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Run for the bundle on despite critics

By Patrick Michell
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

An attempt to block his run to New York City has failed, says Jim Thunder.

Thunder and a seven-person support crew left Edmonton at 9:00 a.m. Thursday on a eight-month run to get back Big Bear's sacred bundle. It is now being kept in a New York City Museum.

Thunder is running the 4,400 km to retrieve the bundle, and raise money for programs aimed at teaching urban Native youth the traditional Indian culture.

Elders' prophecies that a Cree man would retrieve the bundle, and dreams in which Chief Big Bear asked him to get the bundle, prompted him to make the run, he says.

The attempt to block his run came from a Montana family claiming to be direct descendents of Big Bear, he says. A family member called Thunder's headquarters last Thursday and explained the family

expected to have the bundle by Sept. 1, he says.

Thunder immediately phoned the American Museum of Natural History, asking whether the bundle had been given to Bill Stump Sr., 55, from Rocky Boy Reserve in Montana.

In previous communications, Thunder says museum authorities had indicated a willingness to "discuss" custody of the bundle when he got to New York.

Glenbow museum curator Hugh Dempsey has said American law requires U.S. museums to return Indian artifacts of religious significance.

The museum explained that they still have the bundle and are still waiting for his arrival sometime in March, 1989, he says.

Thunder says he then phoned Bill Stump Sr. asking if Stump had the bundle. Stump replied, "yes, I have it already," says Thunder.

Thunder then told Stump Sr., "I said, 'at least it's back with Indian people.' I said 'I have cancelled my run. If they've given it

to you, there's no use for me to run to New York for nothing," says Thunder, admitting that he was lying to Stump Sr.

Earlier, Big Bear's legally adopted grandson George Chatsis of Calgary heard of Thunder's run and challenged Thunder's claim to retrieve the bundle.

"What he is doing goes against everything in Cree culture. You don't just take things. You have to earn them. The elders gave Big Bear the bundle because he was a great warrior, a great negotiator and a great leader."

Chatsis then referred to Thunder as a "phony."

Thunder replied, "I don't see how I can be a phoney, because I didn't choose myself. It was Big Bear who came to me in my dreams."

It was Chatsis' father, adopted into Big Bear's family, who gave the sacred bundle to American anthropologist David Mandlebaum, who then gave it to the museum.

Thunder and his supporters, most from the New

Indian Status Council of Alberta, are trying to raise money to sponsor his run.

But Thunder is having difficulty raising the \$75,000 needed to complete the run. A Thunder supporter, Russell White, admits that they have only \$700.

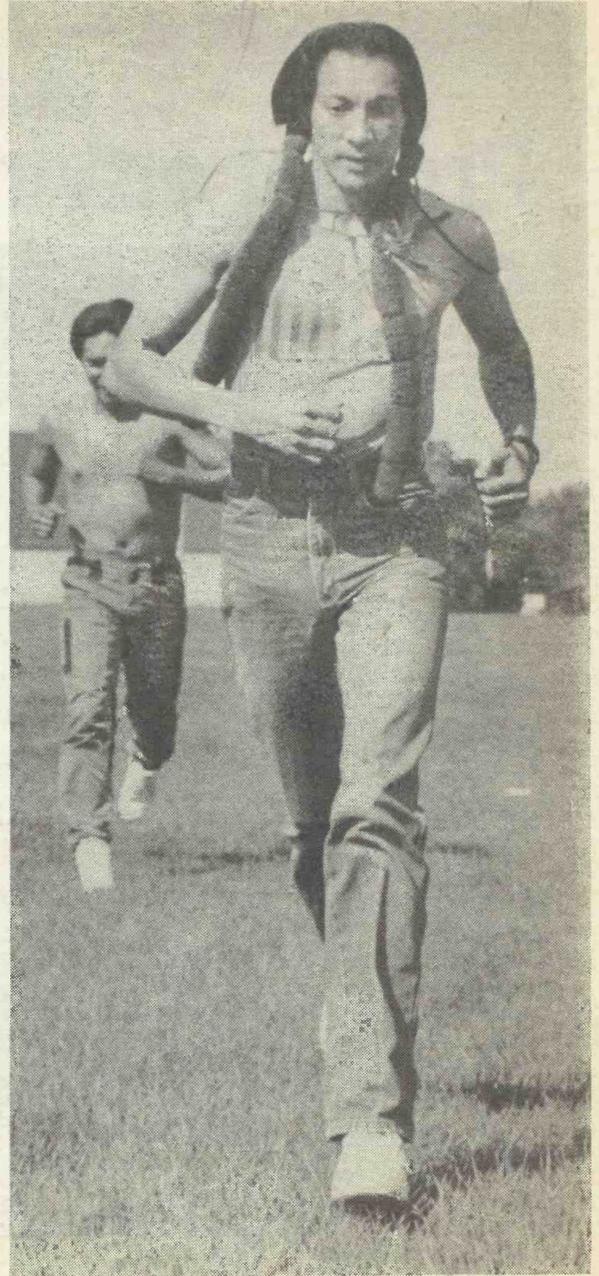
"We're starting with nothing. When the public sees that Mr. Thunder is on his way to New York City, the public will repond," predicts Russell White, Treaty 6 chief and representative to the Indian Council.

When the \$700 is spent, White says that they will hunt for food if needed.

"We are Treaty Indians, and we will travel the Indian way."

Oil companies and oil-rich Indian bands have not donated to Thunder's run, says White.

Windspeaker phoned some oil companies and oil-rich bands. Chevron's Laura Perry said she has not received a request for donations from Thunder's group. The Enoch band's chief's assistant, Deb



Training time: Jim Thunder New York bound

Morin, said the band does not have money to donate. A Texaco official said they have not received a request for a donation, adding no requests are taken over the phone.

When he returns, Thunder will head the committee expected to be funded by money donated to the run.

"Upon my return from New York city, I will be directing The Big Bear

Cultural Committee, which is part of the New Indian Status Council of Alberta," states Thunder.

Thunder is carrying a letter from Edmonton mayor Laurence Decore to New York City mayor Ed Koch.

"His run from Edmonton to New York is part of a very special mission in the name of the Cree," states the letter.

In the courts

MAA membership dispute drags on

By Dianne Meili
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Court battles continue over membership in the Metis Association of Alberta.

To date, three of eight members, who had their memberships removed in June, have been reinstated by the courts. Three others have been notified by the association's lawyer that their memberships were never revoked, and two continue to appeal revocation.

The memberships of former Edson local 44 president Sharron Johnstone - Martel, Peter Calihoo, Diana Beck, Cheryl Souvie, Darren Bradshaw, Jack Calihoo and Edwin Findlay were

removed after they asked to examine association financial records on June 14. Former Zone 4 regional vice president Dan Martel's (husband of Johnstone - Martel) membership was also removed for actions deemed detrimental to the association by its board of directors.

The memberships of all eight members were revoked during a teleconference call involving the association's board of directors on June 14. When this action was contested in court, the judge ruled the revocation of Johnstone - Martel and Dan Martel would stand because the board had followed up the teleconference action with a formal and signed minute. But the judge ruled the other six revocations could not

stand because the board had merely "confirmed" its conference call decision and had not executed the required minute.

In a June 29 court ruling, Peter Calihoo, Diana Beck and Cheryl Souvie were reinstated as members. According to a source who attended the association's Lac La Biche annual assembly in July, Darren Bradshaw, Jack Calihoo and Edwin Findlay were informed by the association executive that their memberships had never been revoked and they were members in good standing.

According to an association spokesperson, Martel and Johnstone - Martel have been encouraged to appear before a newly formed elders' council which, under the

association's new constitution, could reinstate them. The same source said the association officers agreed not to oppose such an application if the two said they would not behave in the future in a manner detrimental to the association.

"But we won't go that route until we find out whether or not Martel and Johnstone Martel were removed from the association membership properly," says Edmonton lawyer Colin Henderson. As counsel to Martel and Martel - Johnstone, he has advised the two to appeal the court's refusal to overturn the revocation of their memberships. He maintains the proper signatures were not obtained on the board of directors'

minute to remove his clients.

An association source says the Martel's legal counsel did not take up an offer to waive time limits and get their membership eligibility clarified in court before nominations closed for a Zone 4 regional vice presidency election. But Henderson says no such suggestion was made and, to the contrary, the association is trying to hold up the litigation.

Martel - Johnstone is now seeking an injunction to postpone the Sept. 26 by - election for a new regional vice president, and a new board member, until the question of the former vice president's membership is resolved.

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CLOSE TO HOME

Voice of experience in Athabasca region**Protect environment, warns former chief**

By Susan Enge
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FORT MCKAY, Alta.

Athabasca communities should do their own "health study" of the water, foliage, animals and people in the area before pulp mills begin cutting trees.

Dorothy MacDonald, former chief of the Fort McKay band, told a packed hall in Athabasca last week that she wouldn't trust government "as far as I can throw them" where ecological concerns and industrial interests conflict.

"We could eat dioxin, as far as they are concerned," she added.

MacDonald won damages from the petroleum company Suncor for pouring highly toxic effluent into the Athabasca river, threatening the health of her people and the wildlife downstream.

She said the Athabasca communities should move quickly to protect their own interests before the government of Alberta gives the go-ahead to one of several pulp mills bidding on timber rights in northeastern Alberta.

MacDonald was one of several Native spokespersons invited to the meeting of farmers, businessmen, teachers and others to discuss the best approach should the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Lands approve a pulp mill in the region.

Their number one concern was the environment.

"Who is closest to the environment?" asked Lorraine Sinclair, executive director of the Mother Earth Society. "It's the



'Who is closest...': Lorraine Sinclair

Native people and the farmers who will feel the effects first."

"Watch out folks, watch out" warned Durocher MacCango, an Edmonton-based Metis lawyer who also has an office in Lac La

Biche. He said the philosophy Alberta government's water use policy is based on a "take clean water and return it dirty" approach. He suggested a "borrow clean — return clean" approach would be better. Effluent discharges, said MacCango, should register at a "zero discharge" level.

Toxic components should be completely broken down and eliminated before effluent is disposed of in the air, water or land. He said the Alberta Environment

Department is a "misnomer" because it isn't an "advocate of the environment" but a "hybrid department of economic development."

