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Onlookers watch as a backhoe scoops up the last bucketfull of dirt between the Oldman River and its original creek bed. For more on the activities of the Pelgan Lone Fighters Society who undertook the work, please see pages 2, 8 and 9.



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Lone Fighters divert Oldman

News

By Jackie Red Crow Windspeaker Correspondent and

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PEIGAN NATION, ALTA.

Having diverted the Oldman River to its original creek bed, some Peigan Nation members are now setting their sights on halting construction of the \$350million Oldman River Dam.

On Tuesday at 8:54 p.m. a Caterpillar at work in the northern area of the Peigan reserve scooped up a bucket of dirt to remove the last barrier between the river and the creek. Water started to trickle in weeks ahead of provincial predictions as Peigan Lone Fighters looked on.

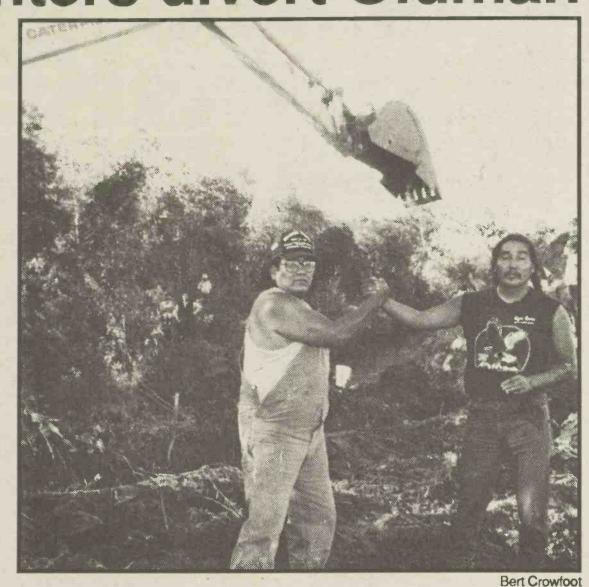
The dam is now "rendered useless," said band councillor Leander Strikes With A Gun, an observer at the Lone Fighter's camp.

He said he wasn't concerned about an angry reaction from farmers dependent on the water of the Oldman River. "Half the farmers are on our side.

"They (the provincial government) have to stop working at the dam before we let it go back," he said.

"The issue here is the dam. It's flooding burial grounds and some traditional areas," said Strikes With A Gun, who maintained the Lone Fighters weren't doing anything illegal.

"It's on band land. What can they charge us with? But they might fabricate a law," he said in an interview.



Devion SmallLegs & Milton Born as their work nears completion

as a "correction."

Just one day after the Lone Fighters' Society claimed victory, the province obtained a court injunction ordering police to immediately arrest anyone, who breached the order, which declared the diversion illegal.

Fifty RCMP officers were reported to have gathered across from the Lone Fighter's camp Thursday night. But no arrests had been made as of press time.

Meanwhile, Peigan Chief Leonard Bastien and the council want a meeting with Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon to discuss the dispute. A meeting originally scheduled for Aug. 31 with the Peigan council and four members of the provincial cabinet was abruptly cancelled last week. Environment Minister Ralph Klein refuses to meet unless the diversion work is halted. A councillor, who asked to remain anonymous, said the Peigans prefer to meet with Siddon "because reserves are under federal jursidiction and not under the provincial goverment". An answer is expected soon on the Peigans' request.

The Lone Fighters started work Aug. 3 to divert the river flow around the headworks and canal of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District (LNID), which supplies farmers and communities downstream.

The protesters equipped with

IN BRIEF

Cold Lake Native charged

COLD LAKE — A man from Cold Lake First Nations was charged with arson after an Aug. 18 fire destroyed a key section of a railway bridge that supplies Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake. Chief Harvey Scanie insisted the band was not involved in the incident and would never approve such an illegal act. One 100-metre section of the 444-metre-long bridge was destroyed. The rail line runs near the reserve but not through it. "We've never had any intentions of doing anything like that," he said. "It was done by an individual person and I don't think anyone in my government (band council or administration) told him to do that." He said if his band protested, "it would be peaceful and we'd do it legally."

Lubicon adviser punched

PEACE RIVER — A Swiss journalist, an Austrian supporter of the Lubicon Lake Band and a band adviser were insulted and nearly faced a brawl when visiting Peace River last week. The incident followed their removal from the area immediately outside the Daishowa pulp plant by RCMP earlier, said Peter Schwarzbauer, an assistant professor of forestry from Vienna, Austria. Schwarzbauer was visiting the area with Lubicon adviser Fred Lennarson as part of a two-week tour on behalf of the 400-member Austrian Association for Endangered Peoples. A group of about 20 plant workers in a hotel bar identified the visitors as the people removed from outside the plant by RCMP, he said. The workers called them "dirty commies, Indian-lovers, and environmentalists" before one man stepped forward and punched Lennarson in the side of the head, he said. "I see more clearly the attitude the Lubicons have to fight. It was frightening and it was offending," he said. Lennarson said he "couldn't tell the difference between what happened in Peace River and what happened in Selma, Alabama, when I was there in 1962."

Sarcee protest land claim delay

CALGARY— Sarcee Indians paraded through Canadian Forces Base Calgary Aug. 22 and claimed a huge chunk of it as their own. About 70 Native people, led by tribal leaders on horseback, marched to Native songs and a thundering drumbeat as part of a peaceful, two-hour protest in southwest Calgary. Military personnel looked on curiously as the placardtoting group protested delays in settling a claim to 380 hectares of land on which Harvey Barracks sits. The claim has been before the courts for 10 years. Sarcee Chief Roy Whitney, wearing a traditional fringed buckskin suit and feather headdress, compared the land claim to the Mohawk dispute at Oka, Quebec and said Natives will no longer allow their grievances to be ignored. The band claims Ottawa stole the land, which includes its traditional sacred grounds, through coercion in 1952 and has stalled its lawsuit in the courts. Sarcee member Sasha Manywounds, 18, said the dispute at Oka has made many young Indians more politically aware and resentful of government. "We really have no choice except to fight for our future."

Ironically a piece of equipment used in the construction of the dam, which is 75 per cent completed, was also used in the diversion work.

The Lone Fighters insist the river wasn't diverted, but merely being returned to its natural creek bed, which was blocked off in the early 1920s. They refer to it a small bulldozer, a backhoe and a dump truck had cut a deep, wide channel so it extends to a sharp bend in the river. The fast moving water spilled into the deep ditch and into the old creek bed.

Lone Fighters' spokesman Milton Born With A Tooth also insisted no laws were being broken since the work didn't affect the weir and canal, which resulted from an 1981 agreement with the irrigation district. The agreement assures water for about 133,000 acres of land and domestic water for about 900 farm families and the towns of Picture Butte, Barons, Nobleford, Iron Springs and Turin.

"What we're doing is re-healing the river. The RCMP never bothered us because they knew we weren't breaking any laws," he said at an interview at the Lone Fighters encampment on the shore of the Oldman.

He accused the federal government of having broken its own laws by allowing construction of the dam without a proper environmental accessment study having been conducted.

He said the successful attempt at diverting the river should silence those who ridiculed their actions.

Born With A Tooth said the Lone Fighters will now wait to see what the province does.

"The physical part is finished now. We have laid our foundation. Are the threats going to be realized?" he asked.

He said the chief and council didn't support the group's actions. "What they did was protect our rights."

Born With A Tooth hopes the federal government will negotiate in good faith rather than using force as it did at Oka, Quebec. Meanwhile, the Peigan council is expected to be in court next month in Calgary to argue its water rights case. The band insists its treaty gives it rights to the Oldman water.

CBC picks story crafted for natives

LETHBRIDGE — Harlen Bigbear, a likeable busybody in Tom King's novel Medicine River, may soon come to life on the silver screen. CBC and two film production companies have purchased the film rights to King's first novel and the former University of Lethbridge professor has been signed to write the screenplay. King hopes much of the film will be shot in southern Alberta, his setting for the fictitious Blackfoot community of Medicine River. He admits to a particular soft spot for the character of Bigbear. "Harlen is a traditional trickster figure," says King. "I know several people just like him ... but I wouldn't tell them that." In Medicine River, King has crafted a story about a small, off reserve Indian community that is comical, touching and sometimes painfully realistic. The son of a Cherokee Indian father and Greek mother, King says he especially wanted to write Medicine River for Natives.

10 new homes

SLAVE LAKE — Metis Urban Housing Corporation has received a \$894,392 loan commitment from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for the purchase and renovation of 10 homes for Slave Lake Natives. The project consists of single-detached, one-storey, three-and four-bedroom houses scattered throughout Slave Lake. In addition to providing insurance on the loan, the federal government, through CMHC, will provide an annual subsidy of \$119,390.

Fire prevention program

HIGH LEVEL, ALTA. — Nine schools participated in the Fort Vermilion's district's fire prevention poster competition. They included Sister Gloria, J. B. Sewepagaham, Jean D'or Prairie, Chief Tallcree (North), South Tallcree, Rocky Lane, Upper Hay River and Dene Tha' Community. Winners in kindergarten to Grade 6 won cash prizes and Bucky Beaver fire safety T-shirts. All students received a lapel button. Safety films were shown during the awards' presentations. Many entries were also received in the Grade 7 to 12 open competition. The district winner was Veronica Rose, a Grade 11 student at Rockylane, who received \$150 for the school and district level winnings plus \$250 for third place in the Alberta region competition. The other district winners were Marsha Kipling, a Grade 11 student at Rocky Lane, who received \$105. Third place went to Paul Bashman, a Grade 8 student at Fox Lake. James Ahnassay, fire safety advisor for High Level Tribal Council, spoke to the students and parents and made the presentations at the Rocky Lane awards' ceremony.

Bigstone Band angered by RCMP shooting

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

WABASCA, ALTA.

The shooting of a Bigstone band member by an RCMP officer has angered the chief of the Bigstone Cree Band and the man's mother.

Bigstone Chief Chuckie Beaver says the band will be filing a complaint with the RCMP public complaints' commission over the incident.

Lesley Gladue, 22, was shot after a high speed chase near Wabasca-Desmarais Aug. 24 after he and an accomplice abandoned their car and attempted to run away.

Gladue was wounded in the left arm and ear from a shotgun blast.

An official media release from the police gave no indication Gladue was armed. However, a police official has said the officer, who shot Gladue thought he was holding a weapon.

Gladue's mother, Elsie, said she is furious over the shooting of her son.

"Why? He may be crippled now. The police are trying to say he was armed but he was not. Keys? When do keys look like a gun?" she asked.

Gladue said she is happy with the way Chief Beaver and council are handling the incident.

She said she won't let the matter drop until she is satisfied. "If I have to I will take what-

ever legal action that is necessary," Gladue said.

Leslie said he had no time to slow down before he was hit by a shotgun blast after he heard the officer shout telling him to freeze.

"All of a sudden I heard a bang and then I was hit. I had a small key-like chain but it was clenched in my fist," Gladue said in a telephone interview from the Wabasca hospital.

"We are definitely going to follow this up and find out exactly what happened," said Beaver, who added he does not want to wreck the band's working relationship with the RCMP.

"It has really put a strain on our relationship with the RCMP. And since the shooting everything is on hold until this incident can be resolved," he said.

Beaver said he and his council have met with RCMP officials, but little information can be released until the police finish their internal investigation.

"The police were not willing to disclose very much information to us. It bothers me because the public should know what's going on," he said.

Beaver does not know if criminal charges will be laid against Gladue or his companion Clifford Cardinal.



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Alberta chiefs appeal for calm

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

An Alberta AFN leader has appealed to the media, the Canadian public and religious denominations to lend a sympathetic ear to the grievances of Native people.

Speaking on behalf of Alberta chiefs at a news conference in Edmonton on Thursday, Lawrence Courtrielle, vice-president of the Assembly of First Nations, appealed to Native people to remain calm "despite the racial tolerance against our people that is taking place."

The standoffs in Quebec have seen Native people harassed and attacked sending ripples across the nation.

non-Native "Hopefully people will assist us in bringing back the real isssues — our concerns as first citizens of this country," said Courtrielle.

He said because non-Native people are not aware of the history of Indian people, it gives the government a licence to do whatever it wants with Indian people.

"It is not fair. We are not criminals, we're not terrorists or law breakers.

"The only law breaker in this country at this point in time is the prime minister and the government of Canada," Courtrielle said.

Courtrielle said Alberta chiefs are calling on the Canadian public to demand that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney resign "because this prime minister will bring disaster to this country and everyone will be insecure. It will not be a free country."

Indian Association of Alberta president Regena Crowchild said because of the grave circumstances surrounding Indian people across the country, the IAA has set up a 24-hour crisis centre.

She said the crisis line (470-5751) will be made available to people of the first nations and the general public.

"If you call us, we will answer your questions and try and provide information you may require," said Crowchild, who also appealed to first nations people to remain calm.

chiefs are not promoting any type of violence and would rather see a peaceful solution to the crisis now facing Indian people.

"We are after a peaceful solution and will pursue a democratic route. If that fails, then we will deal with that at that time," she said.

Asked if the Alberta chiefs support the Lone Fighters, a group of Peigan Indians who are presently diverting the Oldman River in southern Alberta away from the controversial Oldman Dam, Crowchild said they are still waiting for word from Peigan Chief Leonard Bastien.

However, Crowchild said the chiefs do support the efforts of the Blood tribe and Chief Roy Fox, who blockaded Highway 2 at two junctions (Lethbridge to Stand Off and Lethbridge to Cardston) for 48 hours Aug. 30-31.

"We support the efforts of the Blood tribe. Chief Roy Fox has maintained contact with us and he indicated the blockade will end.

"And as far as we are con-She said the IAA and Alberta cerned it is a peaceful blockade and is in co-operation with his people as well as with the RCMP," Crowchild said.

Blood Indian Dennis First Rider, who initiated the blockades, did it in hopes of drawing attention to a long-standing land claim.

In a written statement to the media, Alberta chiefs strongly rejected the use of the Canadian Armed Forces in the dispute involving the Mohawk Nation in Quebec. They also condemmed the vigilante action by uncontrolled mobs against innocent first nations, elderly, women and children.

The chiefs asked for immediate steps to be taken by religious denominations to help prevent armed hostilities from occurring at Oka and Kahnawake, Que.

They also issued a stern warning that Indian people will not stand idly by if the blood of Native people is shed anywhere in Canada.

"Nor will we guarantee any future blockades will or will not occur if situations deteriorate and tensions escalate," the statement read.

Harold Cardinal, spokesman

for Alberta chiefs, said Canadians have to insist they will not allow their governments to use security forces against their own citizens.

He also said the chiefs have announced they will begin dealing with leaders in the Christian community, minority groups and civil liberty organizations.

Cardinal said Canadians are approaching a very difficult political time and he appealed to the public to beware of racism.

"We are a very small minority and if you let racism overtake the affairs of this country and harm not only the interest and lives of Indian people, then what the hell are you going to do when racism begins to affect the relations between the French and English in this country?" asked Cardinal angrily.

The chiefs also issued an urgent call for Mulroney to reconvene Parliament.

"The only way to resolve these negative relations is for the government to come to the table to meet and resolve Native concerns through dialogue with the first nations of Canada," said the statement.

Mohawks accuse police of torture and beatings **Police spokesman laughs at allegations By Dana Wagg** Windspeaker Staff Writer

MONTREAL, QUE.

Mohawk Indians in Quebec are preparing a report detailing allegations Surete du Quebec (SQ) police officers beat and tortured Indians during the standoffs in Quebec.

In the most recent incident about seven Kanesatake Indians were taken to a barn last week, where they were beaten and tortured, charged Don Martin of Kahnawake in an interview from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) office in Ottawa.

The allegations were earlier raised by Georges Erasmus, national AFN chief. He said some Indians were tortured with lit cigarettes.

Martin said the Mohawks are still trying to locate Gary Gabriel of Kanesatake, who was arrested and beaten several days ago by SQ officers.

"The SQ has been giving people the runaround," he said.

When Gabriel was arrested, "they immediately started beating on him," he said.

He said Angus Jacobs of Kanesatake was also beaten.

Athough the police were in plainclothes and weren't wearing badges, eyewitnesses recognized their faces, said Martin.

"We have been documenting all human rights' violations."

A report is being prepared, which will be released, "when this is all over."

He said a young Kahnawake mother accompanied by her two children was punched by a white protestor while trying to get back to the reserve on a side road.

The protestor, who reached in and hit her, told her "If you didn't have children in the car, we'd drag you out and beat you," said Martin.

He declined to give her name.

Beverly Scow said in an interview from Kanesatake on Tuesday that police were arresting any Mohawks, who left the reserve and beating some of them.

She said about 15 people had been beaten by police.

One had a telephone book. used on him. "His brains are pretty scattered," she said.

A spokesman for the Surete du Quebec laughed at charges that Mohawks had been tortured by police.

"The police never torture anybody," said Const. Richard Bourdon in an interview from Montreal Thursday. "This is 1990."

He also said reports of beatings were "totally false."

Complaints can be filed with the police commissioner, said Bourdon.

He said he had no details on Gabriel's whereabouts.

The International Federation of Human Rights is also monitoring the situation, said Martin.

Observers from the federation, which is based in France, had their own problems in Quebec. They had to be flown in by helicopter to take up their positions last week near army checkpoints on Kahnawake reserve.

Federation vice-president Lydie Dupuy said angry residents armed with metal clubs and baseball bats stalked observers and threatened them.

She said the violent and angry demonstrators on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence River made it difficult for them to do their jobs while the police and army appeared to be doing nothing to help.

"Let's say there is a lot of passivity, a lot of people just watching," she said. Meanwhile, on Tuesday a

crowd of about 500 people hurled rocks and construction material at women, children and elders fleeing the Kahnawake reserve in their cars. An elder and a child were injured.

"It was a rain of rocks. It was terrible," said one police officer. "Those cars were full of old folks. It was really ugly."

Edmontonians rally behind Mohawks

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

A non-Native group which organized a rally Wednesday outside Canada Place in downtown Edmonton says support is growing for Canada's Native people.

According to Leo Campos, a member of the newly-formed group Citizens Against Genocide, issues which affect Native people also affect non-Natives.

"It's time for everyone in this country to sit down, listen and then respond," said Campos. Indian problems have been ignored for years and the white society really knows little about the problems facing Indian people today, he said.

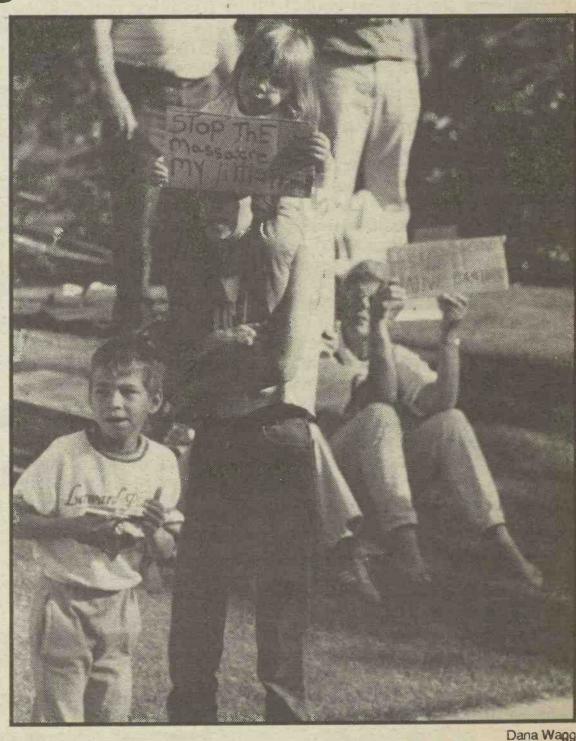
While the group doesn't condone Indians taking up arms such as happened in Quebec, it understands it's sometimes necessary to bring attention to the issues. "When all other avenues have been exhausted, these kinds of actions are sometimes all that remain. People are forced to use the approach which will put pressure on groups which need to become aware of problems, and which can make a difference," he said.

Over 100 Native and non-Native people cheered, distributed pamphlets and carried signs outside the federal building to the accompaniment of traditional drums. Many motorists slowed in the rush-hour traffic and honked to show support.

Even though the barricades had already begun to be taken down at the Mercier Bridge in Quebec when the Edmonton rally began, the recent events in Quebec have convinced many people that the time to recognize aboriginal people, their rights and their concerns is long overdue.

"We've got to get together and settle the problems. They affect our lives, as well and we are all a part of this country," said Campos.

The group also held a peaceful demonstration Tuesday at the north end of Edmonton's High Level Bridge to call for a peaceful solution to the dispute between Mohawk Warriors and Canadian soldiers in Ouebec.



Perched on the shoulders of her mother Gail, three-year-old Shannon Meek shows support for Quebec Mohawks.



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Mohawks can hold their heads high

Just as the search for a peaceful resolution to the standoffs in Quebec appeared to have failed, Mohawk and Canadian soldiers began dismantling barricades at Chateauguay and Kahnawake.

They put aside their weapons and took up bulldozers. What a sight!

But then if the Berlin Wall could come down in Eastern Europe, anything was possible.

But we came close, oh so close, to a shoot-out before negotiations between Canadian and Mohawk soldiers and Canadian and Mohawk leaders got us off that slippery slope.

The smoke is still clearing in Quebec. The blockades are down on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, tensions have eased and the situation at Oka also promises to be peaceably resolved. It need not have come to this if Quebec and Canadian negotiators

had not broken off talks with Kanesatake Mohawks at Oka. Nor should the Surete du Quebec have assaulted the Kanesatake blockade July 11, which took Cpl. Marcel Lemay's life.



Pine Ridge warrior treated as 'just another dead Indian'

Does anyone remember Anna Mae?

Anna Mae Pictou Aquash was a Micmac Indian from Shubenacadie, N.S. Her dream was to assemble an entire cultural history of the Indian people. By the time her life ended on a bleak winter night in Feb. 1976, she had touched the lives of hundreds of people with her dedication to the culture, tradition and spiritual survival of the Indian nations. She had been married during the stormy occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973. Anna Mae prided herself in being a "female warrior" and had participated in the occupation by digging bunkers and doing nightly patrols around the village. To the FBI she was an agitator. To the Indians she was the first of a line of strong, dedicated female activists who emerged following Wounded Knee. They discovered her body at the bottom of the cliff on the Pine Ridge reservation. The initial autopsy, by an FBI-friendly pathologist, cited a slight head wound possibly sustained in a fall and no evidence of foul play. To the authorities it was just another dead Indian on a reservation. They termed the death "routine." On March 2, 1976 "Jane Doe" was buried. On March 5, the Pictou family in Nova Scotia were informed of the death of their daughter. The delay in identification of the body was due to the hands being cut off during the initial autopsy. The pathologist indicated decomposition made fingerprinting impossible at the time and he'd cut off the hands so the FBI could continue the effort. No one on the reservation was allowed to view the body for possible identification. A nurse and a doctor at the hospital recalled the victim was wearing a very distinctive bracelet and ring. These have somehow disappeared. Somehow the FBI was able to discern fingerprints from the decomposed body where the pathologist could not. At a second autopsy demanded by the family and conducted by an impartial doctor, it was determined Anna Mae had been executed by a .38 bullet to



Richard Wagamese

It could have been avoided if provincial and federal governments of Quebec had respected the right of Indian people to govern their own lives and to have their grievances addressed.

