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We hope you enjoy your magazine and invite any suggestions you may have in improving our coverage on any number of events and activities. The magazine will be printed on a monthly basis and will be distributed to various locations on the reserve.

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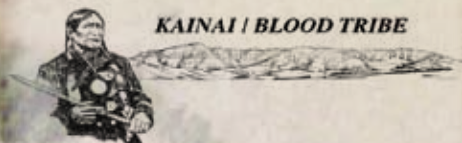
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Message from Blood Tribe Council

Sheldon Day Chief



Okí Káináí:

As a member of council, it is my privilege to serve you to the best of my abilities. My duties as a member of council, as your leader, and as your representative and advocate, are taken with great care and understanding. I will continue to represent you and to do my utmost in serving the best interests of the Blood Tribe.

I want to congratulate the Blood Tribe Communications on our monthly magazine and offer my encouragement to keep our people informed on the many events and activities here on our reserve. As a member of the Economic Committee, I am informing you of the release of the 2nd Quarterly Report in the near future.

I hope each and every one of our people on the Blood reserve are having a great summer and look forward to working side-by-side with you as your representative.

Thank you,

Sheldon Day Chief
Blood Tribe Council

TWO MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO KAINAI CHIEFTAINSHIP



Lloyd Price and Chris Welligan stand proud in their headdresses after their induction as members of the prestigious Kainai Chieftainship.

Two new members were formally inducted into the Kainai Chieftainship during the annual Indian day celebrations this past July before a large number of family, friends and well-wishers. Lloyd Price and Chris Welligan, both long-time advocates of the Blood people, stood under a clear blue sky as Blood elders Pete Standing Alone and Wayne Plume performed the induction ceremony.

With an eagle soaring gracefully above the encampment, elder Wilton Goodstriker, master of ceremonies, shared a history of the Kainai Chieftainship and explained the responsibilities of its members to the people

in attendance. Military veterans Jeff Bull Shields and Vern Houle performed the capture ceremony and brought both Price and Welligan to their respective elders. At the conclusion of the induction ceremony, the newest members of the Kainai Chieftainship were introduced to the people in attendance. Former teachers Mavis Smith and Bob Wilson each had an opportunity to share their involvement as teachers with Price. Smith, who recently retired from the Blood Tribe educational system, said she was unsure of who Price was when she first seen him.

“I remember seeing this old green panel

truck parked at the football field near the school,” she remembers of the new teacher who would grow to become one of her better friends. “Here was this scruffly looking guy who was sleeping on top of his truck. He introduced himself as one of the new teachers. I didn’t like him at first, but he later became one of my dear and closest friends.”

Prior to receiving his headdress, Price was given a traditional Indian name from elder Wayne Plume. He was given the name ‘Holy Walking.’ After the induction ceremony, and once he had an opportunity to acknowledge his calling, Price felt such an intense honor from within. “I was totally honored, but it’s such an incredible tribute that I think, only over time, as with certain things in life, will I fully realize and appreciate what it means,” he said. “As an active member it means you’re involved, and when there’s a way to help or give back, you do it.”

Council member Kirby Many Fingers spoke of Chris Welligan’s continued advocacy for the people of the Blood Tribe in the area of child welfare and protection. Many Fingers said Welligan has served our people for many years through his efforts and welcomed him as a member of the Kainai Chieftainship. Welligan was given the traditional name ‘Ma’tsoh’ki’topi’ from elder Pete Standing Alone which translates into ‘Rides Good Horses.’

The Kainai Chieftainship is comprised of 40 active members from around the world who advocate for the people of the Blood Tribe, and for all First Nations’ people.

Among the more notable people who are members of the chieftainship include: Prince Charles of Wales (Red Crow, 1977), Ronald A. Irwin (Black Horse Rider, 1996), Adrienne Clarkson (Grandmother of Many Nations, 2005), Senator Joyce Fairbairn (Morning Bird Woman, 1990), Dr. David Suzuki (Holy Mountain, 1990), Ralph Klein (Riding Across the River, 1996), Howard Tennant (Young Eagle, 1991), Earl Old Person (Charging Home, 1991) and Hugh A. Dempsey (Flying Chief, 1967). The list of honorary members also includes Popes, Earls, former Prime Ministers and individuals who have made positive impacts during their lifelong journey.