One Native leader in the crowd wanted a guarantee that any timbering operation would hire local workers. Victor Gladue, president of the Calling Lake Community Association, in



'We could eat dioxin': Dorothy MacDonald

a largely Metis community about 50 miles north of Athabasca, said before the meeting "We have very high unemployment here." He was concerned about protecting the environment, but emphasizes that "trapping days are over. What people want now is a job and a regular pay cheque."

Most at the meeting seemed to feel major economic development project decisions were being made behind their back. They seemed to feel left out.

"Discussion is taking place in the dark and that's not good enough...we want

to know if the proposed mill is the dirtiest and most obnoxious kind of mill being proposed, but we

don't know," said Barry Johnstone, an employee at Athabasca University and organizer of the meeting.

Officials from Alberta environment were reluctant to comment on details of its pre-feasibility studies. MacCango noted their absence.

"I can just see Mr. Kowalski's big eyes saying 'trust me'...but, you are dealing against a stacked deck," said MacCango.

MacCango says the government has been known to "back off from time to time" when communities band together to "force political will."

He said Native leaders and non-Native residents clearly want public hearings on the environmental, economic and social impacts of a mill. They want a comprehensive environmental impact assessment with hearings in all communities throughout the Basin. That way, said MacCango, "we can anticipate and prevent" rather than just "react."

However, Donna Tingley, director of the environmental law centre, says there is "no official regulation" requiring public hearings because there is "no main act or pulp mill development." Tingley says this "serious gap" should be remedied.

Before the meeting came to a close, MLA Leo Piquette promised to "make sure the most updated technology is used" and to "support a baseline study." He said fear of irreversible effects of a mill on the environment is unfounded because this kind of project can operate "without destroying the environment."

A motion recommending "this group should ask for public participation prior to the government making a decision" received unanimous approval.

MacCango advised the group to make sure an independent chairperson is selected to conduct future public hearings - "someone you can trust. And make sure you set your own agenda."



'Way more applications': Jim Fleury

Rising in Alberta**Gov't studies Bill C-31 costs**

By Mark McCallum
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NATIONAL

A task force is now preparing a study to identify the "long-time" resource needs of new status Bill C-31 Indians.

Spokesperson Garry Woutern says the task force was established recently to get a clearer indication of funding needed to deal with the surprisingly high number of people being reinstated through Bill C-31.

Although an Indian Affairs survey indicates Bill C-31 applicants may increase the Treaty population by as much as 25 per cent, Indian Affairs officials maintain this will not affect the rest of the Indian population.

Jim Fleury, Indian Affairs

regional director of band support and capital management, says the government introduced a \$295 million "supplement" budget to eliminate such worries and provide services for reinstated Indians over a five year period.

In 1985, when the government passed Bill C-31, removing a provision of the Indian Act that stripped Native women of their status if they married non-Natives, Fleury explains the supplementary budget was established to provide an "equivalent standard" of living for the reinstated Indians.

The budget is divided into two parts. Indian Affairs receives about \$212 and the remaining \$83 million went to Health and Welfare Canada. Both departments are expected to spend almost all of this money by the end of the five year period, drain-

ing the budget to about \$8.5 million by the end of the 1989-90 fiscal year when the government is expected to make a decision on increased funding for Bill C-31 reinstatements.

The findings of the task force study will be passed on to Bill McKnight, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development who "has indicated that he is willing to go to cabinet and seek additional resources," says Woutern.

But, the resources needed may be difficult to determine. "What we're finding is that there's way more applications than was ever expected," says Fleury, who adds this is making funding requirements for Bill C-31 "very unpredictable."

For example, last year in Alberta "only \$6,000 was spent on a housing request from one band. This year it's

going to be up much higher...in the neighborhood of a million dollars," explains Fleury.

However, this may be attributed to slow acceptance of Bill C-31 by Alberta Indian bands. "We're starting to get some evidence (of application and acceptance), but if you compare it to other regions in the country, the uptake has been slow in Alberta. It just seems to be starting to gain a bit of momentum now."

The task force will also study administration procedure and simplify the process for bands.

Indian Affairs has registered more than 45,000 applicants of Bill C-31 across the nation. About 7,100 applications have been submitted by people with affiliations to Alberta bands.

CLOSE TO HOME

Lubicon talks on?

By Patrick Michell
Windspeaker Correspondent

PROVINCIAL

After talks with Ottawa, the Lubicon band's lawyer is hopeful about restarting negotiations between the Lubicons, and the provincial and federal governments.

"There seems to be some hope but it's too early to say whether we'll agree on a framework for negotiations. I suppose we can

say it's progress because we agreed to keep talking," he said.

Band lawyer James O'Reilly said he expects to talk with Ottawa Friday about starting negotiations on the Lubicon land claim, which had been thrust into court by Ottawa.

"We're still talking, we did a sort of run-through of the issues and saw where there might be some common ground. We've agreed to continue discussions," he said.

However, the federal

government's court action against the Lubicons, and the band's plans to block roads from oil companies coming into their traditional area will continue, he added.

"We made it very clear to them that the plans for October are proceeding. That's the band's wish," he said.

The meeting in Ottawa resulted from an exchange of letters between Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight and Lubicon chief Bernard Ominayak, in mid-August.

'Not guilty' - Chief

By Patrick Michel
Windspeaker Correspondent

CARDSTON, Alta.

Chief Roy Fox of the Blood Reserve pleaded not guilty Aug. 15 to charges laid against him by RCMP.

RCMP allege Fox assaulted a constable after the car in which he was a passenger was stopped by police last July on Highway 2 north of Stand Off.

The routine RCMP check

resulted in the car's driver, Marvin Fox, being charged with operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level about 0.08 and impaired driving. Fox was charged with obstructing a peace officer, assaulting a peace officer and assault causing bodily harm.

Also charged with obstructing a peace officer was Genevieve Fox. Both Genevieve and Marvin Fox are expected to appear in court in October.

Chief Fox is to appear in court Sept. 21 in Cardston.

If convicted, Chief Fox may not be able to run for chief in an upcoming November election. A Blood band bylaw states that a person is ineligible to run for chief or council if that person "has been convicted of an indictable offense during a three year period prior to the date of a Blood tribe election in which he might be candidate."

New IAA leader introduces change

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON, Alta.

It's just over a month since Roy Louis became president of the Indian Association of Alberta and already there are changes.

"We are attempting to re-organize and restructure the organization, to streamline the operation so it will have more of an impact on the issues relating to treaty rights and treaty obligations."

Louis says other priorities are land claims, education, and child welfare.

He has started work on a chief's committee, to be like "the advisory political members of the association to work parallel with the board and the executive and to give political direction on many issues affecting them in the province. He says the committee "will be in place shortly."

Louis has also assigned each executive member of the committee to a given area or portfolio. The executive council members are: Bill Sewepagaham (Treaty 8 vice-president), Gregg Smith (Treaty 7 vice-president), Percy Potts (Treaty 6 vice-president), Lawrence

Courtoreille (secretary), and Terry Newborn (treasurer).

One portfolio assignment will see Sewepagaham, a former school principal, responsibility for education. Former IAA president Gregg Smith is responsible for economic development. Peggy Fleming has been hired to deal with the media.

The executive council is responsible for studying the re-organized IAA and assessing the changes.

One problem the IAA must face is the diversity of the bands in the province. There are ten major language groups, 42 reserves and about 50,000 treaty Indians in Alberta.

Another problem is the wide economic disparity between Alberta bands — some well-heeled and others financially strapped. Louis says, "If you want to talk about self-government — there is administrative self-government right now for a majority of the bands."

Louis says economic self-sufficiency for the bands of Alberta is essential to self-government. The Native Economic Development Program, with a shortfall of \$125



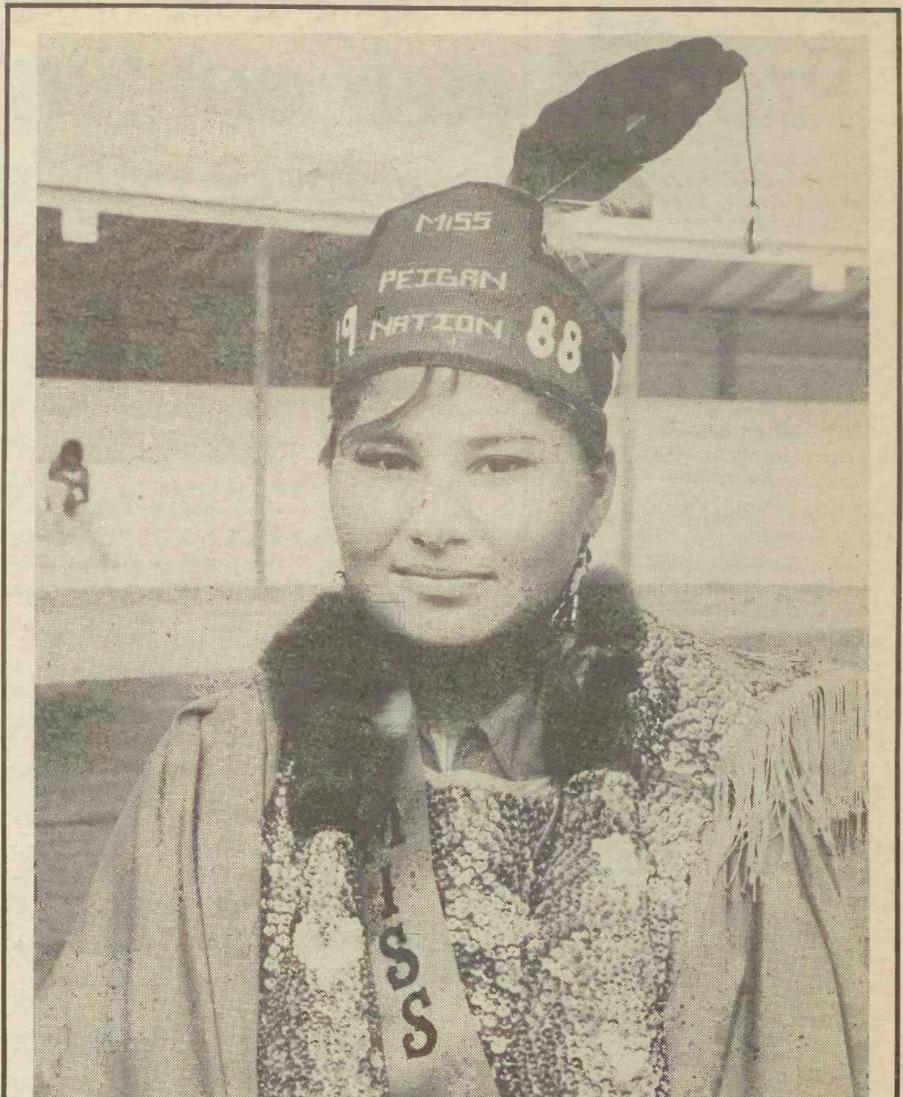
'Streamline': Louis

million is one area of concern.