Now after having spent many millions of dollars on policing and opening many wounds in an attempt to get Indian people to buckle under, those governments appear to have finally come around.

Mohawks can walk away from this dispute with their heads held high, knowing they are now on the road they want to walk on.

They can also hold their heads high for the wisdom, understanding and great degree of patience they demonstrated under incredible pressure.

They did not brutalize or attack non-Native people. Nor did they yield to intense provocation to get them to fire the first shots.

Would that we could say the same about the angry francophones of Quebec, who frustrated at the delays in getting to work, took those frustrations out on Native people many, many times.

If Mohawks and other Native people had shown the same degree of impatience, this country would have been plunged into civil war many years ago.

The behavior of many people in this crisis has been inexcusable, namely Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Premier Robert Bourassa and Indian Affairs' Minister Tom Siddon.

They backed the decision to send in Canadian troops to 'get the Indians' while standing by and letting white francophones and police brutalize Mohawks.

They should make a quick exit from the Canadian stage to make way for leaders, who will deal in good faith with the Native people of this country.

Native people have made it clear they aren't going anywhere. This it it. The time to make a stand for treaty, legal and constitutional rights in British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta, Quebec, Ontario... is now.

This country can't survive, needlessly and irresponsibly stumbling from crisis to crisis.

Nor should Native people be expected to endure that.

Mulroney has shown he doesn't have the wisdom, the knowledge and the understanding to meet with aboriginal people at numerous places like Lubicon Lake, Brocket, Pic Mobert and Siksika.

He failed to understand the depth of feeling and unity the Mohawk Indians of Quebec generated in Indian country.

His attempts to smear the Mohawk Warriors and to convince Canadians they were bandits and criminals enjoyed some success with non-Native Canadians, especially in Quebec.

But it angered aboriginal people, who rallied to support the Mohawks.

Siddon, who heads a department, which is supposed to safeguard the constitutional interests of aboriginal people, also failed miserably during the Quebec crisis.

He was not only content to let the Quebec government call the shots and to terrorize Native people, but wrapped in the flag of 'law and order' he slammed Mohawk Indians, who were determined to defend their land.

So, while Natives and their non-Native supporters look to the future with a measured degree of optimism, there is cause for concern.

But the course has been set and Native people can now march boldly into the future, more confident now because of Quebec's Mohawks that they are going in the direction of their dreams.



the back of the head from pointblank range. Somehow the bullet, which was still lodged in the skull, was missed at the initial autopsy. That Anna Mae had been raped was overlooked as well.

None of the officers present at the death scene was able to identify the victim even though Anna Mae was on the FBI's mostwanted list for her American Indian Movement (AIM) activities at that time. The officers must have been distracted by the winter conditions in order to miss the identification.

A grand jury set out to investigate the mysterious circumstances of both the death and the investigation in May 1976. The results have never been released.

Anna Mae Aquash was a warrior. The Indians and their supporters believe she died at the hands of the government whose policies she'd struggled against all her life. They desecrated her body in the same manner they have desecrated Indian society through 400 years. They emerged unscathed.

The Indians must suffer the loss of one whose spirit strengthened their circles by its presence and resonates hollowly in its absence. But there are many Anna Maes. They lie in graves the length and breadth of North America. It's not just the conquering heroes of this island that become martyrs. To borrow a line from Sesame Street, history is where you put your eyes. The history of North America is the history of struggle. The problem is we've all been told where to put our eyes.

Many are the warriors. They have strange-sounding names like Sophie Football, Charlie Wenjack, Nelson Smallegs Jr., Helen Betty Osborne, J. J. Harper and Jack Wagamese.

Two names are familiar. That the other four are not is mute testimony that even modern history distracts the eye. Their deaths too were routine. Their cases, too, were treated as just another dead Indian.

Just another dead Indian.

Indians die. They die in higher numbers than others in Canada. They die in the midst of higher rates of illiteracy and unemployment than other Canadians. They die with undefined rights in the Constitution and they die with long lists of unfulfilled government promises.

That's why the barricades exist in Oka. The warriors of 1990 aren't exerting apparent militant pressure to cause problems, they're protesting the lack of solutions.

The very next time an Indian dies in this country as a result of neglectful government attitudes is the very next time the moral fabric of Canada is torn again forever.

Does anyone remember Anna Mae? You can bet the Mohawks do and you can count on the memory of her life and death still glimmering at the edges of every rustle warrior They are part of the rain and they are always with us.

EAGLE FEATHERS: To all non-Native supporters who are helping teach others where to put their eyes.

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A special section on National Addictions' Awareness Week activities



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Joining the circle is a highlight annually of National Addictions Awareness Week, which will run November 18 - 24, 1990. This is a scene from last year's joining of the circle at the Alberta legislature.

Hulk Hogan boosts anti-drug campaign

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

HALL BEACH, N.W.T.

A tiny village located in Canada's Northwest Territories received support from an unexpected source last year. The 150 students at the Attanajuak school wrote Hulk Hogan, one of their most popular heroes, and invited him to participate in their 1989 Stop Smoking and Say 'No' to Drugs activities.

"Although the World Wrestling Federation champion couldn't attend the week-long festivities, he threw his support behind the project," says former community health nurse Shelley Fletcher.

"Hulk was especially touched with the children's letters," said Susan Aitchison, Hogan's community relations co-ordinator, in a letter from his Stamford, Connecticut offices. "Hulk believes you are a

community of champions and will remain strong in your resolve to avoid drugs." The wrestler generously donated T-shirts, buttons, posters and autographed pictures.

When plans were begun later in the year to celebrate National Addictions Awareness Week, Fletcher recalled the children's infatuation with Hogan. "We wrote him again and he came through with over \$1,000 worth of material in one shipment and lots of encouragement," she notes.

This time the whole community got involved. "The school held a writing contest," says Fletcher. "The response on the part of the students was overwhelming. Students who had never written more than two lines suddenly blossomed into three and four page writers," she laughs. National Addictions Awareness Week

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'I want all you Hulksters to join me in the circle and keep the circle strong. Take my hand brothers, join the circle, keep the drugs out and join the Hulkster in creating a better and cleaner Canada.'



Fighting Substance Abuse

Organizer wants everybody to join the circle

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

"The goal is to have all Indian and Inuit Communities, bands and organizations participate in the Join the Circle Campaign," says Louise Mayo, National Addictions Awareness Week Co-ordinator at the Nechi Institute.

Last year 405 Native communities sent in declarations of intent to participate and over 18,000 people were involved.

"This unity exemplifies the work being accomplished by Indian and Inuit people to fight addictions in their communities," adds Mayo.

Throughout the years, many communities have celebrated an awareness week on an annual basis. In 1987 Jake Epp, then minister of health and welfare, declared the third week of November each year as National Addictions Awareness Week. The National Native Alochol and Drug Abuse Program (NNA-DAP) and Nechi Institute of Alberta have come together to develop the concept and to coordinate activities at the national level aimed at promoting the week.

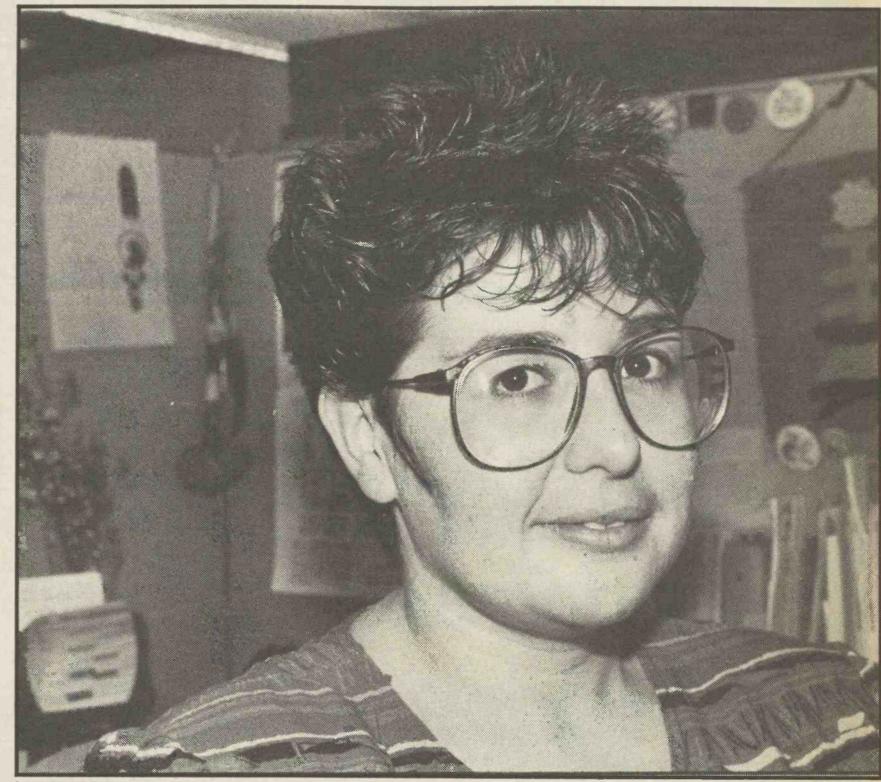
"The special week has been designed to encourage people to join and strengthen the circle of life," says Mayo. The theme "Keep the Circle Strong" was adopted from the Northwest Territories where it had been used to promote an addictions week campaign. "The week provides information and promotes a variety of activities which will serve to generate awareness of the drug and alcohol issues that affect people across the country," says Mayo.

"It conveys the message of a growing circle of individuals, families and communities who have chosen a lifestyle free of alcohol, drug and solvent abuse."

Promotional materials for the 1990 week have been developed by Nechi, which is located at St. Albert. Keep the Circle Strong buttons, stickers and a new poster are available. "We are supplying a coloring book for children and a special edition National Addictions Awareness Week newsletter for distribution," says Mayo.

A highlight of the week is a community involvement contest for the most creative community project or activity promoting the week. A prize of \$500 will be awarded for the winning entry. Over the past four years many unique and interesting projects have been designed like the development of a comic book and endorsements by World Wrestling Federation member Hulk Hogan.

An official declaration of intent has been mailed out to communities across the country. "As people gather completing a circle of life, filled with hope and love in our tomorrows, founded on our traditions, and a growing circle of friends, and communities which have chosen a positive lifestyle free from alcohol and



Louise Mayo

drug abuse, let us grow strong each day, together to Keep the Circle Strong," the declaration reads.

Last year the thousands who joined the circle reported the week's activities strenghthened bonds within communities and between neighboring communities, so that even after it was over the bonds of good will remained.

"This tremendous achieve-

ment shows the leadership of Native people in recognizing and promoting alcohol and drug awareness through the week and throughout the year," says Mayo.

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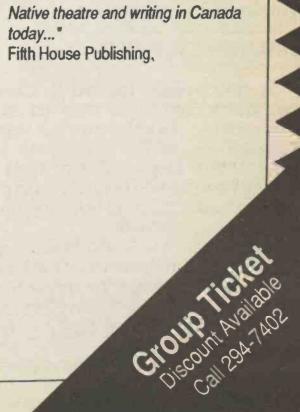
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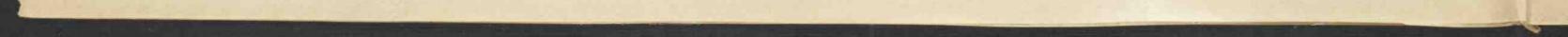
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Poundmaker's readies St. Paul treatment centre for opening

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

With less than two months till opening day, staff at the Poundmaker Adolescent Treatment Centre in St. Paul are finding their days busy indeed.

Ruth Morin, director of the 30bed facility, says the 20 to 25 staff required to operate the programs are undergoing intensive train-

ing. "We have addictions training, adolescent treatment procedures, behavior management, suicide prevention and first aid," she says. As well trainees will be visiting other facilities like the Strathmore Youth Development Centre. They will also be attending a conference in Edmonton in September called Healing Our Youth, which is sponsored in part by the parent organization, Poundmaker's Lodge in St. Albert.

"Selecting staff was not an easy job," says Morin. "Since we have to work together as a team we were very careful when talking to prospective employees."

The centre was formerly

The Native culture and spiritual values component of the program is important to the clients' future success. "It is hard enough being an adolescent in today's world," says Morin. "But it's even harder being an Indian adolescent."

She notes some of the young-sters will not likely have been exposed to their culture before.

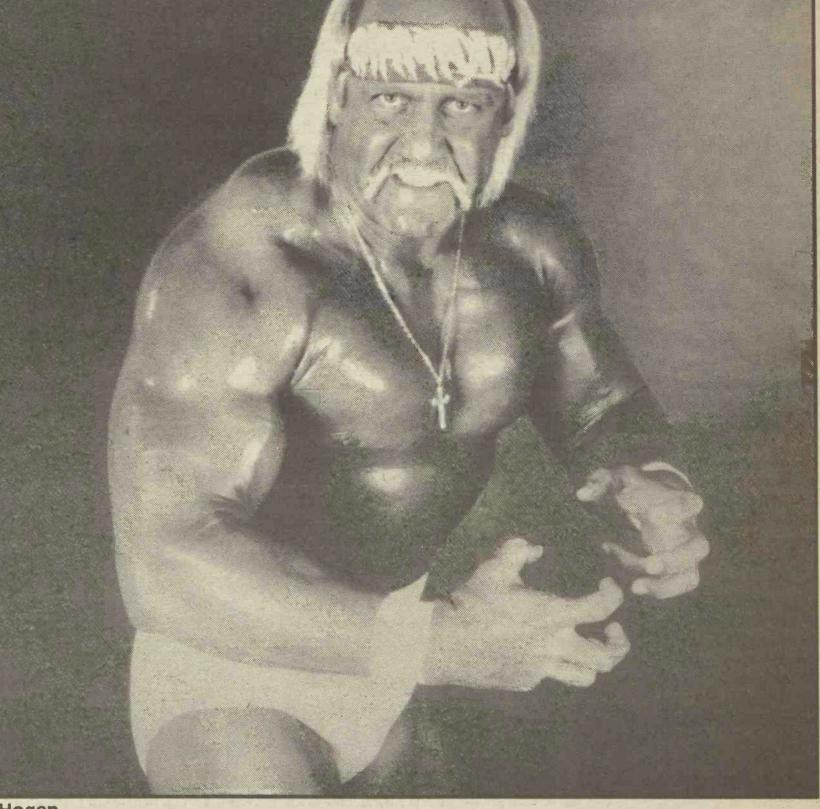
Native advisor Clifford Cardinal, a full-time staff member, will be responsible for this program.

"We want to have them leave here proud of their Native heritage," says Morin. "They need self-esteem to be successful once they return to their own communities."

Once the young people return home, some of the old problems may reappear, so the program stresses family involvement.

"We invite families for a oneweek stay and discuss problem solving, working together and supporting the youth while they are in treatment," says Morin. If families can't attend for a full week, attendance over two weekends is possible.

A wilderness weekend is planned for the youth as well, where they will live exclusively off the land. "It will be just them and Mother Earth," laughs Hulk Hogan boosts campaign Morin.



Hulk Hogan

known as St. Paul Corrections Centre. "Our clients will come from the solictor general's department, they'll be part of the ustice system," explains Morin. "As well social services and the government of the Northwest Territories may be making referrals to us."

The clients will range in age from 12 to 17. A 90-day program will offer counselling and training in life skills, addictions and a fully accredited Alberta education curriculum for upgrading school subjects. The clients will also study culture, customs and spiritual values. The program is founded on the 12 steps used by Alcoholics Anonymous.

"We will have recreational therapy, too," Morin states. "We recognize young people have a lot of energy, so we plan on some dancing and other fun activities." Participants will receive group therapy as well as one-on-one counselling. "There will be one teacher for every six students in the school program."

The centre will also use elders from neighboring reserves in their program. "We are in a fortunate situation here, where we have several Indian bands living in the area," says Morin. "As well we are linked up through an advisory committee with the county of St. Paul, the St. Paul friendship centre, Sharon Steinhauer at AADAC in St. Paul and Theresa Cardinal from Saddle Lake." Susan Quinney and Gary Gagnon are the community liaison workers.

The centre will mark National Addictions Awareness Week but plans are uncertain. "We will have just opened a few weeks before and may not have a lot of input this year," she says. As well the focus of the program means they are concentrating on addictions awareness every day.

More information can be obtained by calling Morin at (403) 645-1884.

from front page in Hall Beach, N.W.T. featured nightly activities with the school and health centre decorated with Hulk Hogan material. "As well the Edmonton Oilers, the L. A. Kings and other agencies and

businesses contributed promotional material," says Fletcher. A sports night, a parents' meeting and educational evenings were all well attended as most of the 600 residents of the northern community participated.

"The awarding of the donated prize material was no doubt a big reason for the large attendance,"

says Fletcher.

An interesting statistic proves the success of the week's activities. "For the first time in months the youth justice committee received no calls regarding substance abuse," Fletcher notes proudly.

A highlight of the experience was winning the first prize in the community involvement contest from Nechi Institute. "We received a certificate and pins and \$500 towards environmental cleanup to complete a healthy lifestyle," explains Fletcher.

In summing up the week from her new position in North

Bay, Ontario, Fletcher says "It was a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun, too." She praises the school staff and the good people of the community for contributing to the success of the activities.

But the finals words from Hulk Hogan will be remembered as encouragement for the children who participated. "I want all you Hulksters to join me in the circle and keep the circle strong," he wrote.

"Take my hands, brothers, join the circle, keep the drugs out, and join the Hulkster in creating a better and cleaner Canada.

Vancouver to get headstart on activities

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

VANCOUVER

Most of Canada will hold National Addictions Awareness Week activities Nov. 18-24, but British Columbia's kick-off ceremony and activities will get underway several days earlier.

"We wanted to coincide with the provincial drug awareness week which begins Nov. 4," explains Deborah Senger, regional co-ordinator for National Addictions Awareness Week in Vancouver. Senger feels the goals of the two yearly awareness weeks are similar. The provincial slogan is Be Part of the Solution.

"As well the federal Crime Prevention Week is running at the same time and attention for this program is often centred on similar problems as in substance abuse programs," she says.

"As far as the city of Vancouver is concerned, we hope to kick off the week with a sober walk ending at Robson Square Convention Centre. We are also working on getting participation from the mayor, other dignitaries and local role models" like the local Native theatre group, Spirit Song. "Multiculturalism is the focus."

While plans are not yet complete, Senger hopes

provincial alcohol and drug program, NNADAP - the federal National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program — all are welcome," she says.

Mall displays will take the week's awareness goals to the public as well. "We are setting up booths in malls probably with the co-operation of other groups like Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) to name just a few."

It is hoped bands outside the urban centres will mark the week in their own ways by at least holding a sober walk in their communities, Senger says. With British Columbia leading all other provinces and territories in 1989 participation, she expects plans are indeed underway in many areas. "I just heard about the community of Quesnel, which is challenging other nearby towns, so there is lots of interest out there."

Senger points out the importance of role models. "The participation of well-known Native personalities is really helpful," she says. "But people have to look in their own communities too, for role models. Maybe they aren't famous, but if they had a substance problem, and then licked it, they should be looked at as role models, too."

Local people are often willing to help their neighbors by sharing how they overcame obstacles on their way back to a sober life, she notes. "As well



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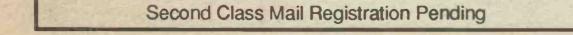
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Communities invited to enter Nechi-sponsored community involvement contest

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By Heather Andrews

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EDMONTON

Communities which participate in National Addictions Awareness Week are invited to enter the community involvement contest sponsored by Nechi Institute of Alberta.

The contest is open to any group, agency, community, Indian band or Native organization in Canada, which has participated in the annual celebration and returns a completed summary sheet of activities held in their communities.

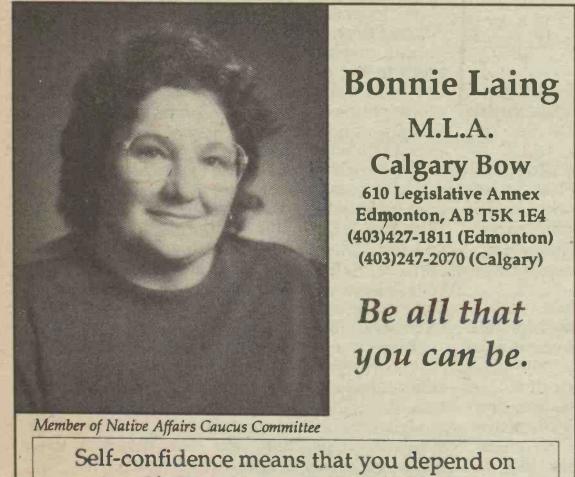
A prize of \$500 will be awarded to the most creative community project or activity promoting National Addictions Awareness Week.

Last year's winner was Hall Beach in the Northwest Territories, which invited, and received participation Hulk Hogan, the Edmonton Oilers, the Los Angeles Kings, and large corporations like Reebok. The resulting flood of posters and other promotional material added greatly to the success of the tiny community's celebrations.

A calendar produced and distributed by The Battlefords Saskatchewan Indian Health Centre took the top prize in 1988 while Selkirk, Manitoba's Red Ribbon Campaign won in 1987.

With National Addictions Awareness Week for 1990 being Nov. 18-24, plans are already underway in hundreds of communities across the country. Many are participating for their third or fourth year and ideas are improved upon year after year; 1990 promises to be bigger and better than ever.

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Comic book hero a friend in need

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

BAKER LAKE, N.W.T.

Peter Tapatai seems to make a practice of being in the right place at the right time.

