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Warriors instructed to arrest police

By Rudy Haugeneder
Courtesy of Kainai News

KAMLOOPS, B.C.

Indian fighters from northern B.C. warrior societies have been instructed by hereditary chiefs to arrest police the next time they invade Gitksan Wet'suwet'en lands.

And the hereditary chiefs want other bands to set up specially-trained mobile "peacekeeper" units that could be sent into trouble spots whenever Indian land is attacked by outside forces.

Don Ryan, president of the Gitksan Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council, told about 100 chiefs and observers attending the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs annual assembly here during the third week of November that it's the type of "direct action" needed to establish Indian authority on Indian land.

A special peacekeeping force was ready to swoop down on the Mounties during a recent northern blockade, but the police didn't show.

Telling Indian leaders they "have to prepare for war" against forces equipped with dogs, helicopters and machine guns, Ryan is urging other bands to set up similar special forces.

Ryan said the peacekeepers would have to be especially trained in Indian languages and customs.

He also told the chiefs assembly it's time Indians did away with elected band councils and returned to the traditional base of Indian leadership - hereditary chiefs.

Current elected bodies are non-Native institutions which do not reflect Indian custom and law, and effectively prevent Indians from regaining control of their own destiny, Ryan said.

He said Indians must set up special business and career training courses to prepare Natives for all aspects of self-determination and to show those opposed that Indians are ready to do so.

Chief Saul Terry, president of the chiefs union, said Ottawa and Victoria are doing everything possible to halt Indian bands from regaining control as Indian nations.

"Today we find ourselves in a state of siege," he said.

"Our lands and resources - our very survival as Indian peoples - are under constant attack by the federal and provincial governments and by the powerful corporations that they represent.

"In that state of siege, the greed of timber, mining and oil company barons is matched only by the deceit and lies being used by the federal government to promote its termination agenda for Indian peoples," said Terry.

And he said the provincial government "is throwing all of its resources against our people in court and at the negotiation table."

1988 Windspeaker Unsung Heroes: Fred and Louise Boucher



Lac La Biche couple win first-ever \$200 award

I nominate my father and mother Fred and Louise Boucher as candidates in the Unsung Hero Contest. My parents have been managers of the Lac La Biche Fisherman's Co-op for 12 years.

Their contributions to the community are many. My mother Louise is very active in supporting the Senior Citizen's Drop-in Centre. She is also an organizer in the Royal Canadian Legion. Louise is very well known as an interpreter for the Senior French Community and also an interpreter for Native people not capable of reading or writing.

With the large garden my parents grow, my mother does a lot of canning which is forwarded to help the needy people with little or no income for groceries.

Louise also organizes bingos, bake sales, etc. which benefit the people in need. My mom is the mother of eight, excluding raising six more grandchildren. A total of 14 is a large family.

My father Fred is, in my mind, a strong candidate in this contest. Fred has worked seven days a week for the last 12 years at the fish plant. Father Fred spends his early hours by picking up bottles in town for gas money, for his vehicles for which he receives no expenses from the Co-op. The Fish and Game Association gives Dad approved, seized, wild meats to distribute to the needy people. He also drives countless miles to give away fish, meat and garden produce.

My father is close to 60 years old. My mother is close to 50 years old. Please feel free, or I welcome you, to confirm these nominations. My parents are very well known in Lac La Biche, and very well loved and thanked. Also, all the free firewood my parents give away to the needy disabled is appreciated.

Submitted by Wally Boucher, St. Paul, Alberta.
Wally receives \$100 for sending this nomination letter.

Contest runner-up, plus more nomination letters on pages 4, 6 and 7

Charges dropped, talks resume

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Land claim talks are on again after the provincial government unexpectedly dropped contempt of court charges against 22 Lubicon band members and supporters who manned Little Buffalo road blockades last month.

The band withdrew from negotiations on Nov. 22 upon learning Alberta's Attorney General Department intended to proceed with the charges.

Band lawyer James O'Reilly admitted the Nov. 28 decision to drop charges was unexpected. In fact, he was preparing for a hard-line approach but was surprised by crown counsel Bruce Fraser's move.

"I wasn't optimistic but I'm glad to say that I was wrong. I was very concerned and very skeptical about the position of the

Alberta government who I suspected were setting it up so that negotiations would break down. But they have made a gracious gesture and a gesture of leadership," declared a jubilant James O'Reilly outside the court house.

Attorney General Ken Rostad, who had the power to drop civil charges, refused to do so until Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak discussed the matter with Premier Getty on Nov. 25, citing negotiations would grind to a halt if the charges continued.

Band counsellor Steve Noskey praised the government's cooperation. "I welcome this decision very warmly. This will remove the impediment that was there and help us move along in negotiations. We've cleared the road now to settle the land claim," he exclaimed.

Lubicon lawyer Bob Sachs felt Attorney General Rostad "took the better

route." He said "it was the proper and just course of action for the attorney general to take, which was in the spirit of the Grimshaw agreement."

The Lubicon have been engaged in a court battle ever since barricades were torn down by the RCMP. Band members and supporters erected them in a move to assert jurisdiction Oct 15-19.

The move was prompted when land claims negotiations with the federal government stalled over the issue of membership. The Lubicon wanted to define their own membership while the federal government wanted to limit their recipients to registered Treaty Indians only.

Talks also ground to a halt when provincial negotiators could not agree on the size of reserve the band was entitled to.

A seven-hour private meeting in a small hotel in Grimshaw between the two

leaders produced an historic agreement in which Premier Getty agreed to transfer 79 square miles of land, plus an additional 16 sq. miles of land, restricted to surface rights only, to the federal government for the creation of a reserve.

Since that time, Prime Minister Mulroney assigned his chief of staff David Burney to serve as a go-between in negotiations in an attempt to help resume talk.

At press time, land claim negotiations between the band and federal government had resumed in Ottawa.

Terry Laboucan, the first person arrested Oct. 20 at the Lubicon's road blockade, continues to defy a Nov. 9 court order to pay a \$200 fine for civil contempt charges. Justice Berger did not impose a penalty of incarceration should the Lubicon member decide not to pay. He has until Feb. 9, 1989 to make payment.

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Foster Child film a healing process: Gil Cardinal

Filmmaker Gil Cardinal:

Journey into painful past worth the experience

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Gil Cardinal settles his six foot five inch frame into a restaurant chair, holding a large cup of coffee. He lights up a cigarette and glances around the room. The 38-year-old Metis filmmaker is an intense, articulate and soft-spoken man. His long, thick black hair is loosely tied behind his back. He doesn't smile.

His film *Foster Child* has tied for place for best direction, information or documentary program or series at Toronto's 1988 Gemini Awards. Cardinal directed the film which features his personal quest to find his natural mother, who gave him up for adoption when he was 13 months old. He was placed in a non-Native family home, the one he now considers his real family.

Foster Child is a heartwrenching story that takes the audience into the offices of child welfare where Cardinal's request to see his file is denied. The film takes viewers onto the streets of downtown Edmonton where he knew his mother lived, and into the homes of his relatives and mother's friends.

The 30-minute film gives an unpretentious, first hand look at Cardinal's emotional reaction to these events. He admits it changed his life. "The emotional baggage I was carrying around. I didn't realize it," he confesses.

His journey into a past he tried to forget was accidental. The film board was looking to produce an inspirational film about Native child welfare at a time when so many tragic tales about lost and disoriented adopted Native children, living in non-Native homes, prevailed.

As the film crew considered different approaches to take, Cardinal's own past seemed to take foothold in their discussions, until finally, he decided a spontaneous search for his parents could best inspire hope to other foster or adopted Native children who are looking for their identity.

At 35, the prospect of discovering the truth about his mother was scary, and Cardinal says he remembers feeling a little anxious. After all, he had successfully managed until then to ignore his Native heritage and family.

Foster Child opens with Cardinal's foster mother offering support for his search. Cardinal discovers,

from an Edmonton social worker, that his mother Lucy Cardinal, an unwed Metis woman who had a drinking problem, gave him up for adoption in an act of desperation in 1951.

