfoot Crusaders in a semi-final game. The Strikers had to settle for third.

The Hobbema Express was just out of the medals, winning fourth spot. Other

teams were: the Frog Lake Rustlers, Louis Bull Bulldogs, Louis Bull Six Packs, Ma-Me-O Dolphins, Kainai Trailblazers and the Edmonton Hitmen.

Winston Faithful added another MVP award to his credit. Crusader Harlon McMaster won the Best Spiker award. Best Setter went to Grant Mistaken Chief, also from the Blackfoot Crusaders.

Three Bounty Hunters made the all-stars: Allan Abraham (the one with the

pulled tendons), Tommy Quinney and Rocky Quinney. Other all-stars were: Eddie McMaster, Crusaders; Don Willier, Strikers; and Ernest Delorme of Hobbema Express.

Playing for the Bounty Hunters were: Allan Abraham, Corey Abraham, Fabian Faithful, Rocky Quinney, Tommy Quinney, Wilson Faithful and Clifford Frying Pan. Missing from action were Winston and Mark Frying Pan.

The Bounty Hunters say they'll take it easy for a week, then they'll venture outside the province to Meadow Lake, Sask. at the end of this month. The Strikers are also expected to go to Meadow Lake.

Tournament assistant organizer, Parnelli Cutknife, said the next big volleyball competition at Howard Buffalo will probably be in April. That's the Canada West tourney, where teams come from as far as Saskatchewan and Manitoba.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Collins' dream now full circle

The dream of Steve Collins is fulfilled. He's reached his goal, his objective. No, he hasn't won the Olympic gold medal for ski jumping, yet. But winning a chunk of metal isn't important right now — placing in the top three at Calgary would only be icing on the cake.

Right now is the time to realize the scope of Collins' comeback — a time to savor the feeling of a dream completed.

Collins' nomination to the Canadian ski team brings his life full circle. From his moments of stardom at 15 when he won three major events on the world tour, made the record for Canada's longest jump and won ninth on the 90-metre hill in the 1980 Olympics. Then the pressure took its toll on the teenaged athlete and later he sought help for a substance abuse problem. Now, after years of inaction, Collins' comeback is complete.

So you see, Collins has already reached his goal of personal growth and achievement and even if he doesn't win the gold at Calgary — he's already a winner.

SADDLE LAKE: Things are going as planned at Saddle Lake arena, even though one of their two compressors has broken down — but the rec department staff are still keeping their fingers crossed for cold weather.

"Right now, it's pretty cold in the arena," says director Ken Kakeesim. They have to keep the heaters off so what ice they have won't melt; they even had to open the doors one day to let cold air in.

Kakeesim must have been sweatin' last Jan. 15 - 17 weekend because things were pretty hot at the arena with atoms and novices blazing around the ice. The novices (ages 8 and 9) had a show of six teams. The St. Paul Blues won the event, defeating the St. Paul Canadians 5-1 in the final matchup. Kikino won over Goodfish on the consolation side. The host teams — two from Saddle Lake, were out of the standings.

The Alexander atoms (ages 10 and 11) won over Saddle Lake in the final game in that division 5-3. Enoch came third, defeating St. Paul 8-4. Only four teams showed for the atoms tourney.

Kakeesim adds they collected more than 1,100 tickets at the door. That, plus the coaches and players, must have filled the arena to capacity — over 1,500 people!

As for the broken compressor, the band is still negotiating with the insurance company. But, as long as it's cold, scheduled tournaments will go as planned.

