

Quote of the week:

"I've been threatened with jail if I do it. So I'm not doing it. I'm not going to jail just because I want to feed people." Stephanie Shenfield, Spruce Grove food bank co-ordinator explains why she can't give food to treaty Indians.

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Samson band sues feds for \$575M

By Dana Wagg Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A \$575-million lawsuit launched by the Samson Band against the federal government is a turning point in the fight by Indian bands for self-determination, says the band lawyer.

"If they don't get control of their own money, there is no hope in this land for the Indian nations to have meaningful, real self-government," James O'Reilly.

"If they can't even control their own money, which rightfully belongs to them, then it's all a farce what the federal government is saying. It's doubletalk. It's foaming at the mouth," he told an Edmonton news conference on Oct. 2.

Ottawa wants to keep even wealthy Indian nations like Samson "in a state of bondage," he said.

The band filed suit Sept. 29 in the Federal Court of Canada in Montreal. It charges Ottawa with mismanagement of band royalties held in trust by the government.

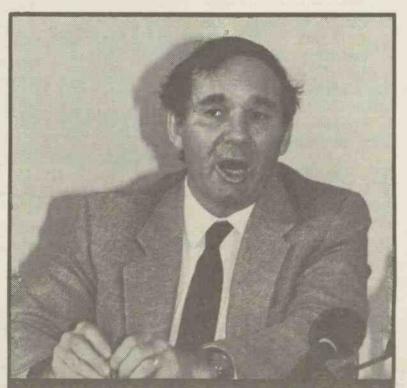
"Had they been a trustee for the white people, they would have been fired many, many years ago," charged O'Reilly.

"The issue of self-determination is very much a part of this action," he added.

Ottawa's statements that it believes in self-determination are "empty words," said O'Reilly. "This is nonsense."

Samson Chief Victor

Mismanagement of royalties charged; suit sets precedent on band self-gov't



"Ottawa wants to continue to treat Indians as children. Trustees are for children. Trustees are for incapable people." — Samson band lawyer James O'Reilly

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Buffalo agreed. "For years despite Canada's pronouncements in favor of self-government, Canada has refused to permit the band to control its own monies," he said.

O'Reilly noted when the band needs money from the trust fund, it has to go to Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux for approval.

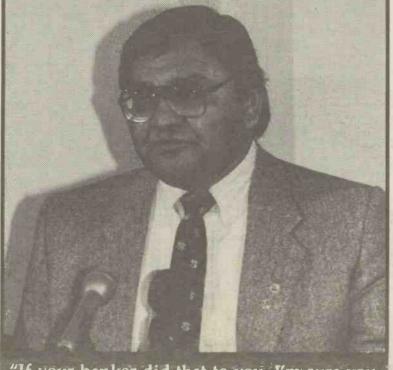
"They have to beg for their own money," said O'Reilly.

"Ottawa wants to continue to treat Indians as children. Trustees are for children. Trustees are for incapable people. And trustees are for Indians, if we believe this should still be the system today."

The Samson Band was patient, said O'Reilly, and had tried long and hard to resolve the dispute. "Enough was enough," he

Buffalo said the last straw came in April at a meeting with Donald Goodwin, assistant deputy minister of Indian Affairs.

He said Goodwin able to put our capital made the band officials monies into our own trust



"If your banker did that to you, I'm sure you would take your money out right away. We will not stand for that anymore, being treated like children." — Samson chief Victor Buffalo

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wait a whole day to meet company," he said. "Our patience ran out,"

> Goodwin couldn't be reached for comment.

Buffalo accused Ottawa of having received "very low returns on the monies held in trust, having denied the band any say in the handling or investment of its monies and having paid interest at rates considerably below market yields.

"The band alleges Canada has used the trust monies of the band primarily for the financing of

the national debt," he said, reading from a prepared

Indian Association of Alberta President Roy Louis, a member of the Samson Band, threw his support and the support of the IAA behind the law-

"The lawsuit is just," he said. "I think we have a good strong case."

There's a great deal of frustration in Native communities and a flood of suits could follow from other oil-rich bands like the Enoch, Stoney, Louis Bull and Montana bands, he said.

They should launch their own suits even before waiting for this one to be settled, he said.

The Samson Band is the second of the four Hobbema Nations to file suit. The Ermineskin Band filed a similar suit April 1988.

Although Hobbema's four bands are considered Canada's richest Indian bands, the Samson Reserve lacks essential services like its own school and policing, said Buffalo.

"It's time we start doing things for our-

Among the claims included in the suit is an amount of \$150 million, which the band is claiming for programs and services including housing, education, roads and economic development. Ottawa had ruled the band a "have band" and ineligible, he

"We have to fight with the federal government for

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Food bank refuses food to Indians

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of taking deposits from the

average person off the

street. And yet we're not

By Dana Wagg Windspeaker Staff Writer

SPRUCE GROVE, ALTA.

An Edmonton-area food bank is refusing to give food to treaty Indians, telling them to go back to their home reserve if they are in need.

Treaty Indian Linda Mowry and her husband helped the East Parkland Food Bank in Spruce Grove deliver food to needy area residents 15 months ago.

But when she turned to the food bank for help a year later in July, they were turned down and told that because she's a

treaty Indian with C-31 status, policy wouldn't allow the food bank to give food to treaty Indians. Mowry was advised to go to a reserve.

"I was just about in tears," said Mowry, a student at the Yellowhead Tribal Council's Grant MacEwan College cam-

"I explained I wasn't from a reserve and that I had a child I had to feed, but I was still turned down. Lielt discriminated against as a maty woman," she

Mowry's explanation she didn't have band

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Linda Mowry, a treaty Indian with C-31 status, finds there's no way she can get food at the East Parkland Food Bank in Spruce Grove.

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Feeding Indians risking jail, claims worker

By Dana Wagg Windspeaker Staff Writer

SPRUCE GROVE, ALTA.

The co-ordinator of the Spruce Grove food bank savs she would risk being sent to jail if she gave hampers to treaty Indians who live on area reserves.

The federal government forbids the East Parkland Food Bank from giving them food, claims Stephanie Shenfield.

"They are looked after by the federal government and we're not allowed to do it," she said.

"The federal government is supposed to see after their social assistance and their food and everything else. They are responsible for them. And they (reserve residents) must get in touch with Ottawa if the local people aren't doing it for them.

"I've been threatened



with jail if I do it. So I'm not doing it. I'm not going to jail just because I want to feed people," she said, adamantly.

Shenfield said she's trying to have the policy reversed. "There's nothing I can do about it until I'm informed I can do so."

Shenfield said she can't comprehend the jail threat.

"I was absolutely, simply furious," she said. "But there's nothing I can do about it. I've just got to sit

and twiddle my thumbs. "They've (treaty Indians) just got to stand on their own two feet and do something, get a job or something," said Shenfield. "Mind you a lot of them were cheating," she claimed.

Shenfield said the food bank does give leftover perishables to Enoch Reserve residents. Another nearby reserve has de-

clined the offer, she said. "They can't be bothered to come in and get it so they can't be that badly off."

Officials with Indian Affairs and the Edmonton Food Bank don't understand why Shenfield feels she could be sent to jail.

"That sounds bizarre," said Ron Dawson, director of social development with Indian Affairs in Edmonton. "There's never been any directive from our department in any form.

"We encourage people at times when they're short to access those services. We wouldn't advise people to not give to treaty Indians. That wouldn't make any sense at all. I really would question any government department advising someone like that," he said.

Dawson said he was prepared to call the food bank to clear up any misunderstanding.

Marjorie Bencz, acting executive director of the

Edmonton Food Bank, said she, too, was told by Shenfield about the jail threat in a conversation about two weeks ago.

"She said she had been threatened to be put in jail if she kept serving Native people. I said, You run a food bank. No one tells you who you can and cannot serve. You base your decisions on need. If people come to you when they're hungry, you feed

"None of it made sense to me," said Bencz.

"I'm really upset at this whole situation. She's not serving the people in need," she said.

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normal programming funds that we're entitled to as treaty Indians of Canada. Every taxpaying Canadian has (access to) family allowance and old age security and we're entitled to it just as well as anybody else,"

"If the courts decide on the law alone, we should

win this one easily," said O'Reilly.
Buffalo told Windspeaker his band was close to reaching a self-government deal similar to the one signed recently between Ottawa and the Sawridge Indian Band before talks broke off.

"They don't want to let go of the funds. They're using it to finance the national debt," he said.

Here are the main elements of the \$575million suit filed by the Samson Band at Hobbema against the federal government.

 The band wants \$100 million for losses and damages caused by improper negotiation and terms of oil and gas leases covering drilling on band-owned land.

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*The band wants \$150 million to gover being deprived of a Peace Hills Trust.

proper rate of return on money held in trust by the government,

More than \$800 million of the band's money flowed to the government between 1972 and March

*The band is also asking for \$150 million in losses and damages as compensation for being refused funding for services like housing, education, health, roads, economic and social development and band administration and operation.

 The band is asking and lands and natural that the federal governresources of the Samson ment be fired as trustee and that the money Ottawa now holds in trust be turned over to the band or losses and damages for its holding company,

*As well the band is asking the Federal Court of Canada to declare sections of the Indian Act, which allows Ottawa to control Indian money as "unconstitutional and discriminatory on the basis of race alone."

 And fearful that Ottawa might try to create a new band to divert Samson money to, the band is asking that Section 17 of the Indian Act be declared unconstitutional.

That section was used by Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux earlier this year to create the Woodland Cree Band from a group of disgruntled Lubicon Lake band members.

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nembership got her nowhere.

"They shut the door in my face."

Mowry, who is in her second year of a social work program, has a 13year-old son, Mason. Her husband, Timothy, 32, is drawing workers' compensation benefits.

"It was a horrible feeling," she said. "It made me feel used."

Timothy, who is white, went back to the food bank and was given a hamper containing three bags of food and a box of food.

"I was really angry," trated. Who are they to decide who can use it and who can't?"

The family has made donations to the Edmonton Food Bank.

