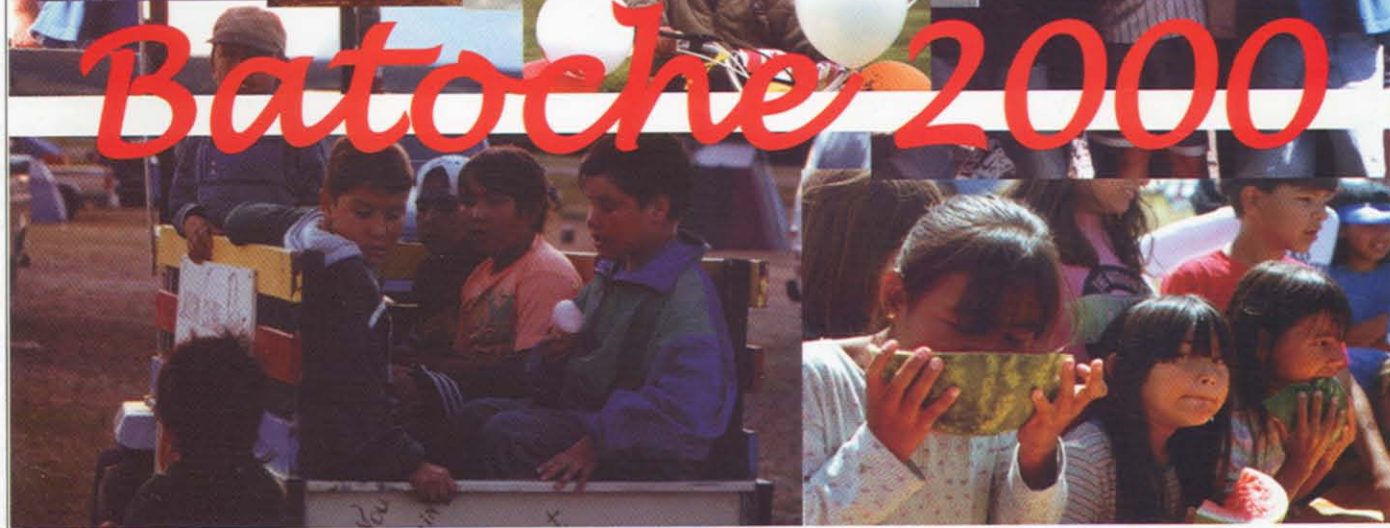


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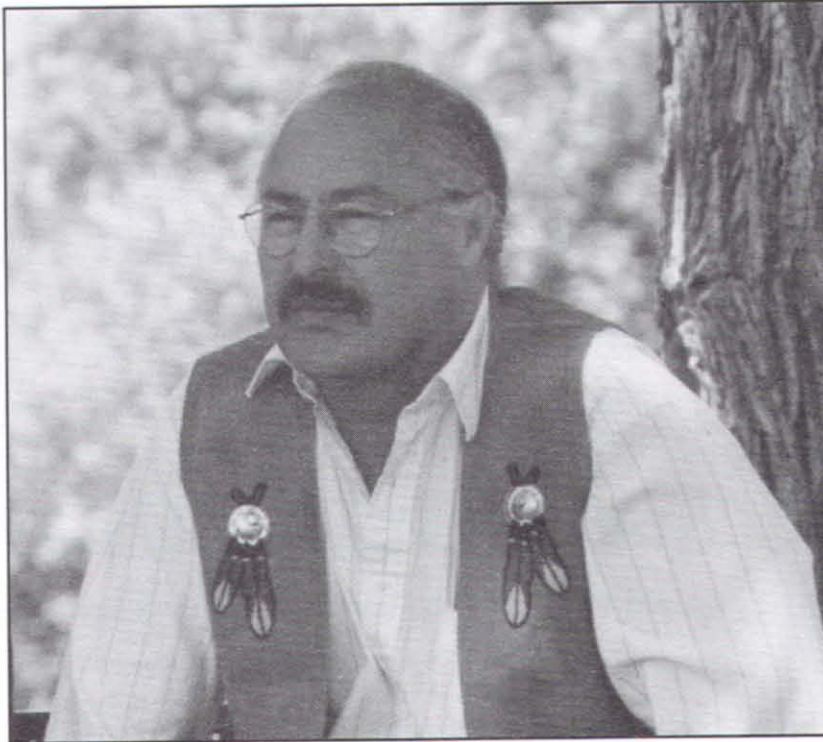
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President's Message

*A message from Clem Chartier,
President of the Metis Nation of
Saskatchewan*

There are many events in our history which we can point to with pride and dignity, and say "we shall succeed". The fact that we emerged as a distinct Aboriginal people on the soil of northwest North America is a success story in itself. Nowhere else on this planet has such a phenomenon occurred. We have our own distinct identity, our own history, our own language, our own social, cultural and political beliefs and institutions, our own traditional territory, and our own sense of solidarity as a nation of people.



We have fought battles, defended our homes and our lives. We have organized massive buffalo hunts, guided by laws which were followed by all. We have plied the waters along the fur trade routes that have interconnected the vast majority of our homeland. We have utilized the natural resources both north and south of the Canada/United States border. Our people knew no boundaries, and lived the life born of the land. Today we continue to strive for the economic, social, cultural, political and civil rights which belong to us as a nation of people, the Métis Nation. We have a right of self-determination, and a determination to achieve that right.

This year's Back to Batoche is a special occasion. The week-long celebrations and commemoration ceremony offer us an excellent opportunity to showcase our culture and share in the activities which have been planned for us. This is a special time where we can renew old acquaintances, meet new friends, exchange ideas, tell stories, share a campfire and generally feel good for ourselves and our nation.

We again also have an opportunity to re-invigorate our struggle by participating in the march to the mass gravesite, lead by our Senators, Elders and Veterans, where we will pay tribute to the Metis and Indian

allies who stood up and fought for their rights, our rights. This is a moment we should make every effort to participate in. We not only owe it to these great warriors, we owe it to ourselves, our children and future generations.

This yearly gathering at Batoche affords us the opportunity for building stronger bonds between our people from various parts of our homeland. Over the seven day period of Batoche 2000 let us take advantage of that opportunity, leaving for our respective homes with a sense of solidarity and commitment which will assist us in securing our right of self-determination and our rightful place within Canada.



Greetings from

Gerald Morin, President, Métis National Council

On behalf of the Métis National Council, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the participants of the 30th Anniversary of the Back to Batoche, 2000 celebrations.

This year, the 30th Anniversary of Back to Batoche is significant because Métis culture and traditions are alive and well in the new millennium.

The historic signing of the Batoche Protocol between the Métis Nation and Minister Ralph Goodale, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, on July 24, 2000, will signal an understanding between the Métis and the Government of Canada in the development of a partnership and a stronger commitment by both parties of working together to achieve the goals and aspirations of the Métis Nation.

I wish you all the best in the coming days, and hope you will all enjoy the celebration of our beautiful Métis culture.

In respect of Métis tradition and culture,

Gerald Morin
President, Métis National Council



Tawnsi kiyawow,

Gerald Morin, li Prizidawn di conseil la nawsyoon dee Michif.