Louis recently met with the Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight and came away feeling optimistic. "It was quite a favorable meeting in terms of land claims, economic development and education."

Louis says any changes in IAA's relationship with the Assembly of First Nations will be made at an all-chiefs meeting which has been tentatively scheduled for October 26. The date is not firm and no place has been chosen.

At the annual general meeting of the Assembly of First Nations, in Edmonton in early June, 23 chiefs from Alberta decided to realign themselves with the AFN and resume relations on a limited basis.



PEIGAN PRINCESS PAGEANT

Carmen English, 14, won the nod from judges at the 31st annual Peigan powwow. The Matthew Haltor Junior High student made a three-minute speech, answered impromptu questions and performed a Native dance. She looked nice, too.

Educator

Underfunded band school can't provide special ed.

By Albert Burger
Windspeaker Correspondent

HIGH PRAIRIE, Alta.

A 17-year-old learning-disabled Indian youth from an isolated northern Manitoba reserve is sent to a school in Winnipeg because the band school cannot afford special services.

He does not fit in, and is sent home. He dies of exposure after being dropped off by a taxi.

This incident was related by a Saskatchewan educator August 29 to a Native education conference in High Prairie.

Ron Phillips, holder of a graduate degree in education and currently employed by a northern Saskatchewan public school division, was pointing to under-funding of band-operated schools by Indian Affairs.

"This kid never needed to be sent away to school," Phillips says. "Nine of forty learning disabled students sent to Winnipeg all came from the same band-operated school. It cost about \$30,000 per student. They could have

stayed home for that amount of money.

The Indian Affairs director says they are trying to change; the reserve wants to spend the dollars locally; but the real commitment isn't there."

Phillips says Indian Affairs is all too willing to provide the funding to provincial schools for Indian students but apparently will not fund band-operated schools to provide services at the same level as provided elsewhere.

Phillips provided figures that showed Indian Affairs special education funding schools while being extremely niggardly in spending for its own on-reserve schools. In one jurisdiction, Indian Affairs provide an average of \$9,550 for each of 284 Indian students while band-operated schools received \$270 in special education funds for each of 5,717 students.

"Band-operated schools operate with no services that are available in most other schools," Phillips says. "It's important for children with special needs to stay at home."

Phillips previously worked for the Saskatchewan department of education and was an educational psychologist with the Manitoba Indian Education Association.

He says that 10 per cent of any student population can be expected to have special education needs, but that Indian Affairs has failed to identify them among Indian students.

"If the services are not provided, the students are not identified. They blame the victim. They (Indian Affairs) say the services are not provided because there is no demand for them — the Indian people don't know of them. Since school administrations were transferred to bands, the gap with provincial schools was widened."

Provincial schools have the services of resource teachers, special education teachers, para-professionals, tutors, and interpreters, speech pathologists, educational psychologists, and other consultants. Such services, says Phillips are not found on reserves in band-operated schools because Indian Affairs refuses to fund them.



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YOUR WORDS

Hobbema hosted Native nurses

Dear Editor:

On Aug. 2-4, the Indian and Inuit Nurses of Canada held their annual conference at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, in Hobbema. Native nurses from across Canada attended the conference and were treated with hospitality typical of Alberta Natives.

All four bands donated generously in the form of pins, T-shirts, lighters, posters, calendars and pens; these were given as gifts to the visiting nurses. The nurses were even treated to a barbecue hosted by the Health Centre's director, Nancy Louis, who is also a nurse. It was held at her residence in Ponoka. Imagine

having 60 to 80 maybe even more guests for an evening barbecue! A special thanks also to Willie Littlechild who presented corsages to everyone.

The conference was organized by Mary Simpson, who was the Alberta rep for the Indian and Inuit Nurses of Canada, and also a nurse. A tip of the hat to Mary and all the generous people of Hobbema who gave their warmth and generous hospitality to the visiting nurses. I am also a member of this organization, a Native nurse and grateful that we have an organization that is Native-oriented.

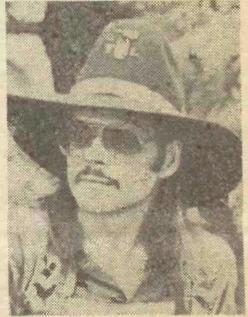
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As I see it

Noble mission but shaky start

A dark cloud shadows Jim Thunder's plan to run to New York to bring home the sacred bundle of Big Bear.

Thunder's mission, while admirable, raises many questions. The run involves 4,400 km, much of it through the coldest winter months. And, although Thunder demonstrates courage in setting off without much more than a few days' expense money, one wonders if optimism will be enough.



Terry Lusty

Although a fund raiser is working from Edmonton, not even a thousand dollars has been secured. The runner and his support party are on the road, and many thousands more will be necessary. Even if supporters assist along the route, will it be enough? By modest estimates, it will cost \$75,000. This places the run in jeopardy and its conclusion in doubt. It will be difficult just to meet expenses, let alone raise money for cultural programs for urban, Native youth. Mentally and spiritually, Thunder appears ready. He's thoroughly researched his subject and consulted many elders who, he says, support his mission.

Calgary's George Chatsis, whose family was adopted into the Big Bear family line, sees it differently. He claims Thunder is not a blood relative, has no right to the bundle, is not supported by elders, and is out to make a name for himself. He calls him "a phoney."

Thunder says his 1985 adoption by custom into the family line makes him as legitimate as a blood relative. Such is Indian tradition. There is no proof of Chatsis' allegations that Thunder is after personal benefit. Time will be the judge of Thunder's motives. Certainly, the run is a major and arduous task, hardly what one would undertake simply for publicity. And one might ask Chatsis how "in tune" he is, given that he's an urban Indian who probably doesn't know what's really happening at Poundmaker reserve where the bundle was acquired, where Big Bear's relatives lived and where Thunder has been visiting.

Then, there's another detractor - Big Bear's great grandson, Bill Stump of Montana, who claims the New York museum has promised him the bundle. His own wife says it's not a firm commitment.

The bundle originated in Canada and is an historical and religious artifact. Wouldn't this give Thunder an edge if the issue ever went to court?

In my view, Thunder's heart and spirit are in the right place. Were I the late Chief Big Bear, I'd feel pleased about having Thunder retrieve my bundle back to its homeland. Whatever happens, the bundle is important, and will likely be forever in the 'public eye'. Neither Thunder, nor anyone else, should be foolish enough to bring dishonor to it.

This honorable, sacred and significant mission deserves a strong sendoff. But, the organization of the run leaves to be desired. Hopefully, Thunder's efforts will not be in vain.

By Terry Lusty

MOTHER EARTH

Dam fast ends

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

PEIGAN RESERVE, Alta.

Linguist-researcher Buff Parry has ended his 21-day fast Tuesday after environment minister Ken Kowalski agreed to give him time to provide a detailed study of the archaeological and cultural impact of construction of a dam across the Oldman River where it flows through the Peigans reserve in southern Alberta.

Both Premier Don Getty and Kowalski had been adamant that the \$350-million dam construction will proceed despite opposition from Parry, the band, and other environmentalists.

Parry told Windspeaker in a telephone interview that he's pleased his historical research in the flood area of the dam basin is finally being recognized. "Regretably, the construction will continue but those requests (studies) are being met," he said.

Kowalski agreed to provide funds to assist Parry in his research but the amount "is still negotiable" said Parry after two meetings were held in the provincial capital last week.

Parry started his fast on Aug. 2 to protest the construction of the Oldman River dam because of its cultural and religious significance to the Peigan Nation. He said tipi rings, burial sites, and other natural herbs and plants will be destroyed forever if the dam is built.

Parry, who has been associated with the Peigans for a number of years, has been researching evidence that French explorer Pierre La



Better fed: Buff Parry before his 21-day fast

Verendrye was in southern Alberta as early as 1743 and left artifacts in the dam flood.

Parry has traced La Verendrye's explorations from the United States to Alberta, and his research has been going on for seven years.

He will also continue his research on the Blackfoot syllabics and scripts he found engraved on stones in various locations between Crownsnest Lake and Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park, some of them within the dam flood zone. He calls this area the Blackfoot Vision Quest Corridor.

Parry said the research information was new to Kowalski. "He had never heard of this evidence before. He's given only information by his specialists that he wants to listen to," he said.

Parry claims his research "is very valuable" and "bears more clout" than any other archaeological study so far.

Kowalski has insisted on a

synopsis within the next few weeks. He will respond when he has reviewed the new information.

A letter from Premier Getty was also handed to Parry during the first day of his Tuesday meeting. Parry said the letter was friendly but stated "there was insufficient evidence to stop the dam construction."

Parry lost more than 40 pounds on his 21-day diet of water, mineral oil and vitamin pills. "It was people's prayers and worrying that kept me going," he said.

He admits he was "a bit disappointed" no one else joined him in his fast. "If there was five people on a fast, it would have been more significant."

Parry was joined by Peigan elders Joe Crowshoe and Albert Little Moustache in his meetings with Kowalski.

Kowalski could not be reached for comment.

Oldman dam in court

By Patrick Michell
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY, Alta.

The Peigans are going to court in October to block Alberta's attempt to interfere with the Oldman River water flowing through their southern Alberta reserve.

Their claim to control the water is based on the Royal Proclamation of 1793 which exempts the reserve from government laws. They say this includes provincial laws on water rights.

The Peigans' attempt to win water rights comes at a time when Alberta is planning to construct a \$350 million dam on the Oldman River just miles from the Peigan reserve.

Environment minister Ken Kowalski says the dam will regulate the river water, allowing southern Albertans to use the water through a 12-month period.

Without the dam, the river's water level is high during spring and low during the fall, he says. Being constructed west of the Peigan Reserve, the dam will "regulate" the flow of water through the reserve.

Their attempt to halt the project using a court injunction failed when the injunc-

tion was denied. They told Alberta not to "interfere with or prevent the flow of the Oldman River in such a manner as to impair the bed of the river and present water quality and flow characteristics of the river passing through the reserve."