On Sept. 27 with the family staring a cash crunch in the face, Mowry bravely went back to the food bank. Again she was confronted with a posted sign saying treaty Indians couldn't get hampers, because of government pol-

The worker reconsidered as Mowry was walking towards the door and said she could have a hamper since she was a student.

But Mowry decided to turn down the offer. "I Mowry said. "I'm frus- didn't feel right about taking it, because I thought about the other Indian women like me, who had kids and probably needed it and were being turned down," she said.

> Stephanie Shenfield, coordinator of the food bank, said policy now forbids hampers being given to students or to treaty Indians living on reserves.

She was not at the food bank when Mowry was turned down in July, she

Students get enough money to live on, said Shenfield.

"It's how they use the money."

She said the food bank has cut off many people, who they felt were abusing the service, including both Native and non-Native people.

Shenfield speculated that some people who come to the food bank spend their money on playing bingo and then turn to the food bank for help. The source of many people's problems, she suggested, is not budgetting their money wisely.

Marjorie Bencz, acting executive director of the Edmonton Food Bank strongly questioned Shenield's policy.

"This is not the proper way to run a food bank. We don't agree with that practice at all," said Bencz.

"Is she running a food bank or a behavior modification program?" she asked.

"You don't judge people, who come in need like that," she said. "I'm quite disgusted with the

Bencz intends to raise her concerns about East Parkland at an Oct. 10 board meeting at the Edmonton Food Bank.

"I don't agree with a lot of things they do," she said.

Bencz hopes her board will agree to write a letter to East Parkland expressing its displeasure that reserve Indians aren't allowed hampers.

She has already raised the issue with the board president of the Edmonton Food Bank, urging that pressure be applied to encourage the Spruce Grove Food Bank "to act in a humanitarian way.

"Maybe a little bit of pressure will help to get this all sorted out," she

Classification: Bachelor's

degree in a counselling field. Experience in working with adolescents and Native people will be considered an asset.

This individual will, under supervision, counsel clients with thought, emotion and/ or behavioral difficulties.

A primary emphasis will be with the adolescent population. Additional

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Story corrections

The Federation of Metis Settlements has yet to decide how to split money provided to provincial Metis by an agreement reached in June with the Alberta government. We incorrectly reported Sept. 15 that 70 per cent of the money would be split equally among the eight Metis settlements and that the remaining 30 per cent would be given out on a per capita

In a letter in the Sept. 29 issue, we failed to identify the writer a 15 year-old girl who wanted alcohol banned. The writer was Lisa Halfe of Westlock. Our apologies to Lisa.

Our People

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This young eagle staff bearer leads the contingent into the auditorium.



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Wetaskiwin MP Willie Littlechild congratulates graduate Margaret Burnstick.

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A celebration of achievement

By Josie Auger Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

The crowd was hushed as the crowd waited for the Louis Bull singers and drummers to begin.

The drum cries began and at once the audience rose to honor the grand entry procession.

Two young eagle staff bearers danced to the beat of the drum through the centre of the two rows followed by a procession including Hobbema's Indian princess, elders, chiefs, honored guests and facand staff of Maskwachees Cultural College.

At the end of the procession came the honorees -92 proud Maskwachee graduates. Each was given eagle feathers and graduation certificates during the colorful ceremonies at the Peter Bull Memorial Centre Sept. 30. It was the firstever graduation exercise since the college's inception

Walter Lightning, dean of cultural studies, says students who have attended Maskwachees Cultural College could have attended any other postseondary institution in the province.

But he said they came to learn about Indian culture while at the same time achieving a high level of academic excellence.

One of those students was graduate Holly Johnson.

The young graduate says she knew how to speak the Cree language fluently before she entered the program and thought she knew her Native culture. But after two years

had so much to learn. "I learned a lot!" exclaimed Johnson.

of study, she said she still

Diplomas handed out were in general studies and in Cree language instruction.

Certificates were given to those who completed the university/college entrance preparation program, band management, microcomputer accounting, and academic upgrading programs.

An honourable mention was handed out to student Delphine Firingstoney.

Westaskiwin Member of Parliament Willie Littlechild was also on stage, presenting certificates of recognition from the government of Can-

Maskwachees college honors grads



92 proud graduates stand at attention.

Littlechild also gave the keynote address, recalling his earlier days as a student and how he motivated himself for his studies.

"When I was in grade eight, in order to get a job you needed grade nine. So everyone, including the chief, was inspired to get grade nine. When we got there, you needed grade

"It seems that no matter what we did, it wasn't quite good enough. So we went to grade twelve and got that."

"When we got there, I needed a degree to get a job. So I did that."

"When I got my bachelor's degree I thought well I might want to teach university, so I needed my masters degree."

"Of all those graduations though, I think back, I only attended one of them — it was grade nine. I recall a gift that I got then. It was a suitcase. So I got the message early, get out of the house.'

Chief Eddie Littlchild, representing Ermineskin Tribal Council, presented a painting to Littlechild for recognition of his many outstanding achievements.

After the diploma and certificate presentations were completed, Holly Johnson spoke on behalf of her fellow graduating stu-

"Throughout the past year at Maskwachees Cultural College each of the graduating students have learned in more ways than one, both academically and personally.

"For many of us it has built our confidence. It has helped us realize our capabilities," she said.

"For others it has been a review of all the skills and techniques that are required to become a successful student. We the graduating students are thankful to the staff at Maskwachees Cultural College," said Johnson.

The country concepts award went to Tracy La-

rocque for graduating with the highest grades in the academic upgrading level 100 program.

The Edward Arcand Memorial Award was given to Margaret Burnstick who passed the Cree langauge instruction program.

Esso Resources Native Scholarships were given to Johnson from the Samson Band and Darcy Brown from Louis Bull Band.

Three elders — Theresa C. Wildcat, Gordon Raine and Sunchild were honoured by respected elders Mabel Bull and Abe Saddleback who received the same recognition in 1988. Drummers sang the honour song as two eagle staff bearers and princess carried in the gifts to the stage.

A dinner, reception and dance followed the graduation ceremonies at the Panee Memorial Agriplex.



The drummers signalled the start of the ceremony.

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Provincial News

153 candidates run for school boards

Stories By Jeanne Lepine Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A total of 153 candidates are vying for 97 positions in the upcoming Oct. 16 school board elections in the Northlands School Division.

Of the candidates, 53 are incumbents.

The following is a list of candidates and the northwhere they are running:

ANZAC/GREGOIRIE .Pauline LAKE RESERVE (7 board positions):

Christine Borek, Bernice McDonald, Theresa Shaw. Cree, Alan Gagne, Penny Huska, Maggie Lent, Shirley McKenzie, Lorrie Paulson, Rosemarie Pratt, Nedra Stanley, Wayne Velders, Wiltzen Lorne.

FORT CHIPEWYAN (7 board positions):

Maureen and Thomas Clarke, Archie Cyprien, Reg Desrocher, Sonny Flett, Mary and Rita Lepine, Lilly Marcel, Jackie Anne Tuccaro, Margo and Valerie Vermillion, Mary Voyageur, Theresa Wilson.

ATIKAMEG (7 board positions):

Rose Chalifoux, Bernice Grey, Danny Laboucan, Irene Nahachick, Thomas Oar, Beverly-Anne Riley, Evelyn and Marina Thun-

PEAVINE (5 board positions):

Elmer Anderson, Adele and Shelli Carifelle, Archie, Lawrence, Louise and Sandra Cunningham, Helen and Thelma Gauchier.

CADOTTE LAKE (5 board positions):

John and Sophie Cardinal, Dwight and Joseph Carifelle, Howard Laboucan, Susan and Russel Sam Noskey, Delphine and Terri Williams.

CONKLIN (5 board positions):

Arlene Bacon, Jose'

Lapointe, Yvonne McCallum, Lena Poelstra, Olivia Powder, Andrew Quintal, Perry Ross, Shirley Tremblay.

DESMARAIS (7 board positions):

Gordon and Leonard Auger, Paul Beauregard, Marcel Gladue, Bruce Rathbone, Isabelle, Lawrence, Leonard and Mary Young.

GIFT LAKE (7 board positions):

Charles and Randy ern Alberta communities Anderson, Debbie Badger, Fred Belcourt, Floyd and Flett, Linda Gladue, Allan and Bonnie Lamouche, Kenneth

> GROUARD (7 board positions):

> ence and Robert Auger, Barbara Augier, Doreen Bellerose, Peter Calahasen, Frank Chalifoux, Lianne Courtoreille, Louise Gardiner.

SPUTINOW (5 board

positions): Brenda Anderson, Arlene and Clifford Calliou, Alvina Cardinal, Peggy Crevier, Ross Daniels, Bruce and Marlene Desjarlais, Shirley Gladue, Rodney Laboucane, Billy and Lorraine Parenteau.

JANVIER (5 board posi-

tions):

Elmer, Lena, Monique and Rose Marie Herman, Archie, Betty Lucille and David Janvier, Elsie Lemaigre.

KEG RIVER (5 board positions):

Wendy Chartrand, Laura Christian, Roderick Ferguson, Donna Halabisky, Selma Mosure, Cor-Glenna Anderson, Clar-reen Sherry, Doug Tupper.

LOON LAKE-RED EARTH CREEK (5 board positions):

Dan Chomiak, Hermas Houle, Linda and Paul Letendre, Felix, Jerry and

Paddy Noskey. PEERLESS LAKE (5

board positions): James and Marie Alook, Ruth, Virginia and Wilfred Cardinal, Forrest Jaycox, Charles Orr, David Starr.

SANDY LAKE (5 board positions):

Carolyn and Thomas Auger, Jack and Theresa Gladue, Wesley McAllister, Cathy Ohama.

SUSA CREEK (3 board positions):

Irene and Jean McDonald, Michael Moberly, Dean Wanyan-

WABASCA (7 board positions):

Fay and Tracy Cardinal, Jane Carison, Allen and Gloria Favel, Donna Gladue, Floyd Griesback, Eliza Noskiye, Paul Sinclair, Cecilia Stirling, Bill Tinge, Clara and Solomon Yellowknee.

High enrolment forcing Maskwachees college to find new building

By Josie Auger Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Maskwachees Cultural College needs a new building to keep up with the growing demand of students wanting to attend the postsecondary institution.