Ni peekishkwan pour li conseil di la Nawsyoon dee Michif chi weestamatehk aen miyeustamawn aen petakoushchiniyek pour la trawntieme anniversaire keehtwawm a Batoche aen pes mookikistayawk dawn l'annee deu mil.

Ouma stannee la trawntieme anniversaire di Batoche nawache ka shoohkawn akooz tawnsi lee Michif kah kee shi mookikistawchik kawyash meena kah kee shi pimawatishihk meena kee mishkopitenawn pour l'annee di deu mil awns.

Ka l'isineewak lagrimawn Batoche Protocol li tawn'd kayawsh awntor la Nawsyoon dee Michif akwa li Ministr Ralph Goodale Federal Interlocutor pour lee Michif akwa lee shavaezh kawya li tretee ka kee oushistachik, li vaentkaet di zhooyet, due mil awns, mawshkoot ka nishoutawkwun awntor lee Michif pi li Gouvarnimaw di Canada chi atoushkaychik awnsawmbl comme aen nasasyee. Saprawn kaw-atoushkawtamihk kaykwuy awntor lee deu nawsyoon keeshpin la nawsyoon di Michif chi shoohkawk.

Ji vos soite li boon tawn chi ayahyek pi chi meuwawtamek pi mookikistawtauw parmee not Michif inawn a Batoche.

Avec li rispek di la vyay fagoon dee viyeu Michif di li tawnt kayawsh.

Gerald Morin
Li Prizidawn di counsiel la Nawsyoon dee Michif.

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Message
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May I congratulate those many individuals who worked tirelessly throughout the past year to make the "Back to Batoche 2000" celebrations the special experience it is.

As a life long resident of Saskatchewan, I am well aware of the importance Métis from across the homeland place on this annual event. In addition to being a grand cultural celebration, the gathering at Batoche which provides a perfect opportunity for Métis, and non-Métis alike, to renew old acquaintances in a wonderfully positive environment.

Métis have contributed their language and unique history to our great country. The vibrant Métis culture and traditions add significantly to the Canadian tapestry, and live on today in communities across the west and at events such as the Back to Batoche celebrations.

I have experienced first hand the warmth, friendliness and pride this event, and this locale, create. To all those in the Métis Community, please accept my best wishes for another successful celebration this year, and I anxiously look forward to joining you in this year's festivities.

Ralph Goodale
Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians

Canada

George Lariviere Métis Elder

STORY AND PHOTO BY CLEM CHARTIER

George Lariviere of Beauval, Saskatchewan has seen many years and lived a way of life in the forests and on the lakes of northwest Saskatchewan as a traditional resource user. George who is now in his 91th year, has trapped, hunted and fished all of his life and says he will continue to do so as long as his health holds up.

George has 8 children, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He speaks Michif, Cree, English and French. George was raised by his grandparents at Sagamiak, a traditional Métis community about 3 miles up the river from Beauval. Both of his grandparents died a day apart when George was very young. As a result of this he was taken in by the priests at the Beauval Indian Residential School. George remembers going to school 3 days a week, and working for the school the rest of the week at their sawmill, as well as in the bakery and laundry room. According to George, he had to work in order to pay for his education. This went on for 8 years.

In 1944, George went to Arsenault Lake to test the lake for fish, to see if it was commercially viable to fish there. He had been commissioned by a man named Erickson to undertake that expedition. As there was no established trail or road from Canoe Lake to Arsenault Lake, George had to blaze a trail which could accommodate a team of horses. Once at the lake, George set a few nets, and got 55 whitefish the next morning. Based on this test, it was decided that it was economically viable to commercially fish Arsenault Lake. George, along with several other men returned that year to fish for Erickson. The



following year, George was outfitted by Erickson and fished for himself. George continued to fish at Arsenault for the following years, also fishing there in the summer, using 6 nets and a canoe.

While fishing in the winters at Arsenault, George also had a trapline. Having determined that fishing was good there, George had built a cabin from which he did his fishing and trapping. In addition, to commercial fishing, George also used that lake for domestic fishing (for food) as well as hunting. At that time, only persons who had a cabin at Arsenault were given licences to fish. The quota on that lake was 7000 pounds per fisherman. With 2 of his sons, George was able to fish 21,000 pounds, generally getting .5 cents a pound. While George paid his hired help \$800, after expenses, he was still able to clear about \$1,000 which in those days was good money.

Beginning in 1954, with the creation of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range in northwest

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YVON DUMONT APPOINTED TO BOARD OF ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION

Ottawa (July 7, 2000) - - - The Metis National Council is pleased to announce that its appointment of Yvon W. Dumont to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation has been ratified. Mr. Dumont, former 21st Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, is a prominent Metis who is known for his ability in bringing Metis issues to the forefront.

"Mr. Dumont is highly respected within the Metis Nation. His credentials are outstanding", said Gerald Morin, President of the Metis National Council. "By nominating Mr. Dumont we are strengthening the ability of the Metis Nation to be effectively represented on the Aboriginal Healing Foundation."

"In addition to being Manitoba's 21st Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Dumont has been



awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Manitoba. He is a past recipient of the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in the Public Service Category". Mr. Morin went on to say, "Mr. Dumont has also served as president of both the Metis National Council and the Manitoba Metis Federation. He was appointed the 1st Chief Executive Officer of the Louis Riel Institute and as the Governor of the Metis Nation."

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation was created as the cornerstone of *Gathering Strength - Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan* in 1998. The non-profit organization was provided a one-time grant of \$350 million to address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse experienced in the Residential School System, including intergenerational impacts on Aboriginal people.

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Saskatchewan and northeast Alberta, Arsenault Lake became off limits to George and other fisherman, trappers and hunters. They were told that they could no longer go into the area taken for the Range, and if they did, they would get shot. At that point, George moved his family to Dore Lake where he fished for quite a number of years.

George recalls that he received some compensation, totalling about \$2,000, but cannot recall signing anything when he received the money. He recalls that they were told they would get further payments, but that they never did. George feels that they should have received better compensation, because what they did get was nowhere near what they lost. According to George, this displacement from the Air Weapons Range created a real hardship for himself and other Métis families.

I made my living from fishing in the lake in the Air Weapons Range for lots of years. I trapped up there too. When they told us we couldn't go there anymore, I lost my good place to make my living for my family. After they wouldn't let us go up there anymore, times around here were real hard. At that time, all the Métis people around here fished and trapped. There was no other way to make a living. There just wasn't anything else. I don't know just how anyone could manage at that time if they didn't go fishing and trapping.

George continues to be an active member of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Negotiating Committee which since 1995 has been attempting to secure a fair and just compensation package for the Métis who were displaced when the Range was established in 1954.

Metis Mother of the Year:

By MARYANN GAGNON

The Western Region 1A hosted the first Metis Mother of the Year banquet in May 1998. The intent was to honour our Metis Mothers within Western Region 1A. The staff worked together to organize and host the special occasion. Often we are so busy with our daily work schedules and other commitments we seem to forget about our families who play an important role in our lives. It was time that we took a few hours out of our busy schedules to plan and organize a special event such as the Metis Mother of the Year. The objective of the event is to give recognition to our Metis Mothers for their dedication and hard work they devoted to us as their children, to provide us with love, teachings and nurturing to be successful citizens in our communities.