Update on One Earth Farms FN LP

Update report on activities of the Blood Tribe and One Earth Farms FN LP.

One Earth Farms FN LP has initiated various agriculturally based partnerships with First Nations across the three Prairie Provinces. Their joint venture with other first Nations has increased opportunities for training, increased employment and increased equity programs for other reserves. They have approached the Blood Tribe and wish to engage our farming practices and lands in their initiative.

Initial financial support has been invested by Sprott Resource Corp (SRC), a Canadian based company. SRC's primary purpose is to invest, directly and indirectly, in natural resources. One Earth Farms FN LP, sup-

ported by Sprott Resources, is a large scale, fully-integrated corporate farming entity that intends to have operations on world class First Nations' farmland. Sprott Resource Corp. invested \$27.5 million in One Earth Farms to establish operations, fund working capital and support its initial growth.

Presently there are discussions between One Earth Farms FN LP and the Blood Tribe about a joint agriculture operation on the Blood reserve. Discussions are preliminary and there are no commitments by either party other than exploring feasibility. Upon completion and review of due diligence by

both parties, the Blood Tribe will then be in a better position to determine whether or not further discussions and/or negotiations should continue with One Earth Farms FN LP. Prior to the endorsement of any future agreements between the Blood Tribe and One Earth Farms Corporation, the Blood Tribe membership will be informed.

One Earth Farms FN LP intends to build a long-term agricultural partnership with the Blood Tribe, which will improve the management and environmental sustainability of our farmland, as well as benefit our people through increased training, employment and revenue.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers

What is the Kainai Oil and Gas Project?

The Pilot Project resulted in the development of optional legislation that is intended to provide the Tribe with the authority to manage and regulate oil and gas activity. This would also provide the opportunity to receive moneys held for the Tribe by the Federal Government.

What is this legislation called?

The First Nation Oil and Gas and Moneys Management Act (FNOGMMA).

Why does the Federal Government currently manage the Blood Tribe's oil and gas resources?

The Federal Government of Canada has the authority to manage the Tribe's oil and gas resources. This was a result of the Tribe's mineral surrenders that originated back in 1910. FNOGMMA will undo these mineral surrenders as it relates to oil and gas only.

Why is the Blood Tribe pursuing the Kainai Oil and Gas Project?

The Tribe wants to obtain control over its' oil and gas resources in order to ensure the development of these resources in a manner that is consistent with Blood (Blackfoot) tradition and customary beliefs. This will

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



also increase employment opportunities for the membership. Oil and gas is a non-renewable resource, so when these resources are depleted, there will be nothing left for future generations. The Kainai Oil and Gas Pilot Project will extend the benefits from these resources for the future generations of the Tribe.

Are our Treaty Rights going to be affected?

The legislation (FNOGMMA) specifically states that Aboriginal and Treaty rights will remain the same and not be affected by taking over the management and control oil and gas resources.

Would this takeover of management have any impact on the Tribe's current tax exemption status?

No, the moneys will retain their tax exemption status once the Tribe has opted into the legislation.

How does the Blood Tribe opt (choose to participate) into the legislation (FNOGMMA)?

In order for the Tribe to opt into the legislation, the Tribe must formally accept the legislation by voting in a referendum.

Will this legislation address environmental protection?

The legislation will provide environmental protection that is currently at a minimum reflecting the Provincial environmental standards. With the legislation (FNOGMMA), the Tribe will have the option of increasing the standards. This would be based on Blackfoot traditional knowledge relating to oil and gas development.

How can I get more information on the Kainai Oil and Gas Pilot Project?

You can contact the Kainaiwa Resources Inc. (KRI) office at (403) 737-3950 or toll free at 1(800) 574-8683. You can also access information on the Internet at www.kainaioilandgas.org.