He discovers he has two brothers; Don who is 6 years older than him, is a well-known artist living in Yellowknife, N.W.T., and Ron who is a year younger is living in Edmonton. But, he doesn't get the chance to meet either of them. Don died the year before and Ron doesn't want to see him.

As Cardinal completes his journey into a past filled with pain, he confesses the experience was worth it.

"The resentment, bitterness and harsh attitudes I had toward my mother are gone," he says. "I found out she didn't just coldly, callously give me away. She wanted something for me. That made the key difference in my life - discovering that."

The misconception he had about "being a one night stand" and not wanted by his mother was finally destroyed. He learned she wanted him to have a stable home where he would get a good education, something which she felt she couldn't provide.

It took Cardinal three

decades to connect with his Native roots.

"I'm absolutely, 100 per cent proud to be Native, to be Metis. That's the most important thing in my life. As I went through this experience I found I belonged to this family. I belonged to my mother and I belong to a Native culture with a rich history. So, when you can reverse these feelings of resentment, shame, and bitterness, it's sort of a self-healing process.

"I was very cold and detached because I didn't learn to bond with my family, because it could be a tenuous situation - that, someone could come along and move me away."

Cardinal is developing strong bonds with Native elders and he's adopted a Native friend as his brother.

Knowing one's history is critical, says Cardinal. Native people who suffered painful childhood experiences need to heal themselves. To do this, Cardinal says, they must tell their own stories. There have to be more Native writers, more Native filmmakers.

"We have to tell the sad, tragic stories and we have to tell some positive, hopeful stories. That's all a part of the healing."

Cardinal has managed to heal from his wounds.

CLOSE TO HOME

WINDSPEAKER FILE PHOTO



French Leader: Ex-Indian Affairs minister Chretien

Kainai honors Chretien

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE

A non-Native politician and sportsman, recognized for their significant contributions to the tribe, were inducted into the exclusive Kainai Chieftainship on Nov. 18.

Jean Chretien, former Indian Affairs minister who helped the Bloods convince federal officials to construct Kainai Industries in the early '70s, and long time coach and friend Gerry Dawson, were honored during an afternoon ceremony at St. Mary's school.

The colorful headdress and naming ceremony started when war veteran Reggie Black Plume and Blood councillor Steven Fox, danced around the gymnasium before they "captured" the candidates. Seated on buffalo robes, Blood elders Dan Weasel Moccasin Sr. and Harold Healy, proceeded to perform the sacred ceremony. Smearing red ochre on the candidate's faces while praying, headdresses were finally placed on them.

The new chieftains join the ranks of such people as Prince Charles, Pope John Paul II and Canadian writer Pierre Berton. Only 40 living members were allowed at any one time.

Chretien was given the Blackfoot name French Leader, while Dawson, who was already honored by the tribe in June, retained the name Long Time Eagle.

Chretien said he was "very honored to be inducted in this fantastic and emotional ceremony." He described his six years as Indian Affairs minister as "my most satisfying years in public office."

Chretien is remembered by many Indian leaders as the "best Indian affairs minister." In 1972, then prime minister Pierre Trudeau wanted to shuffle Chretien to another portfolio but Indians across the country

sent telegrams to voice their opposition. In the end, Chretien stayed for a few more years, eventually moving on to more prestigious posts such as minister of Finance, president of the Treasury Board and later losing the Liberal leader's post to John Turner in 1986. He now practices law in Montreal. Chretien is credited with uniting Canadian Indians who presented their counter position, the Red Paper, to Pierre Trudeau's infamous 1969 White Paper, which recommended the enfranchisement of Treaty Indians into mainstream society.

"I guess I was the only Indian Affairs minister who stayed the longest - you've had seven since I left," he told the sparse crowd in attendance.

He urged the crowd to be proud of their unique, Native heritage. "You're not a melting pot - you can be different and equal. I'm no less of a Canadian than I'm French," he said drawing cheers from the audience.

"It makes me happy to see Kainai Industries still alive and is a successful venture today," he said, recalling the "tough negotiations" with former chief Jim Shot Both Sides Sr. and Blood councillor, Steven Fox.

Dawson, who spent over 35 years on the reserve, is best noted for coaching young Bloods in such sports as basketball, football, and baseball.

Dawson, 53, arrived on the reserve in 1952 and coached the well-known St. Mary's Warriors, who won a number of championships over the years. In June, the new St. Mary's gymnasium was renamed Gerry Dawson Athletic Centre as a tribute to his years of faithful service.

Past Warrior member, Narcisse Blood, described Dawson as "a humble man who never felt he was deserving of a Kainai Chieftainship induction."

CLOSE TO HOME

Needs probed

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Woodrow Morrison was recently hired by the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) to work with elders in rewriting a technical report on Native child welfare needs.

The report was first presented at an Oct. 7, 1987 All-Chiefs conference by the then-vice-president of Treaty 7 Narcisse Blood. The chiefs adopted the report unanimously.

Morrison says he is working with Lawrence Mackinaw and other elders who read the text and highlight passages that they do not understand. It is Morrison's job to rewrite the text into something more understandable, which can then be published.

The report is a unique child welfare study commissioned by the IAA because of social problems in Native communities. It was done because of many factors, one of them being "Alberta government statistics indicate that Native children are more likely to come into contact with child protection services at a frequency six and one-half times greater than do other children of the province," says an excerpt from the report.

"My primary job here is to begin finding ways of implementing the recommendations of the IAA's child welfare needs assessment and recommendations. It was completed this fall," says Morrison.

"The first recommendation was to find the vision. In other words, where are we going with all of these programs? We've got programs for education, for health, for alcoholism, drug addiction, child welfare —

all sorts of social programs. The first thing was to get elders to sit down and start talking about where are we going?" says Morrison.

He says the recommendations will try to ensure that Native people know who they are and what makes them what they are. "We know education is a process rather than a product. But then how do we fit the pieces into the product so that Cree will remain Cree, Blackfoot will remain what they are?"

He says the biggest threat to Native cultures today is "this notion of assimilation. If you look at each tribe then you can identify the factors that go into making up the culture of that tribe. So if we begin the process of assimilation we know what we are assimilating from but we don't know what we are assimilating to."

He says the report has seven main recommendations: find the vision, implement an indigenous child institute, develop tribal constitutions for tribal governments empowered and answerable to elected people, begin the process of revitalizing the traditional family, implement commissions by these interim governments on tribal education, begin the process of providing for Native children with physical handicaps, and implement traditional and elders councils.

Once the report has been edited down to terms that the general population can understand "it will be of publishable quality and go to people in the social welfare world and people in the government service, tribal leaders. The abridged version, which would be in plain everyday language, would go out to the people that are affected by it," says Morrison.

New council at Bigstone

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WABASCA-DESMARAIS

Donald Yellowknee filled the twelfth position as the newest councillor for the Bigstone Cree band in a Nov. 2 bi-election held at the Desmarais Centre in Wabasca-Desmarais.

Other council members include: Marlene Gladue, George Alook, Gilbert Young, William Beaver, Eric Alook, Bert Alook, Kenneth Nanemahoo, Jack Gambler, Leonard G. Alook, Marcel J. Gladue and Dennis Auger.

Chief Charles 'Chuckie' Beaver said, "I'm happy with this council for their business minded attitude and aggressiveness." Beaver has set his priorities

and responsibilities towards ensuring the isolated communities of Trout Lake, Peerless Lake, Chipewyan Lake and the Calling Lake, Sandy Lake and Wabasca-Desmarais reserves are all well represented.

"Band members recognize this chief and council more than ever," Beaver continued. "We are working with the province and doing our utmost to speak on their behalf."

Bigstone band recently formed an Elders' Senate to act as an advisory board for all issues concerning the communities. Members include Tommy and Alphonse Auger, Sammy Young, and Paul Gladue Sr. are senate members; at press time the other senate members' names were unavailable for release.



'Why are they siding with the gov't': Twinn



'Bill C-31 would be struck down': Ronnenberg

Bill C-31 showdown

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Enoch and Sturgeon Lake bands have left the court battle in which Alberta bands are suing the Canadian government over the right to decide band membership, while the Native Council of Canada (Alberta), is joining the fight as a co-defendant.