Peigan researcher, Albert Yellowhorn, says the Canadian law's concept of water rights does not apply to Peigans living on the reserve. Yellowhorn says the Royal Proclamation of 1793 promised Indians a land base free from the laws of Canada.

"The Royal Proclamation of 1763 told the Indians that all the land in North America will be given back to the Indians, and no British common law will apply on the land that the Indian title has not been surrendered."

The Peigan Indians recently won a court ruling allowing them to contest the province's claim to control over water running through their reserve.

The claim to water rights comes at a time when Ottawa is attempting to quell arguments that Canada's free trade agreement with the United States will see large-scale exporting of water to the drought-ridden U.S.

"Environment Minister Tom McMillan introduced

legislation Aug. 25 that would prohibit large-scale water exports or diversions," reported the Calgary Herald.

Peigans' lawyer Louise Mandel says the Peigans will attempt to confirm their rights to use the water to maintain their agriculturally-based economy.

"The kind of rights we are arguing for the Peigans include riparian rights, but also go further...they're water requirements to support the economy."

Although the province may argue the Peigans only have use and occupancy rights to the water, Mandel says the courts have decided water cannot be owned or occupied, and can only be used for a purpose, then returned.

"Water isn't in one place. It moves so the only kind of water rights which have been affirmed by the courts have never been the right to use and occupy, but really the right to appropriate (water)."

Mandel says the Peigans are seeking more than rights to use the water for such things as watering herds or irrigating fields, but also to control the water passing through the reserve.

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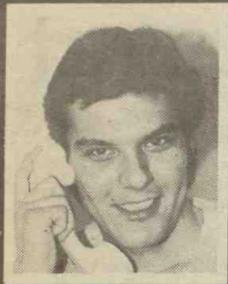
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DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

Access Network film crews are currently focussing their cameras on a number of reserves and Metis settlements in Alberta to produce educational films for elementary students that should help these youngsters learn more about their surroundings.

Access producer and director Susan Rogers says the films are being made to "show students how a person's surroundings affect the way they live, the way they think and how they act."

A film crew was at the East Prairie Metis settlement recently, documenting a survival camp at which a group of children from the settlement learned how to "rough it" in the wilderness. The children learned how to build lean-to's, set snares and hunt moose, explains Rogers.

Film crews will also be recording activities on other settlements and reserves throughout the province. "Hopefully, our audience will see how people in these places are affected by their surrounding, and relate this to their own lives."

A half-hour educational documentary will try get this idea across by recording the daily happenings of four Metis settlements (East Prairie, Kikino, Gift Lake and Elizabeth). And, a series of three 15-minute films will focus on Native artists from various reserves, again following the same concept.

Filming will end in January and the final productions are expected to be ready for viewing next April. The project is being sponsored by the Native Education

Access Network focusses on reserves and settlements

Branch of Alberta Education. But, if anyone is interested in seeing the productions, they can contact the Access Network.

High Prairie: The musicians who make up "Patchwork", an all-Native band, are patching up their act and taking it on the road, making their debut performance in this community at Kosy Corner Pub Sept. 12 - 17.

Although Patchwork folded in 1986, lead guitarist and singer Dave Rumley says they are looking forward to being back together again. He adds the young group hopes to give audiences "high energy" shows, ranging from country to good old rock 'n' roll.

Patchwork was formed by Rumley and drummer Collin Badger who started out as a duet three years ago. But, the pair went their separate ways after running into financial difficulties on the road.

Rumley explains they had trouble getting bookings because they had not established themselves in the music industry. But, he says they're hoping to have better luck this time "because we have more contacts and more people know us now."

The only other change to Patchwork has been the addition of bass guitarist Phil Willier to the band. The group will also be appearing at McLennen, Alberta Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1.

Fort McMurray: If bigger is better, then the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre in this city may be doing things right. Centre staff members and volunteers recently hosted a round dance at Fort McMurray's Heritage Days celebration "that was one of the biggest around here people have ever seen," says centre manager Jerry Cuthbert.

The friendship centre staff, volunteers and members had a winning summer. The centre took first place at Fort McMurray's July 1 Canada Day parade in the "best

commercial float" category. And, a group of athletes representing the centre was presented with a trophy for winning the most medals at the Friends In Sports summer games at Lac La Biche later in July. The 35-member team won 103 medals.

Cuthbert says they're anticipating the fall and winter months to be even more successful with the addition of new programs like a Sea Cadet Core training course in September. Young girls and boys (ages 13 - 18) who join the core will be trained by the Navy League of Canada, which has agreed to teach would-be sailors about the sea at nearby Gregoire Lake, located immediately south of McMurray.

Cuthbert explains young cadets will learn about "things like first aid, leadership skills and proper care and handling of firearms."

He adds they are hoping to establish two permanent training bases at Gregoire Lake and Christina Lake. The latter is located about 150 km south of McMurray.

Programs will be aimed at people of all ages, explains Cuthbert. Two crafts programs will be started for youngsters (ages 3 - 5 and 6 - 12) to show children how to make traditional garments like parkas and mukluks.

Cuthbert says they also want to make the presence of elders in the community more prominent but adds they will wait to hear their suggestions at a special elders' supper Sept. 20. "We really want to get our elders more involved because we feel they can contribute a lot to centre activities."

And, an AA group will join three existing groups that meet at the centre regularly at different times. Cuthbert says the additional AA group will be solely for Native people.

Get Well Soon: Cuthbert also wishes Fort McMurray's Adles Tremblay a speedy recovery from a operation he had recently at the university hospital in Edmonton. Tremblay is the president of the Nistawoyou Friendship Centre.

Edmonton: When the spotlight hits contestants of the 1988 Miss Metis Alberta Pageant here Sept. 23 - 24, you can be certain it's the real thing and not an imitation.

Since the first pageant was held in 1985, founder and organizer Edna Forchuk says about a half dozen Metis communities throughout the province have held similar contests. Although she encourages these communities to continue hosting such events, she is quick to note this is the original.

If you're interested in entering the pageant, you will have to get your entry in by Sept. 19. Contestants must be at least 17 (and over) and Metis.

This year's pageant will be held along with the Metis Cultural Days, to be hosted by Metis local 2085. Dances will held on both nights, featuring the talented Fourth Generation Band with special guest Homer Poitras. Jigging and fiddling competition will also be featured at the event as well as fashion shows. And, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre Metis Square Dancers will be on hand to demonstrate some high stepping entertainment.

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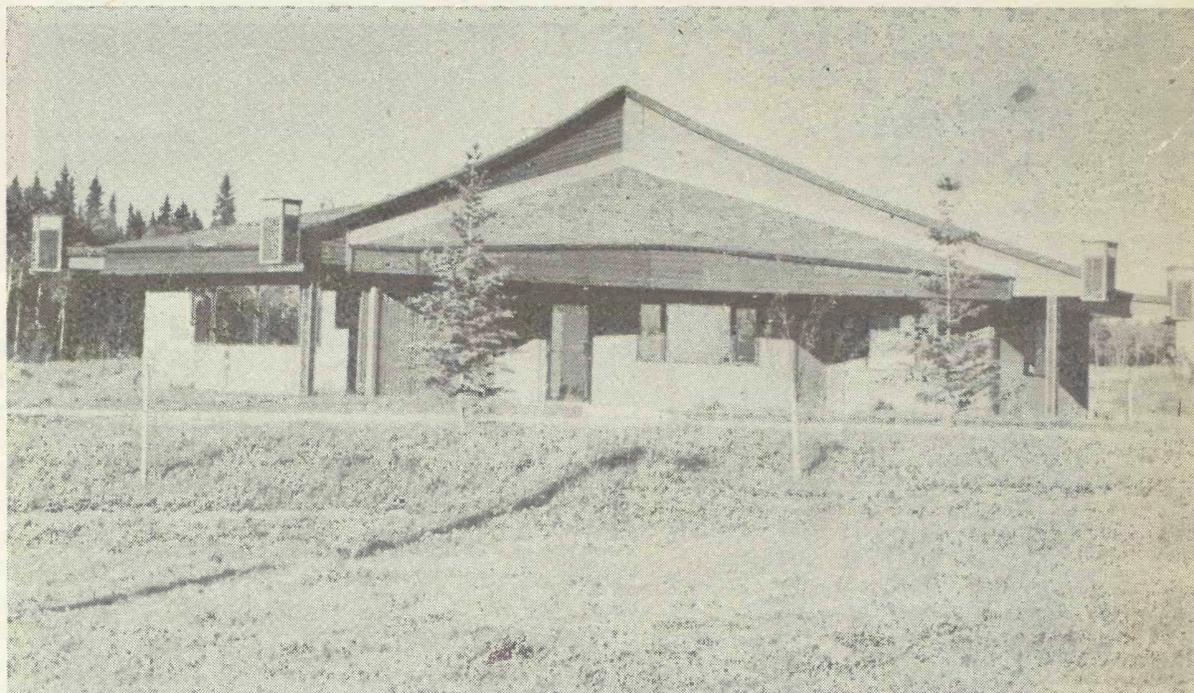
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- Cultural Celebration Days, Sept. 16-18, Slave Lake. Hosted by the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre.
- Badminton Tournament, Sept. 17-18, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.
- Metis Cultural Days, Sept. 23-25, Edmonton, Alberta. (Contact Edna Forchuk 453-2099 for Miss Metis Alberta Pageant).
- Northern Lites Coed Slowpitch, Sept. 24-25, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.
- Basketball Camp, Sept. 26-29, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.
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Regional Profile Spotlights Lesser Slave Lake



Chief for 20 years: Frank T. Halcrow



New band office: Officially opened July 29

Jobs for Grouard band

Small band has big development plans

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GROUARD, Alta.

The tiny Grouard band has less than 150 resident members, but it has some big social and economic development plans that could put a lot of them to work.

Chief Frank T. Halcrow has led this reserve for 20 years, but most of the developments have come the last couple of years.

One of Halcrow's ideas is a Cree Interpretive Centre to cost about \$10 million. A new band office was recently officially opened. Grouard band is also home to the Kapown Centre for drug and alcohol

addiction treatment.

Kapown Centre employs 15 full-time workers, three of them from the Grouard band. The other 12 are Natives from other reserves. The centre also has three part-time employees.

The interpretive centre is still in the planning stage, but the drug and alcohol centre was officially opened in 1984.

Halcrow is also the Grand Chief of the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council, based in High Prairie and Slave Lake and serving the Driftpile, Horse Lake, Grouard, Duncan, Whitefish Lake, Sucker Creek, Sturgeon Lake, Swan River and Sawridge bands.