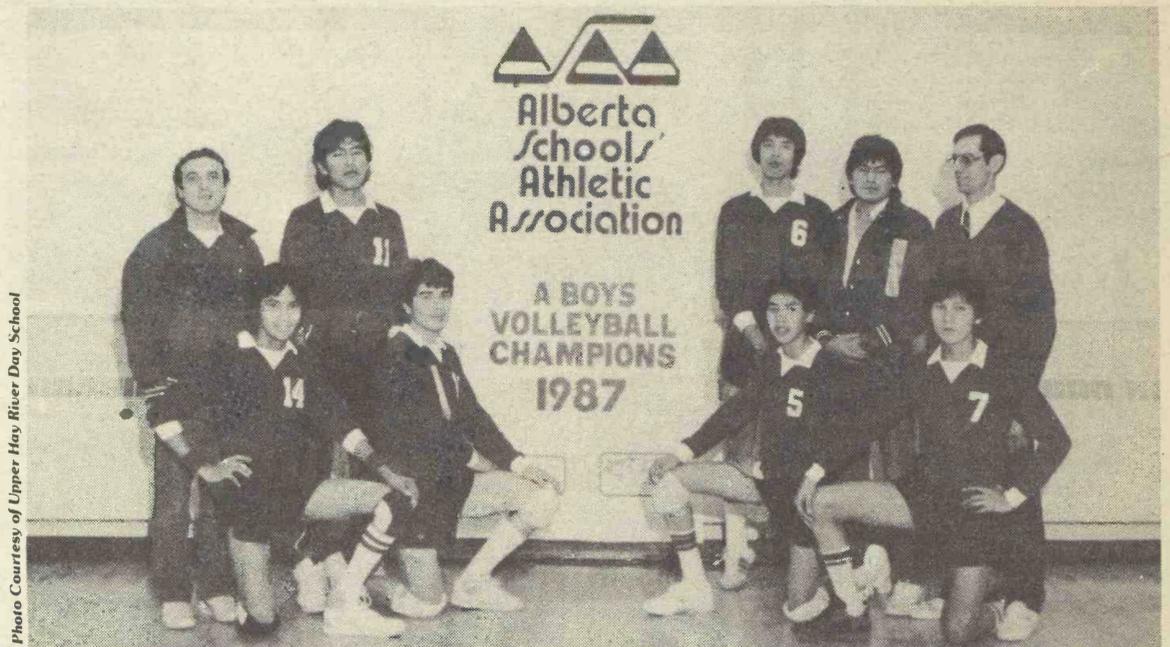


Photo Courtesy of Upper Hay River Day School

MEANDER RIVER DENE BRAVES (L to R, back row) — Assistant coach Al Jousset, captain Clifford Salopree, Ross Apanah, manager Bobby Salopree and coach Walter Chledowski. (L to R, front row) — Barry Chalifoux, Gordon Akinneah, Wayne Chalifoux and Randy Deedza.

If you want to make sure, call the rec department at 726-3829.

MEANDER RIVER: Overcoming long travelling distances and a lack of expensive equipment and facilities, six young men from Meander River nearly won the provincial volleyball championships in their school division.

The Meander River Dene Braves recently placed fifth in the 1A division finals at Duchess, Alta., near Medicine Hat. Meander River, by the way, is 70 km north of High Level.

Even though the school volleyball season is over, the Braves aren't finished yet. Next, they'll go to the Arctic Winter Games area playoffs in Wabasca Jan. 30, where they'll get the chance to compete against other teams from Alaska, Yukon, N.W.T. and northern Alberta.

Also in Meander, seven students from the Upper Hay River day school competed in cross-country ski events at the Northwest Alberta Winter Games in Grande Prairie last Jan. 8 - 10. Five of the students: Sherry and Charlotte Chalifoux, Betty Salopree, Freida Deedza and Rudy Providence came in first or second in their categories. Now they'll go on to the provincial winter games in Red Deer at the end of this month.

Best wishes to these youth of Meander River. Sports Roundup will let you know how the Braves make out in Wabasca and how the cross-country skiers will do in Red Deer.

PEACE RIVER: Kids who might be wondering if there's life after television will find that the town of Peace River has a lot of leisure activities to fill the void.

Kids with skateboards might be able to get the chance to learn some new moves. If there's enough people interested, there will be a two-day workshop during the Easter holidays. Offer your support by phoning 624-1000.