There were well over twelve hundred people applying to the institution last fall, says .Rita Dillon, counsellor at the Hobbema-based college.

This year, 92 students graduated from the college. Altogether, the college has an enrolment of 400 with 1,200 on a wait-

Vern Thompson, dean ofacademic studies, says the college is coping with the over-enrolment by holding outreach classes in facilities from Hobbema's four bands.

Negotiations for a new building are under way. If all goes well the students and staff could belooking at a new building within one year, says Walter Lightning, the dean of cultural studies.

With hopes of a new building in the not-toodistant future, Thompson believes the college could accomodate 200 more students.

Sandra Omeasoo, a second-year student but we all fit in there."

enrolled in the university/college entrance preparation program says the college has an advantage over other institutions in enticing Native students.

"We don't have to travel out. We have more contact with the professors," noted Omeasoo.

Omeasoo has taken four university courses in her first year and three more this term. She says if there were more course selections, she would keep attend-

"It's right in our home area, I think that's where we should be educated," says the mother of four.

Native students have been attending Maskwachees Cultural College since 1974. In those earlier days, classes were taken from the basement of an old medical building, accordint to Lightning.

Today, the college occupies anold residential school on the re-

"It's very dingy and very old. The facilities aren't the greatest. It gets cold sometimes, too hot other times," says Omeasoo.

"It's a bit crowded,

Nine of 26 boards acclaimed

One-third of the communities served by the Northland School Division will not have to go to the polls Oct 16 to vote on their local school poard members.

Nine of the local school boards in the Northland School Division have been filled by acclamation while the positions of the other 17 boards depend on the October municipal elec-

Three local school boards have retained their board members. They are as follows:

BUZABING Palma Anderson, Pearl Cardinal, Sylvia Desjarlais, Kathy Lepine.

NOSE

Florence Karakuntie, Emily and Ilene Moberly.

PINE RIDGE: Cornie Debbie izhninane. Brewster, Linda McCor-

The other six communities and their board members are as follows: CEHPEWYAN LAKE

Doris Noskiye (incumbent); Rose and Ruby Noskive (new board members).

Monica Crawford, Gloria Duperron, Victor Gladue and Gwen Uhlick-Schmidt (incumbent). New members are Randal Sonya Kobelsky (new Auger, Samson Beaver board members). Canand Rena Gambler,

FORT MCKAY: Marga-Elizabeth Jacknife, and ret MacDonald (New board member). Anges CREEKe Bouchier, Elsie Fabian,

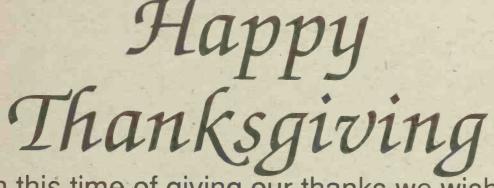
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Douglas Auger (new board member). Dwight Gladue, Noreen and Steve Noskey, and Larry Ominayak (incumbents).

TROUT LAKE Flora Cardinal (new mem-DOGA (MIGHING AND Bigstone, Elmer Gullion, Paul Hernou, Albert Laboucan, and Jean Marie Noskey (incumbents).

PADDLE PRAIRIE. George Ghostkeeper and dice Calliou, Annette Conway, John Gaudet, Creta Chostkeeper, and Della Koch (incumbents).

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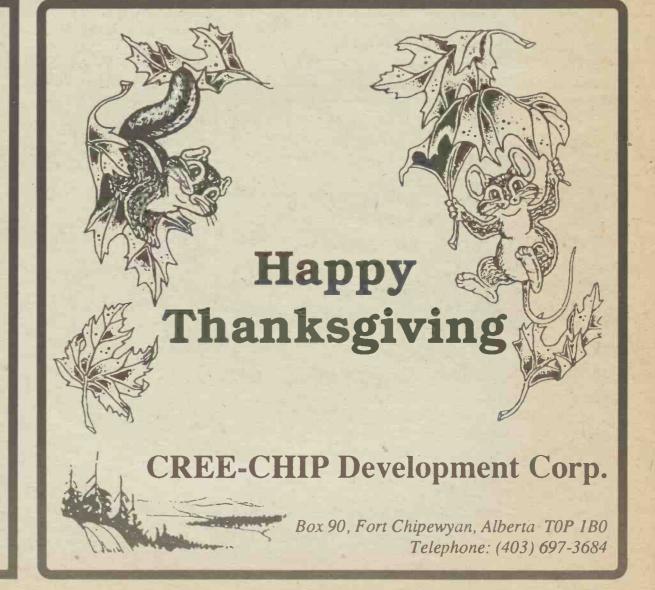
A message from the chief, council and band members.



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Native elder hired to help assess inmates

By Dana Wagg Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The pleas of Native inmates at Edmonton Institution who want to be assessed differently from other inmates seeking release has been granted, says the chief of the Native Brotherhood.

The decision improves the odds of Natives getting paroled, said 38-year-old Willie Blake last week.

The institution recently hired well-known Native elder Joe Couture on a trial

basis to do assessments on Native inmates seeking early release, said Rick Dyhm, chief of leisure activities at the institution.

Couture, who holds a doctorate in psychology, works on contract with the prison's psychology department.

He has done eight assessments of inmates including six last week.

In assessing the individuals, Couture uses Native ceremonies such as the pipe ceremony.

"It provides the opportunity for Native individuals to really open up to

anyone doing this type of assessment," said Blake in a recent interview inside

the maximum security penitentiary, northeast of Edmonton. "Once they're in a pipe ceremony, they're more

apt to open up to the elder for an exchange to get going. It's just better all the way around," he said.

Under the old system, individuals would have gone to a regional psychiatric centre such as Saskatoon for assessment, said Dyhm.

Couture's first two assessments were accepted by the parole board and the individuals were paroled, according to Blake.

"Joe Couture is a Native himself and he understands Native problems. There's been a lack of consideration (by the administration). They're dealing with different cultures here. The psychology department has failed to this point to really take that into consideration. That's where Mr. Couture can really make a difference," he said.

Keith Purves, program director with Native Counselling Services, called the hiring of Couture "a break-

Native drum troupe helps inmates

The Native drum troupe at Edmonton Institution is second-to-none, says the president of Native Brotherhood.

Recent decision improves chances of parole

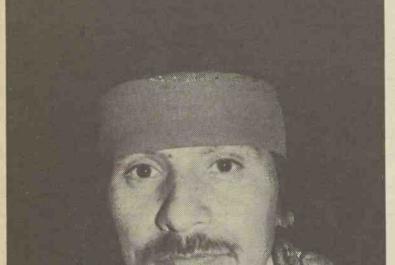
We're probably one of the best powwow troupes around the Edmonton region," said Willie Blake.

The group was born after the 38year-old native of the Northwest Territories was transferred to the prison

"When I came here, I made the first drum and we started from there. We started with one song and now we have a number of guys, who are very active in it, dancing and singing. It's really grown. Sometimes we get 13 guys around the drum," he said.

The Brotherhood gets together for socials on Thursday evenings. They're joined sometimes by Native children who are learning to sing and dance with the inmates' powwow troupe.

Anine-hour powwow is held each summer.



Dana Wagg, Windspeaker.

Native Brotherhood chief Willie Blake.

residents," said Purves.

"You've got someone recognized not just bepenitentiary system," Blake said. "But there's a cause of his experience as an elder but also his educational qualifications. He long ways to go yet." comes with both."

Non-Native skepticism surrounding the advice of elders is slowly fading away, he said.

through.

"I support the whole initiative of having Native elders in the institution offering spiritual and cultural advice," said Purves.

"Elders teach you values and respect for yourself. Having respect for yourself, you have respect for others," he said.

"I think correctional staff are beginning to see the effect it's having on

Native spirituality has taken a foothold in the

Native prisoners for a

long time were getting thrown in the hole for substance abuse and for letting their anger get out of control. Now with the elders here, there's been a real decrease in the number of Native people getting thrown in isolation and it's already made a difference, which the administration acknowledges," he said.

Dyhm agreed with that assessment.

Native practices, the Native elders' program, bimonthly sweat lodges,

family services, traditional food and cultural activities have combined to have a positive effect on the behavior of Native inmates in the institution, he said.

The institution also has two Native counsellors one assists Native inmates in making release plans while the other organizes Native programs.

The elders' program will have its greatest impact when authorities see Native inmates stay out of trouble after being released from jail, said Blake.

About 40 per cent of the inmate population is Native, according to Blake, who comes from Fort McPherson in the Northwest Territories.

NOTICE OF ELECTION **Local Authorities Election Act** (Section 35)

LOCAL JURISDICTION Northland School Division No. 61, Province of Alberta. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Local School Board Committee	Sub-Division Number	# of Members To Be Elected	Location of Voting Stations
Anzac/Gregoire Lake Reserv	/e 25	7	Anzac Community Hall,
Athabasca Delta	17	7	Anzac, Alberta Fort Chipewyan Fire Hall
Atikameg-Sovereign	9	7	Ft. Chipewyan, Alberta Atikameg Community Hall
Bishop Routhier	6	5	Atikameg, Alberta Bishop Routhier School Peavine, Alberta
Cadotte Lake	4	5	Cadotte Lake School Cadotte Lake, Alberta
Conklin	23	5	I. D. Contact Office Conklin, Alberta
Desmarais	20	7	Mistassiniy School
Gift Lake	8	7	Desmarais, Alberta Gift Lake Community Hall
Grouard	7	7	Gift Lake, Alberta Grouard School Grouard, Alberta
J.F. Dion	27	5	J.F. Dion School
Janvier	24	5	Sputinow, Alberta Fr. R. Perin School Chard, Alberta
Keg River	2	5	Keg River Community Library Keg River, Alberta, and at David Befus Residence Carcajou, Alberta
Loon Lake/Red Earth Creek	10	5	Clarence Jaycox School Loon Lake, Alberta
Muskeg River/Susa Creek	29	3	Susa Creek School
Wanyandle Flats Peerless Lake	12	5	Susa Creek, Alberta Peerless Lake School Peerless, Alberta
Pelican Mountain	21	5	Pelican Mountain School
Wabasca	19	- 7	Sandy Lake, Alberta I.D. Office Wabasca, Alberta

Voting will take place on the 16th day of October A.D. 1989, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 Dated at the Town of Peace River, in the Province of Alberta, this 21st day of September, A.D., 1989.