The court battle began Jan. 15, 1986 with Sawridge, Sturgeon Lake, Ermineskin, Enoch, Sarcee and Blackfoot bands arguing that it was their Aboriginal right to decide who would or wouldn't be in their band. The court case is a constitutional challenge and is a precedent setting case.

The next court appearance will be Dec. 19 in Vancouver.

Chief Walter Twinn of the 47-member, oil rich Sawridge band said bands should have the right to decide who can or can't be a member of their band.

"All I can say is I don't understand why they are siding with the government," said Twinn of NCC(A). "Our case is just saying that Treaty Indians and the bands control the band membership. It has nothing to do with Indian status."

However, president of NCC(A) Doris Ronnenberg said her group is very concerned about the upcoming court case. "It is the case, if lost, that could put us back to square one — it means that Bill C-31 would be struck down. That would create mass confusion for the bureaucracy and for Bill C-31 people. So it is very, very important.

"We are not by our-

selves. We work in cooperation with our national body, Native Council of Canada. They are seeking intervener status on the case. We (NCC(A)) are seeking co-defendency. If neither of us is not successful then we roll the support to the other organization," she said.

Ronnenberg stated NCC(A) are seeking co-defendency to give their lawyers a chance to question the chiefs and bands who say they are speaking for all their band members when they oppose the Bill C-31 legislation.

Ronnenberg questioned whether they have all of the bands' support. "The people that are witnesses in this case are speaking for all their band members — that has to be questioned," she explained.

If they lose the case "we are concerned about the striking down of the Bill C-31 people (who) actually gained so very little under Bill C-31 and will lose whatever little they did gain and their recognition as Indian people in this country, which is really the big issue," says Ronnenberg.

Twinn countered by saying, "politicians have misled their people by saying that I am trying to kick everyone out — all Bill C-31 — and that is as false as can be."

He also claims that the lawyers for the government of Canada are holding up the case. "I think the government is trying to stall this case from going ahead and that can only delay it from going to court. I would like to go to court and get it over with."

Ronnenberg says she has other worries and "the other area we are con-

cerned about is that a judge will be defining Section 35 (of the Canadian Constitution) and in that definition there will be a severe narrowing of Treaty and Aboriginal rights. In that way setting a precedent for all of Canada...it would be very hard to overcome..."

"Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution defines the existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada," she says.

"I think more and more the Aboriginal and Treaty people of Canada — when they realize what it is we are trying to do — I think they will come to our support," she said.

But Twinn claims that both NCC and NCC(A) are backing the government and are against the bands gaining self-government. "Parliament can change (legislation of the Indian Act) any time...we are saying no one agreed with Bill C-31 the way it came in...what we are saying is that we have to control our band membership.

"If these organizations are saying that then they are basically agreeing with the government that we only have the powers that government gives us — they are definitely not in support of self-government," he says.

Enoch band councillor Raymond Cardinal explained why Enoch had pulled out of the court battle. "We are not in the money anymore and we can't put any money into the lawsuit and it is not fair to the other bands that are putting money in there to fight this case. We sort of dropped back — not completely out of the picture but we dropped back."

He says the band with-

drew from the lawsuit "about a year ago" and the decision was made by the band council presently headed by Chief Howard Peacock.

The band originally became involved in the lawsuit to look after its own band membership, said Cardinal. He was the chief at the time when the court action was launched.

"Enoch wanted to provide their own band membership. That was the only reason — nothing else. Instead of the government telling you who your band members are, Enoch band wanted to say who their band members were."

Twinn charged that the organizations who are taking the side of the government are being manipulated. "It has been very, very expensive for us and I know the people who are intervening (NCC) are paid by the government. Government is going to foot this bill — people are siding with the government. The six bands have been supporting this and financing this themselves.

"It is sort of unfair to use government money for some Indian people — some not even Indian people. I am not sure if everyone is an Indian that belongs to some of these organizations," he added.

According to Twinn, Bill C-31 should have had band input into how the former band members could be returned with conditions. "Those taking a lot of money should pay back because they've taken their share out already and then come back again as equal partners without paying up — that is unfair. I think the band has a right to say 'whoa, whoa stop it' at some point."

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Homer Poitras

I would like to nominate my father, Homer Poitras, for the unsung hero contest. Although I am his daughter, I don't feel my opinion is biased because most people who know him would agree that he is a beautiful human being. He has taught me many things in life, but of special importance is his belief in the necessity to share. He has often said that we should share with others because not only does it make one feel good, there may come a time when we'll need help and those that we shared with will remember.

My dad unselfishly shares his time with our community of Moose Mountain. This includes the towns of Elk Point, St. Paul, Bonnyville and the reserve of Kehewin. He often goes out of his way to ensure that the ball diamonds at both Kehewin and Moose Mountain are maintained during ball season. He also contributes to the community of Kehewin by sharing his expertise. He is an electrician and helps fellow Natives in the construction of their houses, sometimes working in freezing weather. Also during the winter, he volunteers his time to work at booths during hockey tournaments held at Elk Point and hosted both by Kehewin and Elk Point. He has also shared his athletic ability by helping coach young boys' hockey teams on occasion.

One of the most special things my dad shares is his music. He is a gifted musician and never takes his ability to play the violin for granted. He entertains recovering substance abusers at his place of employment, the Bonnyville Rehabilitation Centre, and soothes the soul of those who need it most. He has also entertained the sick and elderly at the Elk Point Municipal Hospital, free of charge. He often plays for dances and other functions for free or a minimal charge, which basically covers his travelling expenses.

I have mentioned the most important contributions my dad makes to better our community. There are so many other small things too numerous to mention. However, I do wish to include the fact that he always has a smile for everyone and sometimes even a joke.

**Submitted by Crystal Poitras
of Edmonton, Alberta. Crystal
receives \$50 for sending
this letter of nomination.**

Elizabeth settlement

My nomination for the Unsung Hero Award is not one, but a group of people. This award is deserved by all members of the Elizabeth Metis Settlement who helped organize the fund raising and building of Alex Cardinal's new home.

Alex's house burnt down early this past spring. He wasn't eligible for any funding for a new house so he was literally left with no place to live.

These people raised enough money through rummage sales, bake sales, dances, auctions and donations to build Alex a small house. They also organized one weekend of volunteer building of this new house. In two days, they built the house from the footing to the roof with shingles.

Thanks to them, Alex has a place to call home. I know they won't hesitate to do it again for any other settlement member. Well done people!

If anything is won by this letter all money will be donated to Alex' house, as they haven't finished yet.

Submitted by Gloria Swan, Grand Centre

Tom Cranebear

I would like to nominate Tom Cranebear for the Unsung Hero Award because he provides a positive role model for Native people.

Tom does counselling for drugs, alcohol and helps his people in "spirituality" through the pipe and sweats. He has given guidance to young and old in Red Deer, as well as at Bowden Institute. Tom represents his people through Native dance and as a speaker to non-Natives of all ages on Native lifestyle, past and present. He provides inspiration to us by utilizing Native tradition and beliefs applicable in modern society. Tom is always willing to share his knowledge with everyone.

Submitted by Caroline Yellowhorn, Red Deer

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AS I SEE IT...

Recording culture an inevitable duty

There are so many issues facing Natives today that it's sometimes overwhelming. Whether it's fostercare, Bill C-31, the Metis framework agreement or economic development, discussions about these topics can be long and heated.

But, at least amongst Windspeaker staff, no subject brings more emotional comment than that of culture. Because staff members have such a variety of backgrounds — having come from Metis, Shuswap, Cree, Chipewyan and Blackfoot origins, the opinions are diverse. Still, we all agree on one thing: We can't let our cultural heritage die.

Ours is a young staff (if you can call under 35 young) and we feel indebted to our people. Sure, we're all busy with the everyday tasks that come with just getting through each day, and we worry about things like not having enough money put away when we retire, but through it all we want to remain true to our Native heritage. Some of us have left our communities to come and work in the big city and we want to return to our people some day and offer our support. Maybe we can return to apply the skills we've learned in the "big city" toward bettering the lives of those back home.

Today as we took a little time out from our pressing job duties, we shared a few stories, ones that our grandparents or our friends had passed on to us. All of the stories

demonstrated the wisdom and simplicity of our ancestors and of people today who are carrying on with living the moral and spiritual lives that make Native people who they are.

