

# Blood Tribe Administration Review

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### Students Offer Helping Hand to Disaster Victims

Students from the Tatsikiisaapo'p Middle School on the Blood Reserve were eager to help fellow students who were victims of a recent fire in Moses Lake. The blaze which occurred on Jan. 8/07 completely destroyed their home and all their belongings. The Student Council of the Middle School felt they could help and decided to to a Donation Drive with the proceeds going to the disaster victims. With the help of the Student Union Advisors, the students began canvassing for donations in the form of clothing, money, blankets and anything else they could collect to help the family. In a letter from Principal Linda Weasel Head community members ,parents and staff, she wrote "Donations are being accepted for our students,

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*Students from the Student Council from Tatsikiisaapo'p Middle School l-r front row Bryan Singer, Marvin Calf Robe, Kristen Shot Both Sides, Misiks Bruised Head. Back row l-r Billy Vielle, Donny Blood, Tanner Singer, Montana Tal-low, Billie Blackwater. Missing Deserae Wolf Child, Paige Vielle. (cultural ambassadors.) Student Council Advisors: Sharon Tailfeathers, Verda Weasel Head, Karen Delany and Linda Weasel Head*



*Member of Parliament, Ted Menzies with Dept. of Agriculture and Blood Tribe Reps. during a visit to the Blood Tribe Farms.*

### Feds Visit Blood Reserve Taking a serious Look at Agriculture.

Federal Member of Parliament Ted Menzies and Dept. of Agriculture representatives made a visit to the Blood Reserve, Jan 11/07, to look first hand at agriculture on the Reserve and what services the Government can offer in terms of economic development initiatives. Hosted by Harley Frank, the trip was a follow-up to a previous visit by Menzies, over a year ago. After a brief meeting at the Council Chambers, the visitors were taken on a tour of BTAP and the Forage plant, followed by a visit to the Tribal Farm near the East-end area.

Blood Tribe Councillor Harley Frank made these comments " We had a very worthwhile visit with these Federal Government officials, initially we wanted them to see what the Farming Initiative was doing and how we could access agricultural

Programs from the Federal Government." And Mr. Frank continued "it became very obvious that we have not been able to take advantage of any programs because we do not fit into the box that the Feds have set out, we will be addressing that in the coming months to see how we can become eligible for programs that many farmers have access to." This was very encouraging and could assist the efforts of the Blood Tribe Farming Initiative launched a year ago. Ted Menzies has been a strong advocate for the Bloods however the Minister of Agriculture, Ed Srohle is new to the situation but has committed to make more programs available to the Tribe and its members.

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# Top News Events of 2006

## Blood Tribe Council By-election

### Oliver Shouting Elected

Jan/06

The people's choice in the Blood Tribe Council by-election was Oliver Shouting, who won over next in line Barney Day Chief who trailed by 70 votes. Dorothy First Rider followed, out of the 19 candidates who ran in the by-election. There was a respectable turnout at the polls with slightly under 50% of the eligible voters coming out to cast ballots at the Senator Gladstone Hall on the Blood Reserve.



Councillor Oliver Shouting

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Kristen and Tasha Shot Both Sides and their family members, whose house burnt down. They managed to get everyone out of the house, but they lost everything." Donations can be dropped off at the Tatsikiisaapo'p Middle School. These are the sizes needed:

Girl, 10 years old-size child's 14 pants

Child's XL top

Girl, 12 years old-size youth med. Tops

Size 12 pants

Girl 13 years old-size 31 x 32 pants

Mens med. Tops/shirts

Boy 5 years old-size 7 boys

Girl, 14 years old-size 14 pants

Large top/shirts

Adult, Female -size 20 pants

2x tops

## Blood Tribe Housing Announces the construction of 50 new homes. May/06

After much negotiation with the Federal Government, Dept of Indian Affairs, Chief Charles Weasel Head was happy to announce the construction of 50 new homes for the total allocation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. The much needed new homes goes a long way in meeting the housing demands of the Blood Tribe.