As grand chief of the council, he ensures that the regional council office runs smoothly. But, more importantly, he speaks for the organization with the Department of Indian Affairs and other organizations on various issues.

Chief Halcrow says, one study has been done "to look at the market for a Cree Interpretive Centre and analyze that type of market and to determine what that potential market could handle."

He attributes the centre idea to all of his people. "One has to recognize the fact that one person cannot take credit for any one project and that it is a total community effort.

"The vision of the build-

ing is that it will definitely have a museum in it, it will definitely have a holding station for artifacts, a theatre, a restaurant. It will probably employ at least 100 people at its peak season," he predicts.

The centre is close to construction. Halcrow says, "sod turning ceremonies could even commence next year." However, other preliminary studies must be done before any work construction starts.

The brand new band office opened on July 29 and has hired Debbie Chalifoux as secretary and Jim Herbison as band manager.

The band is also developing a subdivision which Chief Halcrow

says will have "all of the commodities of living downtown in High Prairie with fully serviced lots."

Halcrow believes his band has a future. "The band is young and changes are easier to make. Instead of imposing a system on the band members they are grow-

ing into it," he explains.

"I am fortunate that I have a good staff around and I am not afraid to delegate authority. One person cannot do it alone.

"The future of Grouard band is very promising, and I think the advancements will bring us even with other bands in this province."

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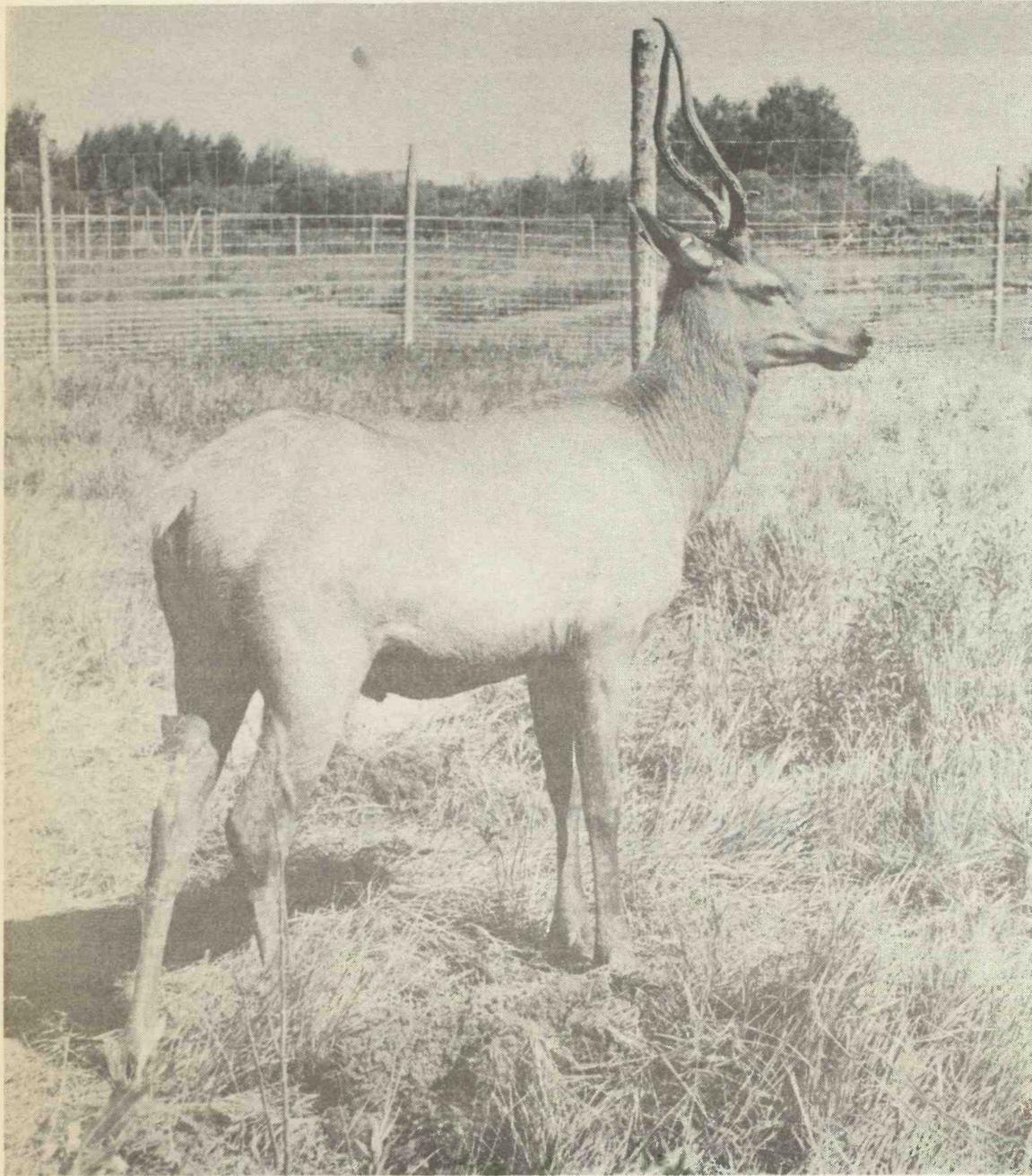
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Standing at attention: One of 17 elk in herd

Elk ranch at East Prairie will send antlers

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EAST PRAIRIE, Alta.

The elk herd brought into East Prairie Settlement in late June has provided numerous jobs to this small Metis community and will provide unique job opportunities once construction and other work is completed.

Seventeen residents of East Prairie are currently building holding pens, fences, separator, shed, barn and a small log house for the herdsman who will look after the elk.

The wire fences around the elk compound for the elk are 11 feet high with posts spaced about 10 feet apart, will keep the elk in and the predators out of the one square mile which also houses the barns and log house.

Brian Supernault took over management from Harry Supernault on August 1.

Workers from the settlement are: Martin House (foreman), Peter Patenaude, Josephine Patenaude, Mary Patenaude, Clayton Supernault, Steven Bigcharles, Roger House, Delores Patenaude, Joseph Patenaude, Allan Supernault, Margaret Patenaude, Diane Patenaude, Susan Patenaude, Marlene John, Don Smith and Ken L'Hirondelle.

When the construction ends on Sept. 20, only three full-time herdsman positions will be available.

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Albert Nahachick, 16, demonstrates his horseshoe-pitching form outside the general store on the Atikameg reserve. The fence-sitters are (left to right) James Tallman, 12, Nelson Tallman, 15, John Gladue, 14 and Alex Grey, 13.

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By Keith M
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council will pick him for one of the jobs. "They are going to pick out three people to train and I might be one of them but they never guaranteed me anything."

The herdsman would "water and feed the elk, check up on them for sicknesses, and check the fences," he explains.

Supernault says the elk are still quite wild, and they are can be quite a handful when they are sorted in the pens. When one "sick" elk was brought into a holding pen and the foreman of the crew jumped in, the elk chased him out. "It almost got him but he made it and it didn't take him long to haul himself up 11 feet."

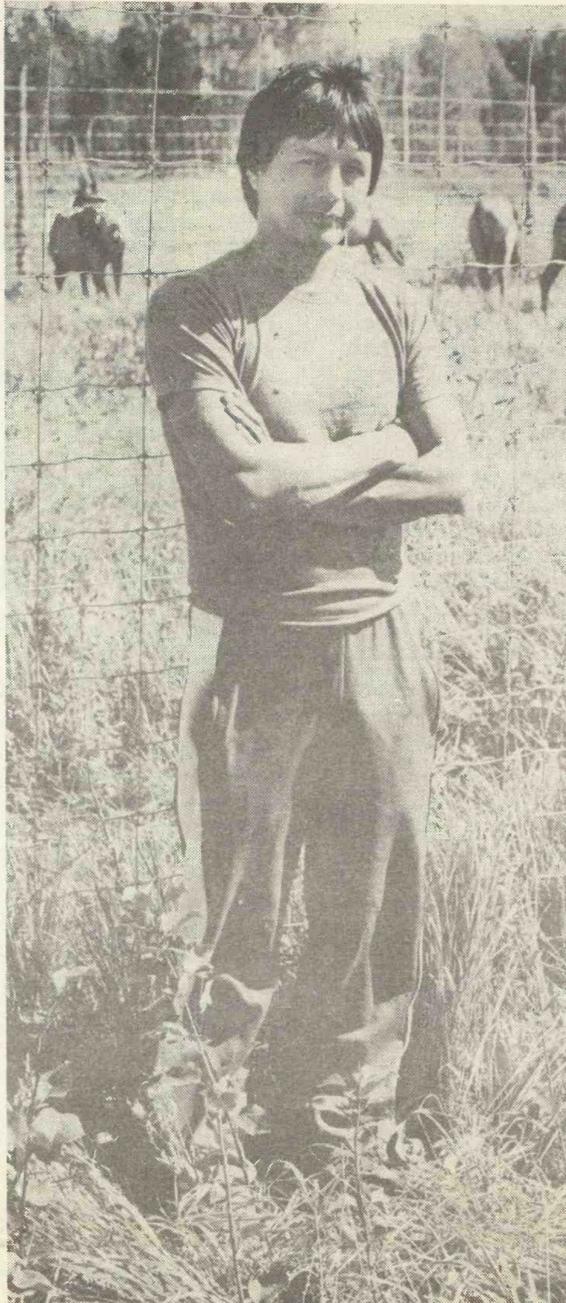
There are nine bulls and eight cows in the herd. Their commercial value is in the oversea markets in the orient where the antlers are ground into powder for a variety of medicinal purposes.

The settlement plans to expand the herd if the farm is successful. "We are going to grow as big as we can," says Supernault.