> G. de Kleine **Returning Officer**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

As part of a corporate program to provide career-related work experience for unemployed men and women aged 16 - 25, CN is now accepting applications for the following positions:

Sales Assistant Public Affairs Assistant **Automotive Services Assistant Employee Relations Trainee** Junior Research Analyst Planning & Administration Assistant

All but the Sales Assistant position, which is located in Calgary, are located in Edmonton.

Depending upon the position, some of the following skill are required:

microcomputer experience computer sciences accounting/budgeting/analysis public relations labour relations marketing/sales typing drafting

A high school diploma is required: post-secondary education would be a definite asset.

Employment will begin October 27, 1989, and continue for a maximum two year period. Starting salaries are either \$370 or \$388 per week, depending on the

Application forms must be completed & returned before October 20th, 1989. The forms are available from the:

> **CN Employment Office** West Annex, CN Tower 10004 - 104 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta (403) 421-6705



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Viewpoint

Self-government no longer a dream

Self-government for Indian bands in Canada has often been an illusive dream.

But if the Samson Indian band of Hobbema wins its massive lawsuit with the federal government, it will undoubtedly open up the floodgates to similar suits by other bands across the country.

What the Samson band has done is something that the federal government has feared for decades - suing to establish a band's right to control its future by managing its own finances and resources.

The right for Indian bands to control their own funds is a right the federal government has refused to relinquish, using its massive bureacracy in Indian Affairs to effectively impede the progress of Indian bands in determining their own future.

For years now, Indian bands have always asserted

they are sovereign nations.

Now, the Samson Indian band and other bands are putting that belief to the ultimate test — in the legal arena. The ultimate decision on Indian self-determinationwill now lie with Canada's judiciary, not career bureaucrats.

Twenty years after the federal government released its White Paper' for Indian people in Canada, that misguided policy of cultural genocide has failed.

No longer are the cards stacked in the government's favor. If successful, this lawsuit will wrest control away from the federal government forever.

With more bands like the Samson Indian band who can afford to fight the federal government in the courts, it's clear the timetable for self-government is no longer at the federal government's whim.

Canada's first ministers have to sit down and do what it has procrastinated on for years — define the concept of Indian self-government.

Indian bands are no longer willing to wait to the beat of a white drummer.

They want action now. The clock is ticking.

To be poor is not a choice

To be poor and hungry is often a way of life for many people in this country.

For many, it's not a choice — it's a sad fact of life. Food banks are a reality in this country and for many Native people, going to the food bank to put food on the

table is a necessity. However, at one food bank in Spruce Grove, Indians — and only Indians — have been refused food because they are expected to be taken care of on their reserves.

It's this kind of treatment which is indicative of what Indian people must deal with on a frequent basis.

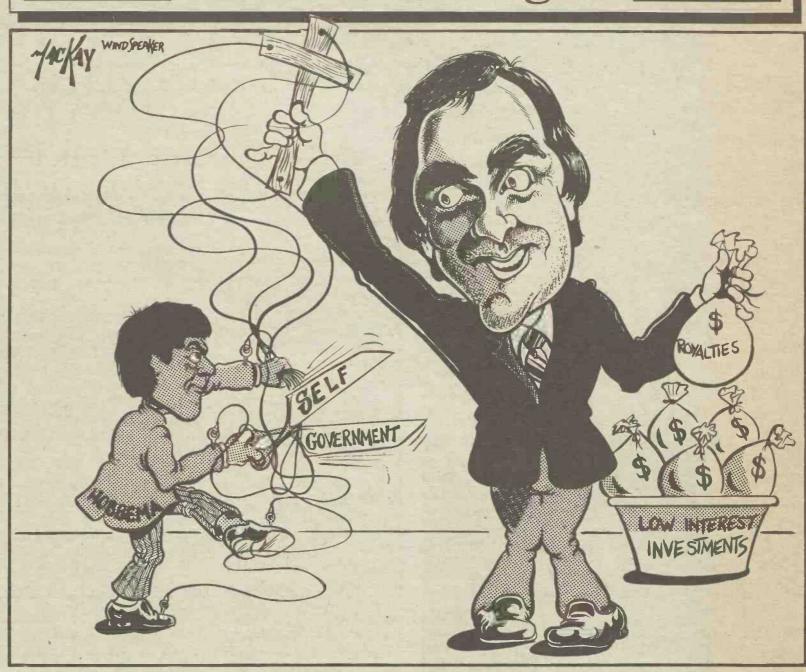
No one should be turned away when they need food, certainly not because they are Indian. But that's the case at one food bank near Edmonton where a worker claims she can be thrown in jail if she feeds treaty Indians.

Someone should go to jail. Anyone with that kind of reprehensible attitude in 1989 should be charged and convicted of callousness, ignorance and insensitivity.

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Editorial Page



1955 . . . me and Elvis down memory lane

Tansi, ahnee and hello. Coffee and Elvis Presley. This morning finds me on a pleasant little journey back to 1955. It was in that year that Elvis and I emerged.

One of us would shake the world of popular music to its very foundation and become a legend and another would travel a lot of strange and wonderful roads and become the writer that shares this morning coffee with you.

For me, it started on a frosty October morning. I was born in a trapline camp somewhere in the wilds of northern Ontario. I lived there with my mother and father, and two brothers and sister, grandmother and grandfather for the first two years of my

The bush is still the only place I feel real comfort.

According to my mother, my destiny in life was evident really early. I was the one who would wander. In fact, I spent so much time crawling around and getting people chasing after me that my grandmother had to make a moosehide harness for me and tie me to a tree at the edge of of camp. Guess they didn't want me crawling off into the bush. My mother says she knew right then that I'd be finding my way into a fair bit of trouble in my life.

Life changed quickly. The Ontario Hydro Corporation in its infinite wisdom decided that they really needed two large dams on the Winnipeg River system and that nobody really needed the million or so acres they eventually flooded. Our trapline and our lifestyle disappeared.



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE By Richard Wagamese

It wasn't too long before another foreign enterprise pushed its way into our lives. The Ontario Children's Aid Society stepped to the streets where I soon in to say that we kids weren't getting adequate care and attention. Anyone who's ever spent most of their time as a kid around their grandmother knows that this just isn't true. Soon the three of us youngsters found ourselves in the foster care system.

When I was five, I disappeared. The Children's Aid decided that I didn't need to be with my brothers and sisters and I was moved to another home in Ontario. Kenora, wouldn't see my family again for almost twenty

When I was nine, I disappeared even further. I was adopted. Soon I found myself in the suburbs of Toronto as far away from the bush I loved as I could imagine being. There were new rules to obey, new games to play, new attitudes to learn. I was the only Indian in my world and soon I even started to turn my back on him.

The next six or so years were the most painful of my life. Every day of those years I wrestled with identity. I wrestled with acceptance in this strange new world and I wrestled with new ways of being that just

didn't seem to fit no matter how hard I tried.

As soon as I could I disappeared. I made my way began to learn that Indians were much more than the images on movie screens or in the pages of novels. I began to learn that I was an Indian. I began to learn that I wanted to go home.

From sixteen to twentyfive, my life was drugs, alcohol, and jail. Northern Ontario seemed like it was a million miles away. I couldn't seem to break the chains and the hold of the city. I couldn't stay straight or sober long enough to get a solid plan of action together. I was as lost as a human being can get.

My brother found me. I was serving time in an Ontario jail when a letter arrived with pictures of my family and a long letter from Charles. Suddenly it seemed like I had roots. I had a history, a culture, a family and an identity. Soon after, I was back wandering those northern Ontario woods and rediscovering a little peace.

It would be another six years of drug addiction, alcoholism, the occasional jail time, divorce and desperation before I finally settled down. Before I finally learned to listen to the elders and began to walk another way.

These days my family

and I are in each other's hearts everyday. I never see the ones who adopted me. There doesn't seem to be a reason. I spend as much time in or near the bush as I can and I spend most of my time with my people because that's where I belong. I was lost for a long time but these days I'm home.

In the next few days, I will turn 34. It's been an interesting life. In terms of experience alone, I've lived an awful lot of different realities. I've been a lot of different people in a lot of different places. I've cried and hurt, suffered and changed, learned and grown and just lately rejoiced.

And that's why I write. I write because of my life. I write because I have first-hand knowledge of the realities our people live under. I write because I survived it all. I write because every day I learn more about the sweetgrass way and I move further and further away from the lost person I use to be. I write because sharing these mornings and this coffee with you is just one way that I can pay back for all the negative and hurtful things I did in all those years of lostness.

1955. Me and Elvis. This morning his music has taken me back through my life. This morning the King and I have tripped down memory lane. It's been good. This coffee and these words have brought us closer together just as our elders tell us that good words told in a good way will do for people.

Until next week, may you walk tall and proudly upon the land.

Meegwetch.

Letters to the Editor

Nayo-Skan director disputes stats in story

Dear Editor:

Re: Your article "Hobbema's Suicide Rate down 95%" in the September 8, 1989 issue, I wish to make two observations:

I wish to clarify your statement "Hobbema's suicide rate only two years ago considered the highest in Alberta and possibly of any Indian Band in the country" is not a quote from me.

The Edmonton Journal made the same point in one of their articles last March, and I have challenged them to produce the figures that prove such

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is the case. They have not done so.

The suicide problem is widespread in Canada and with other Indian groups, but no one, not the Edmonton Journal, nor the provincial suicidologist, has ever given us the figures to prove that their statement that the suicide rates in Hobbema are worse than other Indian groups.

We have asked them to substantiate their claim, but they have not done so. They have given us no fig-

Your article may give the impression that we, at NAYO-SKAN, claim credit alone. In fact, other agencies in Hobbema the Muskwachees Ambulance Services, Louis Bull Tribal Police, and Hobbema in particular, have been very active in combatting the suicide. They deserve credit and mention as well. We have trained 60 people from Other Hobbema agencies deserve credit on suicide

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Hobbema in Suicide Information Education Center in Calgary who have been most helpful to us.