"You know, we can't ever begin to know anywhere near what our ancestors knew" was one of the comments brought up. And it's true. So much of the old knowledge, that came from living close to the earth and experiencing survival hardships, has been lost. But at the same time, there are still people in our midst who remember, if not from having direct knowledge, from having had the information passed down to them from their ancestors.

Since communication is what we're all about, we at Windspeaker are making attempts to write about that knowledge, even though ours is a "verbal" culture. We challenge each of you to grab paper and pen, or even a tape recorder, and sit with an elderly person to record their thoughts and feelings about being Native and how they have lived their lives. Even if your children are the only ones who'll ever read what you've written, that will be enough.

If you can't do it this weekend, how about the next? Just don't wait until it's too late. Let's not let that knowledge die with the ones who know.

By Dianne Meili

GRASSROOTS

The season to be jolly

Drop In!
Great! How are you?
Gla Ne Ttou? Tansi? Hello!
Community activities this time of year spell ...

CHRISTMAS.

Sucker Creek: This community's annual Christmas party is slated for Dec. 18 from 3-8 p.m. at the Sucker Creek Recreation Centre. The party is hosted by the community's Inter-Agency Committee. Contact Marilyn Willier 523-4426 for details.

Cam Willier (no relationship to Marilyn) is the coordinator for the local National Native Drug and Alcohol Program (NNDAP).

Cam is also commended for his efforts and support for this community's youth group Family Sharing Circle program. The youth group facilitates a segment of workshops for self development; family development and community development purposes. These workshops are open to the youth of other bands in the surrounding areas including: Driftpile; Swan River; Sawridge; Duncan; Horse Lake; Grouard; Sturgeon and Whitefish. The youth workshop program takes a year and a half to complete. The goal this year is to prepare five youths for peer counselling.

High Prairie: Donate to the Friendship Centre's Christmas-Share-A-Thon. Donations will be delivered along with the Christmas food hampers for needy families. Food hamper application forms can be picked up at the centre. Office hours are: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat.

A children's Christmas party is slated for Dec. 17 from 1-4 p.m. The party begins with a movie for the kiddies from 1-1:30 p.m. and Santa arrives at 2 p.m. for Christmas wishes and photos till 4 p.m.

EDMONTON: The city's Canadian Native Friendship Centre is hosting weekly youth group programs which will enlist special guest speakers including Elders from the area. Field-trips and sporting events are also listed on their agendas. The younger youth group (6-12-year-olds) program is called, Any Child Can. The second youth group registrants are the 13-17-year-olds. The youths will meet every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at the Westmount Community Hall 10970-127 St. Coordinator Gordon Russell and Public Relations Officer Anne Cardinal are at the centre to assist with your calls, 452-7811.

White Braid Society: Will perform an 'Inner-City Round Dance' Dec 10 at Oliver School 10210-117 St. from 5-12 p.m. White Braid's theme in this dance performance will be, "asking for guidance for youths from the elders and teachers," said President Martha Campiou-Zarutzky. A feast is planned for 8 p.m. followed by a Give-away dance at 10 p.m. Raffle tickets (\$1 ea.) can be purchased for a designer fringe jacket. The raffle tickets are also available from the Society's members and office location at 10006-149 St. The raffle ticket draw date is slated for Jan. 15.

Livestock drought assistance program: Deadline for completed application forms is Dec. 15. The forms must be returned to the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation Offices by the same date. Application forms are available from these offices. For more information call toll-free: 1-800-667-7129 anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Legoff Dec. 22 is slated for Cold Lake First Nations'

annual Christmas dinner. The dinner will be served at the community hall. Christmas carols and gift distributions will commence at 1 p.m. Contact Leah Blackman 594-7183 for details.

Students: The Native Communications Program (NCP) at Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton is accepting applications for the Sept. '89 curriculum. This program is especially designed for students interested in improving communications within the Native community. Knowledge of current Native issues and the ability to speak a Native language are definite assets. Instructor



DROPPIN' IN

By Bea Lawrence

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Mary Cardinal Rizzoli is handling the recruitment for the program. Contact her at 483-2348 for details or submit your applications to the Registrar at the college. Application forms are available from the college at 156 St. & 100 Ave.

Signing off for the week folks! Share your feelings, take care and be good. Keep smiling! ('Looks good on you!')

White Braid Society ROUND DANCE

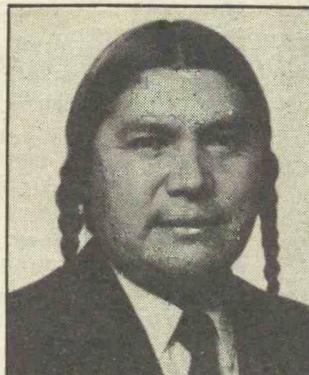
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Athabasca Native Development Corporation Announcement



GEORGE D. CALLIOU

Chief Jim Boucher, President of the Athabasca Native Development Corporation, is pleased to announce the appointment of George D. Calliou as Executive Director of the Athabasca Native Development Corporation.

George D. Calliou joins the Athabasca Native Development Corporation with more than 15 years experience in Native community development. He has been with a major Canadian oil and gas company in the area of Native affairs, socio-economic impact assessment and community relations for over eight years. His community volunteer involvement in the city of Calgary varied from the position of President of the Calgary Native Friendship Society to being an appointed member of the Board of Directors of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

The Fort McMurray-based Athabasca Native Development Corporation is primarily engaged in promoting Native employment and Native business development in and around the Fort

McMurray/Fort Chipewyan region. The Athabasca Native Development Corporation is proudly owned by: 1) The Cree Band of Fort Chipewyan; 2) The Athabasca/Chipewyan Band; 3) Metis Local #124 in Fort Chipewyan; 4) The Fort McKay Indian Band; 5) Fort McKay Metis Local #122; 6) The Fort McMurray Indian Band; 7) Anzac Metis Local #334; 8) The Janvier Indian Band; 9) Janvier Metis Local #214/Conklin Metis Local #193; 10) Fort McMurray Metis Local #1935.

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We know there are a lot of talented people out there and we need your help in coming up with a design that will symbolize T.A.R.R. and the work it does.

The winning submission will be printed on our letterhead, envelopes, etc., and the winning artist will receive *Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.*

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1. The logo should be an original design that is drawn or painted on white cardboard measuring 8" x 10".
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3. Solid colours only (do not use shading).
4. The contest is open to any Treaty Indian person of any age living in Alberta. Please include your name, address, Band, and Treaty number with your submission. Staff of the I.A.A. and T.A.R.R. (and their families) may not enter.
5. Submissions will be accepted until **January 31, 1988**. The winning artist will be contacted and the winning submission will be published in Windspeaker sometime in February 1989.
6. Any person who is qualified to enter may make more than one submission.
7. All submissions become the property of T.A.R.R. and will not be returned. Judges will be made up of the staff of T.A.R.R. and their decision is final.

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If you have any questions or require further information, contact Edna Deranger or Murray Marshall at 452-4330.

NOW GO TO IT!

1988 Windspeaker Un

When we first advertised for Windspeaker's Unsung Hero of this year, we had no response we'd get, or of how many entries we received. It's that each and every nominee in these letters should receive it's apparent they all give so much personal time toward helping their communities and help make places to live.

After much debate, we finally chose Fred and Louise Boucher of Lethbridge to share first prize; and Homer and Louise of Moose Mountain to share second prize. Congratulations!

Lena Small

For this award I would like to nominate my mother, Lena Small of Hobbema. She divorced my dad when I was in Grade 2. Since then she has raised eight children alone. Her first job was teaching arts and crafts at a friendship centre. For years now she has given up her time and has gone to many workshops and training programs to better herself.



She is now a certified AADAC counsellor at Hobbema. She helps people on all the reserves, our relatives, even people she has just met. People who are trying to commit suicide phone her in the middle of the night and she goes to them to help, listen and to let them know some people still care. She has made lifetime friends, and when they greet her with hugs, I feel jealous because for the time I want her to be with me.

She has raised us the best she knew how, even now when we've grown up and left home. She still advises us and supports us when we need help. For all the things she has done for us and for all the many others, I would like for her to win this award. Just to let her know I appreciate her as a mother and a friend. To say thank you and I love you.