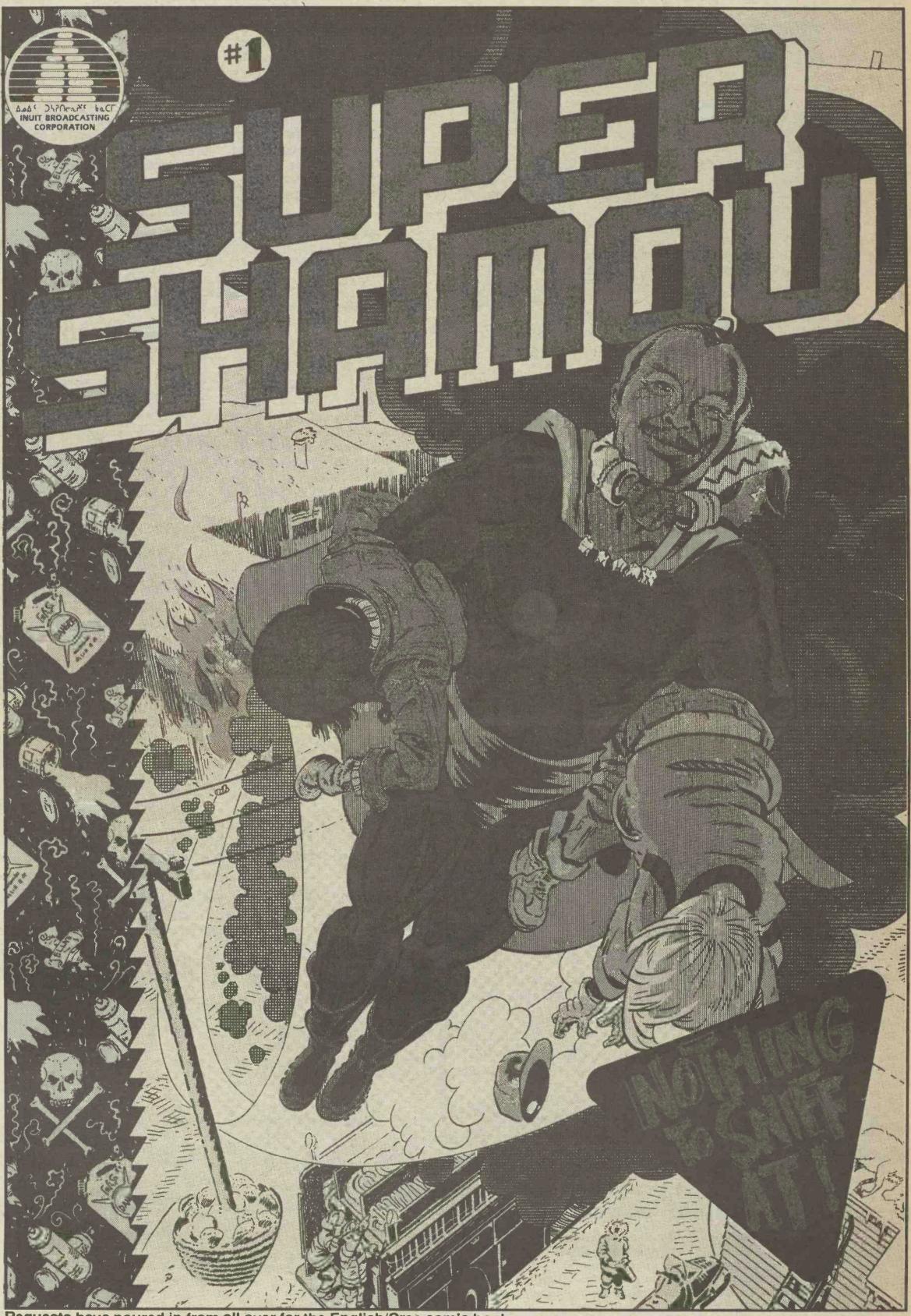
"He has rescued people stuck on high rocks and saved kids from disastrous results in a bad sniffing session," says Norm McCallum, alcohol and drug specialist for the Keewatin region of the Northwest Territories. "And he lives a good, clean lifestyle, too."

Tapatai, a family man in his late 30s, is employed by the local communications corporation at Baker Lake, N.W.T. and is involved in many local community activities.

"As an all-around role model, it was decided to develop Peter's character into Super Shamou, our hero in the comic book we designed and had printed to celebrate National Addictions Awareness Week," says McCallum, who works out of Rankin Super Shamou Inlet. was already a well-accepted figure in the North having enjoyed a regular audience among young people who watch Inuit Broadcasting Corporation's television programming.

"Barney Pattunguyak originated the character and local freelance artist Nick Burns produced the finished work," Mc-Callum says.

The comic book has become



well-known since its inception. "We had 40,000 copies printed initially in both English and Inuktitut; another 40,000 are now being printed," says McCallum. "We get requests from all over." As well 5,000 will be printed in French in response to requests from northern Quebec and other communities where the language is more common.

McCallum has enjoyed his current position with the government of the Northwest Territories for over two years now. From Rankin Inlet, located north of Churchill, Manitoba on Hudson's Bay, he travels in small planes over a vast area to visit seven communities in Keewatin Region. He heartily approves of the

He heartily approves of the National Addictions Awareness Week program. "People think that up here we don't have substance abuse, but we do, and all the problems that go with it." Last year all seven communities got involved and various settlements challenged each other to see which could form the biggest circle.

"We made use of our Inuit Broadcasting Corporation and had radio and TV spots as well as advertising in local newspapers." Posters were also used. "Word of mouth is always good advertising too," laughs McCallum.

Funding was obtained for the remote communities from private donations, ticket sales and the department. "All together we raised close to \$2,600," says McCallum. Besides the Super Shamou comic book, the organizers handed out buttons, Tshirts, and balloons. "Literally every age group from kindergarten up was included."

Local dignitaries were pressed into service. The mayor opened the feast and RCMP officers flipped pancakes at our breakfast," explains McCallum. The breakfast fed over 500 people in the community of Rankin Inlet, which has a popu-

Requests have poured in from all over for the English/Cree comic book

lation of 1,500.

"We were certainly surprised and pleased at the number of people who came out to the events."

The elders got into the celebrations, too. "We had them reading the comic to the kids," says McCallum, adding that the elders, who have seen so many changes want to do their part to restore quality to their young people's lives. "It makes it a real positive experience for the kids when adults jump on board."

The ambitious community

supported more than 12 activities in one week. To the accompaniment of their own theme, Celebrate Life. Say 'No' to Drugs, they made presentations to local schools with tapes on solvent abuse, held community feasts, poster contests, open AA meetings, workshops, essay contests and discussion groups. In all 85 volunteers helped with various celebrations.

This year plans are already underway for a candlelight vigil in the school, where residents and school kids join to pass candles around, sharing the vision of hope for a better tomorrow. "We are hoping to put notes inside balloons, telling the world we are saying 'no' to drugs and then release them," says McCallum.

"The people know there's hope for a better way of life and they are saddened to see the effects of drugs and alcohol."

Prizes donated by local merchants helped make contests for the oldest and youngest participants, the largest family and the best represented department a highlight of the week.

McCallum also acknowledges

the participation of contributions from the private sector. "Just take the breakfast for example," he says. "We fed 500 people. That's a lot of donated food." He also was gratified by the support from social services. "They are really strong with their help," he says.

McCallum feels National Addictions Awareness Week helps awareness year-round. "We had a walk in June and we feature snuff and sniff weeks for example, through the year," he explains. "It's an issue 365 days a year!"



Fighting Substance Abuse

Fox Lake activities well received in first year

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

FOX LAKE, MANITOBA

The Fox Lake Cree Indian Band in northern Manitoba emphasized the effects of substance abuse on personal health in its first year of participation in National Addictions Awareness Week.

"Three days of activities were well attended by the majority of our 400 people," says Sophie Beardy, the community's Native drug and alcohol awareness worker. "We saw videos on such topics as addiction and recovery, fetal alcohol syndrome and drinking and driving."

The little community, located 33 miles from Gillam in the Thompson, Manitoba area, had an impressive agenda for its busy

three days. Guest speakers addressed the crowd on social issues, alcoholism in the family and child apprehension. "People really listened to what the speak-ers were saying," says Beardy. "They heard what alcohol and drugs can do to a person's health as well as all the social problems (they can lead to)." Videos were also shown.

Beardy had a good committee helping her plan the activities. "I had just started as the NNDAP (National Native Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program) worker myself in June, so it was good to have the volunteers' help," she explains. Community health representatives, elders, representatives from the Native Women's Association and a minister from the Anglican Church all attended planning meetings. "I had 16 volunteers helping.'

People were bused in from nearby Gilliam for the presentations as well. "The elders participated more than I had expected," says Beardy. "They are very concerned about these issues." Most activities were conducted in both English and Cree.

A pleasant addition to the activities was the attendance of staff from Poundmaker's Lodge in St. Albert. Lynda Nackoway was enjoying a well-earned vaca-

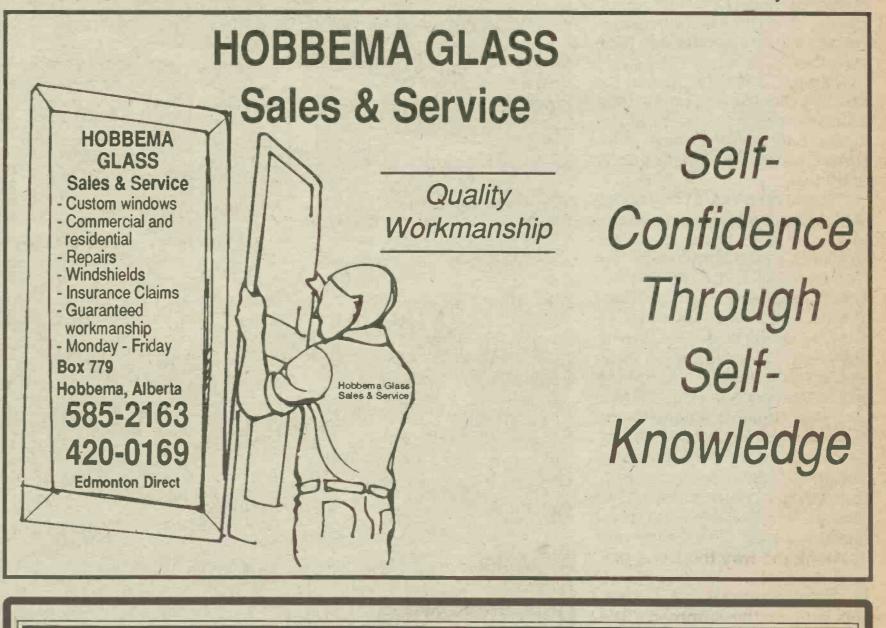
tion at Fox Lake and soon found herself on the agenda. Neckoway spoke on dependency and found the young people especially interested with many attending her workshop.

"Teenagers and young adults realize alcohol causes problems at home and physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally," she says. Neckoway, who is originally from Fox Lake, had returned home for an extended

visit "to spend time with family and gain the strength I always seem to feel after a stay at home."

Neckoway regrets she can't attend the local celebrations again this year. "It is great to see the local celebrations again this year. "It is great to see the elders getting involved, talking to the young people," she says.

Plans are already underway in the community for a bigger and better week this year.





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Booze not welcome at Black Lake

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

BLACK LAKE, SASK.

"Each of us has our own reasons for being here," states Billy Bouvier. "We all have had incidents back home where drugs or alcohol touched our lives in some way and we want to make a statement booze is going to stop coming into our village."

Bouvier is one of a group of 26 Dene who walked to the annual Lac Ste. Anne pilgrimage. "We left Black Lake (Saskatchewan) April 23," says John B. MacDonald. The community of 1,500 is about 50 miles south of the Saskatchewan/Northwest Territories border. "The first 200 miles was all cross-country. We just followed the trap lines and carried all we needed in backpacks," he says. Although there was still snow on the ground in April and the going was heavy, they made it in five days.

Once the travellers arrived in central Alberta, however, they acquired a van and purchased additional supplies. "We managed to shoot a moose and a deer near Cold Lake after we got into Alberta," says Bouvier. The meat provided many days of good eating for the group. A freezer, carried by day in the van, was plugged into a generator every night to keep supplies frozen.

Along the way the Dene met many people who were also

ans and we planned to see them all again at Lac Ste. Anne," says Bouvier.

The group was accepting donations along the way, too, hoping to raise money for muchneeded programs and staff to run them. "We are doing this for community," our says MacDonald.

Although 42 travellers originally started out from Black Lake, 17 turned back. "If we couldn't agree on how things were going to be run, there was no use staying together," says Bouvier. "The success of our trip depended on co-operation among all of us on the road." The remaining 25 were later joined by a latecomer, bringing the total to 26.

Depending on the weather, the group travelled between 25 to 49 km a day. With their trip carefully planned to allow them to reach Lac Ste. Anne July 23 when the pilgrimage was to begin, the group spent 92 days travelling. Their schedule allowed them to rest for three days on the grounds of Poundmaker's

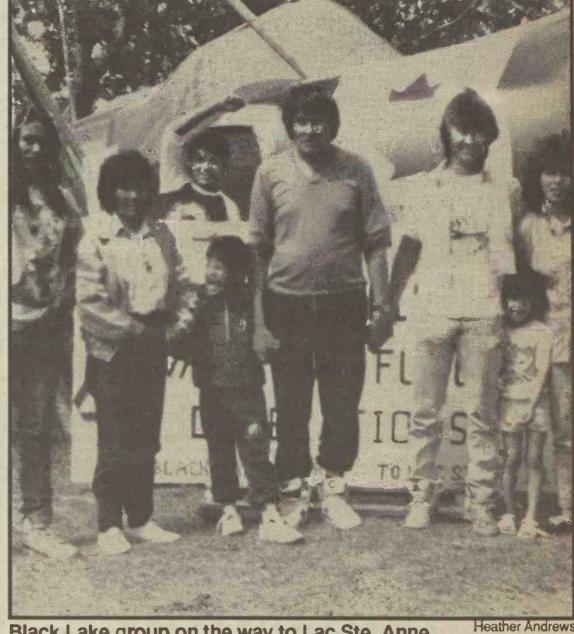
met Cree people and Chip Indi- Lodge/Nechi Centre on the outskirts of St. Albert.

> With the walkers ranging in age from small children to elders, the van was indispensable for carrying trekkers when they were tired. "The elders with us, though, they never would quit and ride in the van." MacDonald laughs. "Joe Beavereye is our leader and Martin Broussie is the other elder."

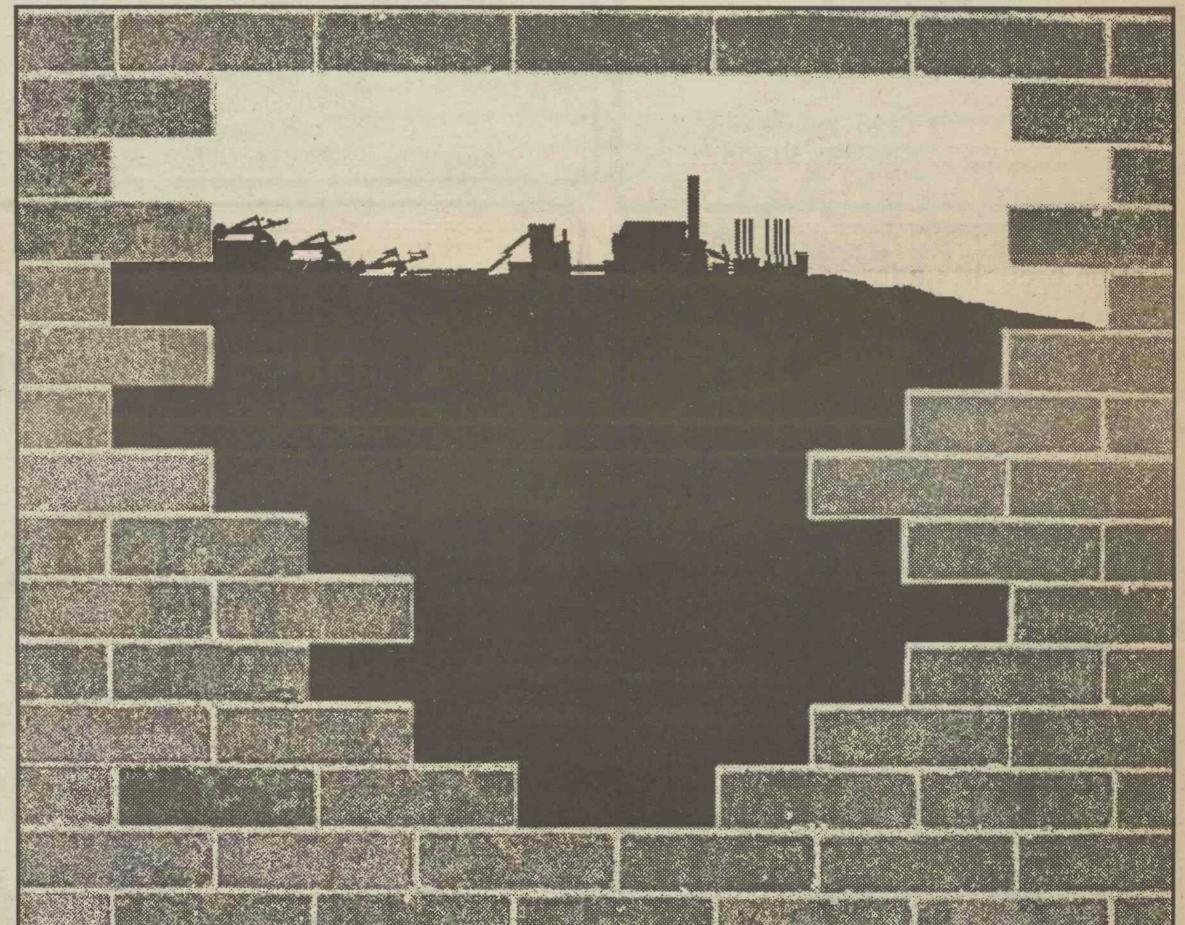
The group noted with interest the differences in the terrain as they travelled across the prairies. "We were doing lots of sightseeing," Bouvier laughs.

When their experience was over at the end of July, the Dene headed back home, driving the rented van back to Prince Albert, then flying on to Black Lake.

All the participants hope to get involved in National Addictions Awareness Week activities planned for November. The special week was celebrated with considerable success last year and bigger and better plans are afoot this year with public awareness the goal and prevention of substance abuse the theme.



Black Lake group on the way to Lac Ste. Anne.



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Fighting Substance Abuse

Awareness week united Saskatchewan reserve

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

COTE RESERVE, SASK.

"Last year's National Addictions Awareness Week activities united our people for those few days at least, regardless of political background," says Joe Severight, co-ordinator of the drug and alcohol abuse program with the Cote Band in Saskatchewan.

"We found out, too, we have a lot of local resources like the doctor, the police and (band) members who are willing to share their own personal stories," he adds.

The reserve, located near Yorkton, Sask. on the Manitoba/ Saskatchewan border, boasts a population of 800 residents. "The community health representatives helped me co-ordinate the whole thing," Severight says. The chief and council also backed the week's activities, making a cash donation and offering other resources as well.

One highlight of the week was a three-day conference. "Ladies came out from a self-help group from nearby Kamsack, both Native and non-Native, and acted as resource people. Many had personal experiences to share with us, others had information to give," says Severight. A monthly workshop has continued as a spin-off of the conference.

"We meet and talk about everyday experiences, substance abuse and the social problems that come with it," explains Sev-

eright.

The co-ordinator notes there is good response to the monthly meetings, adding that one problem is a lack of resource people who will come out to the reserve. "It's a three or four hour drive from Saskatoon, but if anyone would come out to talk to us about any timely topic, I can guarantee the interest is there."

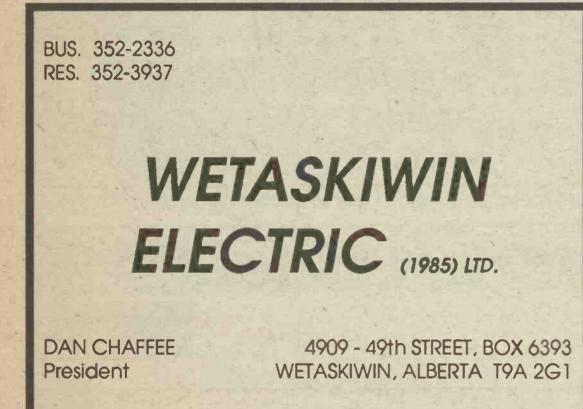
Another bright spot in the week's celebrations was the attendance of Regina city police officers. Their attendance was part of a program by the department to improve relations between the police and racial minorities.

"We talked about everything from substance abuse to problems encountered when we leave the reserve to live in the city," says Severight. "We really enjoyed their participation."

Meetings to plan the week had been attended by band council members, community health representatives, elders, the doctor, nurse and officials of the treatment centre. "And we had the participation of the whole community." A dry dance, discussion groups and workshops rounded out the activities.

"This year we want to get started earlier and plan a whole week's activities," says Severight. "But we all agree as a community that every week should be awareness week."

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Your window on Alberta's Native Community



Over 170 people participated in the sober walk last year at Goodfish Lake.

Support growing for substance-free lifestyle at Goodfish Lake

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

GOODFISH LAKE, ALTA.

Goodfish Lake reserve participated for the first time last year in National Addictions Awareness Week.

Over 200 people from the community participated in the activities, which drew people from neighboring communities as well, says addictions' counseller Pauline Houle.

A solemn moment was shared when 144 people joined hands and listened to the song I Had A Dream, which was followed by the saying of the Serenity and the Lord's Prayer. "The support for keeping the circle strong could be felt in that gym," says Houle.

A most positive result of the walk was the growing support of individuals and families from the community who are choosing a lifestyle free of alcohol and drug abuse.

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Goodfish Lake, located 120 miles northeast of Edmonton, has a population of 2,200. "Almost everybody knew about the events planned for the week. We started out with the community health representatives — Doris Jackson, Charlotte Whitford and Inez Jackson — as well as community nurse Mary Slondra and housekeeper Emily Steinhauer joining with me to make over 200 ribbons.

The colorful ribbons, which bore the inscription 'Stop the Pain, Abstain', were distributed through work areas and on home visits, and worn by more than 75 per cent of participants. "They showed support of the whole idea of National Addictions Awareness Week," says Houle.

A sucessful poster campaign, which also produced excellent messages, were displayed throughout the community. "Students were encouraged to reflect their thoughts and ideas on alcohol and drug abuse and how the community can prevent abuse," says Houle. Messages like 'Keep alcohol and drugs off the reserve because it hurts us children,' caught peoples' attention during bingo nights and other events held during the week.