Construction on new home in Lavern Community, much needed housing.



Gravel excavation at north-end pit.

## Red Arrow Gravel Operations. June/06

Red Arrow Excavating, a company located in Lethbridge, was granted a permit by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and are now buying gravel from the Tribe. The site of the gravel pit is located at the North end of the Reserve, just off the Hiway 509, near the northern boundary of the Reserve.

## Blood Tribe Hosts National Aboriginal Day 2006 "Moving from Vision to Action" June/06

A first ever community gathering on National Aboriginal Day June 21, 2006 took place at the Red Crow Park on the Blood Reserve. The intention of this event was to bring together community members and to invite their participation in our journey together for community change/healing.



Grand Entry at Aboriginal Day Activities

## Kainai Chieftainship Induction July/06

The Blood Tribe Chief Charles Weasel Head and the Council welcomed two more members to the Kainai Chieftainship. Dr. William Henry Cade and Patrick Killoran, both residents of Southern Alberta. The induction ceremony took place July 21/06 at Red Crow Park in Standoff during the Kainai Indian Days.



Construction of multi-purpose building in Lavern. Raising the roof. Aug.06

## **Blackfoot Confederacy Conference 06 Oct.**

The sixth annual Blackfoot Confederacy Conference, Oct. 23 - 27 in Billings Montana, hosted by the Southern Pikaani, was well attended by over 200 delegates from all the four Confederate Tribes of Siksika, Kainai, Pikaani and Southern Pikaani, from Canada and the U.S.

## **Blood Tribe to Host Seventh Annual Conference.**

Chief Charles Weasel Head in his closing comments at the Blackfoot Confederacy Conference announced that the Seventh Annual Conference will be hosted by the Blood Tribe on June 13 -16 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The site was chosen to re-iterate the traditional territory of the Blackfoot, although it goes into the Province of Saskatchewan at the Cypress Hills.



*Blackfoot Confederacy Chiefs*

## **Cornel Trading Corp. Ceases Operations.Oct./06**

Cornel Trading Corp., a Vancouver based company with ties in Japan, recently declared ceasing operations, Oct. 31/2006.

Cornel has been marketing Blood Tribe Forage products in the Pacific Rim since 1993 and was the Tribe's biggest market. The announcement has an impact on the operations of the Blood Tribe Forage Plant, with a backlog of timothy hay waiting for shipment. The forage plant located at the Northend of the Reserve, employs 20 people who have been temporarily laid off until further notice.

## **New CEO for Blood Tribe Dept. of Health Nov./06**

The position of Blood Tribe Dept. of Health, Chief Executive Officer has been filled with the appointment of Chris Shade to the post.

Chris Shade has acquired a great deal of experience in his 10 year departure from the Blood Dept. of Health, as former Chief of the Tribe, he hopes to put some of this valuable experience to help in his new post as Chief Executive Officer.

## **First Harvest for Blood Tribe Farming Initiative. Successful Crops Prove Farming can Pay. Sept./06**

The first harvest of the recently launched Blood Tribe Farming Initiative, brought near bumper crops and with grain prices up, things are looking good at the Tribal Farm near the south east edge of the Reserve. With the launching of the Farming Initiative early in May, it could be the beginning of a new era in land use on the Blood Reserve with the goal of fully capitalizing on the 200,000 acres of cultivated farmland that is largely benefiting the non-Native farmers who lease nearly 195,000 acres, a lion's share of the land.

## **Blood Tribe Police Launch Community Policing Program.Sept./06**

The Blood Tribe Police Service launched the new Community Policing initiative and appointed Ivan Healy as the Community Policing Officer. This new initiative is an innovative way of policing which involves developing a community based program where the policing service becomes more involved in community activities in a positive manner.

## **Kainaiwa Bottle Depot Launches Re-Cycling on Reserve. July/06**

The Kainaiwa Bottle and Recycling Depot opened its doors to the public July 12/06 in Stand-off at the Human Resources Building. A Blood Tribe FCSS supported project, it is set to deal with the re-cycling of paper products and bottles and cans to help keep our community cleaner, and also to cash in on the recycling dollars that go to nearby towns.