Other agencies including the R.C.M.P. and hospitals in Wetaskiwin and Ponoka have contributed

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to the problem.

We, at NAYO-SKAN, do not claim sole credit. The agencies mentioned deserve credit as well. Yours truly, Clive Linklater Director

Reader supports Chonkolay as chief

Dear editor:

I am writing for our elders and some of the Dene Tha Band members who support the Chief Harry Chonkolay.

We deeply respect the chief for what's best for his people.

We don't know how to us for their wisdom own ways? and knowledge to direct us. Some of us might not want a new leader, espe- request cially a young leader.

We don't want to lose our culture. We are taught by both parents and grandparents the values of our tradition and we must practise them so that we don't lose our culture.

According to some of our elders they feel that we don't need changes now. Do we listen to our elders valuable these elders are or do we choose to go our

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Dear editor:

A short note to thank you for the very positive profile by Windspeaker

staff writer Gary Gee published on our centre in your July 28th issue. We all appreciated the

time taken with us to really

find out firsthand what

we're all about.

It's a joy to see your newspaper give communities who work real hard with no government funding a boost like this.

Thanks again,

Sharron Johnstone, Edson Friendship Centre

There is hope, says reader

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the guy in the Sept.1 issue who was "down and out on life."

I would like to say that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

I would like to encourage him and say that there are people out there who

· There is also a God that cares and He definitely

does care for you.

People can be mean but we must learn to forgive. It really does wonders. Believe me, it's true.

A friend who cares.

Windspeaker welcomes your opinion

Windspeaker welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be brief and include the name, address and telephone number of the writer. We will not print unsigned letters unless there is a good reason for witholding your name and even then the editor must know the identity of the writer. Windspeaker reserves the right to edit letters for taste, length and grammar.



Community News

S.O.S.! Send your duck to Rocky for Thanksgiving...

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

A teacher once asked her grade three class if any one of them knew what Thanksgiving Day represented?

A small voice from the back of the class quickly said, "Thats the day a bunch of turkeys came ashore at Plymouth Rock. So now on Thanksgiving Day, we celebrate by eating turkey in honor of them."

Here's a great story.

When police in NORMAL, Illinois arrested 21-yearold Brad Fredricks for driving while under the influence of alcohol, his roommate Tim Hall came to pick him up. But police drove Fredricks home themselves after deciding that Hall was also drunk. Later, police arrested Hall as he was driven home, then re-arrested Fredricks when Fredricks came to bail out Hall.

The silly things people will do.

Here's another one I'm sure you'll just love.

In Corpus Christi, Texas a convenience store was robbed of 50 dollars by a suspect wearing a 12-pack beer box over his head!

Then there's the one by a reporter who must of been hard up for a story. He reports from Niagara Falls while swimming in the midst of a dense fog that one thousand ducks were swept over Niagara Falls.

Speaking of Ducks. How are all my BEST FRIENDS in the north, or south of Alberta. Heck, to all my best friends wherever ducks fly. Now I know that many people read this paper but still my request has been denied!

I hinted a few weeks back, very politely, that I must have a duck. Soon. While they're fat. But either everyone is cheap and the story about Native people being very thoughtful, kind and GENEROUS is simply superstition, or maybe people just don't care that an Edmonton boy like myself wouldn't think of shooting his own duck—but would rather have one sent to him. I'll pay!

If you don't want to send me a duck from your packed freezer, then write and say so . . . call me collect. I'll understand. Only remember one thing — while you sit down to dinner, that duck in front of you isn't yours. It's mine!

BUFFALO LAKE: Chairman for the Metis Settlement HORACE PATENAUDE thank you for taking the time to chat with Droppin' In. Now what's this they say about it being almost impossible to talk to leaders? Hey. I'm not talking to anyone from the Alberta Legislature, right Horace.

Horace commented the community has a volleyball team and a soccer team that are active and play in leagues in Lac La Biche. The sad thing is that Buffalo Lake lost



Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward



Josie Auger, Windspeaker

Helen Gladue is recuperating at home

their Recreation Director due to a lack of funds which means many of the community sports cannot be initiated.

"A lot of people here volunteer their services in the community but right now, as far as recreation, things are a little slow," explained Horace.

Horace did however, let me in on a little secret, but I can't tell you what it is.

Just kidding, my people.

Horace says although it is not official, a banquet is being planned for the baseball club. Hurray! Food! If all goes to plan, think of me Horace, think of me.

HIGH LEVEL: Just a note to let all our readers know that I caught my contact, NORMAN CHAMPAGNE, off guard. But he has informed me that next week, High Level will gladly let people know across the province of what they are doing at a community level. Thank you Norman. Norman works at the beautiful new Friendship Center in High Level.

PEACE RIVER: A huge party is being planned. Horses pulling carriages with servants will arrive. Women dressed in white satin ballroom gowns and men in costumes of the past will present themselves to the King and Queen inside a huge palace of gold.

Just kidding. But there is a party...honest.

Lynn Cunningham who works at the Sagitawa Friendship Center says on Oct. 31, a HALLOWEEN PARTY will be held for the children!

The party will begin at 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and there will be a prize for the best dressed costume. Witches, scary monsters, ghosts and goblins...they're all meeting at the Sagitawa Center on Halloween night.

Sounds eerie doesn't it.

Also every Tuesday and up until Oct. 31, basic sewing classes and babyclothes making will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

And that's not all. Beginning on Nov. 4, a parka-making program will take place at the centre.

For anyone wishing more information, please call the centre at 624-2443.

EDMONTON: Goodbye...we'll miss you, CHEYENNE FLETCHER.

Remember us in Alberta. Cheyenne Fletcher, the daughter of well-known sports promoter John Fletcher is

daughter of well-known sports promoter John Fletcher is moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Cheyenne will be attending grade 11 at the Sandia

High School and also will be concentrating (competitively) on golf and baseball.

She would also like to say goodbye to all her friends, especially to the Peacock family at Enoch, the Arcand family at Alexander and the Willie Littlechild family at Hobbema.

"I'll miss all my friends very much. But I am looking forward to learning about a different Indian culture and their lifestyle," said Cheyenne.

Droppin' In wishes you all the best Cheyenne. We're going to miss you girl.

By the way. Does this mean that JOHN FLETCHER and the rest of his family could be the next to pack up and leave. If so, it would be a great loss to our Native community. John refused to comment.

ENOCH: Get well soon HELEN GLADUE. Helen was hospitalized recently for food poisoning. Today, she is slowly recuperating at home.

That's it! Until next week then...drive safe and again, Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Compiled by Tina Wood, Connie Morin and Marylyn
Groleau

"Awsikan" A NATIVE HANDMADE DOLL EXHIBIT; Sept. 5 to Oct. 6; The Beaver House Gallery, 3rd Flr. 10158-103 Street, Edmonton; presented by the Alberta Indian Arts & Crafts Society; call 426-2048.

POWWOW DANCING CLASSES; beginning Oct. 4; Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Edmonton; for more info. call Dylan Thomas at 452-7811.

NATIVE LEFTHANDED GOLF TOURNAMENT, Oct 7, 1989. Wolf Creek golf course. Entry fee \$65.00 includes; green fees, golf cart and stake. For more info. contact John Fletcher at 435-4424 or Ryan Vold at 783-6050.

AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE THEATRE Oct. 10. 1989. 8 p.m.; Calgary Centre for Performing Arts: for ticket info call 294-7472. For group sales, call Tina Nelson at 294-7455

THANKSGIVING GOSPEL SERVICES; Oct. 5 - 8th, 7:30 pm nightly; Native Full Gospel Fellowship Church, for further info. call: 585-2390, 585-4247 or 585-2298.

COOL AID SOCIETY; Oct. 7 & 8, 4-6 pm, 10011-102 st., Grande Prairie; lectures by Alwyn Morris for youths & family for an addictions free Lifestyle; Oct. 7, 7 pm; Golden Inn; banquet and special lecture for those interested in/or working with youths. For more info. call Sandy or Penny at 532-9004.

25th ANNUAL ALL-NATIVE FESTIVAL; Oct. 13-14; sponsored by CNFC at the Westmount Community Hall and Montgomery Legion; vocal and jigging contests, dance Fri. & Sat. night; for more info. call the

Indian Country Community Events

Friendship Centre at 452-7811.

FOSTER FAMILY WEEK; Oct. 15 - 21, 11:30 - 1 pm; Maskwachees College; foster family appreciation luncheon; for more info. contact Jeannette Domes at 352-1276.

VOTING DAY, SENATE OF CANADA; Oct. 16; 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; announcement of official results will take place at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer on Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.; for more info. call 427-7191.

CARSOM TIRE & SERVICE LTD; Oct.21, 12-4 pm; Alix, Alberta; Grand Opening, free pop, hot dogs & coffee, everyone welcome; for more info. call Sophie at 747-2442.

NATIVE BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY 21st ANNUAL POWWOW; Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Drumheller; for more info. call Bret Cunningham at 823-3333.

LIFE ENRICHMENT FOR FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS, AND THE OLDER ADULT; Oct. 25, in Wetaskiwin's Senior Citizen Centre; 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, One day Forum; \$10 fee covers snacks, lunch and door prizes, for more info. contact a Wetoka Health Unit in Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Rimby, or Windfield.

BEN CALF ROBE OPEN HOUSE; Oct. 27, 11833-64 St. Edmonton; Father Gary Laboucane will be blessing the

school.

ALL-DAY POWWOW - NATIVE AWARENESS GROUP; Oct. 29; Saskatchewan Penitentiary, Prince Albert, Sask; to honor and celebrate Native Culture within the institution.

RITA HOULE MEMORIAL AWARDS BANQUET; Nov. 4; Saxony Motor Inn, 15540 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton; dedicated Native athletes must be nominated by a coach, school counsellor or Native organization by Oct. 27; for more info. call 452-7811.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES WORKSHOP; Nov. 9 & 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Edmonton Convention Centre, to register call Games Manager John Fletcher at 435-4424.