"Ten winners were chosen and awarded \$10 prizes and a pen."

The real prizes of the week, however, was the participation in a sober walk and Join the Circle Rally. "At one time I might have expected 50 to attend, but over 170 people participated in the sober walk which was done in the core area of our community," reports Houle.

"We met back in school gym and listened to guest speakers: Sharon Steinhauer from AADAC in St. Paul, Rev. Bently Bone, a recovered alcoholic, and Wayne Jackson, an Ashmont High School graduate who is a real role model for youth in the area."

"They are no longer afraid to show their accomplishment by participating in these events," explains Houle.

The week wound up with a sober dance and a basket social. "Twenty people each brought a basket to the dance. These were sold off at a Chinese auction." Door prizes and a free lunch completed the activities.

"It brought home that we can enjoy ourselves without the use of drugs or alcohol," says the counsellor. "Many people said they had a good time and would like to see more of these dances held in our community."

Merchants from nearby St. Paul were supportive of the events held on the reserve. "Thirty-two merchants contributed food, vouchers, cash, caps, haircuts and so on." And representatives from the education department and the health centre volunteered to assist Houle in planning the week.

Elders got in the proceedings, too. "Almost all joined in our walk, going the whole way," Houle states. "Most of them think it should be longer this year," she laughs.

"As far as plans go for the 1990 celebrations, the school wants to get more involved," states Houle. The planning committee is also hoping to involve people like Billy Mills.

"Families are working together to improve conditions on Goodfish reserve. It's a good week to bring about awareness of the issues," she says. Neighboring communities which joined in the activities last year are welcome again this year.

A highlight preceding National Addictions Awareness Week is a sobriety reunion planned for Sept. 29. "Some people coming have been sober for 13 or 14 years, some only for one year, but we are having a banquet and dance, and a mini-Alcoholics Anonymous Roundup," says Houle.

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Fighting Substance Abuse Addictions Awareness week began at Kahnawake with a sunrise ceremony

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

KAHNAWAKE, QUEBEC

An innovative beginning to National Addictions Awareness Week was a new experience for many residents of Kahnawake reserve in Quebec last year.

"We held a sunrise ceremony outside Kateri Church Hall," said Louanne Stacey, prevention specialist on the reserve. "It was awfully early and pretty cold, but it was a very impressive way to start off the week."

The event kicked off a total of 13 activities including a sober dance, community feasts, a poster contest, a hayride and a parade. "A lip sync contest was really enjoyable," said Stacey. "Adults, kids and teens all entered. The effort that went into costumes was just great." The gestures and attempts to portray the meanings behind the words of the songs was appreciated by a large audience. "They were mostly Top 40 hits, but some of the songs were in keeping with the theme of addictions awareness," she said.

As well, coloring contests initiated by the young people were held. Local merchants donated prizes for this and other events. Judges from outside the reserve volunteered their services. "All around we had great co-operation," commented Stacey.

Kahnawake, one of Canada's

'It was awfully early and pretty cold but it was a very impressive way to start off the week.'

larger Indian communities, boasts 5,000 residents. "I'd say one-third to one-half of our folks got involved in one event or another. Participation was just great, especially among young people."

Although the weather in the area had turned cold by the third week of November, people came out for a parade, complete with floats, keeping in tune with the theme of addictions.

"Interest in this event is increasing every year," said Stacey. The parade ended at Karonianonha School, where refreshments were waiting. "Children visited with Santa Claus and received frisbees and coloring books all declaring the message Keep the Circle Strong, said Stacey.

But the cold weather didn't affect attendance at the Friday night hayride either. "People warmed up by dancing to music from the 50s and 60s at the dry dance that followed," laughed Stacey.

A committee of six, including the NNADAP worker and representatives from the Native Women's Association, youth groups and band counsellors began meeting in August. "We had to arrange for funding, too, which came from private donations and the health consultation office," said Stacey. "We met 10 times."

The Mohawk people were also innovative in other activities. A newsletter was developed by the Kahnawake Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program and their communications society helped promote the theme with radio talk shows through the week. Topics included Health and Addictions and Community Involvement.

One highlight stands out in Stacey's mind. "At 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday everyone came out of their work place, school or homes and began walking a prearranged route. It was really impressive seeing them all meeting to join hands." Eventually 700 people were joined in a circle.

The planning committee hopes to involve more adults in 1990 and expects even bigger attendance at most events. "It is, after all, our fourth year of participation," said Stacey. We support National Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week

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Fighting Substance Abuse The circle is indeed strong

By Trish Merrithew-Mercredi Of Nechi Institute

Last year, as many people will remember, Nechi Institute asked each community which participated in National Addictions Awareness Week (N.A.A.W.) to complete an evaluation questionnaire. A total of 151 responses were received from

Nechi producing special video

By Trish Merrithew-Mercredi Of Nechi Institute

This year the Nechi Institute on Alcohol and Drug Education is producing a special video for National Addictions Awareness Week (N.A.A.W.). The cost of the video, which is being produced by Bullhorn Productions, is being covered through a special contribution from the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.

The purpose of the video,

communities all across the country. For 67 of these communities, it was the first time they had participated in N.A.A.W! We congratulate all communities which participated and hope even more will do so this year.

Although, it isn't possible to present all the information, we did receive some interesting comments and suggestions. We also learned most communities which set up a planning committee for the week got started in September, October or November. The average number of meetings for the committees was four and the committees averaged seven members. They included youth, band counsellors, National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program workers, teachers, nurses, police, elders and community health representatives.

An average of 25 people in each community volunteered their services to work on National Addictions Awareness Week.

A number of communities were also involved in all sorts of fundraising activities including things like bingos, flea markets, sober dances, talent shows and raffles. One community even had a penny power contest in which school children competed to see which class could collect the most pennies.

A number of planning committees identified specific target groups for the week's activities

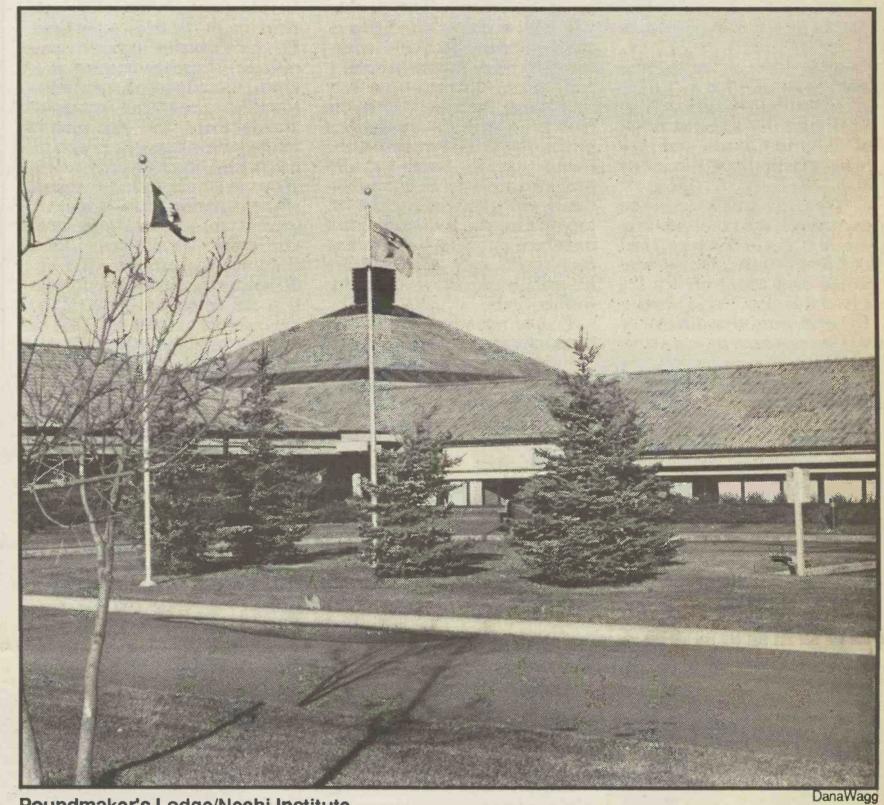
of the communities which returned the questionnaire had used the special promotional items which were available free of charge. The most popular item was the N.A.A.W. poster but the buttons, stickers and coloring books were also in demand. While many of the materials the communities had particiwere simply handed out to people in the community, some used them as prizes, placed them

Ski-Doos as a way of advertising special activities. Other communities also made their own N.A.A.W. frisbees, pamphlets, balloons, T-shirts, ribbons, posters and This is a Sober Home stickers.

We also found 78 per cent of pated in the Join The Circle Campaign. On average 216 people participated in the circle

An overwhelming 96 per cent in the local jail and on cars and in each community showing the circle is indeed strong! As one person commented The magic grows and lives.'

> This year Nechi will be distributing another questionnaire to find out what kind of activities communities are involved in. We want to hear from you, so please take the time to complete the questionnaire after N.A.A.W. is over in your community and return it to us!



which includes footage shot at the North American Indigenous Games in Edmonton in July, is to highlight the achievements of some of the young Native ath-letes and cultural performers, who participated in the games. In the video they talk about their lives and accomplishments and how important it is to avoid alcohol and drugs.

Some of the persons featured in the video include Rachel Starr of Peerless Lake, Clayton Kootenay from Alexander Band and Norman Grilles of Calgary. The video, which is about 20 minutes long, also includes a short inter-view with Buffy Ste. Marie.

The music for the video will include the new N.A.A.W. theme song Keep The Circle Strong, which was written and performed by Shannon Two Feathers. The remaining music was written and performed by Lance Tailfeathers.

The Bullhorn Productions team included Rick Tailfeathers. Hank Shade and Lance Tailfeathers. Bullhorn, which is located in Cardston, is part of In-dian News Media. They have produced a number of awardwinning videos. Copies of the video will be available for a minimal charge. Additional in-formation can be obtained by contacting Trish or Louise at Nechi Institute at (403) 458-1884.

in their communities. Youth, were by far the most common target group, but other communities also developed special ac-tivities for elders, women, par-ents, people on probation, Native veterans, families and food bank recepients. Half of the communities indicated they had also developed a special theme. Some of the special themes were: We could Do Without Alcohol and Drugs, Drug Free Party Animals, Native Culture, Proud to Be an Indian and It's OK To Be Sober.

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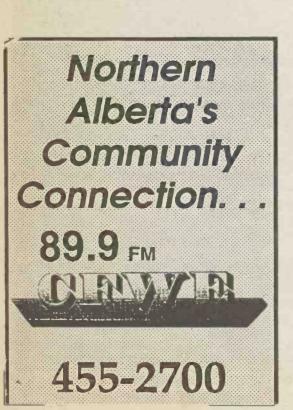
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Nechi Institute co-ordinating National Addictions Awareness Week

By Trish Merrithew-Mercredi Of Nechi Institute

ST. ALBERT, ALTA.

Nechi Institute is excited about being selected as the coordinating agency for National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW) in Canada and sees this as a natural extension of its objectives.

"We really are pleased to be responsible for co-ordinating N.A.A.W. again this year. I feel confident we can get even more people and communities involved this year," says Maggie Hodgson, executive director of Nechi Institute.

The institute, which was incorporated in 1974 as a nonprofit society in Alberta, is located just outside Edmonton near St. Albert. It was established by Native people who were determined to reduce the damage caused by alcohol and drugs in Indian communities in Alberta. The institute's objectives are based on the belief Lois Loyer, Wendy Gray, Kathy Native people are in the best position to manage and direct their own programs. The institute also feels Native people are highly motivated to research the most ef-

fective methods of dealing with

health issues in Indian communities and that Native people, who abuse alcohol and drugs, can be most effectively counselled by other Indian people. To date Nechi has been very

successful; over 3,000 people have graduated from its training programs. Aside from providing training on site, Nechi has also provided training in communities in every province and territory in Canada. Individual staff members travel to a number of conferences each year and are frequently asked to speak at different events.

People attending training at Nechi live there during their training. The institute shares a facility with Poundmaker's Lodge, the largest Native residential treatment centre in Canada.

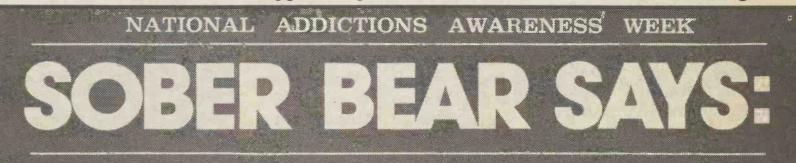
Other staff working at the institute include training team manager Phyllis Nault and trainers Allen White, Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Dave Belleau,

Narcisse Blood.

The institute currently offers training programs to people working in the addictions field. The programs include the community counseller training program, the advanced counseller training program, program management and the Native trainers development program. Nechi also holds training workshops in family violence, sexual abuse, community development, solvent abuse, suicide prevention, employee assistance, adult children of alcoholics, and codependence. Further information can be obtained by calling the institute at (403) 458-1884 or by writing to Nechi Institute, Box 3884, Postal Station D, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 4L1.



Maggie Hodgson a leader in the addictions counselling field.



Weinmann, Emile Ward and Vera Martin. The members of the board of directors include Chief Roy Whitney, Lloyd Auger, Dr. Pam Colorado, Betty Bastien, Eric Shirt, Wilfred Willier and

Canadian Chiefs back week



Canadian chiefs unanimously passed a resolution at their meeting in Edmonton in July supporting National Addictions Awareness Week.

It reads "Whereas the chiefs of Canada support National Addictions Awareness Week called Keep the Circle Strong for Nov. 19-24, 1990 and whereas the chiefs and councillors of Canada will involve ourselves in activities which will promote success and prevention of substance abuse among our young people through our commitment to role modelling during that week, Therefore be it resolved, we support our people by actions as well as words."

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many problems.

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Music and lyrics **By Shannon Two Feathers**

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It's a long lonely road When you walk it alone If the trail has been lost to the dawn Let your dreams be the light That shine through the night Walk with me, Keep the **Circle Strong**

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Let your light shine upon Every turn in the road that we're on Let the journey be seen

As the heart of a dream Walk with me, Keep the **Circle** Strong

The fires of time Warm a seed in your mind As it's fed by the circle within, And in time, there's a change In the child of the flame Born to ride on the wings of the wind

When the light in your heart Shines as bright as the stars, In the circle that's singing your song,

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Oh Lord, the battle is not over

Oh the glory of drinking!

I remember the first time I drank. My father was away, my stepmother was gone and my older sisters were having a party.

The morning after, while everyone slept I woke and went to the kitchen for breakfast. Instead of finding food I found liquor.

It was a gorgeous summer morning and being only 13 years old I decided to see what liquor tasted like. So I stole all the bottles.

I ran up a hill where a friend of mine lived, carrying the bottles in a cardboard box — as if I had just uncovered Blackbeard's treasure — to share with my friend.

Then, at his house, we decided to take three rifles with us and went into the woods.

We drank and drank.

Eventually in the hot sun we were both drunk and my friend, after disposing of almost a full bottle of Lamb's Navy rum, began to think he was a soldier in the civil war and I was his enemy.

By this time only one gun was

tender years — who died violently due to alcohol and drugs. I would need three hands...15 fingers.

I'm one of the lucky ones. I'm still here. So is Grant, Jackie, Manny and Louie, 15 friends of ours are not.

I sometimes ask myself..."Why me Lord? I mean, I lived just like them? So then, why was I so lucky?"

It had nothing to do with luck. I chose to take a different path, a path that probably has saved my life.

I have fallen over the years. I drank. And everytime I did, I hated myself for doing it.

I remember only recently sitting in a pub with

a friend listening to a country band.

They were good but my friend noticed they were also intoxicated. Looking about the room, he noticed people laughing and seemingly having most fantastic song I had heard...carrying the message of sobriety.

But what struck me the most is my friend's eyes...watching me as I listened to his song.

You see. He had found his sobriety and it scared me.

It scared me enough to acknowledge I wanted some of that too.

So I continue my fight.

I do not want to find myself in some lonely institution graveyard. I do not want to hear a doctor say "It's too late, alcohol has killed him."

I don't want the last thing for my drunken eyes to see, to be the inside of my tumbling vehicle as

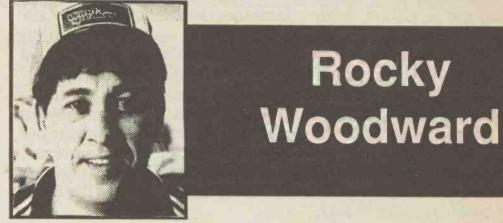
it crashes into another car.

I don't want to be shot, stabbed or simply walk from a hotel bar one night down to some river bank and die.

You see, that is precisely the way those childhood friends of mine died. My crying for them is over. My hurting, when I think of them, will never cease.

That's why me and the Angel that the good Lord was kind enough to lend me...take it one day at a time.





loaded. We had shot all the other rounds off, laughing at that time and enjoying the strange feeling the liquor gave us.

He aimed it at me, I grabbed him and we struggled for the gun.

My friend was on top of me, both of us clutching the rifle. He never heard my pleas to let the gun go. No, my friend was now in another world, another time.

Somehow I managed to fire all the rounds off except the one I could see in the chamber and he was winning the fight.

I carried a knife. Pulling it out with one hand, while holding the rifle with the other, I hollered at my friend to let go.

He said "Do it!" in a voice that still haunts me.

With the last of my strength (we were both the same age) I fought him off, grabbed the rifle and flung it. Then I ran.

Looking back I could see my friend looking for the rifle and then he just stood there, staring.

Later that afternoon I visited my friend. By now I was feeling the after affects of the alcohol I'd drank.

My friend said he couldn't recall anything about what happened. He had also lost all the rifles.

Today, that friend, who I grew up with, went to school with, laughed and cried with and played with — is gone.

Today I remember his smile and our carefree way when we were just young boys. I remember playing hookey on a beautiful summer day and me and my friend trying to snare fish with long poles.

I remember laying back near the stream, both of us trying to make out figures in the fluffy clouds floating lazily above us.

And I remember our laughter that wouldn't stop until we both feared we'd die, just from laughing.

But that was before we drank alcohol.

Today, on both of my hands, I can't count all the friends from my childhood years — those

r a good time. e Then he said. g "Isn't this sad?"

"Sad?" I asked. "Yes," he said.

"No one here is really happy. Look at the band. They're drinking. Drunks singing to drunks!" he proclaimed.

When I look back at all the bad hangovers I have had and thinking today about my friend's words, I absolutely do not recall having fun, I mean real fun, while being intoxi-

cated. I only feel foolish and embarrassed about the way I acted while I was drunk.

No, I'm a selfproclaimed alcoholic and will remain this way until I die.

When I fall, I jump back up again. I do not give up.

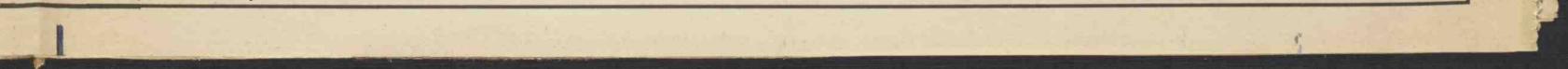
I am a survivor.

The other day another friend of mine visited me. He had written a song using the Alcoholics Anomymous prayer — you know the one that goes, "God grant me the strength..."

Then he said he took all the slogans of AA and used them. Such slogans as "One day at a time" and "Easy does it."

This friend of mine put the words to music and played it for me. It was the

Alcohol is a dead-end road.



Fighting Substance Abuse

Respecting elders' advice paid off for Alexander

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

ALEXANDER RESERVE, AB

Alexander reserve has a population of about 700 people, but the little community enjoyed a full week of activities last November during National Addictions Awareness Week.

"We started organizing early and we had participation from the secretaries, nurses, the NNADAP worker and the entire health centre staff," said Dora Courteoreille, program director for health services. Band councillors Victoria Arcand and Harvey Burnstick also attended meetings and helped in every way.

The Cree reserve, located 12 miles west of Morinville, which is north of Edmonton, started the week with a traditional feast. "Our elders told us if we have the blessing from our spiritual grandfathers and grandmothers to begin the activities, the rest of the week would go well," said Courteoreille. "We respected our elders' advice and they were right as usual."

A solemn ceremony and a sober march around the village ending at the cemetery followed the feast. Tribute was paid to those who had passed on.

"A lot of people have died as a result of alcohol and drug abuse," lamented Courteoreille. "We must remember the negative impacts while trying to overcome the obstacles to a more breakfast and a round dance kept residents of the community occupied.

"We had good co-operation from outside sources, too," said Courteoreille. "The RCMP from Morinville, for instance, came in and ran a workshop on substance abuse and prevention." As well Cheryl Watkins from the Chemical Awareness Institute in Arizona accepted the band's invitation to attend the activities.

"She put on a presentation that was really moving," said Courteoreille. As a result of Watkins' workshop, several more sessions have been held in the community since November with teachers, social workers, and nurses among the caregivers receiving training from the institute.

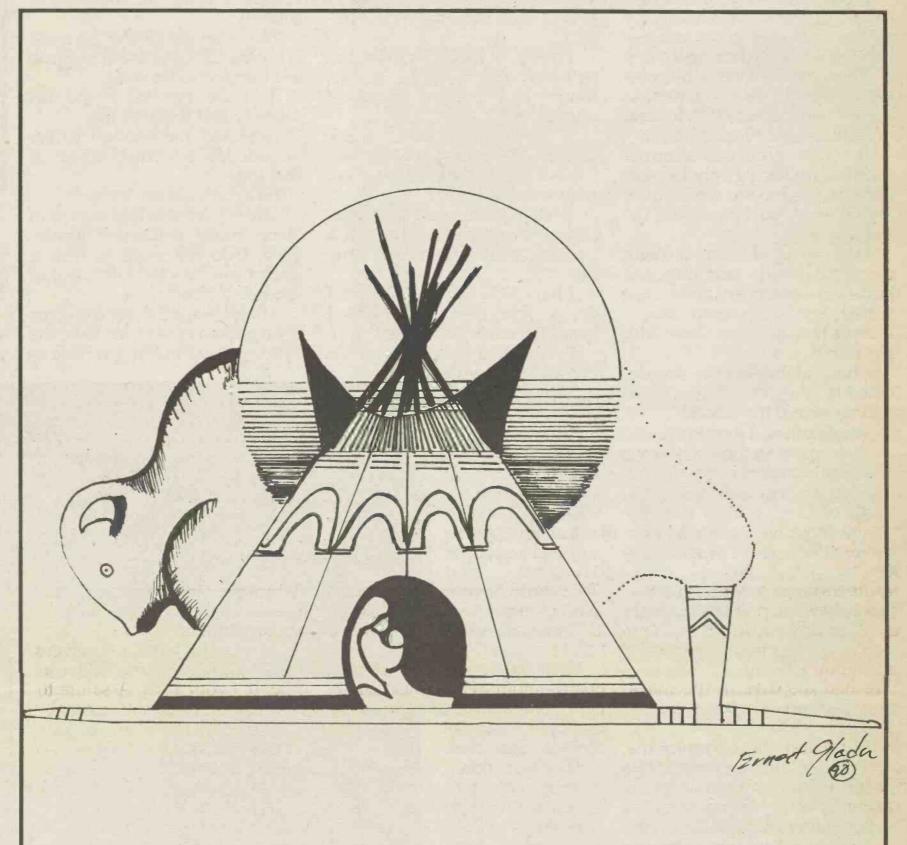
"Our talent show was a lot of fun," laughed Courteoreille. "We had mostly local talent, everyone was very relaxed, and enjoyed the evening." Several ladies put on a fashion show with "the latest styles in coveralls and gum boots." Other acts included skits, singing and lip sync contests.