Submitted by Sarah Fleury, Robb, Alberta

Florence Giroux

Florence Giroux has raised six children and is at present raising two of her grandchildren. She is actively involved in all her grandchildren's education and as a grandmother.

She was involved with the Eastern Alberta League in Edmonton for 15 years, and to volunteer for anything that the community could help with. For 13 years she not only coached baseball for the young boys, she also coached the girls ringettes team.

Florence has been an avid bowler and has won many trophies. Florence works for the Women's Council of Edmonton as an outreach worker. She makes countless visits to hospitals and seniors lodges in the city to help many Native seniors who are in need. She is responsible for organizing and coordinating various social and field trips for the Native seniors. (A Thanksgiving dinner.)

Florence's kindness and caring: she thrives on helping people. Florence has always got a smile or joke up your day. She is always willing to lend a hand to a worthy cause and happy to extend and companionship to whoever may need it.

Submitted by Kathy Logan,

Christina Cook

Greetings brothers and sisters. I am writing in regards to your search for an Unsung Hero of 1988. In my last three years of working and visiting the Mission Indian Friendship Centre in B.C., I have never seen anyone give so much of their time and effort as Christina Cook.

She has helped people in any way she can. She is a great help. A couple of examples: a couple of young Native women were involved in a tragic vehicle accident. Plans obviously had to be made. She worked very hard on the arrangements and financial aspects of the funeral. She made sure that there was enough food, pallbearers, the church booked, etc. She is also working hard on the Mission Native Housing Project.

I personally feel this is an essential part of raising the living standards in our Native community. Christina Cook also gave many volunteer hours to create three successful years of powwows. She made sure there was enough food, drums, and all the other things needed to put a powwow together. She has also held many dinner events for all sorts of occasions.

She also helped people relocate their home. She helps get shelter, food and financial aid to the needy. She has a very big heart and has a hard time saying "no" to anybody. Her working relationship with the merchants and our community in whole is very good. In my opinion, Christina Cook is our Unsung Hero of 1988.

Submitted by Robert Smith, Mission, B.C.

Dorothy Walker

For as long as I've known Dorothy Grande Prairie (14 years), she has given her home is always open. She has loved people of all ages. At present, she has many outlying districts who have chosen Grande Prairie to further their education.

She is a lifetime member of the Friends of the Women's Society.

She has been a foster parent for 20 years her home has had approval from the Health to foster the handicapped. She is a giving lady.

Submitted by Leona McLeod

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Windspeaker Unsung Hero Nominations:

When we first advertised for nominees for Windspeaker's Unsung Hero in August of this year, we had no idea of the response we'd get, or of how difficult it would be to choose a winner from the many entries we received. It's our opinion that each and every nominee mentioned in these letters should receive first prize — it's apparent they all give so much of their personal time toward helping others. They are the backbones of our communities and help make them better places to live.

After much debate, we finally selected Louise Boucher of Lac La Biche to share first prize; and Homer Poitras of Rose Mountain to share second prize. Congratulations!

Emile and Edna Blyan

There are many people who deserve to be recognized as the 1988 Unsung Hero, but none more than my parents Emile and Edna Blyan of Elizabeth Metis Settlement. They not only raised me as one of the family but they also raised five other children as their own.



When I was very young my natural parents separated because of alcohol-related problems and as a result five children became wards of the government. I was placed in a Ukrainian home in Clondonald and my brothers and sisters were placed in foster homes in Lloydminster. I was treated well and I grew to love the mother there but I was still very lonely.

Two years later I was told I would be going to live with my aunt and uncle. I was scared yet excited. My brother Harlan and sister Laurie were also to live with them and my other brother and sister Lewis and Brenda, were able to go back and live with my mother. Besides their own child Ricky, they were caring for two brothers who were nephews, Russell and Floyd. They also adopted Tina, whose natural mother died when she was two months old.

From then I had very good memories. All the neighborhood children in Entrance used to come to our place and we'd play all kinds of games. My parents would sometimes join in. We travelled a lot to visit, go on picnics, powwows, round dances and to sightsee.

We were taught to work and had our own responsibilities. There was no play until all our work was done. My parents are not too political but they do like to attend meetings in their community. People know they can count on them. They are concerned for the welfare of our people.

The values they instilled in us enabled us to face problems and love those who had no one. I thank God for them and I believe they should be recognized not only in 1988 but for all the years they unselfishly opened their homes and their hearts to children who would have lost their culture, heritage and people.

Submitted by Marlene Cardinal, High Prairie

Jane Barnum

In Morley, Jane Barnum is greatly appreciated not only by the students and staff but the community in general. Jane is a very caring person who has gone out of her way many times to help people who are facing difficulties in their lives. On more than one occasion, she has taken other people's problems home with her. She is the kind of friend and co-worker people would be proud of, and admire.

Jane has improved the education system to meet the specific needs of individuals who want to continue their education. Jane has been with us now (the Stoney Education Authority) for eight years. Since she has come to our community, our school has increased eight-fold, before she came to our community there was only a Grade 8 level. Since Jane has come here we now have a daycare, pre-school, kindergarten to Grade 12, a GED upgrading program with our 100 graduates, a UCEPP program to prepare students for college or university and Athabasca University. There are also students attending other institutes such as the University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, Red Deer and Olds College. This year we will have nine students graduating from these institutes with the help of Jane.

Now I would consider this person to be an Unsung Hero who has to be recognized. Jane has contributed greatly to the community and has a tremendous amount more to offer to the Stoney people in their continuing education.

Submitted by Trina Daniels, Morley, Alberta

Florence Giroux

Florence Giroux has raised six children on her own and is at present raising two of her grandchildren. She is actively involved in all aspects of her grandchildren's education and is a devoted grandmother.

She was involved with the Eastwood Community League in Edmonton for 15 years, and never hesitated to volunteer for anything that the community needed help with. For 13 years she not only played baseball, she coached baseball for the younger children. She also coached the girls ringettes team.

Florence has been an avid bowler for 13 years and has won many trophies. Florence works for the Metis Women's Council of Edmonton as a Native seniors outreach worker. She makes countless visits to all the hospitals and seniors lodges in the city, visiting the many Native seniors who are in need of company or need someone to speak to them in their Native tongue. She is responsible for organizing and establishing the Native Seniors Society. She spends many spare hours organizing and coordinating various social functions and field trips for the Native seniors. (An example of Florence's kindness and caring: she threw a surprise Thanksgiving dinner.)

Florence has always got a smile or joke to brighten up your day. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to a worthy cause and happy to extend warmth and companionship to whoever may need it.

Submitted by Kathy Logan, Edmonton

Lyle Donald

My name is Brenda Blyan and I would like to nominate a very good friend of mine for this year's Unsung Hero Contest. He's none other than your very own freelancer, Lyle Donald.



Lyle is not only a good friend to many Native people in and around Edmonton, he is also known for his good humor and hard work throughout northern Alberta.

Lyle works full time as a family support worker with Metis Children's Services, is a single father raising three children, and is a freelancer. With all this, he still manages to help anyone in need of assistance. You can often find Lyle helping out with cultural events hosted by the local friendship centre.

Lyle is also responsible for many of the Metis cultural celebrations and events in Edmonton, bringing the Metis community closer together and proud of their culture.

Lyle's energy and enthusiasm never seems to wane. He's been known to help many a person in their hour of need, even if it is only being available to chat on the telephone or by helping out in a major crisis. Lyle is kept busy with all his responsibilities as he is also the president of an Edmonton Metis local, but always exemplifies the true meaning of being a community-minded person. I feel Lyle Donald is most deserving of such an award. Thank you.

Submitted by Brenda Blyan, Edmonton

David McLeod

This Unsung Hero nomination is a great way to say thanks for doing a superb job. We are writing a special thanks to our Native liaison officer David McLeod. Just recently here at the institution we had our very first sweatlodge.

We know that if it wasn't for his fine work and the dedication he has for the Native inmates here, what seemed to be a dream for us, Dave made it reality. It's not only that we see him as a counsellor and a friend, but we appreciate the time and effort he takes to help the Native people here and all through Alberta. So thanks a lot Dave!