Millennium 2000 Metis Mother of the Year

This year's theme was Millennium 2000 Metis Mother of the Year. Once again the staff and local Metis volunteers organized the special annual event. The staff provided our Metis Mothers, families and guests with a hot full course meal. Important dignitaries were in attendance for the special event. Dignitaries such as our National President, Gerald Morin, our President, Clem Chartier and our Regional



Area Director, Ralph Kennedy. Special guests included staff of the regions' Department of Social Services, Senator Hap Boyer, President of the Metis Youth Council, Trevor Kennedy, President of the Metis Women of Saskatchewan, Maryann Gagnon, Executive Director of the Battlefords

Indian Metis Friendship Centre and other special guests. We also had entertainment provid-



ed by our well known fiddle player, Hap Boyer and band. Other entertainment included story telling, poem readings and other local talent from the crowd.

Millennium 2000 Metis Mother of the Year Awards

During the months of April and May, the staff once again put out a call for Metis Mother of the Year nominations. There were five Metis Mothers nominated for the Millennium 2000 Metis Mother of the Year. The nominees were Mrs. Irene Landrie, Mrs. Helen Trotchie, Ms. Alice Kennedy, Mrs. Rose Barthell and Mrs. Christine Laplante.

Irene Landrie is a mother of nine children. As her daughter tells us, her mother was a very resourceful and hard worker. She practically raised her children alone as her husband was away working most of the time. Mrs. Landrie did the work needed to provide her children with clean clothes, hunted for food and chopped wood to keep the house warm. As Mrs. Landrie's daughter stated, her mother did all of this and lived a hard life and not once complained.

Helen Trotchie is married and a mother of five children and a grandmother of five. Mrs. Trotchie's daughter stated that her mother is her best friend, as well, she has the mom that

Western Region 1A Celebrates

other young girls wish for. Mrs. Trotchie has a few philosophies that she lives by, "Live and let live", "Don't be cruel to be kind, just be kind", "Love thy neighbour, don't judge them". A very strong-willed mother.

Alice Kennedy is a mother of four adult girls. Alice is a very caring and understanding mother and is there for her children. She not only is very understanding and caring for her children, she also is there for those who wish to ask for her assistance with other issues. All her attributes are utilized through her work at a women's shelter. She is a friend to all and is a very beautiful, loving individual.

Rose Barthell is a mother of two children, a son and a daughter. Mrs. Barthell was nominated by a niece who thinks of her as a mother. Mrs. Barthell shares herself with others and offers valuable teachings to anyone interested. As her niece stated, Rose has a lot of love to give and has helped her families raise their children. Mrs. Barthell today is still involved with her community by offering her assistance in any way.

Christine Laplante is a very young at heart Metis Mother. Christine participates in all her family's special events and functions. Christine supports her family with the cultural activities that are important in their lives. Christine has a gift of providing valuable teachings to accept life and death. She is always there when you need her for support. Christine is a very caring and loving mother.

Events of the Evening

The evening commenced at 6:00 p.m. Margaret Ruda served as the Master of Ceremonies. Margaret welcomed the Metis Mothers, families and special guests. An Elder from the floor was asked to provide a prayer for the meal that was about to be served. The staff donated the food and preparation for the hot meal for the event. We were fortunate to have some of our youth available to serve the Elders and guests a plate of food and refreshments.

Ralph Kennedy, Regional Director introduced the special guests in attendance and asked that these guests address the Metis Mothers with a

small presentation. Special guests included Mr. Gerald Morin, National President; Mr. Clem Chartier, President, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, Sharon Brokop, Department of Social Services, Mr. Ray Fox, Battlefords Friendship Centre, MaryAnn Gagnon, President, Metis Women of Saskatchewan.

Margaret Ruda introduced last years' nominated Metis Mother of the Year. There were six mothers nominated last year. Margaret went on to introduce the five nominated Metis Mother for the Millennium 2000 Metis Mother of the year awards. The nominees were asked to read their nominations for the guests. The atmosphere became emotional and very tearful as the nominees read their nominations. The committee found it very difficult to choose a Metis Mother of the Year.

Mrs. Irene Landrie was awarded the Millennium 2000 Metis Mother of the Year. Mrs. Landrie received a beautiful framed award and a small gift basket and a king size quilt. The quilt was donated by the Western Region 1A Metis Women. The four other Metis Mothers received a small plaque and a gift basket as well.

The evening continued with entertainment provided by Senator Hap Boyer and his band. Our guests enjoyed some good old time fiddling music and at times some of the guests had the courage to get up on the floor to show their jigging talents. The evening ended with a dessert of cake and strawberries. It was once again another successful event.



Albert (Hap) Boyer Appointed To Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate

BY MARYANN GAGNON

Western Region IA, has recently appointed Albert (Hap) Boyer as their Region's Senator.

Albert Boyer, better known as "Hap" to all his friends, received his first fiddle at the age of 7 and began entertaining at the age of 14. His grandfather was a fiddler and a jigger. Hap's dad also played the fiddle. Hap played for school dances in the hills around Cochin in the 1940's. In 1951 he joined the army. Wherever Hap was stationed, he entertained people with his fiddling. In Korea he started a band and one of his officers decided the band needed a name. He had a stand made out of painted wooden beer boxes and painted the name "Hap Boyer's Homesteaders" on it. The name stuck.

Hap has composed several numbers: Missing Bell of Batoche Jig, Rabbit Stew Jig, Rolling Hills Waltz (because he grew up around Cochin), Metis Lovers Waltz, Bush Rabbit Hop, Big Bud in 3/4 time and Big Muskeg schottische (for his grandfather who ran a half-way house for early settlers by the Big Muskeg near Meadow Lake). Music sheets are available for all of these numbers.

Hap has entertained in Japan, Germany and

Cyprus. He spent a year in New Brunswick where he also fiddled. In 1995 Hap went to Europe with the Army. While there he was given a 15 minute show on Monday nights over CAE Radio Europe. After 21 years in the Army, Hap retired and continued with his fiddling. Some of the places he has entertained are: Big Valley Jamboree (fiddle accompanist to Winston Wuttunee) James Bay, Fort George



Village in Northern Quebec Guest Artist at Norman Wells, NWT Gold Range Hotel, Yellowknife, NWT Back to Batoche Events Ray St. Germaine and his Dance Band in 1998 Harvest House, Spiritwood Echo Valley Jamboree Guest Artist at Metis Assembly, Hay River, NWT Numerous Hotel / Motels across Canada

Hap has also been a feature fiddle player for BBS - CKCK, CCC-TV and CKOS -TV. These were for the Bob Rock Production "Bell of Batoche" video teleplay, which was produced in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in the spring of 1996. Hap also plays locally at many functions including Metis Assemblies, Parades / Floats, Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. As well, he has judged at many fiddling contests including the Govan Fiddle Festival and Saskatchewan Championships. He has helped to organize some fiddling contests in Glaslyn, North Battleford and Meadow Lake. He is involved in the promotion of fiddling.

In memoriam

Senator Rose Alvina Ledoux was born on January 1, 1939 at Crescent Lake (Tokyo) Saskatchewan; a daughter of Louis Flamont and Sarah (nee DeCouteau). Rose was raised in the Crescent Lake district, attended the Tokyo Crescent Lake School in her younger years, finishing her schooling at Yorkton. She later finished her education with the



singing voice. She greatly enjoyed the company of her family and many friends, and she loved reading the Bible each evening before bed.