"We had some quiet moments, too. Local singers, especially one young fellow, who sang from the heart of personal experiences, brought us back to the theme of the week."

The planning committee took advantage of the large attendance to present reports on each band-operated program. "We had reports from the band adminstration, the elders' home, From the Alexander band 193 people have entered treatment centres since 1983 alone. "There are others who have overcome substance abuse on their own, too," added Courteoreille proudly noting most of them have stayed on the sober path. "We felt their tremendous success should be acknowledged."

Alexander organizers plan a similar week of celebrations for 1990.

'A lot of people have died as a result of alcohol and drug abuse. We must remember the negative impacts while trying to overcome the obstacles to a more positive lifestyle.'



positive lifestyle."

The importance of the opening night celebrations was further emphasized when participants gathered around a monument which had been erected in the village.

"Last year was the 100th anniversary of our community," said Courteorille. "We erected a commemorative monument with the last names of the original families engraved on it."

The rest of the week was busy. Workshops, a talent show, bingos, lip sync contests, a pancake

economic development, public works and the chief and council," said Courteoreille said. "We felt we should inform the public on day-to-day happenings."

The action-packed seven days ended with two banquets. "We had a traditional banquet and a contemporary dinner and even though we had formed a circle on a couple of occasions through the week, we did it one more time to honor the people who have been through rough times and are now coping successfully."

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Fighting Substance Abuse

National Addictions Awareness Week a community affair at St. Paul

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. PAUL, ALTA.

The St. Paul area has a great diversity of cultures and last year's National Addictions Awareness Week celebrations included all of them.

"We had a really impressive kick-off ceremony Nov. 20," said St. Paul AADAC co-ordinator Sharon Steinhauer. "We said prayers in French, Cree and English and our local Ukrainian dancers had a part in the show."

As well RCMP officers attended wearing their red serge ceremonial uniforms as over 200 students and adults formed a large circle at the regional high school. Steinhauer was pleased, too, with the participation of the St. Paul mayor and representatives of other schools, offices and agencies, who got behind the concept of addictions awareness.

Stan Nelson, provincial chairman of AADAC, made a presentation. The school's cheerleaders composed special cheers for the occasion and invited the crowd to join in.

First day festivities were further enhanced by the singing of a song by Lisa Grekul, which she wrote especially for the ceremony. "It was a powerful experience," said Steinhauer.

The week was celebrated around the town of 5,000 as well. "We had displays in the malls and throughout the community," she said. "Merchants donated prizes for the teen dance organized by the Boys and Girls' Club and they also helped in various other ways." Steinhauer said the theme is one with which non-Natives and Natives should be concerned.

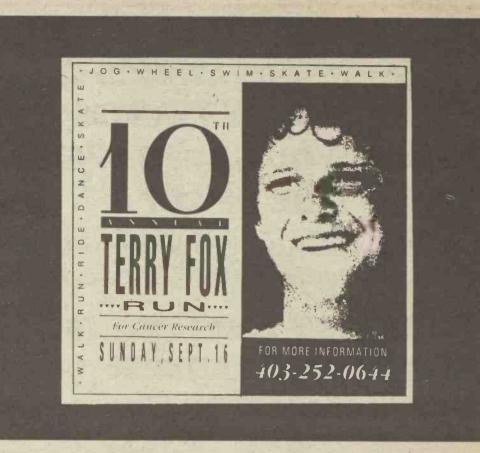


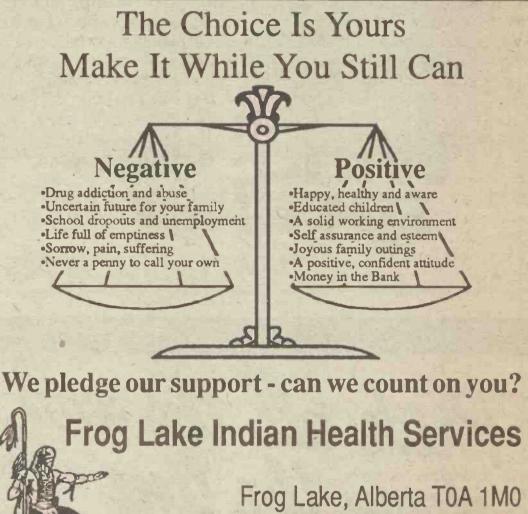
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During the week organizers used AADAC's theme, 'It's your time, It's your turn: A salute to youth' on buttons and stickers. Plans are already under way for this year's events. "There's no doubt National Addictions Awareness Week does increase awareness in the community." said Steinhauer. "And with that kind of success, I think it's just the start of something powerful."





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With the help of local school boards and the enthusiasm of St. Paul residents, the stage has been set for bigger and better activities this year, said Steinhauer.

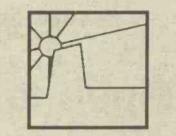
"We're experimenting with various contests," she said, noting a poster contest was successful in other years. "We gave entrants certificates of participation. Personal and individual

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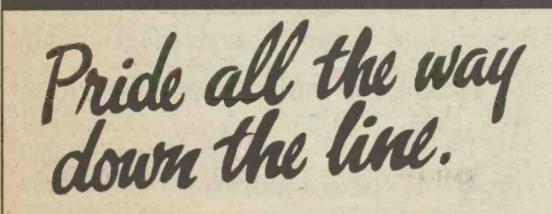
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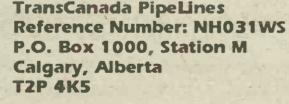
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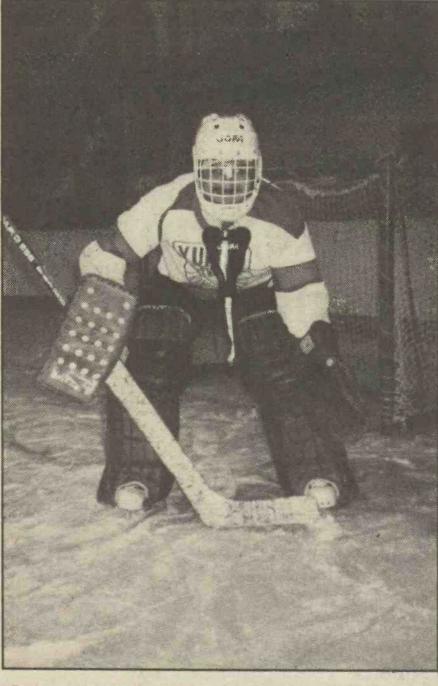
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SPECIAL SECTION WINDSPEAKER, AUGUST 31, 1990, PAGE 17

Fighting Substance Abuse Waterhen students say 'no' to drugs

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

DAUPHIN, MANITOBA

While Linda Boudreau is youth skills worker at the Dauphin, Manitoba Friendship Centre, part of her duties include travelling to schools outside the area.

"The government of Manitoba helped us develop an intensive, 12-week project aimed at enhancing Indian children's lifestyles and I worked with Grade 4 and 5 classes at Waterhen School last year."

Boudreau and the two selected classrooms, an hour outside of Dauphin, led National Addictions Awareness Week ceremonies in the school in Nov. 1989.

"There were almost 200 people in the circle we formed in the gym. The kids had been coached to respond 'No' to questions we asked during the program." When she asked, "What do you say if someone offers you alcohol?" or "Do you want to use drugs?" the resounding 'No' lifted the roof right off," she laughs.

Community and school participation was excellent. Following Boudreau's introduction, local dignitaries showed their support. George Dano, mayor of Mallard, a nearby Metis community, who had helped with the planning, addressed the crowd as did Joseph Maud, band councillor with the Waterhen Native celebrities. Ojibway Band. Each speaker shared his personal feelings and experiences on addictions and substance abuse. Boudreau emphasized the circle, and its significance in Native culture, stressing the importance of having information to make a choice for a positive lifestyle.

With her work at Waterhen School being part of a pilot project, Boudreau is pleased with the obvious sucess.

"The kids had been learning about choices and we had been talking about other issues like handling anger, having a positive self-image and having pride in our Native culture," she says.

The youngsters were also encouraged to role play and play selected games which would help them overcome shyness, enabling them to speak up for themselves.

"When you see all those little faces and hear all that enthusiasm, you know you are on the right track," says Boudreau. As the classes progressed, the lessons turned to leading the assembly at the kick-off to National Addictions Awareness Week. "The kids took their leadership role very seriously."

The rest of the school got right behind it, too, with students drawing posters to distribute throughout the school and community.

"This year we are planning an even larger celebration," says Boudreau. "We have four or five on our committee and the band always offers a lot of co-operation, especially when it involves the young people."

Maud agrees. "This year we are hoping to improve on last year's activities," he says. "Hopefully we can get some role models involved such as Alwyn Morris and other well-known

placed on National Addictions Awareness Week in November, other events are occasionally held like a recent Andy Chelsea Day Aug. 22. Chelsea, of the Alkali Lake band in British Columbia, addressed the Indian people of the area, telling them how his band went from almost totally alcoholic less than 10 years ago to 95 per cent sobriety today.

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Fighting Substance Abuse

Substance abuse poisoning Native youth

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

ST. ALBERT, ALTA.

"Substance abuse, whether it is alcohol or drugs, is poisoning the youth of our Nations," says Eric Shirt, a Nechi Institute board member.

"Some years ago 12 schools were surveyed in the south Slave region of Alberta. The statistics that came out of that survey were shocking," he says. Fifty per cent of students between Grades 6 to 9 admitted to being alcohol-dependent.

"It's a dangerous situation when so many young people have gone so far," Shirt laments.

When plans for the first national conference on adolescent treatment were announced to address the problems, Shirt volunteered to be on the planning committee.

The theme of the conference, which will be held at the Edmonton Inn Sept. 17-20, is Healing Our Youth. The organizers, which includes Poundmaker's Lodge located near St. Albert, as well as exploring the need for adolescent treatment will urge participants to "come and share with us" in discovering new strategies for combating chemical dependency in schools.

"The United States is ahead of us on treatment," says Shirt. "It is expensive to send people down there for help and it alienates them from their families at a time when they need support."

Throughout the four days of the conference, 45 sessions will



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cover topics like student assistance programs and adolescent treatment programs. As well, general information will be offered on subjects like Partners, a community-based prevention and intervention program, adult children of alcoholics and the use of traditional medicine in substance abuse prevention.

There will be plenty of opportunity for recreational activities too. "We are having a round dance on Tuesday night," says Shirt. "And banquets and luncheons are planned, too."

Shirt urges reserves to consider sending a team of car-

egivers and educators to the conference. "After all," he says, "the reserve that gets the handle on drug and alcohol abuse will be the progressive reserve of tomorrow."

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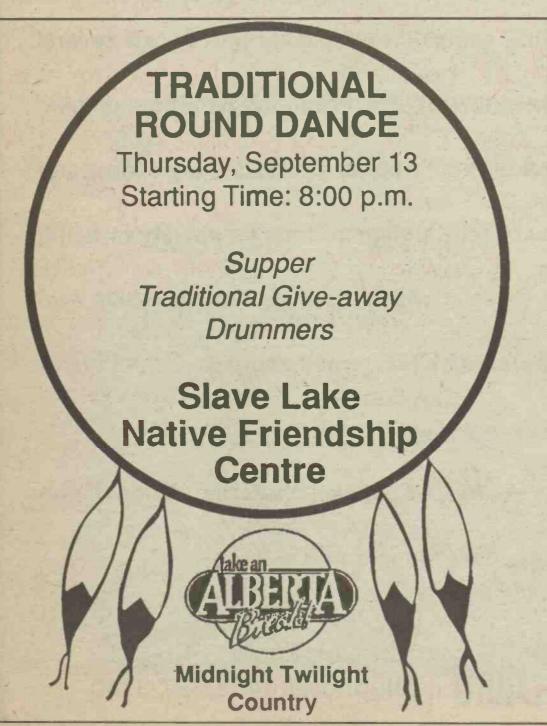
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Fighting Substance Abuse

B.C. community lays bricks of hope

by Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

KITIMAAT VILLAGE, B.C.

The 600 residents of Kitimaat Village demonstrated their collective resolve to provide healthy alternatives to alcohol and drug use with a solemn ceremony last November.

As Thomas Stevens, director of the Haisla Support Centre explains it, "a monument had been planned in front of our Haisla Support Centre, which was just being built. The idea was for each man, woman, and child to place a brick individu-

bond the people in a way that will promote the concept of helping each other."

Now completed, the six-foot tall monument consists of 600 bricks and a wooden carving has been incorporated into the structure. "Village carver Robert Stewart has designed and carved it, and he has done a tremendous job on this for us," says Stevens. "The design is representative of the clans in the village: eagle, beaver, killer whale and raven.

Kitimaat Village, which is located 30 miles from Terrace, B.C. on the Douglas Channel, has four clans of Haisla people.

ally in the hope this action would Community participation in National Addictions Awareness Week was excellent with over 150 people joining in the circle around the monument. "As this was our second year of activities for the special week, we were comfortable planning seven events," says Stevens, citing Project CHARLIE as an example.

"Project CHARLIE, which stands for Chemical Abuse Resolution Lies In Education, promotes the social and emotional growth of children before they enter the drug experimenting years of adolescence. A one-day workshop was held at the Haisla Elementary School, with the resulting day off for students and parents were encouraged to attend.

School principal Crystal Pearl-Hodgins, says "This program focuses on building positive selfesteem, improving relationships and developing decision-making skills." Activities teach the children self-awareness and focus on the strengths and special qualities of each child. The program has been incorporated into the school curriculum.

Also included in the week's activities was a special worship service in the United Church, which began the celebrations, and a dry dance on Saturday night to complete the activities.

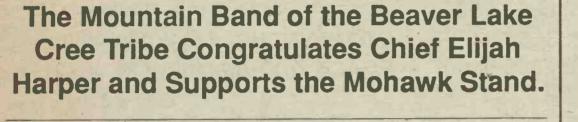
The planning committee received funding from the village council and the Kitimaat Athletic Club. The talent show and the dry dance also raised money. "We had 20 volunteers offer their services to help with the activities," says Stevens.

He says the week's activities were helpful in creating awareness in the village. "The youth group really got involved. They were really enthusiastic and hope to have more alcohol-free activities on a regular basis throughout the year."

Meanwhile, the newly-completed support centre, which will be staffed by Indian people and will offer pre-treatment and post-treatment care for clients with drug and alcohol addiction problems, is a welcome addition to the village.

"The programs at the centre will be Native-oriented," says Stevens. "They will include cultural techniques and traditional foods, for example."

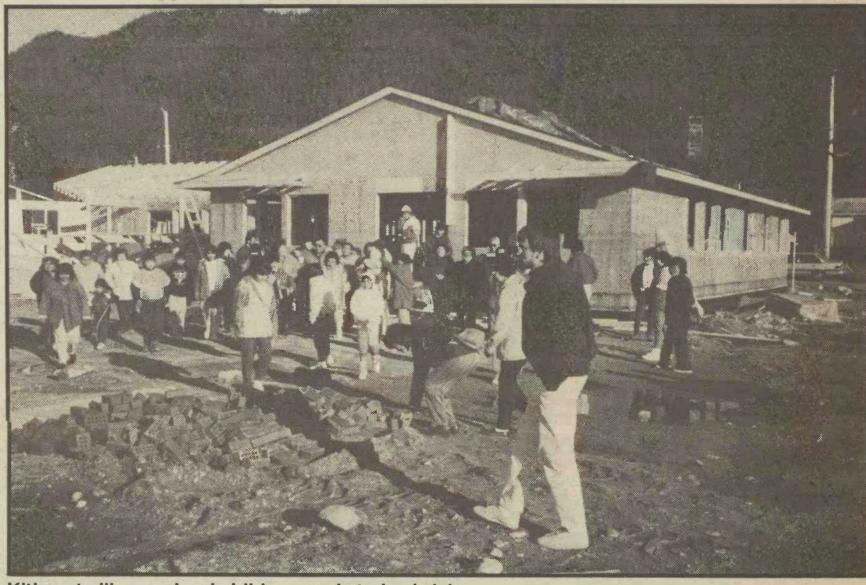
Up to 10 residents will stay at the centre at any given time. "We'll get referrals from all over the Pacific Northwest," says Stevens. "And we'll have day programs for local people to attend, too." The centre will open Dec. 1.



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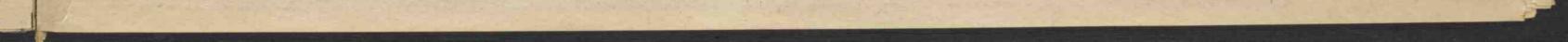
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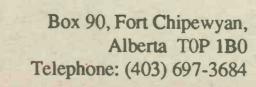
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Poster contest highlighted addictions awareness week

by Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

VAL D'OR, QUEBEC

Aware that everyone likes to look at drawings made by children, staff at the Val d'Or, Quebec friendship centre used a poster contest last year to draw attention to National Addictions Awareness Week.

The community, which has a large population of Algonquin Indian people, first participated in the week last November.

Louise Lacasse, co-ordinator of the drug and alcohol abuse program at the friendship centre, and the rest of the staff at the

event. "We hold bingos every week, so we had funds in place already," said Lacasse.

Children in Val d'Or and nearby Lac Simon and Pikogan reserves were invited to participate in the poster contest. Those aged five to nine years were given If You Drink, Don't Drive as a theme. And 10 to 15 year olds were asked to design a poster around the theme, Drugs, No Thank You. First and second prizes for both categories were \$50 and \$25 gift certificates.

The bi-monthly newsletter which goes out to friendship centre members was printed in time to advertise the contest. "As well, we got on the phone to call friendship centre planned the the other schools," said Lacasse.

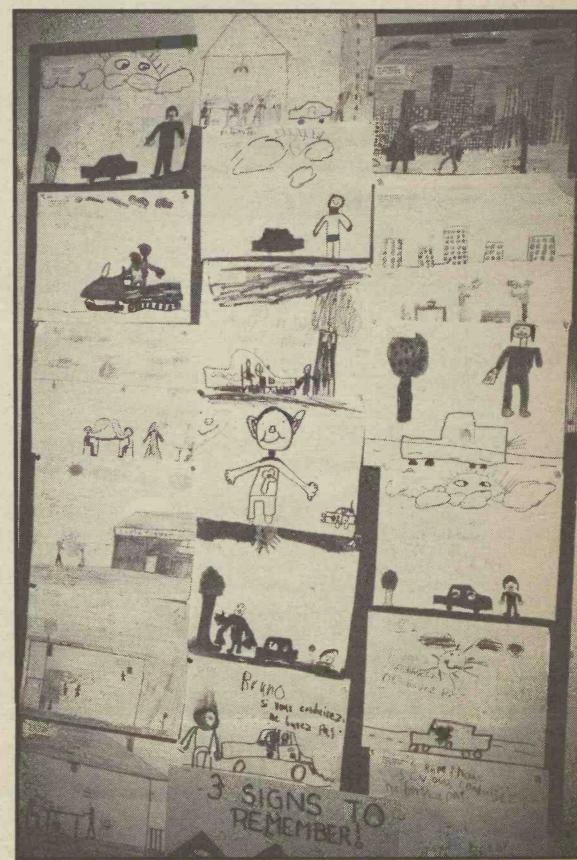
The staff were pleased with the materials which Nechi Institute supplied as part of the National Addictions Awareness Week kit. "We distributed buttons and stickers with our newsletter and we made up some pamphlets as well. They went to every Native organization and into every Native home in Val d'Or and area."

The co-ordinator experienced a few days of anguish when she had only received four posters and the contest closing date was only a few days away. "When the postman arrived on the Friday though, he brought 40 posters in one bunch. It just goes to show you never give up hope," she laughs.

reserve, 45 miles away, was especially impressive. "Most of the entries were from Pikogan," says Lacasse. Once the posters started arriving in the mail, Lacasse found them all appealing. "Children draw with a lot of meaning. They are all individual and each picture had something special,"

The response from Pikogan she says. In all, 67 posters were eventually received.

> Lacasse was glad the committee did not have to judge the colorful creations to declare recipients of the prizes. "We put the names in a hat and drew for the gift certificates," she says. "In my eyes, every poster was a winner."



Grande Cache students speak out

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

GRANDE CACHE, ALTA.

An art and essay contest held in a remote Alberta community last year brought home a powerful message to organizers of National Addictions Awareness Week.

Thirty Cree children took the opportunity to illustrate their negative feelings about drinking alcohol. "The pictures and stories were honest and showed the children don't like what they see first year," says McDonald.

ing," says Doris McDonald, Native support worker with the Grande Cache Transition House.

As 1989 was the first year of participation for the community, located some 300 miles northwest of Edmonton, only two organizations were involved in planning the special week held across Canada every November.

"Staff at Native Counselling Services and the Grande Cache Transition House planned the activities and they were well attended considering it was our says.

and distributed to the 400 Native people in the community, which has a total population of 3,600. Posters around town also advertised the event and an information fair was held at the local shopping mall.