Submitted by The Native Brotherhood' Calgary Correctional Centre

Dorothy Walker

For as long as I've known Dorothy Walker of Grande Prairie (14 years), she has given and given. Her home is always open. She has lodged and fed people of all ages. At present, she has boarders from outlying districts who have chosen Grande Prairie to further their education.

She is a lifetime member of the friendship centre. She was also a member of the Voice of Alberta Women's Society.

She has been a foster parent for 23 years. For 10 years her home has had approval from Alberta Mental Health to foster the handicapped. She is a caring and giving lady.

Submitted by Leona McLeod, Grande Prairie



Northern cowboys: Bob Gottfriedson, left, judged; Keith Shuter of Merrit, B.C., at his fifth national finals.

Canucks bite the dust at Albuquerque rodeo

By Toby Zorthian
Windspeaker Correspondent

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico

For the first time in its 13-year history, there were no Canadians among the champions at the Indian National finals Rodeo held in Albuquerque, Nov. 17-20. Canadian competitors got their share of the day money but were edged out of the championship winners' circle.

The 147 Indian cowboys and cowgirls from the 10 regional Indian rodeo associations shared total prize money of \$80,000, the

largest payout in Indian rodeo history. To qualify, contestants had to finish in the top two positions in rodeo's seven major events in their regional association. They are the elite of over 5,000 Indians who in 1987 competed for about \$1.5 million.

Canadians are usually at a disadvantage in the roping and barrel racing events because travelling long distances stiffens a horse up and the change in air and feed affects their performance. Arriving early could alleviate this problem but the cost of staying in Albuquerque an extra week

makes it too expensive. This year many people came from an invitational Indian rodeo in Reno, so their travel time was reduced. Canadian Melissa Louis of Vernon, B.C. arrived four days in advance. She had four consistent runs but finished third, losing the championship by less than a second.

Judging of the events was done by Butch Kirby of Comanche, Oklahoma and Bob Gottfriedson of Kamloops, British Columbia. Before starting his career as a judge with the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Officials, Got-

friedson made 10 trips to the INFR and was runner up four times in the saddle bronc division.

Tired of the long three and four day hauls, many Canadians ask "Why is the INFR always held in Albuquerque?" Coors liquor company representative Stephanie Hare answers that Coors, a major sponsor, would be willing to stage the event in Canada. However, she went on to point out that she would need to investigate Canadian sponsorship laws which at one time prohibited liquor companies from hosting sporting events. NIRF commis-

sioner Dean Jackson added they had looked into having the finals in Salt Lake City, Ut.; Billings, Mont.; Rapid City, Sd.; Denver, Co.; and Tulsa, Ok., but none of these cities could offer at a reasonable cost a facility as good as the New Mexico State Fair Grounds. They pay only \$12,000 for the Tingley Coliseum and the Fair Grounds board is pressuring the INFR to sign a three-year contract.

Another factor that weights in favor of Albuquerque is its close proximity to the Navajo Reservation. The Navajos are the largest Indian tribe in North America. The Apache and Pueblo peoples are close by and have a history of supporting rodeo. Albuquerque has a large Indian population and is accustomed to hosting Indian events and

conferences. There are numerous hotels and motels that can handle the influx of Natives. The recent sparse attendance at the rodeo in Reno, Nevada has confirmed the commissioner's belief that changing the site of the INFR might be a bad idea.

RESULTS: Indian World Champions - All Around Cowboy, Wally Dennison, Tohatchi, N.M.; Bareback Riding, Jim Jacobs, Pine Ridge, S.D.; Barrel Racing, Geneva Tsouhlarakis, Crownpoint, N.M.; Bull Riding: David Best Omak, Wa.; Team Roping, Lenard and Lester Williams, Flagstaff, N.M.; Saddle Bronc Riding, Howard Hunter, Kyle, S.D.; Calf Roping, Wally Dennison, Tohatchi, N.M.; Steer Wrestling, John Colliflower, Box Elder, Mt.

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The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Insecurity and nerdity on the ski hill

I recall feeling very insecure about going on my first ski trip. It seemed to me that so much could go wrong.

Maybe my ski apparel of jeans, down jacket and Molson Canadian toque would label me a ski nerd. I could be an outcast among all the matching ski suits, with fancy accessories like fluorescent colored ski glasses and gloves.

Or perhaps I'd go up the wrong chair lift, only to find myself at the top of a treacherous ski run meant for near-Olympian calibre skiers.

Or I might wipe out on flat ground in front of a crowded ski line up where every second face resembles Brooke Shields or Christie Brinkley.

As I stood in line for my first T-bar ride, I watched a poor fellow who couldn't get the hang of the thing. He was supposed to 'sit' lightly on one of the crossbars of a upside-down steel 'T' that was attached to a rotating rope. And, like dragging on a clothes line, he was suppose to move up the hill. He'd get up about 20 feet and slid off, again and again. Finally he gave up and just tucked the T-bar under his armpit and let himself be dragged up the hill. My heart beat faster — that's going to be me, I thought.

And it did take me a few tries to finally get up the hill. And I did wipe out on flat ground, often. And I did end up on a wrong run — I made it down by skiing ten feet, fall, ski ten more feet, fall, and so on. At one point I somehow got my skis turned the wrong direction and went down backwards for a while. I hit a fence at full speed — my body did an instant halt while my toque sailed on for another 30 feet. And I did look like a ski nerd. My jeans got soaked, my hair was all icicles, my mitts were all lumpy and floppy with snow.

But you know what? I didn't care. My first ten feet



SPORTS ROUNDUP By Kim McLain

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down the hill and I was having fun. I was totally tuned out to the world, instead, I focussed on the act of skiing. I laughed — everytime I fell, skied backwards, hit fences. The day seemed to go by in one hour.

If you're interested in giving it a shot, most towns and some reserves

have ski clubs that offer group ski trips — phone them. You'll have so much fun you'll have no time to worry like I did.

Louis Bull: A Saskatoon volleyball team won more than it's gas money back Nov. 19-20 at Louis Bull's co-ed volleyball tournament. The Saskatoon District Chiefs earned \$650 for their defeat over the Hobbema Hooters. The Hooters settled for the \$400 second place prize after winning the annual event the last two years. And, taking third was the Frog Lake Bounty Hunters.

Most valuable woman player went to Hobbema's Carolyn Buffalo while Eldon (no last name given) won the male MVP award.

Six other teams missed out on the money, including: Hobbema Wolverines, Edmonton Thunder Road, Hobbema Battle Lake Blues, Edmonton Strikers, Edmonton Court Cruisers and the host team, the Louis Bull Booze Hounds.

"Even though the power went off completely," says Bill Godin, Louis Bull rec man, "I think everyone enjoyed themselves." The lights went out at the Peter Bull memorial arena for about a half hour Sunday afternoon.

Cancelled and postponed: Here's a couple of cancelled or postponed events for those of you who like to know what you *didn't* miss.

First off, the Senior B hockey tourney that was to be held at Enoch Nov. 25-27 was cancelled due to a lack of

players. Apparently the team couldn't come up with enough cash for their association cards — about \$200 for the team.

Also, boxing coach Harvey Laboucan had to cancel his Slave Lake fight card scheduled last Nov. 26. Weren't enough fighters for that event.

That volleyball tournament scheduled Nov. 26-27 at Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre was cancelled.

And, postponed is the 12th Annual Oki Basketball Tournament at Peigan. The tourney conflicted with a couple of other tournaments — one in the States and another at Lethbridge. The new date is Dec. 2-4. For more information contact the Napi friendship centre at 627-4224 or 627-4234.

Last laughs: A few weeks ago Windspeaker published a special section for National Addictions Awareness Week and included several jokes reprinted from the publication entitled AA Grapevine. The jokes were so sick you just had to laugh. We've got lots left, too. Here's one:

With drunken visions of becoming a racehorse owner, a dipso bought a decrepit old nag. As he was leading him home, he met a farmer who asked what he was going to do with the beast.

"I'm going to race him," replied the proud new owner.

"You'll beat him," stated the farmer.