Predeceased by her parents, two brothers in infancy, two sets of twins, brothers Alex Boyer, Gilbert Lafontaine,, Lawrence Flamont, Peter Lafontaine and sisters Marie Flamont and Elizabeth Pelletier-

Senator Rose Ledoux

Gabriel Dumont Training and Employment Course at the Metis Hall in Yorkton, graduating in 1989. Rose grew up in the surrounding Saskatchewan district. Rose met and married her husband Maurice (Frederick) Ledoux on May 17, 1958. Rose raised her family of eight children and in later years adopted two of her grandchildren and raised them as her own, Lee and Joleen Ledoux. Rose has resided in Theodore since March of this year.

She was involved with many organizations: Metis Nation; Native Women; Senator for the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan; and the RCMP Aboriginal Advisory Commission of Saskatchewan. Known to many as Senator Rose Ledoux and Aunty Vina, she was an outgoing, friendly individual who went out of her way to help others. She enjoyed a good game of cards, the board game 'Wahoo' with her nephew and niece, Myles and Debbie. The Lord blessed her with a lovely smile and a beautiful

Hydamacka.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Maurice, eight children, Terry (Lorna) of Saskatoon, Diane (Rick) Romanchych of Langley BC, Belinda Gerbrandt of Regina, Quinton Ledoux of Lethbridge AB, Janice Amyotte of Toronto ON, Rhonda (Barry) Wright of Cranbrook, BC Maureen (Bruce) Tourand of Saskatoon and Kevin Ledoux of Yorkton; 23 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; brothers Wilfred Flamont of Yorkton, John (Lucy) Lafontaine of Yorkton, Norman Lafontaine of Regina, sisters Isabelle Pelletier of Yorkton, Sarah Desjarlais of Burstall, Saskatchewan, Mary Strulow of Nanoose BC and Violet Flamont of Melville, numerous nieces and nephews and her many other relatives and friends.

We will miss her dearly.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR LEDOUX BY SENATOR NORA RITCHIE

Senator Rose Ledoux was sworn into the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Senate on December 03, 1993.

Senator Ledoux told me how she felt it was a great honour to be chosen by the Metis people to represent them. She was successful in fulfilling her role by representing the Metis people with honesty, dignity and professionalism.

Our Senate members will miss her, but they will take comfort in knowing that she will be with us in spirit. They will miss her wisdom and her ability to make fair decisions.

Senator Ledoux, Senator Boucher and myself sat together on Senate committees. Senator Ledoux would always like to call us the "Three Metis Musketeers".

Senator Rose Ledoux was accepted and sat on the R.C.M.P. Commanding Officer's Aboriginal Elder/Senators Advisory Committee for four years. Rose would always relate to the R.C.M.P. members as "our guys" and held them in high respect. They felt the same respect for her.

At one of our meetings, Clayton, a member of the

R.C.M.P. was telling the C.E.O. that the committee was like a family. After the meeting, Rose said to me, "I'm so proud of my new family!"

We as Advisory members will miss Senator Ledoux for her wisdom, understanding and wonderful sense of humour that she would bring with her to the meetings.

Senator Ledoux attended our latest Senate meeting in Prince Albert on April 26 & 27, 2000. I know that our Senators will never forget this meeting.

Senator Marie Chaboyer, Rose and myself went to a bingo. We had a great time. She was telling us jokes and we had a lot of laughs.

After the bingo Senator Ledoux, Senator Boucher and myself went out for Chinese food. Rose was telling us jokes and we were all laughing and enjoying ourselves.

Senator Joe Perrault and I were the last Senators to say our good-byes to Rose before we left for home.

When I called our Senators to tell them about Rose, they couldn't believe it. She was so happy and in good spirits, they were greatly saddened.

On behalf of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Senators and the R.C.M.P. Advisory members, we send our deepest sympathies to the family of Senator Rose Ledoux.

As well, I have been asked by the Honourable Senator Thelma Chalifoux from the Senate of Canada to extend her condolences to the family members of Senator Ledoux.

I know that the good Lord will waste no time in appointing Senator Ledoux to a committee in heaven where she will continue her work for all Metis people.

I would like to say to her children and grandchildren that she loved each and every one of you deeply. She was so proud of you all.

Rose was not only my fellow Senator, she was my friend. We would talk on the phone to each other and we would share so many laughs about the things that happened in our younger days when we were growing up.

I will miss her jokes, her friendship and her wisdom. I won't say good-bye my chum, because I know we will meet again one day.

Buffalo Narrows: *Yahoo Fishing Derby!*

By Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Churchill Lake was spotted with boats on the first of July. As you approached a lucky few, they would hold up their catch and shout Yahoo! Flags flew from point to point at the mouth of Little Peter Pond Lake, at Pat's Bay, across to McKay Island and the airport to mark the fishing territory for the first annual Yahoo! fishing derby at Buffalo Narrows. More than a hundred adults and thirty-nine youth registered to try their hand at catching the largest fish in the Derby. A majority of businesses from this northern community of Buffalo Narrows sponsored the Canada Day celebration, to provide a fun family event in the beautiful outdoors. Derby organizers, Isadore Desjarlais,

Bev Laliberte, Peggy Hanson and Philip Chartier, sought for a get together for community to celebrate the lakes, the community, the people, the families, the children and the country that is so rich in culture, history and resources. Grand Chief Marshall Jules Petit and Official Weigher Brian Morin declared the winner of the biggest northern pike (Darren Woods), the biggest walleye (Lisa Desjarlais), the biggest perch (Matthew Seright) and the most fish (Aaron Shatilla). It was a great day for all participants. The business community of Buffalo Narrows invites all readers to visit and rest in the area and to find a reason to share in the community and its beauty. We look forward to your visit and your participation in the next Yahoo! fishing derby.



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Research Team Visits North

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Tansi! As undergraduate Native Studies students and the newest members of the MatriX (Métis Aboriginal Title Research Initiative - X) Group, we would like to share some of our experiences over the past month as student researchers.

Earlier this spring eight members of the research team: Frank Tough, Anna Ryding, Chris Andersen, Wendy Aasen, Kevin MacLennan, Brenda MacDougall and ourselves, along with two professors from Fiji: Mita Durutalo (University of South Pacific) and Litiana Kuridrani (Fiji School of Medicine); were fortunate enough to visit the communities of Northwestern

Saskatchewan. This trip allowed our group and especially the two of us, to better appreciate the work that we are doing. The meetings in Isle a la Crosse and La Loche gave us the opportunity to see places we only knew from maps and to meet with the people at the heart of the project.

Our trip began the morning of June 1st. Departing from Edmonton, we reached our destination of Buffalo Narrows nine hours later. At the end of our lengthy drive the serenity and hospitality of the Waterfront Inn was greatly appreciated.

After a good nights rest, we set out for Isle a la Crosse. Here we were able to introduce ourselves and update the community on our research objective and progress.