FROG LAKE MEDICAL SERVICES FEAST & ROUND DANCE; Nov. 3 & 4; Frog Lake Band Hall; for more info. contact Karen Abraham at 943-3777.

POUNDMAKER/NECHI ROUND DANCE; Nov. 25, 9:00 pm to 4:00 am; lunch will be served, drummers will be paid; everyone welcome, for more info call Dave LaSwiss or Alfred Bonaise at 458-1884.

COORS INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO; Nov. 16-19, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

4th ANNUAL 1990 TUNE-UP GOLF; Feb. 2-5, 1990; Sahara Golf & Country Club, Las Vegas, Nevada; for more info. call Gina (403) 585-4298 (home) or Bill (403) 585-2139 (home) or Emile (403) 585-3805 (home).

BIRTLE INDIAN SCHOOL RENUNION; July 1990; Winnipeg, Manitoba; for more info. Write to W.C. Thomas, Box 280, Hodgson, Manitoba, ROC 1N0 or call (204) 645-2648 (bus.) or (204) 645-2456 (Hm.).

Provincial News

Peigan chief confident of winning court case

By Dana Wagg Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Peigan Chief Leonard Bastien is confident his band will win its legal fight to jurisdiction over the waters of the Oldman River which runs through his reserve.

"Our leading spiritual advisers indicate the final decision will be in our favor," the southern Alberta chief said in an interview in Edmonton Sept. 27.

In a landmark Canadian water rights case, the southern Alberta band has laid claim to the river and its water. American Indian tribes have won similar court cases.



Chief Leonard Bastien

ready by the time a decision is made, we can put a stop to it," he warned.

The Peigan treaty (signed in 1877) specifically indicates our Aboriginal lands included the "If the dam is up and Oldman River and the

source of the Oldman River," said Bastien.

Treaty 7 gives the band all the water and the river bed, he insisted.

The band had hoped to get a speedy hearing on its claim to the water and had asked the courts to first settle the question of the band's rights under Treaty 7 and later to decide how much water the band is entitled to.

But that request was turned down Sept. 20 by Madame Justice Carole Conrad of the Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary.

In her ruling, she said the band will only get one chance to contest the case. A single trial date has yet to be set.

lengthier and more costly legal battle, said band lawyer Louise Mandell.

Bastein agreed. "It's a financial matter now. The province has unlimited financial resources and we have limited financial resources. The longer it drags on, the more costly it

"Hopefully with a court ruling in our favor, there could be a recovery of costs," he said.

Mandell predicted the court is likely to guarantee the band a "certain amount of water from the dam, which will be theirs to use or sell or do whatever they want with."

band's favor, the decision The decision means a could be costly for the

province, which is building a \$350-million dam on the Oldman, it claims is needed to irrigate arid land in southern Alberta.

"We may negotiate with the province (on a price for the water) or just say we don't want the dam in," said Bastien. "Those are the major decisions, which have to be faced."

Whether an injunction is sought to stop the dam or its operation, if it's completed before a legal decision is handed down are matters that have to be weighed by the band membership and council, said Bastien.

"We would have to look If the court rules in the at what is our most favorable position for the future," he said.



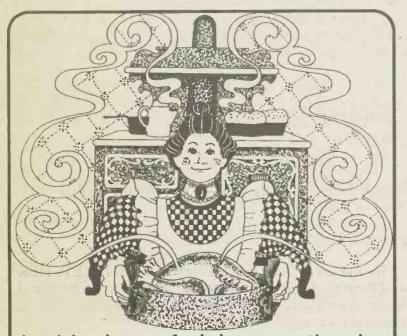
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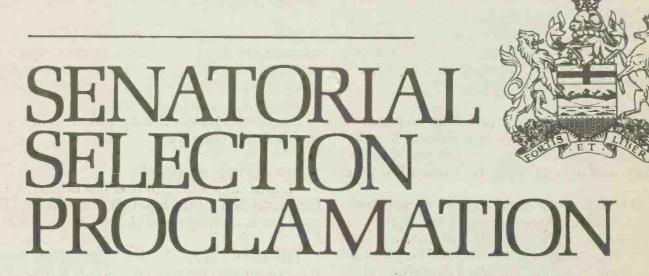
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Voting Day

Voting will take place on the 16th day of October, 1989, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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The announcement of official results will take place at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer on 26 October, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

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God Save the Queen



Jigging and square dancing the night away

By Lyle Donald Windspeaker Correspondent

KEHEWIN, ALTA.

It was a full agenda of good ol'time fiddling and square-dancing, as Kehewin community held their first annual Garth Youngchief Memorial talent show Oct. 1 to 2.

Youngchief was a 19year-old member of the Kehewin band who passed away last May in a tragic automobile accident, leaving his sister still recovering in hospital.

Prior to the competition, tributes were paid to the deceased by family and friends.

Gordon Youngchief described his son as being well-liked by all who knew him and he had a love for square-dancing.

Garth's younger

Memorial talent show honors Kehewin teen

brother Travis said his brother was always there to take care of his siblings.

After the tributes were finished, the Elizabeth Settlement Junior Travellers (the group Garth formerly danced with) honored the deceased by performing his favorite dance — the Duck Dance.

The group is changing its name to the Garth Youngchief Memorial Dancers.

Once the tributes were over, it was time to dance. In the junior dance competitions, the Canadian Native Friendship

Centre dance group from

Edmonton walked away

with the junior competitions taking four out of the five competitions.

It was good to see all of the Sunday practice sessions paid off, said CNFC executive director Georgina Donald. Donald is also the co-ordinator of the dance group.

Both Kehewin and the CNFC are the only two youth groups in the province and there is plenty of friendly rivalry between them.

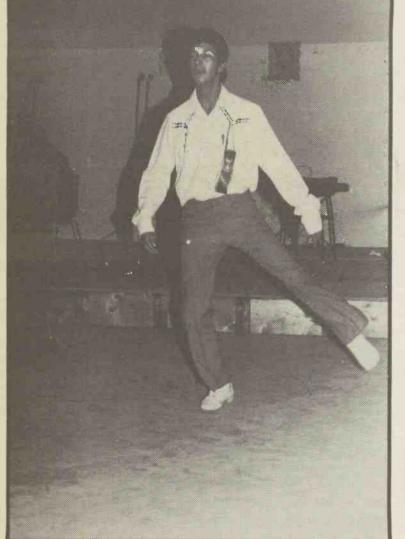
In the senior square dance competition, the Green Lake dance team from Saskatchewan, brought over their versions of the Reel of Eight, the Drops of Brandy, and the Break Down square dances.

The Elizabeth Jr. Travellers took first in the rest of the categories.

Albert Lapatak, master of ceremonies, said it was great to see the Green River team come all the way up to compete, noting that the team really added a lot to the competition.

The turnout was rather poor for such a major event but a number of people mentioned that it was possibly because of the political unrest at the reserve.

Competition was very good, however, as Kehewin community put on a great show.



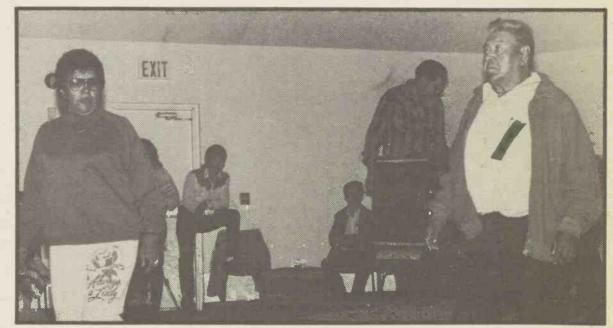


Lyle Donald, Windspeaker

The winners

Travis
Youngchief
(upper
left)brother of
Garth, does a
memorial
dance for his
brother.

Brent Donald (left) took second place in the junior male jig



Little Joe Large, with unidentified partner, turned out to be the Oldtimer's Jigging Champion

Lyle Donald, Windspeaker

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	1st-Winston Liberty 2nd-Tammy Donald	1st-Kim Scanny	
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Open House at the Native Cultural Heritage Centre

Right: Dr. Anne Anderson in conversation with one of the many visitors to her centre on Sept. 30.

Top: A display of Indian culture in the centre. The centre houses hundreds of books, pictures and artifacts.



New home for Native Heritage Cultural centre

By Gary Gee Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

From its humble beginnings in the basement of a home where it began in 1965, the Native Cultural Heritage Centre has survived more than one change of address in its 24-year history.

On Sept. 30, volunteers and staff of the centre marked another chapter in the evolution of what is considered one of the most

unique Native resource centres in Canada.

An open house welcomed in the public to the centre's newest home at 10826-124 Street. The centre was once previously located in Calder and then in the downtown area.

Staff and volunteers want to make the newest centre a permanent home.

The centre's driving force is Dr. Anne Anderson — noted author, instructor, historian and Cree translator.

At 83, Dr. Anderson's dedication and commitment to the centre remains unwavering where she still spends most of her waking hours doing what her she has always believed in — preserving the Cree language.

The learning centre houses the 90 books and dictionaries which Dr. Anderson has written in her lifetime and hundreds of photographs depicting the history of the Metis and Indians in Canada.

Requests from all over the world for resource material are not uncommon. Most of them are for Cree translations, which Dr. Anderson is famous for.

The University of Alberta and the Catholic school board use the centre, using many of Dr. Anderson's books as resource material.

School classes often come in on field trips to learn about Native culture. A craft centre is available where people can leave their crafts to be sold.

People come into the centre to trace their family lineage or to watch a video which tells legends behind Native folklore. Others take Cree classes from Dr. Anderson, who still teaches twice a week.

"There's no other resource centre like this," declares Shauna McNicoll, who is chairman of the non-profit organization's first active board of directors

McNicoll says the board would like to take much of the burden off Dr. Anderson's shoulders and establish the resource centre as a permanent part of the Native community.

"We'd like to make it an established agency so it can be here forever," she said.

Over the years, Dr. Anderson has kept the centre going with her own pension funds.

"She's had to make all the decisions herself for so long. Now we'd like to help her," says board member Judy Dumont.

"If it wasn't for her, this place wouldn't have happened," she noted.

The centre's board of directors plan to seek help from various agencies.