*Jason Bird - Manager Kainai Bottle Depot.*

## **National Addictions Awareness Week Nov./06**

On November the 20th members of the Blood Tribe joined together in the National Addictions Awareness Week Activities which took place at various locations around the Reserve. Persons wishing to support an addictions free lifestyle has an opportunity to come and support the activities of NAAW by joining the walk. This year the walk took place in Cardston through Main Street and ended at the Moses Lake gym. There were approximately 100 individuals who joined the soberwalk.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events January 2007

## Announcement:

Students from the Kainai High School Travel Club are seeking donations from the Public in their fundraising for the trip to Greece this spring. They are seeking financial contributions to help them achieve this goal. They will volunteer to do community service in return. They hope to visit the cities of Rome, Pompeii, and Athens as well as a cruise to the Greek Islands. This adventure will help to instill in the students a desire to expand their personal horizons and become more aware of the world around them. For more information contact Mavis Smith at Kainai High School @ 737-3963.

## International Peace Pow Wow 2007

Lethbridge, Alberta  
at the Lethbridge Exhibition Pavilion  
January 27 & 28

Saturday Grand Entries:

**1:00 and 7:00 pm**

Sunday Grand Entry:

**1:00 pm**

Competitions:

10 Adult Dance Competitions:

**1st- \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$200**

7 Teen Dance Competitions:

**1st - \$200 2nd - \$150 3rd - \$150**

7 Junior Dance Competitions:

**1st - \$100 2nd - \$75 3rd - \$50**

Drum Competition:

**1st - \$2000 2nd - \$1000**

**3rd - \$600 4th - \$400**

Host Drum - Blackfoot Canada

Admission: \$10 a day

\$7 Students and Seniors

# Chief & Council Update 2007

Meeting of January 8, 2007

## Canadian Business Alliance of First Nations- proposal to re-open Kainai Industries.

Chief and Council met with a group from the CBAFN to discuss the proposal brought forward to re-open Kainai Industries. The group has been involved in Real Estate development and has good track record. Council decided to continue the proposal and would listen to them again when the proposal has been finalized, the main issue is the acquisition of capital to get the plant back in operation. Council is hearing other proposals to re-open Kainai Industries.

## Kainai Government Agree- ment. Update.

Kirby Many Fingers presented Chief and Council with an update of developments in the Kainai Government Agreement (formerly Kainai Legislation Initiative). This initiative includes; child welfare legislation, and justice and has the capacity to expand to include health and education. Tribal government is also involved in assisting Kainai Resources Inc. with the governance code requirements of the First Nations Oil and Gas Money Management Act. .

Complete updates are available from the Kainai Government Agreement office 737-2250

## Tribal Government presenta- tion. Matrimonial property issues.

Matrimonial cases with respect to divorces and separations have been emerging for several years. Indian Affairs has been pushed toward legislation on matrimonial property nation-wide. The minister of Indian Affairs has allocated resources to

address matrimonial property issues and possible legislation to present to the House of Commons. Tribal Government is working on the Blood Tribe's position with respect to this and input into the pending legislation.

## Kainai Industries Truss Ma- chine update- by Councillor Harley Frank.

An assessment of the condition of the truss machine at the Industries was made by a professional technician. After a few minor electrical repairs, the truss machine is fully operational. Economic Development through Rob Crow will develop a business plan and operational strategy for that machine, with the intention of putting that machine to work commercially.

**BTAP update given by Mick-  
ey Good Striker.** Council heard the latest development on BTAP and the impact of the Cornel Trading Corp. bankruptcy. The crisis caused by Cornel is impacting the operations of BTAP. Presently Council is looking at options available to keep the forage industry on the Reserve up and running. One option Council is considering is to lower the rent of the pivots, to keep clients from pulling out. The market for the hay is still

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