What's a skateboard without wheelers? A snowboard. This is no joke. For a fee, you'll be able to learn how to master the snowboard in a one-day clinic Feb. 1.

What's two snowboards side-by-side? Skis. Again, no joke. A two and a half day downhill ski package is being offered March 11-13 at the Powderking resort in B.C. for \$135. The price includes accommodation at

the hill, transportation, lift tickets, breakfasts and beach party Saturday night.

If that's too cold for you, try the children's art classes being offered at the Al (Boomer) Adair rec centre Saturdays, Feb. 6 to March 12. Supplies are included in the \$30 fee for printmaking, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, paints, and so on. Mornings are for ages 6 to 9, afternoon is for 10 and up.

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If you're afraid of bruised shins, stay away from the arena field after school Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 19 to June 16. That's outdoor soccer time. It's for boys and girls. Eight-year-olds and up have the field 4 to 5 p.m., then the five to seven year olds take over from 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information on any of these activities contact Kathy Tillner at 624-1000 at Community Services.

CORRECTION: That Morley Old-timers tournament dates were published incorrectly. The dates should have been Jan. 22-24, not Feb. 23-24. For more info contact Jess Beaver in Morley at 881-3910.

WANTED: The Cree Airways Flyers, an old-timers team, are looking for exhibition games — no contact, no slapshots, not too tough.

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Other Flyers are Rock and Rolland Calahasen, Dangerous Dave Calahasen, Gasser (Ralph) Ghostkeeper and Ray Tootooosis, on loan from Hobbema.

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STEVE COLLINS' FAMILY MEETS HIM AFTER HIS EUROPEAN TOUR IN 1980 — (L to R) — Steve's sister Delores and her daughter Jessica, mother Shirley, Steve, his father Charles and grandmother Phyllis Bannon.

Objibway will ski jump at Olympics

By Kim McLain

Steve Collins, 23-year-old Objibway ski jumper, has been nominated for a spot on the Canadian Olympic ski team.

Collins became a child star at 15 when he won three world ski events. He also posted Canada's long-

est jump and best Olympic performance, placing ninth off the 90-metre hill at the 1980 Olympics, jumping distances as long as a football field.

"At 15, I guess I shocked the world," said Collins in a story by the Edmonton Sun recently. "I think I took it the wrong way. I put a lot

more pressure on myself."

"It's impressive," said Andreas Saehlie, head coach of the Canadian ski jumping team. "After being away for about a year and a half, there's only one word for it and that's impressive."

"I'd walk to the games if I have to," said Charlie Collins, father of the jumper, in

a telephone interview from his park maintenance office in Thunder Bay, Ont.

"We were worried we weren't going to make it," admits Collins, especially before the family was getting financial support from the Canadian Ski Association. "He (Steve) tried to work and train at the same time but that didn't work — so I helped with his finances.

"But after the people of Thunder Bay and Alberta started raising money, no more worries," said Collins, who will be flying to Calgary Feb. 11.

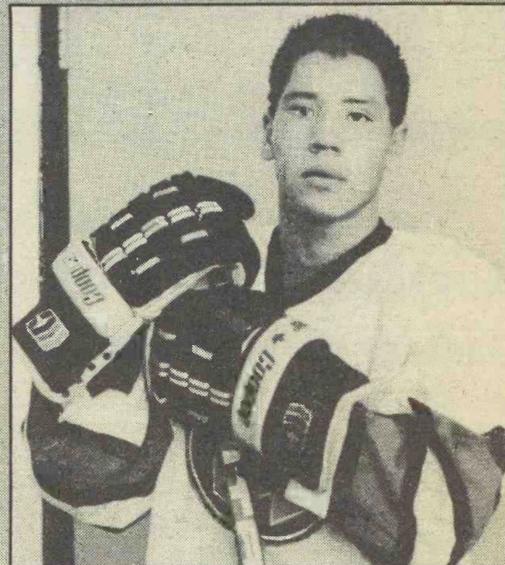
Collins expects to see his son compete Feb. 14 to 20.