BLOOD YOUTHS ATTEND SUMMER CAMP AT BRUISED HEAD WILDERNESS LOCALE



Chief Charles Weasel Head and Councilor Dexter Bruised Head stand among the youth and staff of the Bruised Head Wilderness Camp at the north-end of the Blood reserve. The youth participate in many activities which are designed to encourage friendship and fun times during the long, hot summer months.

A group of children between the ages of seven and 17 had an opportunity to participate in a summer camp which was designed to bring the young people together in friendship and cooperation. Dexter Bruised Head, Blood Tribe councilor, said he had plans years ago to establish summer camps for the youth and finally decided to move forward with his dream.

“My whole idea in putting this camp up is getting these kids to come out of their normal environment and break down those issues such as anger or drug and alcohol abuse and let them be together,” he said. “We have a lot of violence in our communities and I think anything we can do to help our young kids will help them out somehow.”

Bruised Head remembers spending much of his youth attending summer camps, however, one of these camps he attended really made an impression which has endured for many years. “I grew up on a camp called the Belly River Youth Camp and it stopped operating many years ago,” he recalled of his youth in a camp-like setting. “But, the philosophy behind it (summer camp), I realize now, was that it brought a lot of kids

together, and to this day, those individuals who spent the summer out here still acknowledge each other whether they’re from Moses Lake, Levern or Stand Off. If I still acknowledge those individuals, and they still acknowledge me, especially after thirty years when we camped, that’s the whole idea behind this camp.”

The youth at the summer camp in a number of activities such as volleyball, hiking, tug-

“I feel for these kids and do whatever I can to get these kids out of their normal environment and bring them out here just to enjoy themselves and to make friends,” he said.

of-war contests, swimming, canoeing and participating in leisure interests like picking berries, fishing and listening to stories from elders. Bruised Head, who was elected as a member of council in 2008, said he was influenced in his youth by three people who helped shape his outlook on life.

“I go back to three individuals who did a

lot for me. One was a boxing coach, one was a rodeo coach and the other was a gym teacher,” he said in acknowledgment of the people who were positive influences in his life. “These individuals, I didn’t realize at the time, played a huge role in my life because of things they taught me and the things they said. They gave me a little more to think about and my life, my goals, my future, was kind of based on those teachings.”

Plans are in the works to build a shelter which will house a fitness center to improve upon the physical well-being of the youth. Bruised Head relies on the goodness of people to donate to the summer camps and said the summer camps are free of charge for everyone who attends. “I feel for these kids and do whatever I can to get these kids out of their normal environment and bring them out here just to enjoy themselves and to make friends,” he said. “Who knows, maybe these will be long-lasting friendships and that’s the best I can hope for.”

Bruised Head thanked everyone for their support and donations including the Blood Tribe Recreation, Jim Gladstone, Kainai Community Corrections, Lands and Shawn Strang.

MANY FINGERS NAMED KAINAI JUNIOR PRINCESS



Zoe Many Fingers

Having an opportunity to represent your people is a huge responsibility, however, young Zoe Many Fingers is taking this all in stride. As the reigning 2009-10 Miss Jr. Kainai princess, Zoe, 11, is looking forward to each powwow as she prepares to participate in the traditional royalty obligations which accompany this role.

"I am happy I won," said the new Miss Junior Kainai Princess.

"I am proud to represent my people." The grade six student, who is enrolled in Hillspring, AB., is an athletic individual who plays minor hockey with the Stand Off Ice Eagles. She is currently taking skating lessons at a Lethbridge-based hockey school.

In her off-time, Many Fingers likes to play video games and watch television, but still devotes time in perfecting her craft. "I practice dancing at home," she said. "I am happy to be the junior princess and will try hard to be a good ambassador."

Many Fingers was excited at being named the Kainai junior princess and wanted to thank a number of people who have helped her along the way. "I want to thank my parents Ivan and Verna Many Fingers, Carol Melting Tallow and especially Myron and Tanya Eagle Speaker," she said. "I want to thank both Myron and Tanya for their work at the powwow club and helping us to understand what dancing is all about. I also want to thank this year's powwow committee for the good job they did."