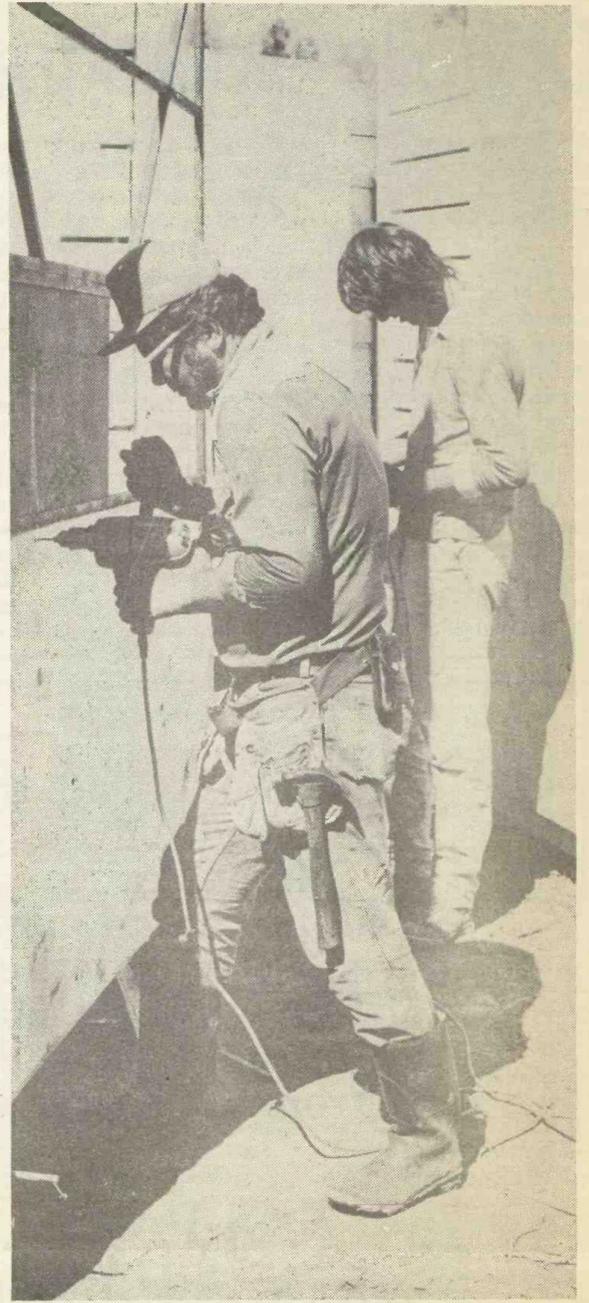
He says that the herd costs \$75,000, but would cost around \$180,000 now because of increased demand.

The elk are not to be used for slaughter and Supernault is determined to keep it that way. "Not as long as I am here but that will probably be the reason I lose my job when they go that way cause I won't work here.

"Once it gets going it will be really good and we are still learning," concludes Supernault.



Herdsman candidate: Brian Supernault



Hard at work: Don Smith (left) and Ken L'Hirondelle

New store, dream come true for Anderson

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GIFT LAKE, Alta.

For Randy Anderson, 32, of the Gift Lake Metis Settlement, a dream is about to come true.

"I've always thought of owning my own business. I worked for the provincial government for nine years," says Anderson as the finishing touches are being put on his convenience store.

The R & R Anderson Gas and Confectionery store is scheduled to open for business by Sept. 1. Randy Anderson and his father Ralph are the owners.

The store is located in the five-mile stretch between the Gift Lake Metis Settlement and the Whitefish Lake Band. Few stores service the area.

The nearest stores and service stations are in Grouard, 50 kms. south, and Red Earth, 120 kms. north of the two communities.

They expect to be "selling groceries including meat, dairy products, dry goods, and a small automotive sec-

tion — oil filters and stuff like that for their vehicles. I am into gourmet pizza, eat in and take out. I will also be renting movies," says Randy.

The store will offer gas pumps and diesel fuel. Highway 750, the gravel road which runs past the

store, is being paved from just north of Grouard: 15 km this year and 15 km in 1989.

Anderson says the store will significantly improve the level of services to the people of Atikameg and Gift Lake. He expects most

of his customers will be local.

"People driving through here will be able to stop here for coffee and have pizza if they want or a hot dog or sandwiches. But I won't have cooking like french fries or stuff like that," says Anderson.

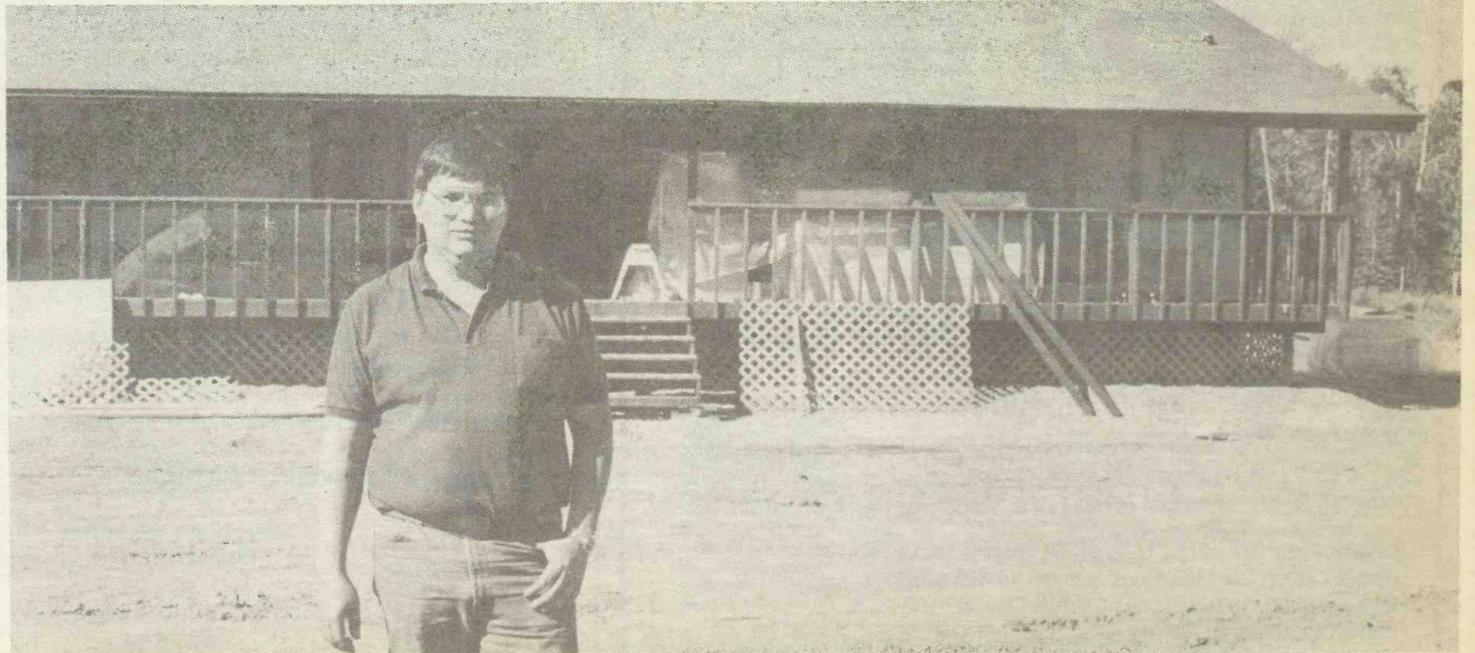
He eventually expects to employ an all-Native staff of about six.

The Andersons received a start-up grant from the Northern Development Agreement. The Settlement Investment Corporation loaned them part of the money to construct the new

building.

The total cost, according to Anderson, will be about \$175,000.

"A lot of people are looking forward to the opening," says Anderson. If the business is successful he may later include a full-fledged restaurant.



'A lot of people are looking forward to the opening': Randy Anderson

Driftpile elders teach boys old ways on the land

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DRIFTPILE, Alta.

Can you please too many of the people too much of the time? If you're talking about the boys of the Driftpile reserve, and the band's cultural camp the answer seems to be "yes". One of its coordinators says the camp was so successful the kids didn't want to go home.

Says George Isadore, 34, program manager for Driftpile's National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Program: "It was pretty hard bringing them home."

The two-week camp, in its third summer, and a fourth is planned. The kids are taught by elders from the reserve.

Ross Giroux says the kids learned about their culture. "The first week went really well. On the way down there, we killed a deer, and on the following day one of the elders killed a moose. The kids took part in making dry meat and whatever dry meat they made they brought home."

"The kids were taught

how to make bannock on a stick, handgames, the purposes of animal and plants. And to respect the elders and to listen to them."

The camp was attended by 15 Driftpile boys from eight to 13 and eight boys from the Whitefish Lake and Sturgeon Lake bands. Girls from the Driftpile reserve are brought to powwows and other cultural events.

Elders Harvey Giroux, Sr. and George Chalifoux taught the boys the traditional skills required to live off the land.

Besides the two elders,

five other adults went out to camp. Ross Giroux went as an organizer. Two couples: Gabe and Beatrice Isadore, and George and Paulette Isadore also went.

The participants journeyed to the campsite on horse-drawn wagons, and elders taught the boys how to look after the horses.

The campers from Driftpile were Jerry

Willier, Austin Thunder, Kevin Chalifoux, Sidney Chalifoux, Clayton Isadore, Ross Giroux, Jr., Bobby Chalifoux, Gerald Grey, James Lisk, Sheldon Chalifoux, Ernest Capot, Edward Leglass, Daniel Ward, Gabe Isadore, Jr. and Steve Auger.

"It was a big success. I got a lot out of it because I really enjoy the outdoors, that is why I volunteered," says Giroux.

The elders taught the youngsters the Cree language. Giroux says that one reason for the camp is so the kids "learn what their culture is about and to see what they are like inside."

And it wasn't all kids' stuff. "The elders really enjoyed themselves. They liked sharing the past and they told a lot of stories about themselves," says Giroux.

Small staff works harder

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

Slave Lake Friendship Centre is short-staffed, but executive director Peggy Roberts won't let that shortcut service to the needy people in the area's isolated communities.

Recently the centre helped some people up in Chipewyan Lake, about 250 kms. northeast, by sending a shipment of clothes by plane.

Dorothy Noskey, Chipewyan Lake's community health worker, asked Roberts for clothes for kids returning to school. Slave Lake Friendship

Centre came through.

"When Stedman's closed their doors here they gave us a lot of their unused inventory," says Roberts. Our Native dance group had been trying to sell the clothes and some of them were still in their wrappers. They just weren't selling well at the garage sales and flea markets.

Roberts says she asked if it would be alright to send the clothes up to Chipewyan Lake and the co-ordinators reply was 'have it, send it'.

Slave Lake Air flew the back-to-school cargo free of charge.

"They kindly donated their plane to bring up the

clothes and now we can give them to their community. So in the past month we have sent up three plane loads of clothing."

The centre's other staff members are temporary executive assistant Lee-Anne Legace, secretary Jean Twinn, janitor Steve Anderson, cook Gaetan Francoeur and social worker Norma Judd (both temporaries).