"I'd be so excited (if Steve wins)," said Collins, "I don't know what my mind would tell me."



MEET THE HAWKS

Stu Jackson Centre



Sports Roundup Special Feature

What Stu Jackson gets from the Hobbema Hawks organization, he "gives in return" through his game, says the 18-year-old B.C. Native.

This is Jackson's first year in the AJHL; last year he played with a B.C. junior hockey program and calls his move to the Hawks a step up, since the calibre is so high.

Of Hobbema, Jackson thinks the people recognize when someone new moves in, but adds that he thinks the people know he's a Hawk.

"The people treat me nice," he said, adding he hopes he can come back next year.

Jackson says he "hates being laid back" and prefers to stay busy doing things like baseball, cycling or weightlifting. But, when asked if he's doing any of these activities now, he answered "no." Much of his time is spent with his girlfriend, a local girl from Hobbema, he admits.

As for his future, Jackson says his number 1 priority is college hockey. He'll graduate from Grade 12 this summer at Wetaskiwin Composite high school.

AJHL Stats Compiled Jan. 13, 1988

SOUTH DIVISION	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary Canucks	33	3	0	246	113	66
Red Deer Rustlers	23	11	1	214	157	47
Olds Grizzlies	15	21	2	172	215	32
Calgary Spurs	14	22	3	174	224	31
NORTH DIVISION						
St. Albert Saints	30	10	0	228	142	60
Fort Saskatchewan	17	21	1	194	199	35
Hobbema Hawks	15	23	0	161	201	30
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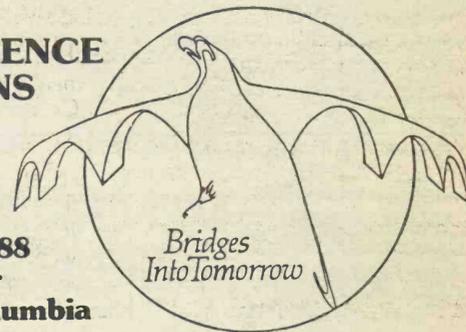
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Blackfoot out-muscles Hobbema at Sarcee

By Dan Dibbelt

SARCEE — With the championship going into overtime and the score tied 5-5, Ed Jerry Jr. — with an assist by Joey Yellow Old Woman, led the Blackfoot Miners to a hockey victory, Sunday, Jan. 17 at the 7 Chiefs Sportplex.

The Miners played a tight game against the Hobbema Oilers, rallying for the lead through each period. While

the talent shown on the ice was excellent, the penalties chalked up by each team were brutal.

Checking, holding, slashing and hooking led to a total of 21 penalties and 71 minutes being handed out.

The championship game was the result of a tournament featuring nine teams and 15 playoffs. Coordinator of the tournament, Tracey Crowchild, was pleased with the turnout

and the action.

"We only had about a week to prepare and to contact everybody, so I am really pleased," said Crowchild.

The tournament started Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. and ended 5 p.m. on Sunday.

A tournament highlight occurred in game 1, when Virgil Jacobs, from the Sarcee 7 Chiefs, scored five goals and two assists to lead his team to a 10-2 win.

Game 5 between the Brocket Cowboys and the Enoch T-Hawks was also a battle for the lead. The teams were tied in the first period, Brocket taking the lead 4-2 in the second, and the T-Hawks coming from behind for a 9-8 win, thanks to the last three goals scored by Rob Dozais.

Game 6 between the Hobbema Oilers and the Blackfoot Miners didn't get quite as many penalties as

the championship, but saw total minutes out exceed the final game with 78.

High scorer for the tourney was Dennis White Bear of Hobbema, with nine goals and two assists.