McDonald's work at the Transition House brings home to her the devastating effects of sub-stance abuse. "Transition House is a safe place for abused women. They are usually victims of abuse at the hands of someone with a drug or alcohol problem," she

The community participated

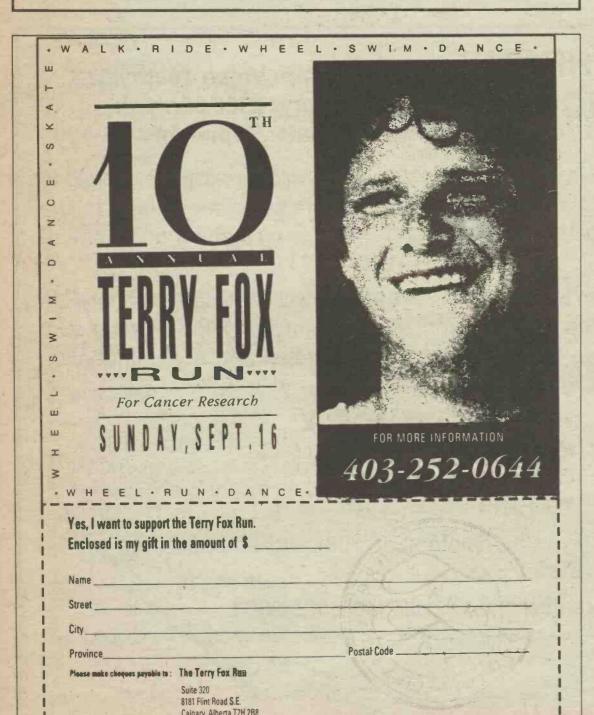
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in a Keep the Circle Strong ceremony. 'Only 25 people joined the circle last year, but there's lots more who are interested this year," says McDonald, who's hoping the schools will join in.

McDonald praises the con-cept behind National Addictions Awareness Week. "After all we are getting more and more people in recovery all the time," she says.

Some of the posters by five to nine-year-olds on the theme, 'If you drink, don't drive.

"We are born into a life. The life is waiting there. We don't pick it, we step into it: parents first born or last the part of the country the part of the world our appearance the efficiency of our brain.

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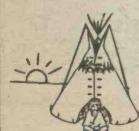
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In Unity



Fighting Substance Abuse Inmates ponder life without drugs

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

"We liked the poster so much, we left it hanging up all year long. Now that we know about National Addictions Awareness Week, we plan on participating every year," says Lloyd Wadel, community corrections administrator with the solicitor general's department.

Wadel and his staff of seven work out of offices on Stony Plain Road in west Edmonton. "We found the poster and other material distributed by Nechi Institute to be helpful," he says.

The five probation officers and two clerical staff have clients - former residents of various correctional facilities — coming and going from the office daily.

"Last year being the first time we participated, it was mostly a matter of staff awareness, but this year we are going to encourage clients to participate in local functions like the sober walk to the legislature building and to get them involved wearing buttons and so on," says Wadel.

He fully endorses the concept of National Addictions Awareness Week, noting most of the people coming to his offices have had alcohol or drug abuse touch their lives in one way or another.

Meanwhile, Peter Hughes of the Belmont Correctional Centre, encouraged residents of his facility to join in a poster contest last year to commemorate the special week. "Through the artwork, they got thinking about life without drugs," he states.

This year will be the second

gary remand centre helped to get inmates involved last year. The centre has an active Native Brotherhood, an organized group to which most of the residents belong, and which meets weekly to plan guest speakers and recreational nights throughout the year.

For National Addictions ful and positive speaker, he says. residents, who collectively con-Awareness Week, the brotherhood worked with staff on planning an information evening. "Richard Wagamese, a former inmate and drug user who has been clean for five years, spoke to the men, " says John Lee. Wagamese, a Native, is a power-

"We had elders speak to the men, too. They talked about the problems back on the reserves and how the young kids are getting into trouble," he says. The evening closed with a film which documented the well-known achievement of Alkali Lake, B.C

quered alcoholism in their community.

This year staff at the centre plan further involvement, perhaps with the assistance of Native Counselling Services. "After all, the initial response was very positive," says Lee.

Youth help others tackle addictions

by Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

Forest Lawn High School in Calgary recognizes that students will usually go to peers for help when needed. A program has been initiated into selected schools to experiment with training students who have shown a genuine concern and helping attitude toward others.

"During class time, counsellors and trainers help students develop interpersonal and helping skills. Called peer helpers, these students organize school activities and maintain a high profile around the school, becoming identified as leaders," says Native liaison worker Sharon Parsons.

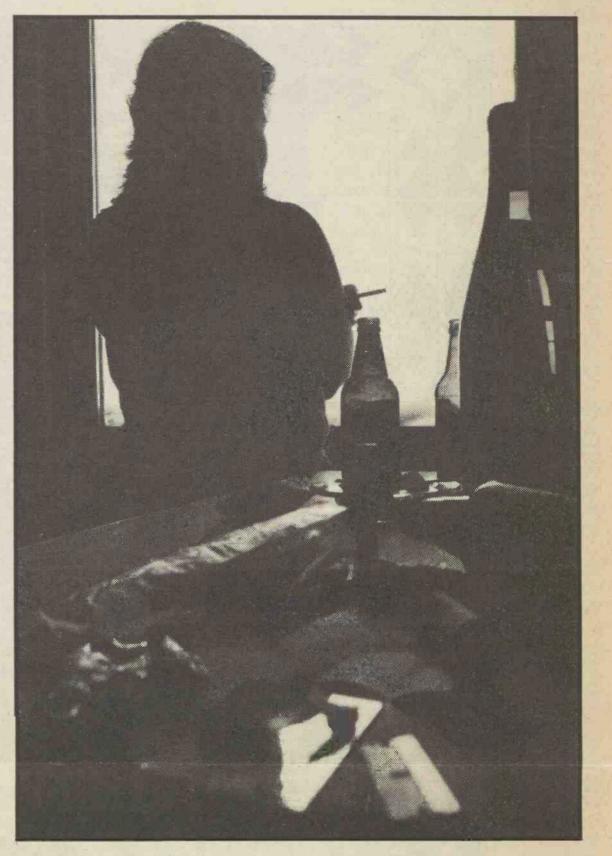
National Addictions Awareness Week was a busy week last year, she says. "We had several fund-raising projects on the go, wanting to encourage students to help other youth, while at the same time, promoting awareness of drug and alcohol addiction," she says.

a penny power program where students tried to donate as many pennies as possible. Prizes were given to individual classrooms for the most money collected; they raised a total of \$325.

And a noon-hour dance in which 400 students participated raised \$120. "A student deejay volunteered his time to give us music," Parsons explains. A bake sale and an auction of donated items like key chains, stuffed animals and cassette tapes concluded the week.

"We contributed \$525 to a local organization which assists and supports young people who have run away," says Parsons. Often the youth are at risk of hurting themselves or are involved with prostitution. They are also in conflict with community standards and the legal system.

Parsons feels the activities raised awareness among students of drug and alcohol abuse. Their efforts to help other young people, who often end up on the streets due to alcohol and drug abuse, further brought home the devastating effects of addiction, she says.



year of participation and they have plans to celebrate again this year. "This is a good initiative and it deserves on-going promotion in all communities," he says. Meanwhile, staff at the Cal-

The peer helpers helped organize activities for the week like

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Your Letters

Firearms on a barricade not illegal

Dear Editor:

As a military and political historian, I find analysing the Oka situation, and the other barricades which have developed across Canada, a fascinating exercise. In Oka the armed might of the Warriors is quite clearly inadequate for defence against a major attack by the Canadian Armed Forces, but it is sufficient to completely prevent such an attack.

Sending in the troops could start a real battle, which would mean deaths and injuries on both sides. The government would be condemned for using guns instead of talk, both nationally and internationally. To a politician sending in the troops is only politically possible once the Warriors can be proven to have killed. That would allow the attacking troops to be presented as preventing deaths. No other visible method can prevent the bad

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publicity which politicians fear.

The death of one policeman was unfortunate, but it would not be possible to prosecute an Indian for that without admitting the Quebec police attacked, wearing military uniforms, gas masks and arms apparently loaded with devastating hollowpoint bullets. If an Indian is charged, it might well turn out he had committed no crime, but was legally using self-defence against violent armed attackers.

The barricades are a fairly good tactic. As long as they are on Indian land, the legalities are confused and confusing. The public will turn against politicians who order the removal of those barricades by the use of armed force.

In the long run, however, some barricades annoy the public. These methods must soon be modified. Better planned methods are needed.

In the case of barricades where the Indians have no firearms, the government's problem is much simpler. Police simply arrest the Indians and haul them away. Then they remove the barricade. That method won't work at Oka, so Oka is stalemated until another method is found which works. The Oka barricades remain.

There are a number of paths for the Mohawks who want a favorable land claim settlement.

The best is to convince the public that solutions are preferable to problems being caused by government in the process of

things which cause major problems for the government, but not for the public. A barricade across a major highway irritates voters. Therefore, it's better to set up a nasty problem for government which causes the government to barricade the highway.

If armed Warriors, for ex-

annoying the public.

This method was used by Jewish people in Palestine from 1942-1948. Their warrior society, the Irgun, used a few interesting principles:

• Actions which injured or angered civilians were prohibited. Their first attack, for example,



searches annoyed the public, but. found few warriors,

 All illegal arms were stored except when actually in use — in locations where finding them did not give any legal grounds to charge anyone with any crime. An illegal gun in a home is grounds; the same gun in a hidden place in a public area is not, Humor was a major factor. Everyone enjoys seeing governments being made to look foolish. A cardboard box full of leaflets dumped into street crowds from atop a building is not news but dumped from atop a "secure" government building it is. The Jewish people used teeterboards—a leaky bucket of water on one end, a cardboard box of leaflets on the other. The box hung over the edge of the roof and dumped when the water ran out. A cord kept the heavy parts from falling into the street. Opportunities for Indian humor anyone?

In the present climate there's a lot of public support for the Indians. That can be increased by making governments look foolish and making them look helpless — while being careful to give them no excuse to use armed force.

The presence of legallyowned firearms on a barricade is not illegal and the right of selfdefence against illegal force is written into the Criminal Code of Canada. What is illegal is using those firearms to threaten, injure or kill — without legal cause.

The presence of firearms does,

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handling the Indians. Then the public supports the Indians. The Oka barricade that stops the public is the government's barricade, they cannot reach the Indian barricade. That's important!

Another path is money. Making governments pay heavily for police, military personnel and equipment to deal with the barricade problem takes money away from things governments want to do and forces them to spend it on barricade problems.

The problem is to do both of those without turning the public against the Indians. That is being done in Oka, but their tactics could be improved.

Dana Wagg

A Surete du Quebec officer at the Chateauguay police blockade before Canadian troops took over.

ample, set up barricades to prevent entry into some huge work site at the entrance from the highway, then the government would barricade the road "to protect the public". That would turn the anger of the barricaded public against the government.

And if barricades were set up to deny access to carefully-chosen government offices in a building, the police dealing with All Indian actions should be it would interact with the public, was on a deserted income tax office. Few citizens found anything wrong with that!,

 No one went underground or became an illegal person. When stopped and searched (except when actively engaged in some operation, which was only a small fraction of the time), the warrior's papers were in order and nothing he carried could identify him as being different from anyone else. Police street make a difference. It positively prevents attacks by police or the military since the risk of creating "Indian martyrs" is much too high for a politician's stomach.

l'm not an Indian but I admire the Warriors of Oka and I respect their discipline. They have carefully given the governments no good cause to attack them with armed force and in that way they have kept the sympathy of the public. There are lessons to be learned there for all Native peoples.

David A. Tomlinson President **National Firearms' Association** Edmonton

Mohawks at Oka deserve respect

Dear Editor:

Everyday I hear more about Oka. And everyday I ache inside with compassion and understanding for the Native people. There's more than me out there. Oka deserve respect. They are

"And we're not aboriginal..." This discrimination angers me

immensely. We were all created under one Great Spirit. So why does humankind continually rip itself asunder? The Mohawks at

Warriors are renegades

Dear Editor:

We decided to write to you about Oka. We are five girls; three of us are Indian.

We are 16 to 18 years old and feel we have something to say as we are the future of Canada.

We feel that when the Meech Lake accord was brought down by Premier Clyde Wells and Elijah Harper, the federal government felt it had to pay Indians back for the embarrassment. Otherwise why did they take so long to do something about the blockade at Oka? It was up since April.

The warriors are not a good representation of Native people because they are the renegades left over from the Vietnam War. They're trigger-happy people looking for a war somewhere. The federal government should have intervened right away. It could have been done in a peaceful manner and the policeman who lost his life would still be alive.

It's time all of us took responsibility for what is happening. We could urge the prime minister to do something NOW. A telegram from all Native people young and old might do that. I doubt many Native or non-Native people even understand what is happening in the east. Why for instance did the town of Oka want to build a golf course?

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fighting a battle for their very future and protecting the rights of their children and their children's children. In my eyes that is uppermost.

The government and the police are exhibiting force because of fear, fear they, against a small band of people, will not turn out the victor. So to ensure this they bring in the army: pre-war games or just democratic/dictatorship manoeuvres?

Are the Mohawks terrorists? Who is striking terror into their hearts at this very moment? Are they murderers? Who stands across from them with tear gas and rifles ready for combat? Are they thieves of the white man's land? Who took it from them in the first place and now demands more?

Today we hear of Holy War being called for in Arabic countries. We see many nations rally to aid those who have lost their land. And yet Canada does exactly the same, refusing aid to the victims. Ironic.

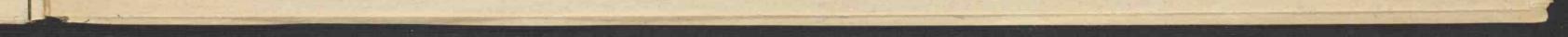
Perhaps, in the future, if we all join together, things may change. How long it will take is uncertain. And what it will take in the long run is not known. All I know is if possible I would be at Oka. I wonder what the Quebec police and the politicians would have to say if they spotted a 104lb. female white Warrior among the so-called "animals"?

There will be no peace without justice.

Kate Bland Mayerthorpe, Alberta

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What's Happening?

Rusk to be inducted into hall of fame Hi! Just talked to George friends in Alberta. Tuccaro recently. George is spending some of his holiday time in Edmonton before he heads north to Fort Chipewyan

(His home town) to do a little fishing.

George says he owns a Yamaha guitar and Saturday (Aug. 18) he sang a few songs at the Beverly Crest Hotel with the band Outlaw.

Why I mention his guitar is because after George had it at home for awhile he said he took it back. "The strings were out of tune Rocky!"

Strings do go out of tune George!

Nice to see you finding some free time from your job as announcer and other chores with CBC Yellowknife George.

George says hello to all his

As for the annual MAA assembly? I didn't stay long but I hear it had its moments. About the time this paper hits the news stands, election stats will be out.

Here is Droppin' In's guess on who will win the president's position and Zone 4 vice-presidency.

I believe it will be...Dorothy Daniels, or maybe Larry again, possibly Sam, then again Joe might win...

As for the V.P. I pick Lyle Donald...or Stan Plante..but then again...

If I'm wrong don't be mad. It's only a guess...geeze! KANTA: Near Ft. Nelson, B.C. Here is some great news. Harry Rusk will be inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame very soon!

Of course there are a few things that need to be

sorted out, such as the best idea for Harry's exhibit, but it's finalized.

And Harry, who just recently returned from his third trip to Europe (on the gospel road), will be a guest singer on the Ole Grand

Ranger Ranch Boys.

Harry says when the recording is done he will let Droppin' In know so people will be able to buy it. I know I'll be buying one.

One last tidbit on Harry. Next year Harry has been invited to Poland, Sweden, Russia, Brazil, Bolivia and Japan. "Spreading the gospel," Harry

SUCKER **CREEK:** Congratulations to **Susan Tiffany** Turner and James Gordon Badger who will officially tie the knot Aug. 25 in High Prairie. Droppin' In

says.

also wishes the both of you the best as you begin a life of love.

While we are on the subject of wonderful things that happen in the community such as Susan

and James's upcoming marriage, would like to remind our reading audience that if you wish coverage from Droppin' In at least a month's notice in advance would deeply be appreciated.



Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward



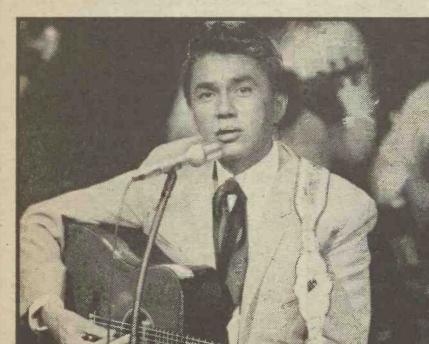
Angela and Gordon Buffalo exchange wedding rings at Hobbema before Father **Gillis Gauthier**

son of Big John Fletcher.

I once drove a tiny ice delivery truck for Dickie Dee. Shut up. I lis Gauthier, who we Miss! Miss! was young. Work is work. Be- Miss! Here in Edmonton.

As we all know Tommy is the marrying them at the church in Hobbema?

Yes! Yes! Yes! It's Father Gil-





Harry Rusk

Opry in Nashville, Tennessee Nov. 2-3. See how busy our Native people are keeping.

And when Harry is in Nashville he will be cutting gospel rea cording with legendary File Photo Hank Snow's

This gives Droppin' In time to get down on my knees and beg my Boss (notice Boss is always capitalized) to please let me go. You know, a travel allowance, reasons and all that rot. Thank you.

EDMONTON: He's the Dickie Dee Ice Cream champion!

That's right. Tommy Fletcher, 12, recently became the number one ice cream seller for all of Canada for the month of July. Bonuses! Money! He won it (but no picture) Aug. 4.

all. Congratulations.

sides, I love their ice cream. So there.

HOBBEMA: And that's where life begins.

Don't they look just wonderful? This happy couple who are just in the process of sharing their marriage rings are Angela and Gordon Buffalo.

Angela whose father (Roger 0991. Massy) is a true friend of mine and Gordon were married as mentioned in our last edition

And you know who that is Nations election.

And Father Gauthier...please take care of yourself.

COUNTRY: FANS! The C-Weed Band will be in Edmonton Sept. 6-7 playing at the Capilano Motor Inn banquet hall. They're here for Country Music Week and tickets are \$6 or \$8 at the door. Call Harold Burden at 421-

Take care everyone and congratulations to all the candidates, the winners and those who gave it their best shot in the Metis

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NAKODAPOWWOW; Aug. 31 Sept. 2; Stoney Reserve, Morley, AB; for more info. call (403)881-3939 or 881-3949 or write Nakoda Lodge, Stoney Reserve, Morley, AB, TOL 1NO. MASKWACHEES CUL-**TURAL COLLEGE GRADU-**ATION POWWOW; Sept. 29; banquetat6:00; no contest powwow to follow; Montana Tribal Administration, Hobbema, tickets avail. at college; for more info. call (403)585-3925. **ALEXIS INDIAN BAND #133 COMPETITION POWWOW &** FASTBALL TOURNAMENT; July 12 - 14, 1991; Alexis Reserve, AB; for more info. call Dan Alexis at (403)967-2225.

BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS; Aug. 31 - Sept. 2; Saddle Lake Recreation Grounds, Much Music Travelling Video Show (Aug. 31); for more info. call Vince Steinhauer at (403)726-3829.

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THE REZ SISTERS; playing Sept. 16 - Oct. 20; Martha Cohen Theatre, 215 - 8th Ave. S.E./ Olympic Plaza, Calgary, AB; for tickets call BASS at (403)266-8888.

POUNDMAKER LODGE 1ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON ADOLESCENT TREATMENT "HEALING OUR YOUTH"; Sept. 17 - 20; Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, AB; for more info. 2048.

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TEST; entry deadlines Oct. 1, 4:00 p.m. (hand del'd) and mailed entries postmarked Oct. 1; for more info. call David Boisvert at (403)421-1606 or 1-800-661-6549.

1ST NATIONAL CONFER-ENCE ON "NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS"; Oct. 19 - 21; Innon the Park Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin; for more info./registration call the Minority Publisher Exchange at (608)244-5633 or write P.O. Box 9869, Madison, Wisconsin, 53715.

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CALGARY ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW AND SALE; Nov. 16 -18; Calgary, AB; for more info. call (403)426-2048.

EDMONTON ART EXHIBI-TION; Feb. 23 - Mar. 11, 1991; Beaver House Gallery, Edmonton, AB; for more info. call (403)426-2048.

CALGARY ART EXHIBI-TION; March 1991; Calgary, AB; for more info. call (403)426-

Indian Country Community Events



News

Quebec standoff centrestage at Metis forum

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The standoffs is Quebec dominated a forum Tuesday in Edmonton for Metis Nation presidential candidates.

It was suggested the association send a declaration to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney asking him to remove Canadian armed forces from surrounding Mohawk lands and to call a meeting with ministers and aboriginal leaders to entrench important aboriginal issues into the Constitution.

Metis Nation (formerly the MAA) president Larry Desmeules says his office has already sent money for food to the Mohawks and a letter of concern about the Mohawk crisis was sent to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Speaking to the media and a

away from taking personal shots at rival candidates.

> Instead he elected to talk about what the association has done over his three years in office.

"By late next year a senior citizens' home will be erected in Edmonton. We have done extensive work in the communities. They are active," said Desmeules.

Desmeules in his annual report to the assembly said the greatest thing the Metis Nation had accomplished was reaching a framework agreement with the provincial government.

Premier Don Getty and his government have shown commitment to the agreement, said the report.

The agreement provides a process to deal with Metis issues and to put a structure in place to deal with them.

Presidential candidate Sam small contingent of Metis people Sinclair hinted Desmeules

at the forum, Desmeules stayed should not try to take all the credit for the framework agreement.

> "No one person can take credit for the framework agreement. The agreement had already begun when I left the MAA (in 1987)," Sinclair declared.

> He said there is a need to restructure the MAA and to bring it back to the people.

"I will not be a puppet to government. The communities need money to upbring their livelihood and right now I see all this slipping away," Sinclair said.

Joe Blyan told the crowd he has worked for six MAA presidents. "I'm going to be the seventh.

"Sam and Larry boast about their years in office but they were not alone. The membership was always here.

"This organization must be based on trust. Only then will we have a strong association," Blyan added.

A first-time presidential candidate, Lester Howse, referred to his extensive travel through South and Central America.

"We cannot be made political puppets based on greed. It is only geared to the death of our culture," Howse said, adding that Metis culture is more than a fiddle, a jig and moosehide jackets.

Howse said he has the confidence to talk with government on Metis terms and "on behalf of the Metis."

MAA presidential hopeful Dan Martel stressed the need for consulting with and getting the support of Metis communities in dealing with Metis issues.

He also stressed the need for unity.

"We must be better prepared to stand and fight for our sovereignty," he said.

Martel added now that Metis people are recognized as a nation in the Constitution of Canada, "it is time we all stand together."

Another candidate, Dorothy Daniels, said Metis people today want their association to respect their dignity.