That's it for this week. If you have a joke, send it to me here at Windspeaker. Include your address and I'll send you back a Windspeaker pin or baseball hat if I use the joke in the column.

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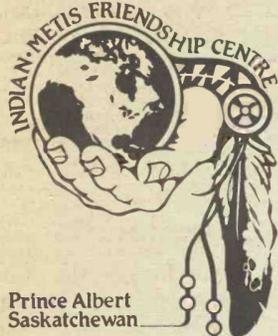
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| St. Albert | 11 | 15 | 2 | 112 | 114 | 24 |
| Lloydminster | 5 | 19 | 1 | 84 | 127 | 11 |
| Ft. McMurray | 4 | 18 | 0 | 68 | 103 | 8 |

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| Olds Grizzlies | 15 | 7 | 2 | 112 | 104 | 32 |
| Calgary Can. | 13 | 8 | 3 | 114 | 85 | 29 |
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Personal story: Busted for boozin' at the wheel

"Oh no!!! They're pulling me over. What am I going to do now? I can't afford to lose my driver's license again!"

Those horrible thoughts flew through my mind before being pulled over for drunk driving.

It happened in 1984 on a reserve just outside of Edmonton. We were going to my girlfriend's house out on the reserve and I was driving my girlfriend's truck. I was drunk. My friends were drunk. Sitting next to the door was my friend Bruce.

We were being followed by some other friends of ours, who were driving a

car. They were also drinking. When we neared the village part of the reserve the headlights of our friend's car were right behind us. I noticed their headlights disappear. Then they appeared again.

I started showing off: spinning my tires around corners, fishtailing the truck and speeding. I pulled into a part of the village where the road was quite wide. I started burning donuts.

All of a sudden I notice red and blue police lights flashing and those horrible thoughts start flashing through my mind. The lights, which I thought belonged to my friend's car,

actually belong to an RCMP cruiser. They had swapped places with my friend's car. Our friends probably noticed the RCMP and fled. The cruiser follows and stops us. I thought it was our friends following us, but it was the police. I wish I had been more careful and watched out for the police. I wish I hadn't even gotten behind the wheel.

All the time I was spinning my tires and driving crazy, the police were right behind us.

After turning on his red and blues he parks right behind us. I wish he'd turn those damn lights off! We're right in the village and I don't want anyone to notice us. But they keep the lights flashing. I swear they do things especially to make you feel as bad as possible.

I didn't want the officer to know that I already had an impaired driving offense and was still under suspension for it.

I see him approaching

the vehicle, flashlight in hand. He steps up to the side of the truck and shines the flashlight in my face.

"Have you been drinking?" asks the officer.

"Yes a bit," I answer. He asks me to step out of the vehicle. I step out and as I do, a beer bottle falls out of the truck. "Oh no!"

After I get out, the officer shines his light into the cab of the truck. The two girls are passed out. My friend doesn't look too sober.

They ask me to step to the back of the truck. My heart is pounding! The young officer asks me to walk a straight line. He has his flashlight shining in my face. I fail the test and the officer puts me in the back of his cruiser. I fell like a criminal. Being a Native person pulled over on an Indian reserve doesn't make me feel any better.

We pull up to the back of the Stoney Plain RCMP detachment. The automatic

garage doors open and the cruiser enters.

In the police department they sit me down for a while. I am then asked to go into a small room where they keep the breathalyzer. The officer explains the procedure and asks me to blow a breath sample into the scary-looking machine. I blow and the responsive little needle registers well over the legal limit. I am taken back to the waiting room.

The arresting officer reappears and tells me that I have been charged with impaired driving and that I have the right to a lawyer. He asks me if I would like to phone a lawyer. I tell him yes. He tells me to phone him. I tell him I don't have a lawyer. The officer is losing patience with me and slams a phone book down in front of me and tells me to find one. I am upset with him and become uncooperative. I am taking too long to find a

lawyer so he grabs me. I hit him and knock him against the wall.

Other officers jump in and wrestle me into the drunk tank. It's dark and cold in the cell. I am given a gray blanket to cover up with. There is no bed in the cell. There is nothing in the cell but four walls. I can't get warm enough to fall asleep. It's hard to get comfortable with only one gray blanket and a cement floor. So I spread the blanket out on the floor, lay along one of the sides and roll myself up inside of it.

In the morning I call my girlfriend and ask her to come and pick me up.

Sometime later I went to court. I was given a year suspension just for driving while under suspension and an additional year for my second impaired driving offence. I was without my drivers license for three and a half years.

Believe me. It's not worth it to drink and drive.

CUSTODY HOME PROGRAM

The Department of the Alberta Solicitor General, Young Offender Branch, seeks individuals/families who are willing to provide a stable home environment for one or two young offenders between the ages of 12 and 18 years who are serving open custody dispositions. Individuals/families recruited for the Custody Home Program will provide personalized supervision and serve as role models for young persons who have been in conflict with the law. Financial compensation is provided up to a maximum of \$31 per day. Applicants will be required to participate in a thorough screening and approval process. Call or write Mr. Peter Nicholson, Director Community Programs, Young Offender Branch at 422-5019, 10th Floor, J.E. Brownlee Building, 10365 - 97 St., Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3W7.



Approaching .08

In the world of impaired driving a really well-known buzzword is ".08 percent." Most people think that you have to have a blood alcohol content of .08 percent before you can be charged with impaired driving. This isn't true.

If a police officer feels you've had too much to drink, you can be charged or your licence can be suspended, on the spot, for 24 hours.

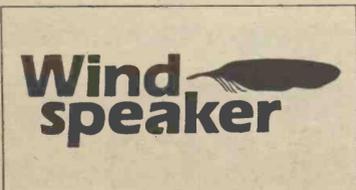
Tests can also be taken right at the roadside. So if you're one of those who feels you can drink just the right amount and stay on the

right side of the law at the same time, think again. In an average year about 25,000 drivers in Alberta are charged with impaired driving.

The bottom line is this: Listen to yourself. YOU know when you've had enough or too much. It all depends on how much you weigh, your health, and how fast you drink - ever notice how some people get drunk faster than others? Since you know best about your capacity for alcohol the following chart is only meant as a guide:

| Weight | Hours of drinking time | Liquor 1 oz. or beer 8 ozs. | |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| | | Legal limit | Safe limit |
| 125 | 1 hr. | 4 | 3 |
| | 4 hrs. | 7 | 5 |
| 150 | 1 hr. | 5 | 3 |
| | 4 hrs. | 8 | 6 |
| 175 | 1 hr. | 6 | 4 |
| | 4 hrs. | 9 | 8 |
| 200 | 1 hr. | 7 | 5 |
| | 4 hrs. | 11 | 9 |
| 225 | 1 hr. | 8 | 5 |
| | 4 hrs. | 12 | 10 |

Drinking and driving. Before you go to a party where alcohol will be served - before you head out to meet friends at the bar - consider leaving your car at home - because once you've started to relax, chances are you won't recognize how little it takes to put you over the line. Point oh-eight - the line that makes you an impaired driver. Think about it now. This message is from



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ADVERTISING FEATURE

The party's over, Alberta gets tough

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Alberta's getting tough on impaired drivers. If you are caught driving impaired, you will find out just how tough.

The facts are that during 1987, 26.6% of drivers involved in fatal collisions in Alberta had consumed alcohol. Alberta has had at least the third highest number of drivers charged for impaired driving related offences in Canada from 1982 to 1986. Albertans want this stopped! They want an end to the human suffering and tragedy of death or injuries that are caused by impaired drivers.

Marvin Moore, Solicitor General, has announced increased suspension periods for convicted impaired drivers and higher penalties for drivers operating uninsured vehicles.

Drivers convicted for a first offence of impaired driving will have their licences suspended for one year; three years for a second conviction and five years for a third. Those convicted of impaired driving causing injury or death receive a mandatory five year licence suspension.