Best goalie, Ed Jerry Jr., Blackfoot; right defense, Keon Doore, Blackfoot; left defense, Dino Wolfe, Hobbema; centre, Dennie Buffalo, Hobbema; left-wing, Paul Pilon, Hobbema; and right-wing, Rob Dozais,

Brocket. Most sportsman-like went to Dwayne Johnson, Hobbema, and most valuable player was Curtis Stimson, Blackfoot.

First place went to the Blackfoot Miners, second to Hobbema Oilers, third to the Enoch T-Birds and fourth to the Sarcee 7 Chiefs.

Other teams participating were Alexis, Alexander Braves, Morley Penguins and the Otenow Warriors.

Thirty points ahead of nearest rival

Falcon's Herb Badger leads league in scoring

By Mark McCallum

GRANDE PRAIRIE — Building a team that's a winner is sometimes a long up-hill battle for coaches. They have to find all the right parts, mold them together and produce a champion.

Coach Oliver Badger received his "building permit" last year when he took the helm of the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre Falcons hockey team. Since "construction" began on the hockey club, which is about half-way through its second season in the Grande Prairie Industrial League, Badger says he's found the "right nucleus" of players, to give him a championship contender this season.

A big reason for Badger's optimistic forecast of the Falcons season is the play of scoring sensation Herb Badger (his cousin) who leads the league's top scorers with 48 goals and 41 assists in 24 games played. If he continues scoring points at the rate he is now (about four points a game) with 15 games left in the regular season, Badger will finish the year with about 150 points.

Badger, who is more than 30 points ahead of his nearest rival, is "dedicated to the team first and himself second," says his coach. "He lifts the team and leads by example, showing players that a lot can be accomplished with determination and hard work."

Badger likes playing on

the left side or centre forward positions but was side-lined last year when a shoulder injury knocked him out of the lineup. And, although he missed the last nine games of the season, he still had enough points (50 goals and 35 assists) to give him second place at the end of the season.

Without Badger's scoring touch, the Falcons missed the playoffs, explains coach Badger. Although the friendship centre squad played .500 hockey for the last half of the season in the "very competitive" industrial league, the team finished one spot out of the playoff in fifth place, a record the coach hopes to improve this season.

If Badger stays healthy for the rest of the season, his coaching cousin predicts his experience will help the team make the playoffs because "he's a heads up player, who knows what to do with the puck in critical situations."

The 187-pound Grande Prairie Native who stands 5-11, says he's looking



FALCON HERB BADGER
...expected to finish year with 150 points

forward to the challenge and admits that at 30, he's never considered retiring from the sport he started playing at age 13. When he's not scoring goals on the ice, Badger works in his home town for Alberta Transportation as a

surveyor. In the off-season, he enjoys biking and playing mixed slow-pitch baseball with a friendship centre team.

Before each game, Badger says that he always puts his left skate on first. But, he hesitates to call the

procedure a superstition. "It's more habit than anything else."

Being the best has also become habit for Badger — a habit his coach hopes will rub off on the rest of the Falcons and steer them to a championship title.

Sarcee cleans up at home town volleyball meet

By Dan Dibbelt

The Sarcee 7 Chiefs Sportsplex was the sight of a sports-packed weekend. Aside from hockey in the arena, in the gym four men's and five ladies teams spiked and volleyed for trophies in the first, of what may be an annual volleyball tournament.

Sarcee cleaned up in the volleyball tourney, winning first in both men's and ladies. The ladies all-stars

were Tracey Calf Robe, Trisha Simeon, Jeannie Labelle and Lidia McMaster.

Most valuable player was Cheryl Freeman; best setter, Tanya Cardinal and spiker, Pearl Crow.

The men's all-stars were Alvin Yellowfly, Barry Yellowfly and Joseph Olds. Best spiker went to Glen Eagle Tail, best spiker to Vinee Pipe Stem and most valuable player, Hal Eagle Tail.

Poster dates changed for Morley hockey tourney

MORLEY — Hockey clubs are being warned to check their mail for a poster advertising the wrong dates for the Morley Kings recreational hockey tournament.