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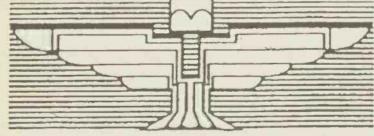
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Indian Economic Development Conference Wrap Up

Organizers surprised by vast turnout at conference

By Josie Auger and Gary Gee Windspeaker Staff Writers

EDMONTON

The Indian Economic Development Conference held Sept. 26 to 28 will be remembered for the fact that it was long overdue and highly successful, say conference organizers.

The last conference of this nature was held in Banff ten years to the day.

The idea to hold an economic conference originated in June, 1988.

Joyce Mandamin, one of the conference organizers, says ten years was a long time between conferences and Mandamin certainly hopes that the next one is not ten years down the road.

Over 250 registrants paid in advance for the conference held at the Edmonton Inn. But organizers were flooded with 150 more requests at the door.

"It was beyond our wildest dreams," said Mandamin.

"It was overwhelming. We didn't expect the number of delegates we received," she said.

On the first day of the conference, organizers had to accomodate more last-minute registrants, with barely elbow room at the banquets and luncheons.

The Edmonton Inn was chosen because of the timing of the conference, she

explained. Kananaskis and Calgary were two other places the committee looked into.

Mandamin anticipates an economic conference of another nature will be planned in 1991 that could include a trade summit.

Rod Sinclair, a conference delegate, believes future conferences should involve more younger people.

"They're going to be the business people of the future," he said. "This conference is helping to determine our future as Native people. That's my biggest concern — to see more people involved from the universities and colleges.

Conference organizers had sent out information to the universities but most

students couldn't afford the price even at half the cost which was seventyfive dollars.

The price for the students would be definitely discussed and possibly reduced, says Mandamin, who is in her second year at the University of Alberta

Total profits from the

Indian Economic Development Conference have not yet been calculated because the committee is still looking at the expenses, says Mandamin.

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Provincial News

Samson band opens school

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Samson Cree Nation officially opened the Nipisihkopahk Kindergarten on the Samson Indian Reserve Oct. 4.

The Nipishkopahk Kindergarten will be the first band controlled educational institution ever established on the Samson Reserve.

The concept of a band controlled and operated educational system has been the desire intention of many educational leaders of the Samson Cree Nation.

Many band members have recognized and emphasized the need for education as a means of both recovering the culture values and skills of aboriginal people and acquiring the skills needed to survive and prosper in non-Indian

Society.

The Nipisihkopahk Kindergarten will be staffed entirely by Samson Cree Nation members.

All teachers and teaching assistants are Alberta Education certified.

The Nipisihkopahk Kindergarten will be under the guidance of principal Grace Buffalo who has 18 years of administrative and teaching experience.

and teaching experience.
She will be assisted by teachers Dola V. Buffalo, Margaret Saddleback, and Wilda Swampy. The staff also includes teaching assistants Flora Cardinal, Wayne Crier, Wilma Okeymow and Barbara Thomas, and support staff

Rose Hilbach.

A modern three classroom kindergarten located on the west wing of the Howard Buffalo Memorial

Centre provides a suitable setting for over 100 children between the ages of four and five.

It's location is a fitting tribute to the late Howard Buffalo who was an avid leader in the area of education. An appropriate name, Napisihkopahk, translated meaning "Willow View", referring to the land of the Samson Cree Nation, was given to the kindergarten by the Samson Board of Education.

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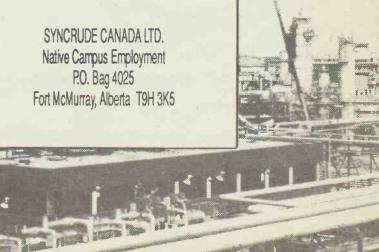
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Provincial News

New Democrats back Lubicons over new Woodland Cree band

By Josie Auger Windspeaker Staff Writer

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> The New Democrats encourage the federal

NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTE SENATORIAL SELECTION ACT

LOCAL JURISDICTION Improvement District No. 18 North and Improvement District No. 24 (Wood Buffalo National Park), Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given:

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Advance voting will take place on the 13th day of October A.D. 1989, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at:

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- knowledge of French and a Native language an asset.

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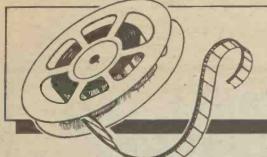
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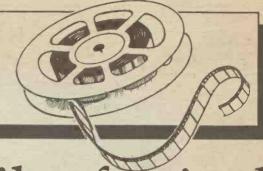
Program Manager

A well organized, experienced manager with strong Native communitybased work background is required to both manage the Loan Program and work directly with communities in establishing loan funds in the early stages of the program expansion. Extensive travel is required the candidate should have business management/banking/ community economic development background. Excellent communication skills are a must. Knowledge of French and a Native language an asset. Relevant graduate or undergraduate degree preferred.

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Arts and Entertainment



Native culture highlights aboriginal film festival

Festival's success spawns new group

By Josie Auger Windspeaker Staff Writer

PINCHER CREEK, ALTA.

Native cultural traditions highlighted this year's Indian Summer World Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures from Sept. 20 to 24 while attracting tourism business to the small southern Alberta town of Pincher Creek.

For four days, students, the general public and fifty-five delegates from around the world experienced the Native spiritual feeling by way of pipe ceremony, powwow and closing prayer, says festival co-ordinator Robin Lawless.

"Without showing what culture there movies," said Robin. is, there wouldn't be such things as aboriginal films," said Lawless.

"If aboriginal motion picture producers didn't put part of their cultures into their films then they would be ordinary producers," he said.

Sixty-four films from Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Siberia and the United States were shown. Fifty-five delegates and over sixty others took part in workshops and panel discussions from screen-writing to Native acting.

Feature films were the most recognized in the festival, categorized under pride, humour and history.

social issues and cultural awareness.

"We were very packed with school dents were the ones who went to see the student tours," he said. documentaries.

focus on the strength of these documentaries instead of feature films.

The general public seemed to be more keen on viewing feature films like War Party, according to Lawless.

Hollywood feature films have changed their stereotypes. Thirty years ago, says Lawless, Natives were portrayed as simpletons wrapped around in blankets, with one standary movie line of "Ugh " or "How?."

Today, he says, Natives are stereotyped as radicals or drunks. In the feature film War Party the spiritual leader was also the town drunk.

"We need movies like this to show a comparison of what shouldn't be in Native

The Indian Summer Festival has become so large now that organizers plan to break away from the Pincher Creek Film Society and become a non-profit Native organization managed by the Peigan Na-

According to Lawless, the Peigan nation has tested out the economic base to bring in tourism packages for upcoming festivals.

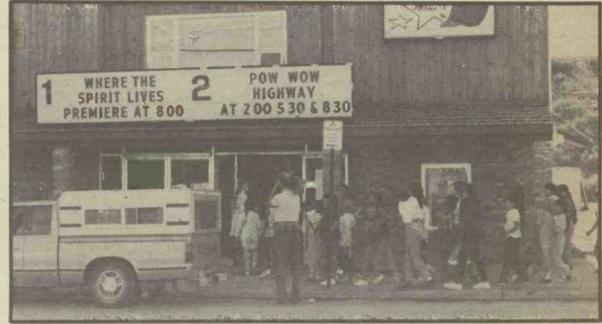
This separation between the two groups will allow the Pincher Creek Film Society to handle other film projects.

The town of Pincher Creek with a popu-The majority of the other films in- lation of 4000, welcomes the added tourcluded documentaries that focused on ism business to the town and are now very supportive of it, says Lawless.

"It brings in a fair bit of money. This tours," says Lawless and adding that stu- year the festival had a high number of



Members of the Brave Dog Society perform ceremonial dance at the opening ceremonies.



Next year Robin says we're going to how successful the event was.

Festival organizers are still tabulating The Fox Theatre in Pincher Creek as students arrive for the screening for movies.

how successful the event was.

· Alexander dancer comes home to perform

By Josie Auger Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

A standing-ovation performance is expected from a world famous professional Native dance troupe in Calgary on Oct. 10.

The American Indian Dance Theatre recently performed in New York City on Broadway and received a strong review from the New York Times.

The dance troupe has performed in such American cities as Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, San Francisco, Arizona, Colorado, Florida and New England.

They have also travelled overseas on tour to the Persian Gulf, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Algeria, Morocco, Italy, Belgium and France.

The American Indian Dance Theatre is comand the United States.

Twenty year-old dancer Lloyd Yellowbird is from the Alexander reserve and has been dancing with the group for three years.

Yellowbird, who is exceptionally talented, grassdances the powwow circuit during the summer. In 1986, he successfully auditioned for the American Indian Dance Theatre.

Yellowbird says he dances for his people back

"I do it for the people back home. I think about ancestors, struggled for us. It makes me feel good. I was never in a situation before where they were going to pay me something. I was brought up with it. It was a change, a challenge," he said.

There are 26 Native professional dancers who

prised of 26 Native dancers make up the group, three the dancers perform in two from Canada, New Mexico of whom are Canadians. lines forming a V-shape. The other two are from Saskatchewan. The remaining 23 dancers come from New Mexico and the

United States.

The group has made one Canadian stop in Guelph, Ontario during the spring of 1988. This will be the first time the group has ever perfored in western Canada.

Yellowbird is very excited about performing at home in Alberta.

"It's different! More of my people (including his mom Celina and family) will be seeing me doing what I have for the past three years. They can see how strong our shows

One of the dance scenes is taken from New Mexico and is called a gourd dance. The stage is lit in a rainbow of colors, while

All the while a soft spotlight focuses on the drummers who sing and chant towards the back of the

An offering of a flute is passed from a musician to one who is smudging himself. That represents the Native traditional way of giving from one person to the other.

Barbara Schwei, president and founder of the American Indian Dance Theatre, has taken this group of professional Native dancers around the

She has always admired the dancing and wanted the world to see it performed on stage.

The performance will be taking place in Calgary on Oct. 10 at the Centre for the Performing Arts beginning at 8 p.m.