At the Isle a la Crosse Recreation Center, we received a warm welcome from community members, including students from the Isle a la Crosse High School, and members of the Claims Committee. Lunch and refreshments were provided following the opening prayer and comments from Allan Morin, Philip Chartier, Don Favel, Clem Chartier, Douglas Kovatch and Frank Tough.

The presentations at the June 2nd meeting were comprised of comments from members of the Land Claims Committee, the legal representation, the community and the research group.

From the MatriX side, the presentations briefly summarized the progress made thus far in our Scrip research. Anna



and Brenda gave an overview of the scrip applications database, which included the names of some 600 Metis. Kevin gave a visual presentation of the scrip process (a university course project that he worked on with Clayton Leonard). This presentation covered all aspects of the paper trail (from application to the patent for title). Irregularities in signatures were found by Kevin and could easily be displayed.

A display table was set up with various data bases for people to search through and see records relating to their family history. After the presentations, a number of community members indicated to the researchers that they now felt they knew more about scrip.

Mita also addressed the meeting and explained how the Indigenous people of Fiji had held onto 87 percent of the land.

With the reports of the



progress made to date, the discussion shifted to the future of the research project, grants applied for and the claim itself. The floor was then opened for a question and answer period. Overall, this meeting was beneficial to the Matrix group because it helped to identify community concerns and clarify the long-term research goals of the claim.

With the meeting adjourned, members of the group were invited to participate in a

sweat, treated to a hearty supper, and a meeting with the Claims Committee for the following morning was arranged.

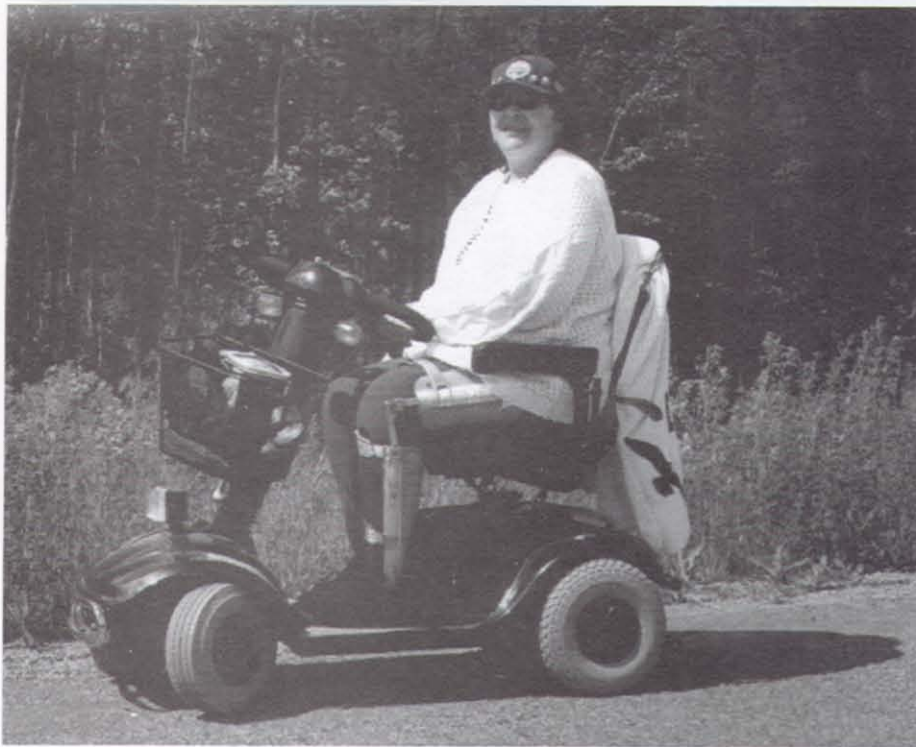
At the Saturday morning planning meeting in Buffalo Narrows, the Claims Committee and the researchers considered other sources of funding for the community research. Wendy's experience with impact assessment and land use studies was valuable for planning the local training program, and the collection of information.

Our visit did not consist just of presentations and meetings. Philip Chartier took the group boating on Peter Pond Lake and Niska Lake. The Fijians were able to encounter and taste the mighty Jackfish for the first time. However, the Fijians were not the only ones enjoying new experiences; many members of our group

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Scoot for Loot :



BY YVONNE VIZINA
AND KATHY HODGSON-SMITH

The beginning of things remains the heart of the matter. The idea to *Scoot for Loot* blossomed because a father taught a daughter by example the value of giving, of being kind and generous to others. Zena McKay remembered those examples when she saw ageing members of her community, including her own elderly grandmother, have to move to other communities in

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Jackfish and
b a n n o c k

cooked over an open fire. After dinner we sat around the campfire, roasting marshmallows, talking and enjoying the company of our hosts.

The following morning, before heading home, we drove up and took a tour of La Loche and surrounding areas. On the way back we made a too-short stop at the incredible Nine-Mile Beach. The beautiful weather and white sands made it hard for us to leave. But a long journey lay ahead and it was time for us to say goodbye. After Clem and Kathy



Photo credit Frank Tough

participated in the preparation of our meal of fried stocked our van with provisions we were on our way.

It was a memorable trip and just the beginning of a hectic month to come. Only a few days later we all were on our way to Ottawa to continue our research at the National Archives. The timing of our trip up north could not have been better for it brought to our attention the importance of working with people and communities, as opposed to working solely with paperwork and computers. Often, in the course of doing research you forget that you are dealing with the lives and experiences of real people, instead you get caught up in the organization of dates and facts. Consequently while in Ottawa it was fresh in our minds who the work was for and the importance of our initiative.

In Memory of Remi "Deets" Murray

order to receive extended medical care.

Buffalo Narrows is Zena's home community, and for people with special medical needs there are a number of challenges. Although a young woman, Zena suffers from Multiple Sclerosis-like symptoms which impair her physical mobility. Using a scooter for transportation is one of those challenges. For example, it is difficult to visit friends at their homes, or to access many services in the community simply because there are no ramp accesses. While most people take their ability to walk, run or drive a vehicle for granted, Zena is constantly reminded that in Northern Saskatchewan there are places she can't go, and things she can't do.

Zena has been able to maintain a life in Buffalo Narrows, in spite of her disability, because of her determination, and with help from her community. Other people have not been so fortunate. Zena's sympathy for her elders who could no longer stay in Buffalo Narrows in their twilight years was constantly on her mind. It didn't seem right, or fair, that these elders had to move to a strange place, to be cared for by strange people, simply because her community didn't have a facility for them. Surely there was something



that she could do about it. So, Zena and her scooter took on a new challenge.

'The community had helped me out with on-going medical expenses', Zena acknowledges with gratitude. 'I decided it was time to pay back Buffalo Narrows and my dad' for their kindnesses. So, Zena put together a fund-raising plan, and with the blessing of the local priest, Father John, began a journey from Buffalo Narrows to Meadow Lake...by scooter. The plan was simple - raise awareness for people with disabilities, raise awareness for the need for an extended care home in Buffalo Narrows, and raise a lot of money.

Because of the obvious hazards of driving a scooter alone on a well-used logging truck route, others soon joined Zena's journey. With a packed van, some good country tunes,

and a lot of hope, Jane Murray, Eileen Seright, Jules Petit, Cecile Shatilla, and Alice Chartier took up the challenge also. As news spread of this event, media coverage began in earnest. Radio stations from North Battleford, La Ronge, and Meadow Lake came to talk to Zena. The Meadow Lake Progress published a newspaper article covering the event, and an interview was done with another reporter from NE Saskatchewan. The 'Scoot for Loot' was exceeding Zena's wildest expectations.