Ice times for the tournament were changed after the posters were mailed, said Irvin Rabbit, who pointed out March 24-27

was the date printed on the posters; it should read April 1-3.

Rabbit says this changes the entry fee deadline, too, moving those dates up to March 4-18.

For more information about the tournament call Rabbit at the Morley arena, 881-3910.

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WIN Golf to meet and plan summer schedule

By Kim McLain

Golfers with suggestions for the 1988 WIN Golf season are being asked to submit their ideas before it's too late, says a WIN Golf officer.

The scheduling of 1988 tournaments and addressing concerns from last fall's general assembly are agenda items for the association's executive and board meeting on the Sarcee reserve Feb. 3, says Leona Lafond, secretary-treasurer.

The 11-member board and three-member executive group hope to resolve concerns about last year's scoring and handicapping system, membership and plans for the junior peewee golfers.

Lafond says any interested people can bring up their ideas and questions at the Sarcee Seven Chiefs Sportplex — the board will be meeting all day. People unable to attend, but wishing to voice their opinions, can phone Lafond at 585-4101 or the association's president, Marlene Buffalo at 585-3790.

Last year, WIN Golf had 12 tournaments from June to August. The association had 85 members, some of the most prominent being: Wilf McDougall, last year's senior champ and ex-IAA president; Chris Johnson, last year's men's champ; Lloyd Gauthier, Simon and Sarah Three Fingers, Ellie Cadeaux, Holly Johnston; junior golfers Garth, Dwight and Steven Buffalo, Dallas Loyer, Cheyenne Fletcher, Lori Mandiman and Teddi Littlechild.

Attending will be president Marlene Buffalo, Hobbema; Harvey Meguinis, vice-president, Sarcee;

Leona Lafond, secretary-treasurer, Hobbema, and board members Cecil Armstrong, Enoch; Pat Buffalo, Buffalo Classics golf club; Kenny Cut Arm, Ermineskin; Gordon Russell, Edmonton friendship centre;

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Hobbema Hawks Home & Road Schedule

The Alberta Junior Hockey League's season is more than half over, but by the time you read this the Hobbema Hawks should still have 17 games before playoffs begin — ten road games and seven home.

At home, the Hawks play at the Four Band Arena at Hobbema. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for senior citizens and children under 12. Starting times for home games are 7:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday or 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

For your convenience, an (*) is placed next to the home games:

- Jan. 26 - Hawks at Sherwood Park Crusaders
- Jan. 31 - Hawks at Sherwood Park Crusaders
- *Feb. 2 - Olds Grizzleys at Hobbema Hawks
- Feb. 5 - Hawks at Calgary Spurs
- *Feb. 6 - Fort McMurray Oil Barons at Hobbema Hawks
- *Feb. 9 - St. Albert Saints at Hobbema Hawks
- Feb. 13 - Hawks at Fort McMurray Oil Barons
- Feb. 14 - Hawks at Fort McMurray Oil Barons
- *Feb. 16 - Fort Saskatchewan Traders at Hobbema Hawks
- *Feb. 18 - Red Deer Rustlers at Hobbema Hawks
- Feb. 23 - Hawks at Sherwood Park Crusaders
- Feb. 26 - Hawks at Olds Grizzleys
- Feb. 27 - Hawks at Calgary Canucks
- Feb. 29 - Hawks at St. Albert Saints
- *March 2 - Fort McMurray Oil Barons at Hobbema Hawks
- *March 5 - Calgary Spurs at Hobbema Hawks
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...knitting Cowichan sweaters (1960)

Sweaters on display

By Dorothy Schreiber

EDMONTON — Imitation may be the highest form of flattery, but West Coast Indians who knit the famous Cowichan sweaters are far from flattered by people who turn out inferior copies of their product.

The Salish people of Vancouver Island have been hand-knitting the thick woollen garments since the mid-1800s and are "very proud of their product," says Margaret Meikle, curator of the Cowichan Indian Knitting exhibit which recently opened at Edmonton's Provincial Museum.