She said during the 1960s and 1970s education was encouraged for Metis people, many of whom obtained various skills.

"Our responsibility now is to utilize those skills and put these people to work," Daniels said.

Presidential candidate Fred House said Metis and Indian people have been denied their rights for over 100 years.

"As Metis we are fighting for the same things today that Louis Riel and the Metis fought for 105 years ago.

"They fought for their rights against a government led by Sir John A. Macdonald and the Metis today are fighting against the same type of government," he said.

"Not until all Indian and Metis stand together as one in unity will the governments listen to us," he said.

Assimilation attempts to blame for Native problems

By Heather Andrews Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Every problem facing aboriginal people today can be traced back to the boarding schools and the attempts of government and society to assimilate Native people, says the head of the National Aboriginal Communica- justice Task Force headed by Mr.

to be absorbed into the system. As a result the school systems in this country have nothing to of-· fer our young aboriginal students," said Fox, president and chief executive officer of NACS.

As a result the criminal justice system does not take aboriginal culture seriously in this country, he said in a presentation Tuesday to Alberta's Native criminal als over a three-week period in Edmonton.

Fox emphasized the link between language and culture. "The two components are one and the same. We have steadfastly clung to the idea and the truth aboriginal culture is different from that of any other culture in this country or on the face of the earth."

There are no equivalent

issues pertinent to aboriginal people don't get discussed, or if they do it must be in English and the meanings get lost in the translation," said Fox.

NACS, which has some 21 member societies across Canada, attempts to link aboriginal people through community and regional radio and television stations and newspapers. In Alberta members include Windspeaker,

aboriginal people they represent. We produce programs and stories which reflect our languages and traditions and give people an aboriginal perspective on events which affect them," explained Fox.

He urged the task force to recommend full government support to the communications societies which NACS represents and to initiatives aboriginal or-

tions' Society (NACS).

"The government, the churches, the police and society felt the best thing that could happen to aboriginal people was

Justice Allan Cawsey.

The task force is currently hearing presentations from organizations, government departments and concerned individu-

words in aboriginal languages for new words introduced into society like abortion, civil rights, the Criminal Code and non-capital murder, he said. "As a result

CFWE-FM in Lac la Biche and Kainai News at Stand Off.

"The common objective of our members is to provide relevant media services to the half-million

ganizations are trying to implement through various education programs. "After all we are not becoming white and we are not going away," he said.

IMAP needs secure funding - Meneen

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Tallcree Chief Bernard Meneen says it's about time the federal goovernment made a commitment to long-term funding for the Indian Management Assistance Program (IMAP).

IMAP has for too long relied on short-term funding commitments which prevents better programs from being introduced, he said. Meneen said he'd like Ottawa to make a three to five year commitment of funds to IMAP to ensure excellent programs for its students.

IMAP, which began about 1985, matches students - primarily graduate — for summer work with Native bands and organizations across Alberta.

It's administered by the First Nations Resource Council of which Meneen is president.

"In the last three years IMAP has placed more students in Indian and Metis communities than before. The students have learned much while assisting these communities in a wide variety of business fields," said Meneen, speaking to a group of students and government and business officials at an IMAP conference in Edmonton last week.

"It's the least cost to Canadian citizens and I believe IMAP has earned the right to stabilized funding," he stressed.

According to IMAP director Barbara Hartley, Alberta's Native communities over the last

three years have had access to what is probably the lowest cost, highest quality consulting service in the country. And she said if IMAP had a larger budget, "we could place twice as many students because the demands from the Native bands is certainly there," she said.

IMAP received 300 applica-

students studying at 47 universities worldwide. And more than 100 Native groups expressed interest in employing student consultants for the summer.

Samson Chief Victor Buffalo, director of the First Nations Resource Council, praised IMAP as a wonderful program.

"I have seen great results from tions this year from prospective the activities of students and I

believe government should reconsider funding to IMAP and that it not be identified as discretionary," he said.

Hartley said since 75 per cent of IMAP students are non-Native, the opportunity for cultural interchange is tremendous.

In this time of cultural "friction," the value of this type of interchange cannot be overesti- IMAP funding is essential.

mated, she said.

She added the networking skills learned during the summer and the contacts students develop both with government and private agencies are valuable resources for later job searches after degrees are completed.

She said this should not be ignored, stressing long-term

Natives entering era of difficulty

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Samson Chief Victor Buffalo says Indian people across the country have entered an era of difficult times since the police assault on a Mohawk blockade July 11 in Quebec.

Indian people now face painful steps ahead but that may be for the better, he said in an address to a group of students and business and government officials at an Indian Management Assistance Program conference in Edmonton last week.

"It seems the only time politicians hear us is when Native people show their frustration," Buffalo said.

Although he foresees a painful time ahead for Native people, "I also see positive results coming out of all this," he said.

He said at one time it was fashionable to be Native.

"We had a good time, we went to powwows and rodeos, but when I was in Montreal this summer the mood had changed. hear us."

"Even so, I believe it's for the better although there will be painful steps taken now to identify our needs."

Buffalo said since a "racial element" has come to the front government has to take steps to address Indian concerns.

"When negotiations took place, government always picked the Native bands they wanted to deal with first, their favorites," he said.

Now they must "deal directly with all Native issues," he said.

Chief Bernard Meneen of the Tallcree band in northern Alberta said he sympathized with Buffalo's concerns, saying the federal government for years has neglected Indian people.

I do not condone violence but when have the feds ever really considered us?

"We have always had to deal with junior ministers. We were never a priority because they never took us seriously," Meneen said, while adding "there always has to be a crisis before they (the federal government)

Stressing his concern for the plight of Mohawks at Oka and Kahnawake Que., Meneen said land claims is only one of the problems Indian people face across the country.

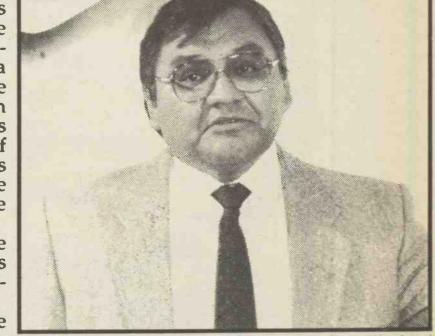
"It's only one issue that needs immediate attention.

"I believe the only way to alle-

viate these prob- Chief Victor Buffalo lems is for the

federal government to recognize we are one nation. It is now time Indian people set their own agenda," Meneen said.

Buffalo emphized that in order for things to change for Indian people Native business people must come forward and help train Native youth in business so they can become the leaders of tomorrow.



Rocky Woodward

"Last fall in Edmonton I was excited to see positive businessmen at an economic conference address the many issues we face and take an interest in the development of our Native youth.

"We do have a part to play in the economy of this country. There are a lot of resources in this country but they are also ours," Buffalo said.



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PEIGAN LONE FIGHTERS SOCIETY MAKES A STAND

Through at last!

By Bert Crowfoot Windspeaker Staff Writer

BROCKET, ALTA.

A small group of about 50 members of the Lone Fighters Society gath-ered on the banks of the Oldman River on Tuesday for a pipe ceremony

and to make an offering to the river. There was only a few feet left before they would break through to the river and "correct" the diversion completed in the early 1920s.

Just before the group began the ceremony, a loud smack in the river startled everyone. It was a beaver gathering twigs and small branches to help dam the river just below the "correction" canal. It was using a large tree the "Cat" had earlier pushed into the river as the base for its dam.

The beaver was a sign from Mother Earth, letting the group know they were doing the right thing.

Each member of the group then spoke about how they felt now that they were only a few feet away from completing the task they began 28 days earlier.

After each person had his say, a pipe ceremony was held and an offering was made to the river.

After the ceremony, the backhoe fired up its engine and began the work on the final few feet that lay between the river and the canal. At 8:54 p.m. water started to trickle in. As the shovel dug out the final

bit of earth, the water began to pour into the canal.

All that was left now was for the "Cat" to build a dam across the Oldman River and the river would change it course to the original riverbed it ran for thousands of years before.



Milton Born With A Tooth directs the excavation of the last few feet before the canal is complete



The Lone Fighters Society held a pipe ceremony and made an offering to the river before the final excavation took place.

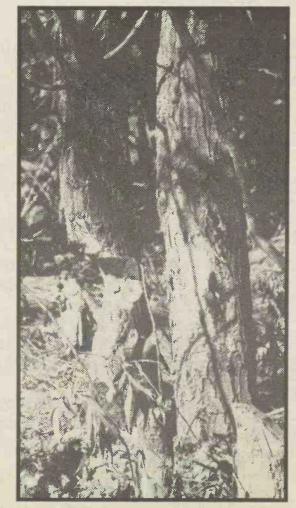


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Milton Born With A Tooth, the lead Lone Fighters Society.

Beaver's left their mark next to the "correction" canal.

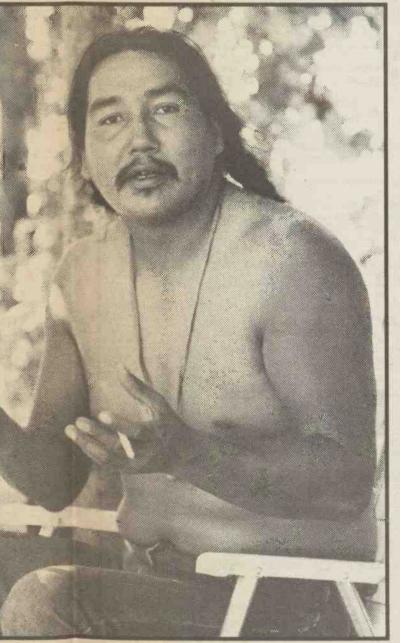


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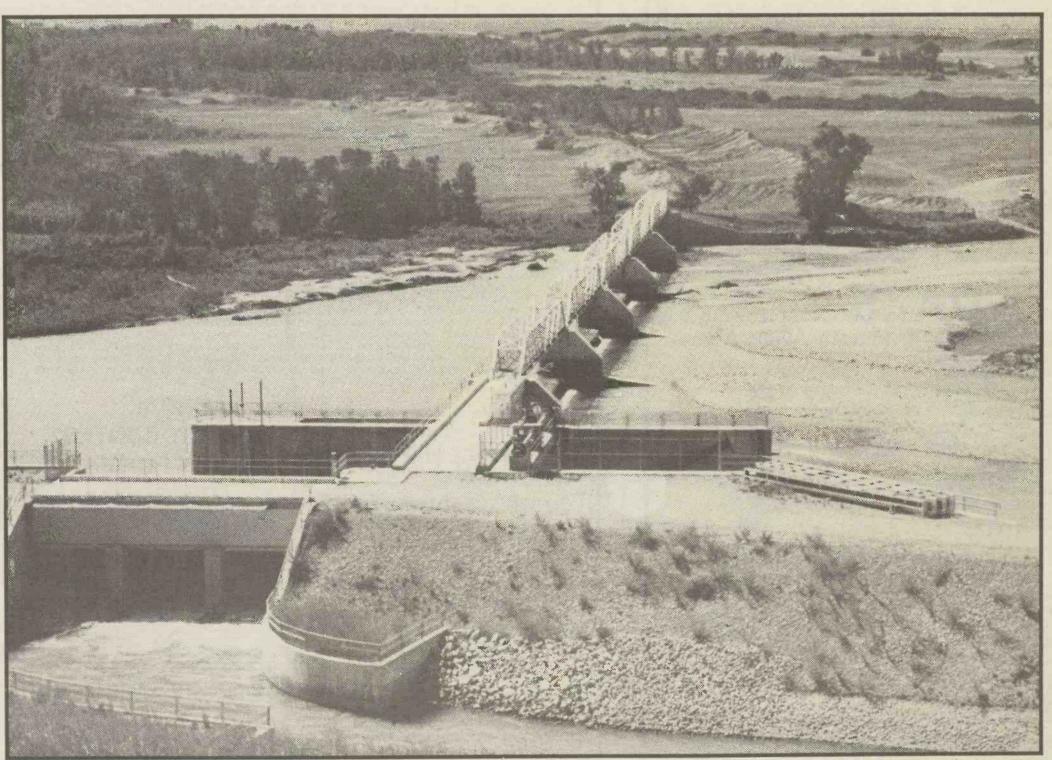


Crowfoot

The Lone Fighters Society hold meetings, prayers, and pipe ceremonies in the tree lodge.



A Tooth, the leader and spokesman for the lety.



The weir diverts water to communities and farmers east of the reserve. The new river bed comes out just below the weir.



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Arts and Entertainment

Contest open to all Native artists

Peace Hills Trust has an- work will be reproduced on the nounced its eighth annual Native art contest, which is now open to all Native artists across Canada for the first time. Previously it was open only to artists in western Canada and the two territories.

The contest is open to all Native artists who work in oil, watercolor, pastel, ink, charcoal or any other two-dimensional medium. Sculptures, masks and carvings won't be accepted. The artwork itself need not be traditional art or a traditional subject. Winning pieces will be selected by a panel of Native judges and/ or gallery owners. Entries will be judged on the basis of the subject appeal, originality, choice and treatment of the subject and the creative and technical merit of the artist.

company's 1991 calendar. The second place winner will receive \$1,000 and the third place winner will receive \$500. The top three pieces will be placed in the Peace Hills Trust permanent art collection, which travels all over Canada with Peace Hills Trust displays. Last year the collection included a two month exhibition at the department of Indian affairs in Hull, Quebec.

There is a special category for young artists. The three categories include nine and under, 10-13 and 14-17. First prize in the children's category is \$65, second prize is \$40 and the third prize is \$35.

Peace Hills Trust is Canada's first and largest Native-owned trust company. It is wholly owned by the Samson Band of The first place winner will Hobbema, located about 100 km receive \$2,000 and his/her art- south of Edmonton. The art con-

test is intended to promote the artistic talents of Native peoples and to offer a showcase of the best artworks.

Each year the number of entries has grown and since opening the contest to Natives across Canada, organizers are expecting

upwards of 500 pieces of art to be submitted. Because of the varying cultures across Canada, organizers and judges are expecting some very different pieces of art, reflecting the different regions of the country.

details about the contest, artists can call toll free 1-800-661-6549. Entries will only be accepted from Sept. 1 - Oct 1. The deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. Oct. 1.

Last year's winner was Adrian Raine of Hobberna with a For an entry form and more drawing entitled Blackfoot.



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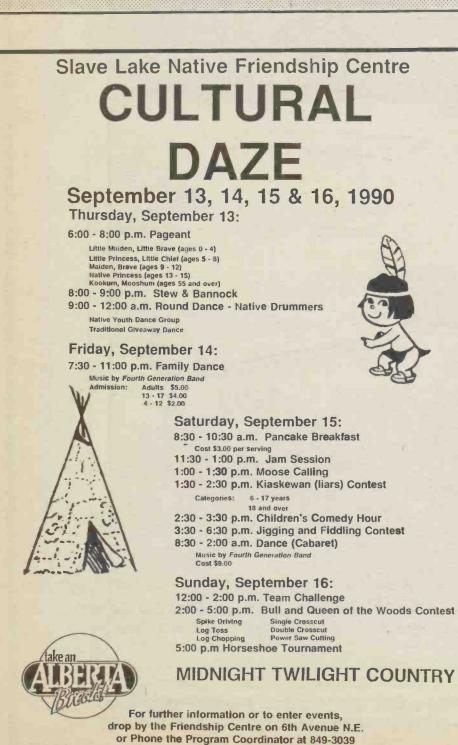
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Siksika Nation

Siksika Indian Days marks 100th anniversary of Chief Crowfoot's death

By Wayne Courchene Windspeaker Correspondent

SIKSIKA NATION

About 1,000 Siksika residents and visitors gathered at Blackfoot Crossing to dance, to witness a naming ceremony and the transferring of a headdress and to pay homage to Chief Crowfoot, the Siksika chief, who signed Treaty 7 in 1877.

This year's Siksika Nation Indian Days, Aug. 10-12, marked the 100th anniversary of Chief Crowfoot's death.

Leo Youngman, traditional Siksika chief, said "It's not necessary to pay respects to the chief on the exact date of his death as long as we remember him for what he means to Blackfoot were given a special role in the people."

Plaques were handed out to all chiefs from the Blood, Peigan, Sarcee and Blackfeet Nations and member reserves of the Stoney Nation to commemorate the event. Siksika Chief Strater Crowfoot and the band council, with help from the youth chief and council, held a giveaway following the speech and presentations of plaques to the visiting dignitaries.

The location of the powwow is historically significant because it was at Blackfoot Crossing Chief Crowfoot signed Treaty 7.

Clouds of dust hampered the Indian days on the second day.

Vehicles coming and going to the camp site raised so much fine dust in the wind-protected ravine it coated powwow dancers and tipis alike. The setting sun, which shone like a big red ball, _ emphasized the dust at the end of the day.

The powwow spirit, however, was not hindered. The Blackfoot fire department periodically sprayed the grounds to settle the dust to the delight of hot and dusty children.

More than 200 dancers competed for prize money at the powwow. With fringes and feather flying, competition was friendly and easygoing throughout the weekend in spite of the dust.

The youth chief and council giveaway. As volunteer workers at the powwow, they added a personal touch at the giveaway by typing a message of thanks and including it with each blanket given away.

In a rarely conducted ceremony, Horton Eagle Speaker and Tom Crane Bear solemnly transferred ownership of a headdress design belonging to former chief Joe Crowfoot to his grandson, Chief Strater Crowfoot.

"I was thinking of doing this for a long time," said Chief Crowfoot after the ceremony. "I collected eagle feathers for the headdress. Ron Many Heads, Andrew Brass and Lucy Wright

worked together to make the headdress.

The design was replicated from a picture of Joe Crowfoot in his headdress when he was chief. He served from 1954-1957 and again from 1966-1967. His outfit which matches the headdress will be completed later.

Another special event was arranged on Aug. 11. In remembrance of Emily Duck Chief who passed away in March 1986, the Duck Chief family conducted a giveaway and provided a meal in her memory.

"This is a way to thank the people on the reserve for their support to the family when she died," said her daughter Ann McMaster. "She was an active member of the community. She was a great supporter of Indian Days, in the church and on council as well."

The commemorative service started with a dance in her honor which included most members of her family and lifelong friend, Sister Celine who carried a portrait picture of Emily.

Sister Celine, 78, said, "I knew Emily for almost 20 years. We worked very hard to find work for women and to establish a sewing room. We also worked together to establish the elders' centre on the reserve."

The powwow attracted over 200 hundred dancers while 12 drum groups provided music for the dancers.



A giveaway and round dance was held in honor of Emily Duck Chief who passed away May, 1986.

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This recruitment program has two goals. First, it provides first-rate, on-the-job training to individuals with the potential to assume managerial duties in the fields of Financial Administration and Internal Auditing. Secondly, it seeks to create a pool of talented people from which future managers are expected to be drawn. Included in the program year is a set of rotational assignments designed to familiarize trainees with the various aspects of financial management and internal audit. In addition, candidates take part in a week-long orientation, during which they receive an overview of the systems and procedures used by the federal government. Needless to say, for trainees the program provides a unique opportunity to be exposed to a variety of areas in Financial Administration and Internal Audit, as well as to acquire valuable skills for their future careers.

To be eligible for the upcoming campaign, candidates must have acquired a Bachelor's degree by June 1991. This may be in any discipline, however, your studies should include 5 successfully completed (half) courses in accounting, one of which may be in auditing.

Anyone interested in applying for this program should contact their nearest campus employment or Public Service Commission of Canada office. Information can also be obtained by writing to:

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The deadline for application is September 28th 1990, and a written financial knowledge examination is scheduled for October 4th 1990.



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Sports

Stand Off cowboy delivers exceptional performance

Jim Goodstriker Windspeaker Correspondent

PINCHER CREEK, ALTA.

Stand Off cowboy Steve Bruised Head came up with an exceptional performance here to capture the all-around title at the Conrad Small Legs Memorial IRCA approved rodeo.

The Blood rodeo veteran won both the steer wrestling and team roping honors, winning \$1,148 in total prize money and in the process receiving two pendleton blankets for the two timed events and the all-around trophy buckle donated by Frontier Western Wear.

Bruised Head performed during the slack, setting the pace for the rest of the field for the weekend.

He flattened a steer in 4.41 seconds to win \$600 and change, then teamed up with his brother Robert to stretch one in 6.54 seconds to split \$1,095 for a win in the team roping event.

Veteran cowboys Gordon Little Moustache of Brocket and Larry Rabbit of Stand Off proved to the younger set they're still swift with the ropes as they took second place in the team roping, stopping the clocks at 7.46 seconds with each winning \$416.

Glen Wolf Leg and Jason Daniels of Morley took third place and \$580 for their 8.44 second run.

Hank Shade of Stand Off went 5.16 seconds to win second place money of \$549 in the doggin' event while Jay Bob Lytle and Andrew Hunt split for third and fourth at 5.46 seconds winning \$249 apiece.

Lewis Little Bear is improving in the calf roping event with each rodeo. The eight time IRCA bronc riding champion was second in the chase for the allaround title placing second in calf roping at 13.18 seconds. A 63 point ride in the broncs gained him a split for third and fourth and total winnings of \$646.

Byron Bruised Head and Morley's Mark Holloway split for the saddle bronc honors each with 66 points, sharing \$640. Bruised Head drew Moody Blue while Holloway did his thing on Double Trouble.

Rodney Hibbs of Cut Bank came up with a smooth run of 10.20 seconds to win first place money of \$650 in calf roping. Levi Black Water Jr. went 14.08 seconds to pocket third place money of \$344.