In support of Zena's journey and the issues at hand, the town of Buffalo Narrows donated property suitable for a Level 3 and 4 care facility which could accommodate both elders and disabled people. Mayor Raymond Laliberte and the Councillors did not

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Saskatoon Metis Cultural Spring Festival

It was June 17, 2000 and I woke up to a beautiful sunny day. It was a day that I and many others were looking forward to as it was the first day of our second annual Metis Cultural Spring Fest here in the city of Saskatoon.

First on the agenda was a pancake breakfast in Friendship Park with the public joining in. We had lots volunteer help and our thanks to all who joined in to give us a hand. A very special commendation goes out to Emily Zaritsky who worked especially hard in making this event the success it was.

Then came the opening ceremonies. The opening prayer was given by Senator Nora Ritchie and was followed by a message from our Provincial President, Clem Chartier. It was an honour and a joy to have him join us for our two day event. He also took pictures of the different activities throughout the weekend. Thanks, Mr. Chartier. Our role model, Dwayne Roth (Trudeau), came on stage with his message. He is a very special young man with lots to offer to our Metis Nation's people.



Then it was on to the activities for the weekend. The young people and the Elders amazed the crowd with their fancy stepping of the Red River Jig. Some of our jiggers were Randy Strongarm, Alvin Strongarm, Lorna Black and Leonard McCallum in the senior category. We also had one of our Elders, Eva Morin, who did her version of the Red River Jig. Great Stuff!

The children that did their version of the jig were Chantelle Bouvier, Logan Umperville, Shila Bouvier and April Soto. Each child waked away with a prize.

We had a fish pond and bag races for the children. Here again, each child that participated in these events was presented with a prize.

Next up was the Cultural Show, backed up by the "League of Nations" and "Driftwood". Both bands were on hand to spell each other off throughout the weekend. We also

had soloists Vicky Polsfut, Flo McKay and Mel Vandale along with band members do numbers to entertain the crowd.

A cabaret was held for the adults on Saturday, June 17, 2000. Thanks to Jim Caron who was responsible for coordinating this

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Battle River Metis Development Corporation would like to extend congratulations to the following students who received the BRMDC Scholarship for \$1000 each. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

Jason BelRose – Grade 12 (John Paul II Collegiate)
Leslie Pruden – Grade 12 (North Battleford Comprehensive High School)



event. He did a tremendous job. Thanks a heap Jim!

On Sunday, June 18, 2000, the park again reverberated with the sounds of laughter, music, stomping of feet and clapping of hands. This was a day of crowd participation. We had many entertainers on hand to entertain the crowd. There again were the Red River Jiggers, fiddle playing and vocalists. The band "Winchester" came in to help fill in for an hour or so, which we appreciated so very much. Great job boys. It was a joy to have you and you were enjoyed by all.



One of the highlights of the festival on Sunday was the arrival of our "Metis Elvis Impersonator". Thank you, thank you, very much! We have booked you for next years' festival and we look forward to seeing you there once again. You were just great Henry (Elvis) and it was our pleasure to have you join us.

There also was a spike driving contest. Michelle Skipper took care of this event and she did a wonderful job. She too worked hard as a volunteer and our thanks goes out to her. There was an appreciation presentation given out to Flo McKay on behalf of the Board of Directors. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. She then presented two novelty fiddles to two of her favorite fiddler players, Len Dumont and Mel Vandale. She then thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see everyone back next year. A special thank you to Myrna Vandale who helped out on a lot of

the events. And last, but not least, a big thank you goes to the Western Region IIA Métis Women who ran the concession stand, a service that definitely made the Springfest the success that it was. Our third Annual Metis Cultural Spring Festival will take place on the second weekend of June 2001. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Thanks to all our sponsors who helped make this event possible. I would like to end this article with a quote from a friend of

mine who told it to me many years ago throughout my trials and tribulations in life. And it goes like this:

*Don't walk in front of me
I may not follow
Don't walk behind me
I may not lead
But take my hand and walk
beside me
And together we'll make it!*

Yours in unity, Flo McKay

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BY KEITH HENRY

Metis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan Incorporated (METSI) is the training and employment arm of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. The services provided by METSI range from individual sponsorship to provincial and regional employment and training initiatives and programming. The Metis community is provided these opportunities and services through regional offices. The province is separated into twelve regions with offices in: Buffalo Narrows, Beauval, La Ronge, Cumberland House, Prince Albert, Meadow Lake, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Regina, Archerwill, Yorkton, and Fort Qu'Appelle.

Each office decides on their regional needs and evaluates student applications for funding.

METSI is represented by a provincial Board of Directors which dedicates time and energy to creating and enforcing policies and procedures. The work these representatives undertake drives the training and employment initiatives for the entire province. All twelve regions are represented by a board member. The board is also appointed with a Minister and Associate Minister.

The Board has evolved over the years and METSI is developing into an organization the Nation can admire. The Board continually reevaluates its goals and objectives,



METSI in partnership with HRDC is mandated to deliver labour market programming

overseeing operations and providing services to the regions each board member represents. The Board also continues to resource efficient staff to meet the demands and competence levels the office will require to ensure success.

METSI is continually progressing to meet the training and employment needs for the Metis Nation. The Board has adopted a systematic self-evaluation process where a proactive approach to policy development has continued to develop the Board and the organization. The efforts of the Board will continue to drive this process and consequently the organization will gain strength.

METSI relies on the governance and authority of their Board. The Board will continue to shape this organization and assist their citizens and regions to grow in this demanding labour market in Saskatchewan.

The Board of Directors currently includes the following individuals:

- Philip Chartier – Minister
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North Battleford

SUNTEP Graduation: On A Day Like Today The Whole World Could Change

By Kurtis Hamel

SUNTEP (Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program), a program offered in affiliation with the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina, recently celebrated their millennium graduation.

The graduation ceremony was held on May 26, 2000 in Prince Albert. The evening began with an introduction of the graduates, followed by a sit-down supper. The ceremonies began with greetings from many organizations, including the Gabriel Dumont Institute, The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan, to name a few.

Keeping with tradition, the SUNTEP faculty, infamously known as "SUNTEP Unhinged" preformed a musical "farewell" to the graduates. This amusing "entertainment" is a standard at all SUNTEP gatherings and made for an entertaining evening.

A highlight of the evening included the presentations of the Third Annual SUNTEP "Sharing the Warmth" Award. The award is given to a member of the graduating class and

is someone who has portrayed outstanding "sharing" qualities throughout their four year term at SUNTEP. The recipient this year was the well deserv-



ing Sharon Ashby. Sharon established herself as a caring and dedicated student right from the first day she entered SUNTEP and continued to keep her role as such throughout her four years at SUNTEP. Sharon continually volunteered for all SUNTEP functions and was always dependable as a student, a colleague and a friend. Sharon will always be remembered by her class as the "Den Mother". Her graduating class is very proud of her accomplishments.