The young princess will represent the Blood Tribe at every powwow she attends along with other young princesses as part of the visiting royalty congregation.

Story by Tom Russell



Wynette Tailfeathers accepts a gift from Chief Charles Weasel Head and Councilor Ira Tailfeathers at the Kainai Indian Days.

RCMP GRADUATE HONORED

It was an exciting event for home-grown Blood Tribe member, Wynette Tailfeathers, a full-fledged member of the RCMP, at her honoring ceremony during the Kainai Pow-wow in Stand-off July 19.

Constable Tailfeathers, presently stationed in Lac La Biche, is the second woman from the tribe to join the force. But it hasn't been an easy road for this 26-year-old lady who was determined to complete her education and follow her lifelong dream of being a police officer. In December of 2008, she graduated from the RCMP Academy in Regina and was quickly posted in Northern Alberta. While Tailfeathers is a member of the Blood Tribe, she grew up on the Samson First Nation reserve in Hobbema with her parents Pam Tailfeathers-Buffalo and

father Kirk Buffalo. Representatives from both the Samson Cree First Nation and the Blood Tribe attended the ceremony in her honor. When Wynette was still quite young, her family moved to Leduc, Alberta where she attended school and later enrolled at Athabasca University in Edmonton.. She completed the Bachelor of Arts Program, in Criminal Justice in March 2007. In April of 2008, she began the gruelling training in Regina at the RCMP Academy.

"I owe my success to the support I received from my family, my mother and father and relatives who have encouraged me. I am honored to serve my community," Tailfeathers said as she accepted a gift from Blood Tribe Chief, Charles Weaselhead and Councillor Ira Tailfeathers. The honoring ceremony was conducted by elders Wayne Plume and Wilton Goodstriker.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers

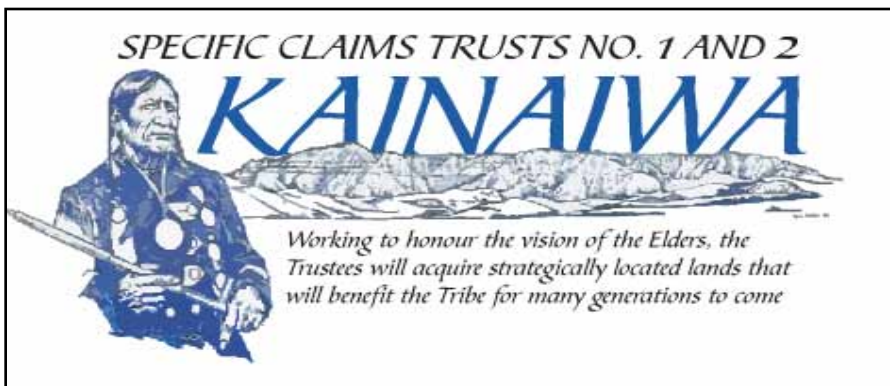
KAINAIWA SPECIFIC CLAIM TRUSTEES HOLD AKERS INFORMATION SESSIONS



Members of the Board of Trustees share information with people in attendance at the Senator Gladstone Hall. More information sessions will be held in various locations on the Blood reserve.

A presentation from members of the Board of Trustees of the Kainaiwa Specific Claims Trust No. 1 & 2 at the Gladstone Hall on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, gave those in attendance an understanding of the lands purchased through the Akers Claim and the steps required to complete the process. Sheldon Day Chief, Blood councilor and member of the board of trustees, said the meeting was an opportunity for tribal mem-

and the title was given to David Akers in 1889. The land in particular is situated on the north end of the Blood reserve. After extensive research, the Trustees recommended to Chief & Council the potential property for purchase and the Seiller property in the County of Lethbridge was eventually bought in 2008 by the Tribe for \$2.4 million. On October 31, 2008, the lands were then held in trust for the Tribe.



bers to listen to the presentation and to ask relevant questions on the purchase of lands. "Our mandate is to identify the land in Alberta that is strategically located and would yield the best economic returns to the tribe," he said in explaining the steps involved of such a historic arrangement. "We looked for land that would benefit us and land that was best suited for us."