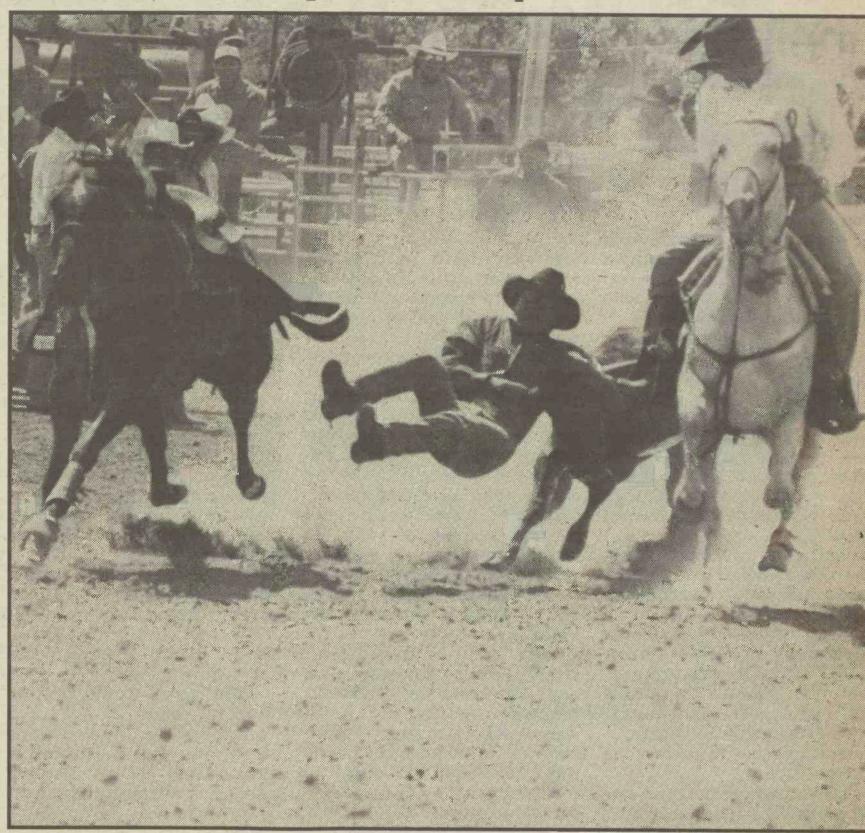
The bareback event saw a tie for first and second spot with Leon Montour and Darcy Cressman each spurring their way to 70 point rides, splitting \$564.

Dexter Bruised Head won \$161 for a third place finish with a 68 point effort.

The bull riding event saw Eugene "Action" Jackson of Goodfish Lake win the event with a 69 point ride aboard Club Special to go home with \$402.

A pair of Blackfoot toro twisters from Gleichen split for second and third. Al Red Crow and Thomas Jerry each came up with 68 points to share \$521.

saw Myles Dixon of Morley top a



The boy's steer riding event All-around champion Steve Bruised Head winning the steer wrestling event.

Jim Goodstrike

field of 36 riders with 69 points to win first place money of \$320.

A three-way split for the next three spots went to Cory Benjamin, Joey Montour and World champion bronc rider Nathan North Peigan each with

67 points and a return of \$169 each.

Carmen Houle won the senior barrel racing at 16.361 seconds to win \$452. Traci Vaille and Bonnie Crawler were second and third

respectively at 16.562 and 16.707 seconds with payoffs at \$346 and \$239.

The junior event was captured by Jodie Hibbs of Cut Bank at 16.969 seconds, going home with

\$213. Second place money of \$160 went to Jenny Cassidy with a clocking of 17.012 while Nicole Fenner pocketed \$107 with a third place finish at 17.328 seconds.

Two extra holes needed to settle tourney

Jim Goodstriker Windspeaker Correspondent

WATERTON NATIONAL PARK

Local golf pro Richard Wright won the third annual Gordon Provost memorial golf tournament here at the golf course after three days of competition featuring a men's and ladies' junior and senior division that attracted 57 entries.

Wright spoiled Lloyd Gauthier's bid for a third straight win as they went to two extra holes to determine the championship. They were tied at 221 after 54 holes of play.

"I was leading with a 69 the first day and had a three shot after two rounds. I didn't play good today," said Wright after shooting a 79.

"I just couldn't put the ball in play off the tee and Lloyd finally caught me on the 17th. The turning point was on 12. I had a shot lead, but I lost a ball and had back-to-back bogeys, so he picked up three (strokes) and finally caught me on the 17th," he said.

In the sudden death playoff round, they both birdied the first hole, then Wright holed a 15birdie on the par-five second hole to win the playoff and the tournament championship.

"I've been invited to play the past two years, but I've been too busy here at the course. This year I had extra help so I took three days off to play and I really enjoyed myself. There was a lot of good golfers here and the competition was really good," he added.

Wright was presented with at 154-153 over Betty Orich

the Gordon Provost memorial trophy by Eloise Provost, a golf bag and \$500 for his 54-hole total score of 221.

Gauthier won \$300 for second place in the championship flight while Leo Saskamoose took third place money of \$200 carding a three-day total of 230.

One of the most promising young golfers on the Native golf circuit is 15-year-old Todd Soop of the Blood reserve.

He won the men's first flight with outstanding rounds of 77, 76 and 79 for a 232 total to win the men's first flight over a field of seven.

He pocketed \$300 for his win, Lawrence Mistaken Chief was second at 236 while Ernie Cardinal came in third at 241.

Wright had high praise on the play of Soop. "He's a real good player and steady with a lot of talent. He'll probably be in the

championship flight next year."

Tournament director Gregg Smith said "I had a chance to play with him on Saturday, he's real cool and plays a steady game. Nothing bothers him and he has a lot of confidence in himself."

Veteran Warm Springs, Oregon golfer Tom Estimo won the senior division posting a one stroke victory over Ed Noad of Calgary

36 holes.

"I was two strokes down at the 16th hole, I caught up to him (Noad) at the 17th. Then I got lucky on the last hole chipping in for a birdie. I lost touch with my putter, missing putts all day, but it was exciting," he said later in the clubhouse.

Estimo won \$300 while Noad went home with \$200. Marvin Fox was third at 165 winning \$80.

Betty Orich of Lethbridge continued to dominate the ladies' division carding a 36 hole total of 188 to post a two-stroke victory over Madeline Qucahpama of Warm Springs.

It was the fifth tournament win of the year for Orich in six outings. It was also her third straight Gordon Provost memorial win here. "It wasn't one of my good outings, but I was playing steady."



Jim Goodstriker

Orich has been golfing for 11 years and is finding the competition getting tougher. "There are a lot of good young golfers coming up and the competition is getting better."

She won \$250 for her win while Qucahpama won \$150. Third place money of \$100 went to Caen Bly of Cardston at 194. **Men's Results**

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Frog Lake hosts slowpitch tournament

By Diane Parenteau Windspeaker Correspondent

FROG LAKE RESERVE, ALTA.

The Frog Lake Nitty Gritty Co-ed Slowpitch team held its first modified slowpitch tournament on their reserve Aug. 11-12.

Twelve teams in the double knockout competed for \$2,400 in prize money and top spot trophies. They included five local teams, four from Kehewin and one each from Edmonton, Elizabeth Metis Settlement and Moose Mountain.

"We really want to thank the 12 teams for showing up," said Nitty Gritty player Connie Desjarlais.

After two days of fairly even competition, the visiting Edmonton Eagles proved the strongest team easily beating out Frog Lake Fencebusters for first place on the A side. Their teamwork

netted them \$600 while Fencebusters won \$500. The third place \$400 prize went to Kehewin Silver Bullets who were also named most sportsmanlike team by the tournament certified umpires.

B side finals saw the home team Nitty Gritty get edged out by the Kehewin Triple K team in a come-from-behind game. Triple K was awarded \$400 for their first place finish and Nitty Gritty had to settle for the \$300 and second place. Last spot in the money went to another Kehewin Team, the Red Wings, who received \$200.

"Calibre was actually around the same level," said Nitty Gritty Glenda Quinny after the finals. "We had people telling us it was a real good tournament. We're happy with the way things turned out. We had no trouble. Everything went well."



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The Environment

Residents impressed by efforts of Alberta Forestry

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

HINTON, ALTA.

Alberta Forestry Services has done a remarkable job as protectors of the environment, according to Hinton residents.

Over the last few decades the mountainous region surrounding Hinton, has become a haven for pulp and paper mills and coal mining companies.

The job of making sure companies which cut large quantities of timber and dig open pit mines clean up afterwards falls to Alberta Forestry.

Some residents say they are extremely pleased with forestry because of their "watchdog" approach.

"Their motto might as well be 'If you move a mountain, put it back. Or if you cut down a tree, plant one in its place.' They really keep a good watch on environmental concerns in the Hinton area," said Hinton Native Employment Services employee Emily Holdsworth.

"When a crew cuts a seismic line, they have to seed behind them. And if it is not done good enough, it has to be done again. I know of instances like this," she said.

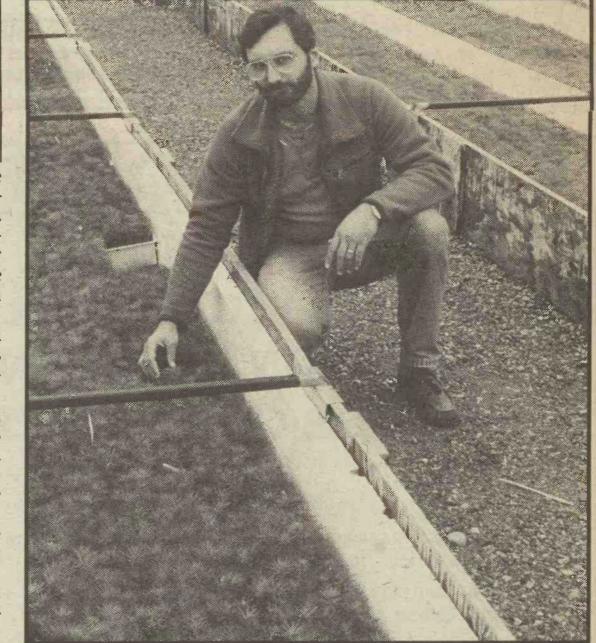
Holdsworth said the coal mining companies have rigid environmental guidelines they must follow.

"The mines at Gregg River and Cardinal River would probably be shut down if they



Over six million young trees are made ready for this years planting by Weldwood Pulp & Paper Mill at Hinton

'Their motto might as well be, 'if you move a mountain, put it back. Or if you cut down a tree, put one in its place.'



didn't have a reclamation program.

"Once they are done mining a certain area, they smooth it over and plant grass," Holdsworth said.

Coal miner Ross Francis said a drag line can move 300 feet of mountain easily.

"But if they move a mountain, they have to put the mountain back," said the Obed coal mining technician.

At Obed, about 30 km from Hinton, only surface mining is underway. However, Francis said there's open pit mining at Gregg and Cardinal Rivers.

"At those two locations they pretty well have to fill the pits up once they're finished. It has to look the same as when they started mining."

Francis said Alberta Forestry officials are always nearby and watching.

"Forestry even makes sure the same type of tree is planted and not some other species."

Holdsworth said Alberta Forestry is "pushy" but as a Hinton resident, she likes it that way.

"It's beautiful country here and I wouldn't want to see it ruined because of a lack of care for the environment. Even in the winter months, if a company builds a snow bridge, forestry makes sure they clean up after themselves," she said.

Francis laughed when he remarked that Alberta Forestry even watches the little guys.

"People who have leases have to take care of the property. Horses must be fenced in. They're very watchful about everything, he said.

Protecting the Hinton area environment, whether it is controlling air pollution or timber felling, is actually done on a large scale. One example is Weldwood's pulp and paper mill.

Weldwood bought the plant, which has been located in Hinton for over 35 years, in 1988.

Weldwood's human re-

They really keep a good watch on environmental concerns in the Hinton area.'

sources' consultant Gary Dewhirst said his company is carrying on a tradition.

"This company was already concerned about the environment when people were only talking about it.

"It was a leader back in the 50s. Weldwood takes a lot of pride in its history and we carry on that tradition today," Dewhirst said. Across the road from the huge plant, the company runs a tree nursery.

Nursery superintendent Larry Matwie said the nursery allows the company to replace trees it cuts.

Last year alone Weldwood's forest management program grew three million trees for planting.

"This year our total planting program will probably reach six million trees. Most likely it will go up in the future," said Matwie. Seedlings are planted inside the nursery usually in mid-January. By the time spring arrives, they're big enough to move outdoors and in late July or early August after about 24 weeks, the seedlings are planted on Weldwood cutovers.

"Basically we plant them where we cut and forestry takes care of the rest," Matwie explained.

One resident said you can drive to where Weldwood has planted trees and some of them are already over 10 feet tall.

"Every spring they have people picking tree cones and every summer they plant the trees. It is reassuring to know there is Alberta Forestry and companies like Weldwood, which really care about the environment.

"That's what helps to make Hinton a great place to live," said Francis.

Weldwood nursery Superintendent Larry Matwie examines lodgepole pine almost ready for planting

Action tips from the IAA

The Treaty Indian Environment Secretariat (TIES), an organization sponsored by the Indian Association of Alberta, promotes action on environmental issues and concern. Each week we bring you important environmental information and useful hints to help you start on your personal plan of action. This column includes energy and money saving tips for your home, office and personal grooming habits. Remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

At home

• Clean coils on the back of the refrigerator to improve efficiency by as much as 30 per cent,

• Defrost regularly if you have a manual defrost model. Having

more than one-quarter inch of frost on the walls makes the motor run longer to maintain cool temperatures inside,

• Chest freezers are usually more efficient than upright models and are better insulated. If you don't like chest freezers because you hate digging in them, keep certain categories of small food packages (like frozen vegetables) in supermarket plastic bags. Then you can move whole units of food instead of lots of small bags when you are on a search and find mission.

At the office

• Buy brown paper towels instead of white ones. The amount of waste won't change, but brown towels aren't produced with a bleaching process that requires sulphur, a chemical that contributes to water pollution,

• You can use less light in your own office by using desk lamps instead of overhead lights. Any improvement in lighting efficiency lowers the generation of waste heat and saves on air conditioning.

• Do you always take a handful of individual mayos, mustards and ketchups instead of the actual number of packets you'll use or handfuls of napkins instead of what you need? The extras end up being just more plastic bits and paper in the garbage! Multiply your handfuls by the number of people in your office and the number of working days in the year — What a waste!!! Personal grooming • Use a glass to hold water when brushing your teeth so you can turn off the faucet. Brushing your teeth can take up to 10 gallons of water. If you run the water while shaving, you can waste 20 gallons.

Rocky Woodward

• Many medicines come in plastic bottles with tight-fitting lids. The bottles can be reused for holding hand lotion, shampoo or conditioner. They're great for travelling.

Kids' corner

• Next time you need to go somewhere, think twice before you ask for a ride. Is it close enough to walk? Can you take the bus? Can you ride your bike? Encourage your parents to walk or bike instead of riding. Suggest that you walk or bike together.



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Dene Tha' Band -**Northern Alberta** (Assumption, High Level)

Positon:

Social Development Program

Coordinator

Requirements: We are seeking an experienced person reporting to Dene Tha Band Council to Administer/ Supervise/Social Assistance and Adult Care Programs, to co-ordinate and develop Child Welfare Services in liaison with Alberta Family and Social Services to meet the need of band members. Qualifications: Social services diploma or B.S.W. or R.S.W. or solid equivalent. Experience in community development, administration, management and financial control is required. Experience in working with Native communities and a commitment to work in the North essential. An ability to speak Native language would be essential. A valid drivers license is a requirement. Salary: Negotiable based on qualifications and experience. **Apply To:** Chief and Council Dene Tha' Band **Box 120** ASSUMPTION, Alberta TOH OSO

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Phone # (403) 321-3842 Closing Date: August 31, 1990

OF CALGARY PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Each year at its Organizational Meeting in October, City Council appoints citizens to its various boards, commissions and committees.

Applications from persons who would be willing to sit on The City of Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee for the year 1991 are requested.

In some instances City Council may re-appoint members who wish to continue to serve, therefore the number of appointments shown does not necessarily reflect the number of new appointees.

Applicants may be requested to submit to a brief interview by City Council. Particulars on the Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee are as follows:

Citizens to be Appointed	Term of Appointment	Total Number of Members	Number Meetings		Regular Time of Meetings	
16	1 year	18	Monthly (1st Wednesday)	2 hours	4:30 p.m.	

Your application should state your reason for applying and service expectations. A resume of no more than two $8^{1}/2'' \times 11''$ pages should be attached stating background and experience. Please mark envelope "Committees".

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 4:30 P.M., 1990 SEPTEMBER 21.

Applications should City Clerk be forwarded to:

please do not hesitate to telephone 268-5861. Joyce E. Woodward, City Clerk

Should you require any further information,

The City of Calgary P.O. Box 2100 303 - 7 Avenue S.E. Calgary, Alberta **T2P 2M5**

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NLAKA'PAMUX NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program

NLAKA'PAMUX NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL P.O Box 430, Lytton B.C. VOK 1Z0 Phone: (604) 455-2711 Fax: (604) 455-2565 Counselling Phone: (604) 455-6611

Out Patient Non-Residential Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program

Purpose: To assist Native people in controlling their own lives through alternative programs and provide an educational awareness on alcohol and drug abuse, and provide them with emotional, physical, and spiritual support.

Provides: Individuals counselling, referrals to recovery/treatment centres. A community-based approach to prevention and education. Counsellors work closely with other area social agencies such as the school mental health team and community resources. Support self-help groups such as AA, ACOA, native cultural, etc.

To coordinate community input into the health pre-transfer planning project by: Meeting regularly with the band-tribal council and community members to report on project activities and to obtain local information.

To arrange for community and individual health service by working with representatives of: Health and Welfare Canada, Provincial Ministries of Health and Social Services. Private medical practitioners, Public Health Nurse.

To assist the Crisis Intervention Program by: arranging for counselling for people from the three communities and providing follow-up assistance as required.

To carry out community education initiatives: to increase the awareness of health issues and preventive safety measures.



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Ben Calf Robe School

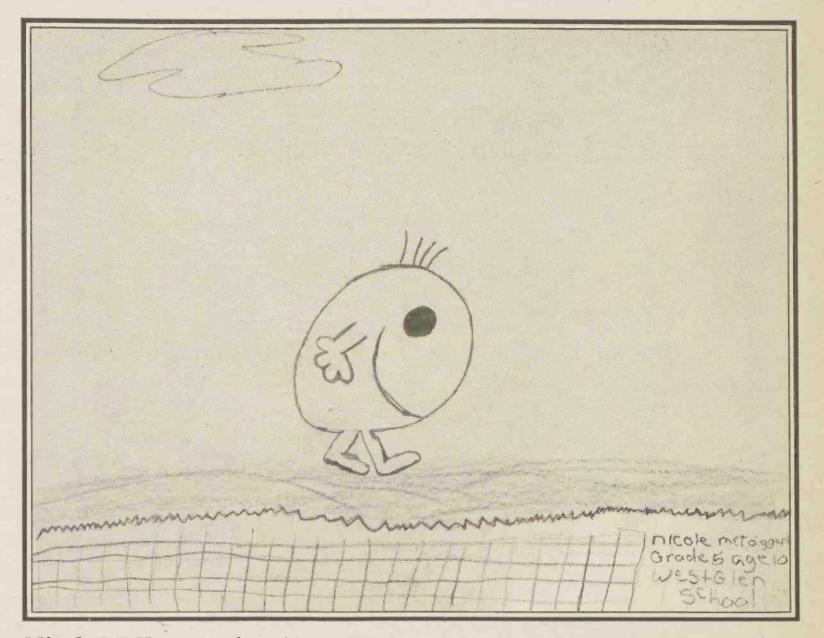
To me, Ben Calf Robe School is a great school because the staff are understanding and caring. They do have to push some of us to make us study for tests and do our homework. This school is just as fair as any other school, but it's the Native program that makes the difference.

The Native program is different because it makes my friends and I feel more comfortable rather than being in a non-Native school and having kids bug us because we are Native. Being Native does not make a difference, just like Chinese, Polish, German, etc. It doesn't make a difference.

Some people think it does make a difference because they think all Natives drink and do drugs, but anybody no matter if they are a different color can do that stuff. I myself do not do drugs or smoke, I do drink on occasion, but it doesn't make sense to do it all the time.

There are a lot of Natives who drop out of school, but Ben Calf Robe staff care and try to help prevent us from dropping out. In my opinion, Ben Calf Robe is a great school.

Tammy Lepine Grade 9



Nicole McTaggart, Age 10 Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton

Kids 1 - 18 years of age ... we want your drawings, poems and stories to print on YOUR page. Send submissions stating name, age and where you're from to:

> Windspeaker 15001 - 112 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5M 2V6

Schools are welcome to participate. Send students' submissions in one envelope. All submissions must have students' name and age.

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Grade 6 Student (unidentified) Vital Grandin School, St. Albert, Alberta

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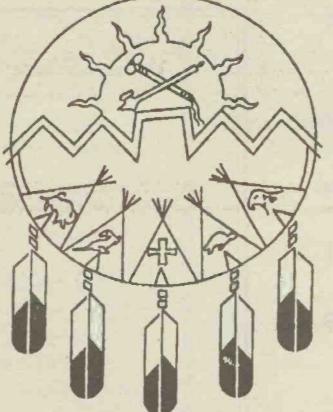
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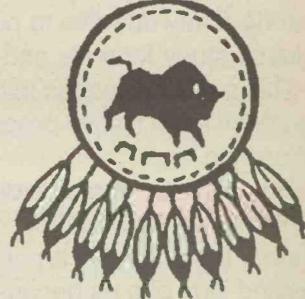
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2nd Annual Treaty 7 F.C.S.S. and Child Welfare Conference September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1990 Convention Inn (South)

Edmonton, Alberta

Pre-Registration Deadline is September 14, 1990 No refunds after September 14, 1990. Registration Fees: \$125.00 Pre-Registration Fees: \$100.00 Send Cheque to: Treaty 7 F.C.S.S. C/o Katie Black Rider P.O. Box 309 GLEICHEN, Alberta T0J 1N0

Keynote Speakers



Blackfoot F.C.S.S.

Regina Crowchild - President, Indian Association of Alberta Mr. Cardinal, M.L.A - Provincial Government Representative Ann Many Fingers - Regional Community Development Consultants - Medical Service Branch. Bernd Walters - Office of the Children Advocate Workshop Facilitators Denis Maier - Impact of New Day Care Policy on Native Communities Shiela McDougall - Understanding Native Children's Differences Ray Lefluer - Rainbow Commission on Health Arnold Fox - Survival Skills for Staff Vicky Fox - Child Care Training and Standards Leslie Gordon - Small Non-Profit Management and Finance and - Program Evaluation Butch Wolf Leg - Coping with Adolescents Paul Grenard - Family Violence Adelaide Creighton - Self Esteem Mary Ruth McDougall - Innovation Programs for Youth John Many Chief - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Russell Wright - Networking and Interagency Carl Rausch - Training for Committees and Boards Joan Graff - Children's Advocacy For More Information. Please Contact: Blood - F.C.S.S. at 737-3940, 3974, 3960, or 3735 Peigan - Sandy Grier or Marj Wolf at 965 3830 or 3940 Siksika - Marie Breaker or Katie Black Rider at 734-3040 Morley - Erna Dumont at 881-3737 Sarcee - Judy Jacobs at 281-4455 Banquet and Entertainment - September 26, 1990 - From 6:00 p.m. - 12 a.m.