Michael Relland, the coordinator of SUNTEP, presented the Keynote Address. His address included humor, pictures and heart felt words of encouragement and wisdom. The keynote address was followed by a slide presentation, which consisted of pictures of the graduates and their intern-ing classrooms.

Following the slide presentation, the graduates gave their farewell address. Instead of

selecting a valedictorian, the class decided to get into partners and each pair prepared a speech for a different group of people. One pair thanked parents, another thanked spouses and another thanked their children and so on.

In closing, SUNTEP made some final presentations. Each graduate received a Metis sash. The Metis sash is a symbol of Metis pride and was an appropriate gift. The evening was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

As a graduate, I would like to thank, on behalf of my class, the people who made this special event so successful. The first people I would like to thank are the SUNTEP faculty: Michael Relland, Murdine McCreath, Bente Huntley, Elaine Sukava, Sandy Sherwin-Shields, Liza Brown, Lon Borgerson and Donna Biggins. These are the greatest group of instructors that a class could wish for. In addition, I would like to thank the 3rd Year students from SUNTEP who organized, planned and decorated for the graduation. In closing, another big "thank you" to all our families and friends for standing behind us and giving us the support we needed over the past four years. Thank You!

Charlebois School Marks 110th Anniversary With Graduation 2000

CUMBERLAND HOUSE - One hundred and ten years after Father Charlebois founded the first school in Cumberland House, Charlebois School, which still bears his name today, witnessed the first graduating class of the new millennium. Dignitaries on hand for the occasion included Cumberland House Mayor Dale McAuley, Peter Laliberte on behalf of Chief Sewap of Cumberland House Cree Nation, and a representative on behalf of Rick Laliberte, Member of Parliament for Churchill Rivers. But, apart from the grads themselves, this was a most special occasion for guest speaker Perry Chaboyer of Saskatoon, former Charlebois

School student and son of Steve and Helen Chaboyer of Cumberland House. Graduates were: back - Davin Pelly, Francine Chaboyer, Kerstan McKay, Jennifer Sahyes, Ryan Carriere - front - Tara Young, Naida Dussion, Andrea Dussion, Betsy Bird, Emily Carriere and Jolene Thomas.

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Metis Employment & Training of Saskatchewan Conference and Awards

BY KATHY HODGSON-SMITH

Metis Employment & Training and the Local Metis Management Boards and staff are planning the second annual MET Awards banquet celebration to honour the hard work, dedication and vision of the many individuals and organizations who make employment and training a possibility and a success for Metis in Saskatchewan. This year's banquet will take place during the evening of the first Metis Employment & Training Conference being

planned for November 30th, December 1st and 2nd, in Saskatoon. The conference will be held at the Union Centre, with accommodation blocked at the Travelodge. Interested members should contact their closest employment and training office for more details. The three sectors of forestry, health and apprenticeship will be the topics of discussion, with a focus on opportunities for youth and the disabled. Also, there will be general workshops on proposal development, program design and evaluation, policy and procedures and many more. We look forward to seeing you there.

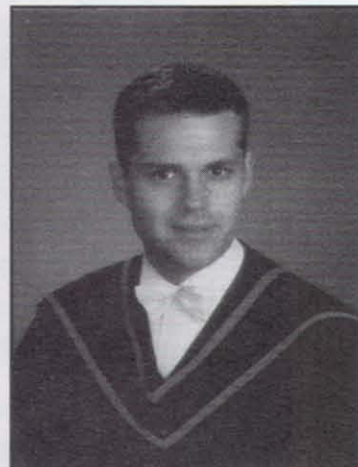
CONGRATULATIONS!

BY CHRISTIE BELCOURT

The Métis National Council would like to congratulate Jason Taylor Madden on his graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School and being the recipient of Osgoode's *Blaney McMurtry Prize*. This award is given annually to the student who obtains the highest standing overall in the area of Aboriginal Peoples and the Law/Rights of Indigenous People.

Jason is a 23 year old Métis born and raised in Northwestern Ontario. His family has and still resides in the Treaty Three half-breed adhesion area near Rainy Lake. He is the past Chair of the Métis National Youth Advisory Council and continues to act as a role model for Métis youth by being actively involved in the Métis Nation.

Jason has recently started his articles with the national firm of Gowling, La Fleur and Henderson in their Toronto office. During his articles, Jason will be in a litigation intensive program, as well as, he will be completing a secondment with the Métis National Council (MNC) in the Fall of 2000 to work on components of the MNC's litigation strategy. Congratulations Jason and keep up the good work!



Meadow Lake Aboriginal Teacher Associate Program

June 23rd, 2000 was a very special day for Western Region I. The Meadow Lake Northwestern Metis Training and Employment Center, funded by Human Resource Development Canada, held a two-year pilot Aboriginal Teacher Associate Certificate (ATAC) program. The program was offered in conjunction with the Gabriel Dumont Institute. The ATAC program was a new program and a success story for the region and the participants. When the program began two years ago, there were twenty-four students enrolled, fifteen of which were Metis. Twelve Metis students graduated from the program and received teacher associate certification. Guy

Bouvier, WRI Area Director / Board Chairperson and Mavis Taylor, Local Metis Management Board Manager, would like to thank the students for their dedication and hard work in making the program a success. They thank also the WRI LMMB Board of Directors for their support, the Gabriel Dumont Institute and everyone else who made this success story possible.



Back Row L to R: Sheryl Bellegarde, Carol Ross, Tammy Merko, Melanie Martin
Middle: Holly Neufeld, Lisa Evanchuk, Sherry Lavallee, Carmen Loranger
Front: Thea Purdy, Shauna Norman, Sylvia Gervais, Glory Funk, Carol Gran, Lorraine Edelman, Rose Campbell, Darlene Muirhead

How to Apply for a Job

You've found the job that you want. Now, you have to apply for the position. What do you do now? Here are answers to some basic questions.

What is a resume?

Your resume is a self portrait. It is meant to give a person who reads it a quick, general idea of who you are, what your skills are and where you gained your skills and experience. It should be selective. You can fill in all the details when you actually get the interview.

What do you put in a resume?

Most resumes include your information under headings like: Personal Information, Job Goals, Special Skills, Education and Work Experience. It should be about two pages in length, on quality white paper and an

original draft. It should be free of spelling and formatting errors and unrelated information. Include at least three references, two of which should be individuals who are familiar with your skills and abilities. One reference could be a character reference. Be sure to check with your references so that they are aware that they may be contacted.

How do you do a cover letter?

You should always send a cover letter with your resume that is specifically addressed to your potential employer and specifically designed to speak to the position you wish to apply for. The letter should be well written so get someone else to proof read it. If your letter is tailored to the employer that you are applying to, you will sound as if you have done your research and believe you are a good fit for the job. This is your opportunity to tell the employer what qualifications

you have that make you just right for the job. Address the letter to someone in authority; use his or her name and title, and double-check the spelling. Keep the letter to one page, organized and interesting without being too aggressive or too humble. Proofread. Proofread. Proofread. Make sure there are no mistakes!!!

Metis Employment & Training Institute of Saskatoon is set up to provide you with the help you need. For more information, do not hesitate to contact your regional employment and training office. All the best with securing your new job!!!