The imitation sweaters are made from inferior materials such as White Buffalo wool. "Basically, it's junk," Meikle told an audience of about 40 people during a lecture on the second night of the exhibit.

In 1980 the band won a ruling which prohibits the name Cowichan being used on commercial wool, but the ruling only applies to Canada so other countries

are still able to use the name.

The issue is further complicated by confusing signs in store windows in Victoria which advertise "Indian Cowichan knit style sweaters."

Despite the problem created by imitations, the knitting industry is a major part of the Cowichan economy and "its been going like wildfire since the turn of the century," says Meikle. Today there are 2,000 coast Salish knitters producing the handknit garments.

The knitting industry is situated in the Cowichan Valley, located between Nanaimo and Victoria on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

The exhibit, titled A Century of Excellence in woollen crafts: Cowichan Indian Knitting, gives a detailed history of the knitting industry — illustrated with photographs, archival newspaper articles, and an array of beautifully hand-knit sweaters.

Genuine Cowichan Indian

sweaters are more than just warm woollen garments to keep out the dampness. They are also a symbol of West Coast identity and have been presented as gifts to Prince Charles and Princess Diana, the Deifenbakers and former U.S. president Harry S. Truman.

A sweater in the exhibit which has the name Chief Thunder Voice knitted into it, is a replica of the one presented to Bing Crosby.

The exhibit which is travelling across the country is sponsored by National Museums of Canada and will be in Edmonton until March 13.

The provincial museum is located at 12845 - 102 Ave. and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and is closed on Mondays.

Singers go for gold

By Terry Lusty

Native country singers are making their presence felt at CFCW's Country Star Search at Edmonton's Cook County Saloon.

Preliminary rounds in the talent contest were held last November and December which whittled the contestants down to 41 semi-finalists. And each Sunday six of the contestants compete for top honors during the weeks between Jan. 10 and Feb. 21.

On Jan. 10, 16-year-old Lorrie Church, a Metis from Meadow Lake, Sask., failed to advance to the Feb. 28 finals. Church, the 1986 winner of the Back to Batoche talent contest, sang a self-composition entitled It was Love and the Reba McIntyre hit, Whoever's in New England.

In the second round, Edmontonian Karen St. Jean of The Fourth Generation band outperformed five rivals and will be a finalist. Her renditions of Tanya Tucker's Shuffle with a Houston Stranger and Charly McClain's Radio Heart proved good choices as they suited her voice and style.

However, the biggest test is yet to come for the 17-year-old. At the finals she will compete against six other semi-finalist winners. Some of them may be her own kin. Her 18-year-old brother, Gene, competes



TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

LORRIE CHURCH

...close, but not close enough

Feb. 14 and sister Sarah, 13, sings the following week.

Sonny St. Jean, the father of the three semi-finalists, says it will be a bit perplexing if all three, or even two, happen to make the finals.

Two additional semi-finalists are Caroline McKay of Morinville, Mike Ferguson and Darin Ladouceur. The Earle McAuley Band from Edmonton served as the house band.

There are different judges each week. It is felt that changing them helps prevent the possibility of a judge giving favor to an artist in both the semis and finals explained CFCW's production manager, Faye Holte.

The ultimate winner of the finals is in for far greater rewards than previous winners. Last year's

winner, Metis vocalist Priscilla Morin, then 16, was awarded a \$1,000 bursary. She would have also been eligible for sponsorship to the annual Canadian Country Music Awards contest (CCMA), but had a commercial record on the market when the contest rolled around; this automatically disqualified her.

Up for grabs this year is \$30,000 to put towards the production and distribution of a long play album, says Holte. As well, Cook County and CFCW are again prepared to sponsor the winner to go to the CCMA contest in Toronto if he or she can meet the requirements.

A pre-recorded version of the previous Sunday's competition can be heard on radio station CFCW at 11 p.m. Sundays.

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