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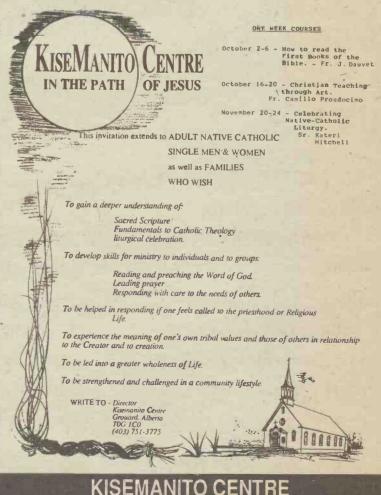
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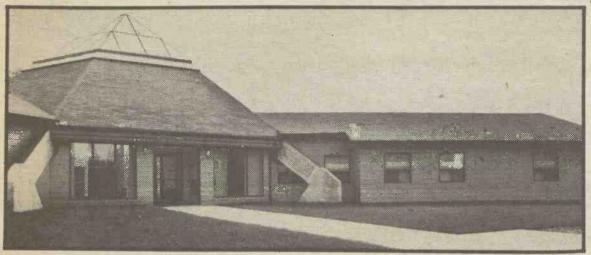
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The Mark Amy Treatment Center opened Sept. 20 in Anzac

Anzac treatment center opens

By Jeanne Lepine Windspeaker Staff Writer

ANZAC, ALTA

The tiny community of Anzac, 28 kilometres east of Fort McMurray has established a drug and alcohol abuse treatment center.

The Mark Amy Treatment Center opened Sept. 20 through the joint efforts of five northern Alberta bands — Fort McMurray, Janvier, McKay, and the Cree and Chipewyan bands. The bands have been seeking such a centre for four years.

The project was initiated to help curb the longstanding problems of drug and alcohol abuse in the area.

The 10-bed facility will be open to anyone although the primary clientele would be members of the five northern Alberta bands.

An \$818,000 grant for the center was approved by the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNA-DAP).

Although the grand opening of the centre took place on Sept 20, but the centre is not receiving clients at this time

because employees are still being hired.

It will be completely staffed by members of the community and local residents are given the opportunity to train at the center in the field of addiction counselling, says NNADAP regional consultant Rene Halfe.

The decision to build the center on the reserve was made by a panel of treaty representatives because of the close proximity to Fort McMurray, which is a central location for the five bands. The center's location will provide family and friends easy access to visit and support clients, a part of the treatment process.

The centre is named after the late Mark Amy, a private consultant that worked with the bands on the project. The panel of representatives decided on the centre's name to acknowledge their appreciation and respect for Amy.

The group felt they were fortunate to draw on Amy's expertise and efficiency in dealing with Native life, cultures and the variety of programs that could be accessed through the new facility.

The three-winged building joined by a tipi-shaped section in the middle was constructed in such a manner that would allow for future expansion.

We take this opportunity to extend Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Mark Amy Center of Anzac on the recent opening of their treatment centre

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LOCAL JURISDICTION Improvement District No. 24 (Wood Buffalo National Park), Improvement District No. 18 (N), Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given:

A: That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

one Advisory Councillor for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council - Division #10 Conklin

one Advisory Councillor for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council - Division #12 Anzac

five Advisory Councillors for the Fort McMurray Advisory Council - Division #14 Fort Chipewyan

one Fort McMurray Regional Hospital District #99 Board Member -Improvement District 18 (N)

B: That an election will be held for the election of a person for the purposes of the Senatorial Selection Act.

Voting will take place on the 16th day of October A.D. 1989, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at:

Division # 10 Conklin Contact Office

Division # 11 Janvier Contact Office

Division # 12 Anzac Community Hall & I.D. 18 (N) Office, 513-9915 Franklin

Avenue, Fort McMurray, Prov. Bldg.

Division # 13 Fort MacKay Community Hall

Division # 14 Fort Chipewyan Fire Hall - I.D. 18 (N) Sub-Office

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A Senatorial Election has never been held before in Alberta or Canada. The following information is being provided to answer some questions which you might have.

When is the Senate Election vote being held?

Alberta's Senate Election will take place on October 16 — the same day as the province-wide municipal elections. Hours of voting are 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Who can vote in the Senatorial Election?

You can vote in the Senate Election being held on October 16 if you are:

18 years of age or older;

a Canadian citizen:

a resident of Alberta for at least the last six months; and

 ordinarily live in the area where you wish to vote.

Where will I vote?

The vote for the Senate Election will be held at the same location as the municipal election being held in your area. The Returning Officer in your area will be publicizing the location of the voting stations prior to the Election.

Do I have to be enumerated? No. Enumeration is not required for the

Senatorial Election. When you go to your polling station, you will be asked to make a declaration that you are eligible to vote.

The area I live in isn't holding a municipal election. Can I still vote for a senatorial candidate?

Yes. An agreement between your area and a neighbouring area will have been reached to allow you to vote in the Senate Election. Election information will be published in your local papers — if you have not found out where to vote, contact your local Returning Officer.

Will there be separate ballots for the Senate Election?

Yes. Separate Senate ballots will be distributed by the Chief Electoral Officer to each municipality. For the City of Edmonton, the Senate ballot will be part of its automated municipal ballot.

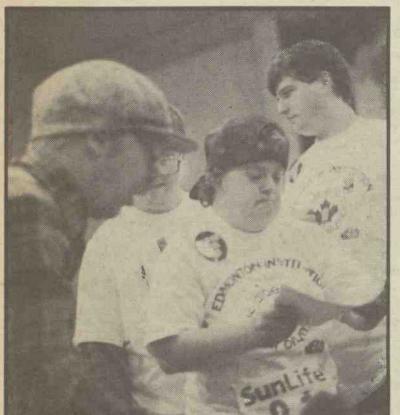
For further information, please check your newspaper for polling locations or contact your local Municipal Returning Officer.

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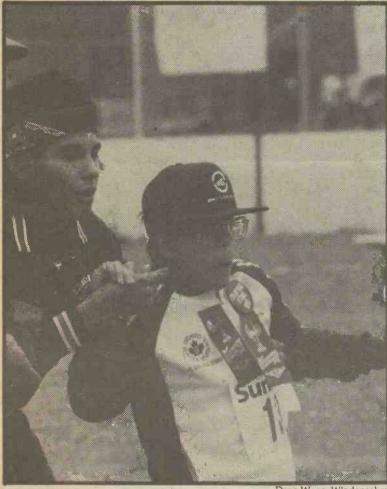
Sports

Inmates warm hearts of young disabled athletes



Dana Wagg, Windspeaker

Nicky Fordinski of City Ford thrilled athletes when he gave them buttons and signed autographs on a coloring book.



Dana Wagg, Windspeaker

Edmonton Institution inmate Clark Manybears gives his partner Darcy Cousin, 13, a hand in the bean toss event of the Special Person's Olympiad. Darcy finished third and earned a ribbon. Manybears is a member of the Blackfoot reserve.

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125 compete in sixth annual Special Olympiads

By Dana Wagg Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

For the sixth year in a row, Native inmates at Edmonton Institution have helped warm the hearts of disabled athletes.

They were among 125 inmates who participated in the Special Persons' Olympiad Sept. 30, an event sponsored by the penitentiary's Group.

Biting rain and wind cut short some of the events in late afternoon, but not before most of the 77 athletes and their 'con-brothers' completed the 21 events.

"We've always taken an interest in the Olympiad," said Willie Blake, chief of the brotherhood.

"They (the Lifers' Group) have always asked for our support and we've helped them any way we can," he said.

Participation in the Olympiad is in line with the Brotherhood's goal of developing "positive communication with the outside world, which allows us insight and preparation for when we do get out," he said.



There's more than one way to get around an obstacle as this athlete discovered with the help of a partner.

"A lot of us here haven't really been involved with kids with handicaps. This is an eye-opener for a lot of us. It's been an eye-opener for me, "he said.

"With each year the interest is growing amongst the Native population," he

"It's a day that's talked about long after the events are over. It's something everyone gears up for and really goes out and appre-

The 21 events included a bean bag toss, an obstacle race, bowling, a tire toss, shot put, tug-of-war and a team-relay race.

Natives comprise about 40 per cent of the prison population.

The Olympiad is sanctioned by Alberta Special Olympics.

Native elders Peter O'Chiese and Jean Aquash also took part in the day.

Native Counselling Services was one of this year's many sponsors.

Edmonton is the only federal penitentiary to host a Special Persons Olympiad.

Most of the prison population is involved except for those who are segregated.

Samson boxers win in local tourney

By Kim McLain Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Danny Stonewalker, trainer of the Samson Cree boxing club, was beaming with pride last week when three of his four amateur boxers won bouts in a local tournament on Oct. 1.

"They've only trained month," Stonewalker, also a pro boxer. "But they're already good," he said, proudly.

Joey Rain, a lanky 147 lb. fighter, fought twice during the tournament and in both fights, he dominated his opponents, winning unanimous decisions.

Eugene Lewis, a 105 lb. newcomer, showed promising style and talent in a fight, winning a split decision against Lethbridge's Cam Sell-

Derek Soosay, a braided 75 lb. fighter defeated 70 lb. teammate Leon Firing Stoney.

The tournament, attended by 200 people, was hosted by the city's Cougar Boxing Club at the Regency Hotel.

Stonewalker, himself, says he will be in the



(1-r) Danny Stonewalker, club secretary Lora Arnold, Joey Rain, Derek Soosay, Stan Crane and Eugene Louis.

undercard for the muchpublicized Tyson-Ruddock fight in November. But he still doesn't know who his opponent is.

He added that he might get a chance at sparring with Tyson himself.

"Someone told (Tyson's

promoter) Don King about me and Don said bring him on down, let's see what he's got," said Stonewalker.

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SENATORIAL SELECTION



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Nominated Candidates and Official Agents by Political Affiliation

Names of candidates are presented in alphabetical order together with political affiliation as that data will appear on the ballots.

Name of Candidate

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Senatorial Selection Act (Section 18)

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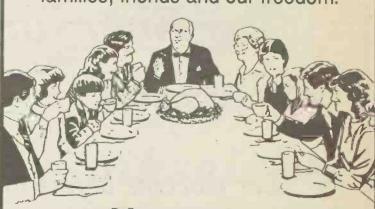
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