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stop there. In addition to the carefully selected property overlooking Tinker Park and the Churchill Lake, they will survey the land and cover the development costs. They kicked off the fund-raising with a commitment of \$100,000. They too, did not like to see elders, including founding members of the community of Buffalo Narrows,

'shipped off' to spend their days in another community.

Zena estimates that it is going to cost about \$827,000 for the building, equipment and maintenance costs required. The \$101,999 raised so far has been turned over to the authority of the NorthWest Special Care Board, which will provide their expertise to the development of this project. Although it may take a few

more years to get all the necessary funds in place, Zena is confident that a groundbreaking ceremony will happen sometime within the next three years. Zena explains her amazing journey and accomplishments to date this way, 'Remi 'Deets' Murray was a kind generous giving person who taught me a lot about life and loving others. This is a tribute to him.'

Outstanding Legal Questions and the Metis Farms

BY MICHELLE HARDING
LAW STUDENT

What happened to the southern Metis farms? This summer the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan has undertaken legal research regarding this issue. During the Tommy Douglas and the CCF party era there were several Metis farms established. The Saskatchewan government mandated their Department of Social Welfare in the early 1940's to initiate several social programs for the Metis. The farms were part of this mandate. Pursuant to a motion moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Valleau in the

the 1940's, many Metis families had been working and living on the farms, or where living on the land were the farms were set up. From 1940 through the 1960's, nine farms were run under the guise of training the Metis. Many of these projects were initially established by the Oblates and subsequently transferred to the Saskatchewan government and operated through various departments.

We know how the farms began. Questions remain, however, as to what happened to many of the farms and are there legal consequences to the abandonment of the Metis and the pro-

Long before the "government initiatives" in the 1940's, many Metis families had been working and living on the farms, or where living on the land were the farms were set up.

Legislative Assembly, on February 22, 1940, the Government of Saskatchewan took responsibility for the care of the Metis. The motion reads in the following:

That, in the opinion of this assembly, the Government should accept the responsibility of caring for all Metis,...who are living in municipalities under circumstances which make it impossible to levy or collect taxes from such Metis...¹

This Order and others were intended to relieve the [burden] on municipalities in certain areas where there were *abnormal problems*². However, for the Metis, in contemporary times, this Order has far reaching implications.

The farms became much more than a "social program" for the Metis. For most, the farms represented a way of life that had been lost through dispossession of land and livelihood. Long before the "government initiatives" in

grams set up specifically for them? The Lebret farm is one of the only farms that continues to operate and is now owned by the Metis community. The rest of the farms were, for the most part, closed down because they were no longer economically viable for the government of Saskatchewan or there had been more wide spread social programs initiated. Many parcels of land were claimed by First Nations as specific land claims or were selected as part of their Treaty Land entitlement.

My research this summer will include whether the Saskatchewan government became a fiduciary with regards to the Metis and the paternalistic programs initiated.

What is a fiduciary and why are we talking about this? I will briefly explain the concept. The term *fiduciary relationship* can be defined as an obligation to act in the best interest of another party. A fiduciary obligation exists

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Northcote Graduates Honoured By Area Director

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On behalf of the Northcote Metis Development Corporation Board and staff, Dale McAuley, Area Director Eastern Region 1, would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the students who have successfully completed their respective programs.

Cumberland House: Frank Chaboyer Adelaide Settee Edward Roy Darryl Cook Jackie McGillivray Aaron Fosseneuve Dennis Fosseneuve Andy McKay Russell McAuley Clement Roy Ryan Carriere Danny Cook Kevin Hoksbergen Patrick Dolter Norman Kadachuk Michael Dorion Earl Crane Darrell Fiddler Claude JB Dussion Darlene Carriere Delphy Carriere Jeanette Chaboyer Rosemarie Dussion Tanya Fiddler Shelley Fiddler John A. MacDonald Diane McKenzie Sheryl Roy

Creighton/Denare Beach: Tara-Lynn Trottier Russell Smith Richard Fourre Sandra McKenzie

Angela Fosseneuve

Sandy Bay: Joseph Rochon Donna MaCallum

whenever one party, the benefactor (Metis), places special trust and confidence in another person (Government) and relies upon that person, the fiduciary, to exercise his discretion or expertise in acting for the benefactor. The fiduciary knowingly accepts that trust and confidence. Thus, one party does undertake to act for another in a fiduciary relationship, and in our case, the government undertook to act in the best interests of the Metis.

Essentially, in my research this summer, I will attempt to expand upon our understanding of the essence and spirit of fiduciary obligation with regards to the Government of Saskatchewan and the Metis farms. I invite anyone who has any information on the Farms to contact me at the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

¹ Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Journals V. 38-43 1940-43.

² Annual Report of the Department of Social Welfare, Province of Saskatchewan. 1945-46 at 42.



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The SaskNative Economic Development Corporation, or SNEDCO, is a start up, purchase and/or expansion of viable Metis-controlled small businesses based in Saskatchewan.

From the fall of 1987 to February 29, 2000, SNEDCO has disbursed 859 loans totaling \$17.6 million for over 479 Metis-owned businesses in Saskatchewan. These businesses created or maintained employment for approximately 1403 Metis people within Saskatchewan.

In order to be eligible for consideration for SNEDCO services, an applicant must be an individual of Metis ancestry or a corporation or other approved entity, controlled or owned by Metis. Depending on the type of service requested, other criteria may also apply.

SNEDCO provides the following programs for the Metis Business Community!

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SaskNative Economic Development Corporation (SNEDCO)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I apply for a loan from SNEDCO?

A. Phone us at (306) 477-4350 and ask for a business consultant. We will ask you a few questions and will then send you our loan application form and brochure.

Q. How much equity (downpayment) do I need to qualify for a loan?

A. SNEDCO's minimum requirement is 10% of the project costs, however a greater downpayment may be required for some projects. Clients are expected to contribute all that they can to the business. Existing vehicles, equipment, and other real property can be considered in lieu of a cash downpayment.

Q. Does SNEDCO have any grants for businesses?

A. No. SNEDCO has never had any grants or forgivable loans; however, we often assist Metis entrepreneurs with applications to Aboriginal Business Canada or the Clarence Campeau Development Fund which have equity contributions for Metis business.

Q. I have never owned a business or done a business plan - can SNEDCO help me?

A. SNEDCO's Business Advisory Service, support in part by Western Economic Diversification, can assist you with business information and business planning, however, you will be expected to take an active

part in the business planning process and must provide the requested information outlined by the business consultant.

Q. Does SNEDCO charge a fee for a business plan or financial projections?

A. Yes. SNEDCO will charge a fee for business plans and financial projections; however, all initial discussions are free of charge. The amount charged for a business plan depends on the time it takes to complete the plan, the amount of information the Metis Entrepreneur is able to provide on their own. All efforts are made to arrange for contributions to pay for most of the business planning costs.

Q. What has SNEDCO found to be common mistakes for new businesses?

A. One of the most common mistakes is not keeping proper bookkeeping records and financial statements - many Metis businesses fail for this reason. If a business owner does not have the skills to keep proper financial records, they should hire a qualified bookkeeper or accountant - this is money well spent. Other mistakes include excessive owner withdrawals from a business, not planning for seasonal changes in business, and not setting aside a cash reserve for income tax and major equipment repairs.