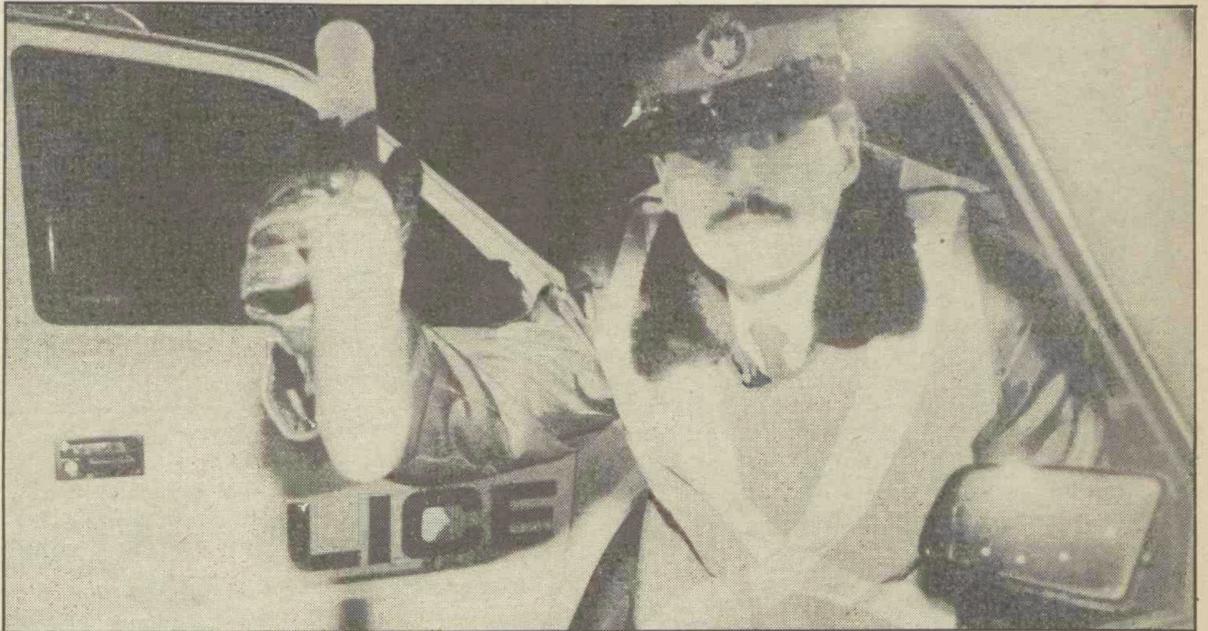
The penalties for driving a vehicle without insurance have increased to a \$600 minimum and a \$2,500 maximum to deter high risk drivers from deliberately avoiding the

purchase of insurance.

These penalties, made under under Alberta's Motor Vehicle Administration Act, are in addition to penalties for impaired driving in the Criminal Code of Canada. These include fines ranging from \$300 to \$2,000; jail sentences of 14 days to 6 months; or a combination of fines and jail sentences. In the case of a conviction for impaired driving causing bodily harm or impaired driving causing death, the penalties are jail sentences of up to 10 and 14 years respectively. Driving while under suspension will make you subject to fines of up to \$2,000 and/or up to two years in jail.

The CheckStop program has been beefed up with the addition of a new fleet of vans. These CheckStop vans will be used by Alberta police agencies to support the CheckStop program and to make Albertans aware that the program is a year-round concern.

The Alberta government has implemented tough legislation but every citizen must make it work. Mr. Moore summed it up by saying "Driving is a privilege - a privilege that requires all drivers to accept their responsibility to drive safely."



A familiar sight since 1973: Last year, 430,495 vehicles were checked at 27,400 CheckStops

CHECKSTOP: Plain and simple

It won't be a merry Christmas this year for some Alberta families. This is supposed to be a festive season, but there is nothing festive about it when a loved one is killed in an alcohol-related collision.

The RCMP and police agencies throughout the province will be starting their holiday CheckStop campaigns in early December. From the period 1980

to 1986 there were 1,100 fatalities resulting from drinking drivers, and 20,000 injury collisions that involved the use of alcohol. The year-round CheckStop program is aimed at reducing deaths and injuries caused by drinking drivers in Alberta.

The results of the CheckStop program speak for themselves. Over 19,000 Albertans were

charged with an impaired driving related offence as a result of the program, and other related police initiatives, in 1987. More than 3,700 of these offenders were incarcerated in Alberta's correctional facilities. Currently, there are 35,000 Albertans who have had their licences suspended as a result of impaired driving convictions.

Impaired driving is a

serious social problem which requires the immediate attention and full cooperation of government, private agencies, the corporate sector and all Albertans. Don't tolerate impaired driving. There's a lot you can do to keep these people off the road. Take action as an individual, and as a member of your community. Impaired driving is a crime. Plain and simple.

THE PARTY'S OVER.

CheckStop will get you if you drink and drive.

During this festive season, the RCMP and police forces throughout Alberta will be doing their utmost to make sure the streets and highways are safe for the motoring public. All police agencies across the province will intensify their CheckStop programs during December.

The chances of being stopped by CheckStop this year are greater than ever before, and if you are convicted of impaired driving, the

penalties are severe. You will automatically lose your driver's licence and receive a substantial fine. If you are a repeat offender, you may also be sentenced to a prison term.

The party's over for impaired drivers in Alberta. Don't drink and drive.

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Trapper training taught

By Marlene Cardinal
Windspeaker Correspondent

EAST PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT

The Basic Trapping and Conservation Course held here was not only educational but it was also well received by all who took part.

The course ran from November 7-11 and some of the evening classes lasted longer than planned, especially when skinning an animal was involved. The students were taken on two fieldtrips, one on Wednesday and one on Friday where they learned the best locations and how to properly set traps, plus the habitat of the fur bearing animals they wanted to trap.

There was a total of 18 students who took part in the course ranging in age 13 to 60, men and women, seasoned trappers and those who had never trapped before.

Each student was given a trapping manual (a course in itself because it's informative, educational, interesting and well written), size 120 conibear,

safety gripper and a No. 3 softcatch. Students had to pay a \$5 entrance fee and their gas to and from the school.

The course was sponsored by AVC Lac La Biche in conjunction with the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Management Division. The senior instructor, Dee Barrus, is a high school teacher from Cardston, Alberta. He has 25 years experience as a trapper and four years experience as an instructor. The Native instructor, Bruce Gladue, (from Saddle Lake who now resides in Edmonton) has been teaching this type of course for two years and he's also had experience as a trapper.

Gladue speaks Cree fluently, a definite asset since some of his students know only a little English or feel more comfortable speaking in their Native tongue.

Joe Desmond has 30 years experience as a fur grader. He taught one evening session on marketing and how to take care of the fur to get the best price.

Humane trapping was stressed throughout the course because of the growing number of people



Classroom trappers: Romeo Cardinal, Larry and Eliza BigCharles, Dennis Andrews, Nelson Andrews, Brian Supernault, Clarence Supernault, Robert L'Hirondelle, William Patenaude, Darlene Smoke, Edgar Bellerose, Dorothy Bellerose, George Bellerose, Louise Auger, Chad Haggerty, Robert Emard, Ronald Bellerose and Muriel L'Hirondelle

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who feel animals are being treated unfairly. There is also the possibility that leg hold traps could be outlawed within the next 10 years. Hence the importance of using the softcatch conibears as they don't cause the animals to suffer.

In the four years Barrus has taught he has noticed visible improvements on furs that go to market because they are caught in season when furs are at their peak, thereby producing better quality and properly skinned furs.

More than one student commented that they learned a lot about trapping especially when is the best time to trap an animal. Before, they just started trapping or hunting for animals as soon as the trapping season opened, then

wondered why they got such a low price for their furs. Even long time trappers felt they learned a lot of valuable information.

There are currently 25 courses like this one held across the province during the winter months. If anyone wishes to have this course taught in their community, contact AVC Lac La Biche.



INSTRUCTOR

Competition No: AV5501-11-WDSP

FLATBUSH - AVC Lesser Slave Lake is accepting applications for Adult Basic Education Instructors. Responsibilities will include instruction of core subjects (0-12) with an emphasis on Math and Science. Some educational counselling will be required. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A valid Teaching Certificate is essential. Experience teaching adult students as well as high school subjects are preferred. These are temporary positions until June 30, 1989 with a good possibility of extension.

Salary: \$28,322 - \$44,412

Closing Date: December 9, 1988

Advanced Education

INSTRUCTOR

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Closing Date: December 9, 1988

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