Twelve summer student workers will leave on August 31, leaving just the skeleton staff.

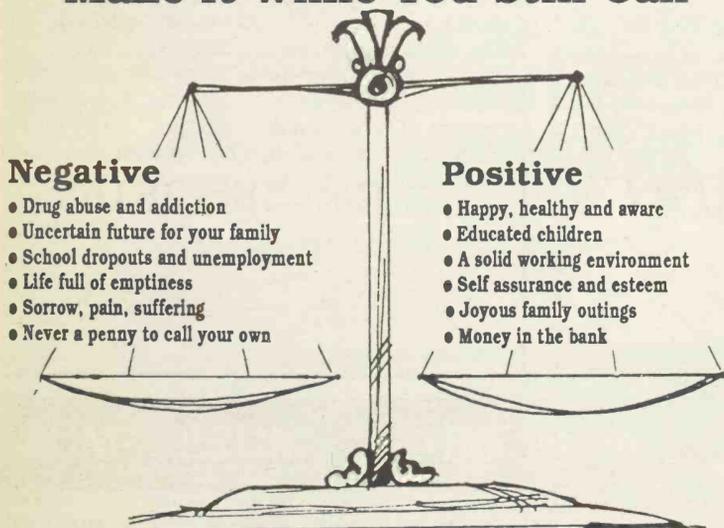
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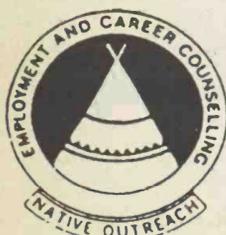
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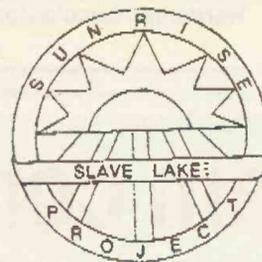
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SOUNDS

Musician Del on the rise

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

The first "studio" Paul Del (Desjarlais) ever recorded in was a garage in Shelby, Montana that had empty cardboard egg cartons on the ceiling to improve the acoustics.

"It was a very non-professional studio. The music sort of came out flat and hollow sounding," explains Del. But the performer, who's been singing for 35 years, now uses studios valued up to \$500,000 that contain enough technical wizardry "to make almost anyone sound good."

The first song Del recorded in the early 70s was a flop, but he did score later with a single

called "Half-Breed" which sold about 3,500 copies after its release in 1978 on the Arisen record label. And, now almost 10 years later he's hoping to make a lasting impression on today's music fans with that same song, much the way other artists like Ben E. King ('Stand By Me') are bringing back old hits and winning over new audiences.

Del would also like to give Half-breed a new sound. "I'd like to see some young Native performers revise Half-Breed. They could add a few lyrics and make it appeal to the kids today if they want...it's a pretty good song," he explains.

With only slight signs of gray in his hair, this one indication of Del's age is tucked away under a

raven-black cowboy hat. The Lac La Biche-born entertainer has aged well despite the countless nights he stood in concert halls and pubs, playing piano, picking guitar and singing for adoring crowds.

Del, who is a reinstated Indian through Bill C-31, started singing at age 13 in a gospel group at a mission in Valley View. And, by the time he reached his 25th birthday, he bought a guitar and left for the "big-time" in the United States, performing country and rockabilly tunes in west coast cities like Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe.

In addition to switching to the more contemporary sounds of the 50s and 60s, he later decided to adopt a stage name after an

announcer had trouble introducing him by his given name. He took three letters from "Desjarlais" and came up with Del. "It just sort of stuck," he drawls, having picked up a thick accent from years spent in the southern U.S.A.

Del later took an American wife and moved back to Alberta in 1975. The couple now lives in Calgary along with their four children. He's a construction contractor and dreams of some day owning a recording studio and perhaps cutting an album. He still performs in a Calgary band on weekends.

"I love entertaining for the public and I love just about any kind of music," he says. "I'll probably perform until the day I die."



A singer for 35 years: Paul Desjarlais

No cheatin', hurtin' and drinkin' songs

Cree country composer writes happy tunes

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LAC LA BICHE, Alta.

Dave Rumley defies tradition. He writes country music songs with happy endings. The 26-year-old High Prairie Cree just isn't interested in making music about cheatin', hurtin' and drinkin'.

"I want people to feel good when they leave my show. If I have to give them something a little unpredictable, I'll do it," says Rumley, whose whole on stage show strategy is to keep the audience in an "up" mood.



Upbeat: Rumley

Dressed in a conservative tie, white-cotton shirt and black slacks, Rumley has definite thoughts about his image. In a backstage interview only minutes

before he greets an audience at Lac La Biche, he explains, "it's my way of saying that I mean business, that I'm here to entertain you and I hope you like it."

Rumley, a versatile entertainer, can perform music ranging from country to rock 'n' roll to rhythm and blues. And, his talents extend beyond music. He also does comedy routines through characters he has created like "Hobo Harry" and "Dave, The Wood Cutter". When he's not on stage, Rumley is a program development coordinator at the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre.

"I do a lot of benefits back home (in High Prairie) because I'm still trying to establish some credibility," says Rumley, who's now in a band called "Patchwork" which plans to make its debut appearance at High Prairie's Kosy Corner Pub Sept. 12 - 17. The band will then perform at McLennen, Alberta Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1.

If the road trip is successful, Rumley and his Patchwork partners, drummer Collin Badger and base guitarist Phil Willier, may cut an album.

But, he says the band will have to test the road,

with all its pot holes and ruts, before making an album. "It won't be easy on the road, but I think we have to let people know who we are. If we cut an album now, people would say 'I don't know these guys,' and it wouldn't sell."

Rumley hopes to make it big in the music industry. He dreams of winning Canada's top music award--the Juno--for best male vocalist.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Paul Band's new scoreboard to electrify hockey fans

By Mark McCallum
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PAUL BAND, Alta.

Hockey fans are sure to appreciate a new scoreboard recently added to the ice arena at the Paul band reserve in a continuing effort to upgrade the recreational facility.

The scoreboard will make it easier for spectators to follow hockey games, says Paul band recreation director Alexis Belcourt, adding the board

posts the score, time of the game and penalty minutes.

The scoreboard, valued at \$6,000, is the latest in a series of renovations to the arena. In recent years, the 700-seat facility has undergone several facelifts, changes that keep the fans coming back.

"We get pretty good crowds here...I think we have a good reputation throughout the province for having one the best buildings in any league," says arena manager Ted Koehli. He lists the addition of a

concession booth and artificial ice as improvements that have been made to the arena since it was built in 1974. Last year, \$225,000 was spent putting a new roof on the arena.

Hockey is clearly a hot topic at anytime of the year for the 800 plus residents living in the community, who have always been big supporters of the winter sport. "Everybody from five years old and up is involved in hockey extensively," says Belcourt, noting they have a senior double A team (in the Alberta Major Senior Hockey League) as well as bantam, peewee, atoms, novice, old-time and fun-time hockey clubs.

Paul band recreation officials are already making plans to join a league in the up-coming hockey season. "This year we're going to try to get more people involved," adds Belcourt. He explains they want to join the Yellowhead hockey league, primarily made up of Native teams from such places as Enoch, Alexander and Alexis. They are hoping to put together a competitive team before the league opens its sophomore season this fall.

placing second.

The best point score out of three shots signified the winners and each contestant paid one dollar per target shot. Brand new 22 rifles were used for the contest. The bulls-eye was worth 15 points and each contestant tried to achieve the highest points in order to win the contest.

"Except for some rain Friday which lasted only for a half hour, the weather was excellent during the shooting contest," commented Vern Cardinal.

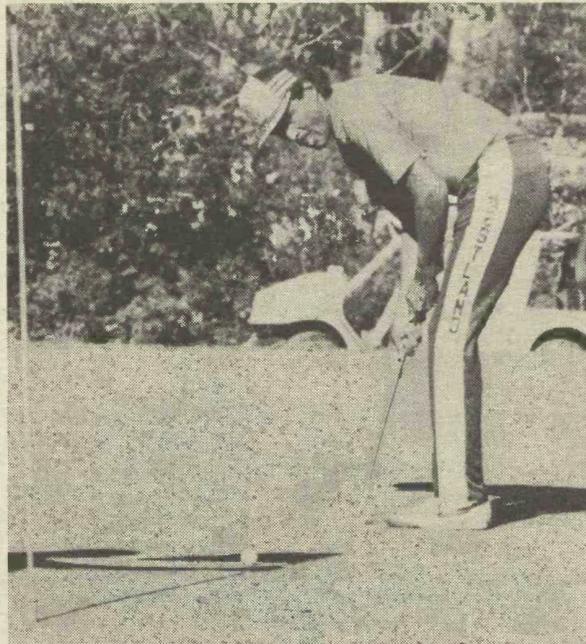
Laboucan on target at Paddle shootout

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PADDLE PRAIRIE, Alta.

Shots rang out to signal the start of the target-shoot contest held during the 50th anniversary celebrations in Paddle Prairie August 19-21.

Allan Laboucan from Jean D'or, Alta. is now the proud owner of a 30/30 Winchester rifle for placing first in the contest. Paddle Prairie resident Lawrence Auger won a 22 rifle for



Fierce concentration: Frank Kootenay

Sasakamoose beats par wins Kootenay tourney

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. ALBERT, Alta

Leo (Trevino) Sasakamoose shattered par to win the fourth annual Bob Kootenay Memorial golf tournament. The August 27-28 tournament at J.R. golf course in St. Albert was played under sunny skies, with a pleasant crosswind.

The 18-hole course was a real challenge, especially the front nine, said Liz Poitras, ladies' champion in the 36-hole event. The back nine are long, straight driving ranges.

Talk about political clout! Chief Allen Paul of the Alexander reserve opened the tournament with a speech, then teed off on the first hole. The ball exploded on contact.

Arnold Kootenay, son of the late Robert Kootenay, also thanked the participants.

RESULTS

Men's Championship flight: 1. Leo Sasakamoose; 2. Rob Rackochey; 3. Weldon Turner
First flight: 1. Emil Cutknife; 2. Ernie Cardinal; 3. Robert Sharphead

Men's Second flight: 1. John Alexander; 2. Greg Doll; 3. Alfred Quintal
Men's third flight: 1. Gordon Bumstick; 2. Jerome Morin; 3. Johl Ready

Men's Calaway: 1. Ben Round; 2. Arnold Kootenay; 3. Clifford Ward
Senior men's: 1. Phil Thompson; 2. Alfonso Delver; 3. Sykes Powderface

Men's senior's first flight: 1. Fred Trigg; 2. Louis Potts; 3. Wilf McDougall

Ladies' championship: 1. Debra Morin; 2. Leona Lafond; 3. Rose Quintal

Ladies' first flight: 1. Liz Poitras; 2. Clara Loyer; 3. Viola Manywounds
Ladies' second flight: 1. Terry Shelley; 2. June Peacock; 3. Geraldine Omeasoo

Jr. Boy's championship: 1. Dwight Buffalo; 2. Dallas Loyer; 3. Lenny Buffalo

Junior boy's first flight: 1. Cody Hodgson; 2. Ray Arcand Jr.; 3. Chris Thimer

Peewee boys: 1. John Alexander Jr.; 2. Rocky Morin; 3. Craig Lafond
Junior girls: 1. Cheyenne Fletcher; 2. Sandy Alexander; 3. Jolene Alexander

Hogans Heros earn the name in slowpitch

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PADDLE PRAIRIE, Alta.

Nine mixed teams with a ratio of seven and three paid \$150 entrance fees to play in A slowpitch tourney held during the 50th anniversary celebrations in Paddle Prairie August 19-21.

Hogans Heros team from Manning won the first place \$350 cash tourney prize. They also received a team trophy for their final 12-11 win position over the High Level team who placed second to win \$300.

On the 'B' side, McGillivray Punchers won first place with 19-18 for \$250 over the Paddle Prairie Aztecs who placed second to win \$200.

Top winners in the 'C' side were the Fort Smith Steelers in first for \$200 over the Cardinals from Paddle Prairie who placed second to win \$175.

The scores for this division were not available at press time.

Rides bulls sings too

BROWNING, Mont. — Dave Schildt, well-known bullrider, has released a debut country album called Still Kicking.

The 25-year-old Browning Native says he's written over 100 songs and now wants to sway his career from rodeo to country music.

Some of the album titles are Sheep Ridin' Man, Sober Up Coulee and Hobbema Bound.

For more information about Still Kicking, write to Schildt at Box 773, Browning, Mont. 59147 or call (406) 338-5745.

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SPORTS & LEISURE



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Dene Tha: Our story about marathon runner Darrell McKay, 19, has brought on both positive and negative results.

The good news is that Lornie Metchooyeah, rec man for the Dene Tha band, read the story and wants to help finance the runner's trip to the Toronto marathon says Angie McKay, Darrell's mother. The band may be willing to pay for McKay's accomodation and food in Toronto. (All expenses for the trip to the Toronto 26-mile race were coming from the pockets of Mrs. McKay and her son.)

"I was really surprised he phoned," says Mrs. McKay, a Cree-Slavey from the Dene Tha band whose uncle is long-time hereditary chief, Harry Chonkolay. Her father, Johnny Chonkolay, 70, and mother Madeline, 65, still live on the Dene Tha reserve.



But the McKays felt the Windspeaker story made Darrell "look like an alcoholic."

"I have nothing to hide," says Darrell, "I did go to some parties — had a few drinks now and then." But he's quick to point out he changed his lifestyle long before it became even a minor problem.

'Good news': McKay McKay says problem drinking might have been "quite possible" if he had continued down the same path, but he's put that danger behind him long ago.

Meanwhile, the McKays still need help with the trip. If you feel you can contribute, call the McKays at 477-2226.

Valleyview: Herman Roasting got hit by the same bull twice at Valleyview's August 27-28 rodeo. The bull — one of Herman's own stock — got out of the fence behind the announcer and head butted Herman in the back.

"At first everybody was scared," said Doris Roasting, Herman's wife and secretary for the Northern Alberta Native Cowboy Association (NANCA). "Then, when he got up, everybody started laughing."

Money for McKay, Randle top rider Gauthier wins golf, Roasting 'freight trained'

On Sunday Buckskin County, the same bull, "freight trained" Herman. "Freight trained," said Doris, "is when a bull just runs you over."

Again Herman escaped with only a few bruises but "Buckskin County might be going to the packers pretty soon," predicts Doris.

Kenton Randle had better luck than Herman. The Fort Vermilion cowboy earned top spot in the bareback competition. Another Vermilion contestant, Gordie Lambert, took the honors in saddlebronc.

Paddle Prairie's Trevor Parenteau won the bullriding event while Hobbema's Dion Yellowbird roped first place in the calf event. Dennis Samson of Hobbema was the top dog steerwrestler. Hobbema brothers Dion and Merle Yellowbird won the team roping event. In senior barrels, Hobbema's Stephanie Wolfe earned the best times while Valleyview's Debbie Werklind won the junior barrels. Clarence Houle Jr. of



Top bareback: Randle

Paddle Prairie and Lloyd Chalifoux Jr. of Valleyview tied in junior steer riding.

Chute chatter: Ralph Chalifoux was Saturday's announcer and C.J. Nepoose emceed Sunday. Eleanor Norris of Slave Lake and Lisa Roasting of West Rose were the timers. The judges were High Prairies Norman Cox and Valleyview's Lloyd Chalifoux. Jim Bob Roasting and Danny McDougall were the bullfighting clowns. Butch Deschamps and Les Roasting rode pickup. Stock was provided by Roasting and Cox. Weather was perfect except the ground was hard and dry which made for some hard falls.

The rodeo was the tenth in the association's season. Only two remain, the Louis Bull Labor Day rodeo and the finals, also at Louis Bull, Sept. 16-18 weekend.

Peigan: About this time last summer, Gordon Provost — not yet 40 — died suddenly from a severe case of pneumonia. Provost left his home Friday on a business trip north, and by Sunday his family had received the shocking news of his death.

Provost, a Blackfoot band member, was well known and respected, especially in Indian sports county. In the winter, Provost coached boy's hockey teams; the T-Birds and a team he dubbed the Peigan Coup Counters.

"He pushed the kid in a fun way," says Velma Little Moustache, an employee for Peigan rec and Provost's

cousin. "He was dedicated and you could say he was good with kids."

When he wasn't coaching hockey he was playing with the Peigan oldtimers' hockey club.

In the summer he travelled the Indian golf circuit, making friends in every reserve he visited.

And in respect and memory of the man, the Provost family and Peigan rec hosted the first annual Gordon Provost memorial golf tournament August 26-28 at the Waterton Lake course.

In the ladies' category, Betty Orich earned \$250 after she defeated Rema Buffalo. Kevin Buffalo got a golf bag for winning the junior event by default.

Steven Buffalo took home the \$300 first place prize for winning the men's second flight while Fred Didzena settled for the \$200 second spot. Rod North Peigan bagged \$100 for third.

In the first flight, Clarence Weaselfat snared \$300 for first after defeating Duane Mistaken Chief, who pocketed \$200 for second. Ray Wolfe earned \$100 for third.

Lloyd Gauthier was the biggest winner, getting \$500 for taking the championship flight. Charlie Smallface took home \$300 for second while Eric Buckskin won \$200 for third.

Gauthier was also awarded a trophy and jacket but returned the items to the Provost family as souvenirs of the event. The widow Provost, Eloise, was obviously touched by the gesture repeats Little Moustache.



\$500 winner: Gauthier

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

CFWE radio on air one year

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker staff Writer

LAC LA BICHE, Alta.

CFWE-FM, a community radio station in Lac La Biche, celebrated its first anniversary last Wednesday.

The station, 89.9 on the FM dial, is operated by the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA), and broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

CFWE, a pilot project of AMMSA, is a model that other community radio stations in northern Alberta may be patterned after. Two other community stations are in the development phase. They are located in Wabasca/Demarais and Fort Vermilion.

AMMSA also broadcasts the "Native Perspective"

radio program weekdays on the audio channel of CBC-TV (Channel 5-Cable 4) from 7 to 10 am. It is also broadcast simultaneously on CFWE.

Ray Fox, director of radio for AMMSA, says "It's been exciting to see the changes around here in the past year, and I've enjoyed being a part of it."

Joan Hinz, a community animator for the Native Perspective, is responsible for overseeing the development of community radio in Northern Alberta. She also oversees the operation of CFWE. Hinz has gained valuable experience in areas such as incorporation of broadcast societies, licensing, studio equipment and operations, fundraising and advertising.

CFWE generated advertising revenue of approxi-



A pilot project for AMMSA: Ray Fox (left) and Joan Hinz

mately \$26,000 from April 1 to July 31. This enabled the hiring of Annie Tarrabain as a station manager.

The radio station operates with a crew of 30 volunteer disc jockeys, all of whom were trained by the Native Perspective crew.

The volunteers work three-hour shifts, Saturdays and Sundays from midnight to 6 a.m. "They sometimes bring in their own music....for a good variety,"

says Hinz. "Volunteer input is encouraged to help format the station's programming."

"The audience is welcomed into the station to request music preferences or any suggestions that would improve the broadcast media," continues Hinz. "A Ukrainian hour on a Saturday is an example of the type of requests we would consider." New volunteer DJ's are always welcomed.

CFWE hopes to get funds

from the Alberta Career Development and Employment Program to hire additional staff to conduct a survey of the broadcast audience to find out their music preferences and age groups.

"The survey will benefit the community, advertisers and the radio station," says Ray Fox, manager and on-air personality for The Native Perspective. "We can gear the radio programs for specific audiences after the studies of

the survey," he adds.

The radio station plays country music from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and changes to rock music from 6 p.m. to midnight. Soft rock, 'middle of the road' music is played from midnight to 6 a.m. "We recently have gone to CD (compact disk) which provides a nice sound," says Hinz.

Other services provided by the station are public service announcements (PSA's); tourism reports; government reports on topics like agriculture and education, classified advertisements occasional crime stopper reports and historical reports.

A barbecue was held August 27 for the volunteers of CFWE in commemoration of their first broadcast year. Nancy Thompson, administrative assistant for The Native Perspective, offered her home for the party.

Fox says the call letters CFWE do not stand for anything and have no real significance.

"The letters were assigned to us. Just like a set of numbers that would be issued for a license permit," he said. "The letters are easy to remember."

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As well there will be an **Advance Poll** on **Sat. Sept. 17, 1988**. Voting will be by secret ballot in the elector's home local polling division. **Location of Polling Station will be posted in each local's community**. Polling hours on Election Day as well as the day of the Advance Poll will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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