The lands purchased came about from an illegal surrender by the government in which Blood land was wrongfully taken by Canada

Other land purchased by the Blood Tribe included the Tollestrup land of 160 acres for \$1.2 million and the Freihaut property of 154.8 acres for \$2 million. The total land purchased is 664.8 acres at a cost of \$5.6 million.

The information sessions currently exercised by the Board of Trustees are to give people the opportunity to give their ideas on what type of development they would like to see on the property purchased. As part of their intent to utilize the property purchased

under the specific claims trust no. 1 & 2, the Board of Trustees hired three individuals to look at viable options for the lands which would be of financial benefit for the Blood Tribe. The individuals hired are Shawn Ripley, Craig Simmons and Randy Royer who will accompany Jackie Oka, Akers 1 & 2 coordinator/manager, and the Board of Trustees, to each of the community meetings to gather information which will assist with the planning and eventual economic development initiatives for the purchased lands. The Board of Trustees is comprised of Chief Charles Weasel Head, Chairman, and Board members Dexter Bruised Head, Sheldon Day Chief and Josh Curly Rider. Bob Bartlett is a member of the Board as an independent trustee.

The meetings with the people of the Blood Tribe are considered very resourceful in the planning of how the Tribe will use the lands for our benefit. Further discussions with the people of the Blood Tribe will be in various locations as a method of sharing information on the Kainaiwa Specific Claims Trust No. 1 & 2, and the meetings will give the people an opportunity to learn more about the processes involved in such an historic transaction on lands which were purchased through the settlement of claim to have illegally surrendered land returned to the Blood Tribe.

Story by Tom Russell

For more information on Kainaiwa Specific Claims Trust No. 1 & 2 meetings, please contact Jackie Oka at 403.737.4409.

Moses Lake Cardston Pow-wow Bridges both Communities



Dancers and drummers alike enjoyed themselves at the 2nd annual Pow Wow hosted by the Town of Cardston and the community of Moses Lake. Though the weather was rainy, everyone enjoyed two days of celebrations.



Respected Blood elder, Wayne Plume was among the dignitaries present.

The second Annual Pow-wow, August 4-5, hosted by the communities of Moses Lake and Cardston was deemed a great success with increased numbers over last year, many attending from other areas of the province and northern U.S.

The 2-day event took place during Cardston's Heritage Days, and reportedly a favorite with the more than 1500 visitors and approximately 350 dancers. Despite rain showers, the pow-wow went with no problems under the big top and an enthusiastic crowd. "We tried to produce a first class event," stated Cardston Mayor Rick Schow. Support came from both the Blood Tribe Chief and Council and the Cardston Town Council and an army of volunteers.

Oliver Shouting, one of the key organizers of the pow-wow stated: "We are pleased with the turnout, and the overwhelming support we are receiving." The planning of the event started many months ago with participation from the Moses Lake Committee and a planning group from the town, with financial support from both the Town of Cardston and the Blood Tribe. Because of the great success of the 2nd annual pow-wow, a 3rd annual is likely. The purpose of the gathering was to bridge both communities in a very positive event and foster a greater understanding of each other. This year's event has done much in achieving that goal.

SIKSIKA DENTIST SINKS TEETH INTO BUSINESS

For two decades, the Province's first aboriginal dentist continues to provide dental care to the Siksika Nation. Deb Crowfoot, a 1987 University of Washington graduate, wants to stress to Siksika the importance of healthy teeth and gums.

"The readers digest said that the most important exam you're ever going to have in your life is your dental exam," Crowfoot says. "Your teeth are the most important thing to your health."

Infected teeth and gums may pose additional risk factors like heart disease and stroke if you don't get a regular check-up. "If you have bad gums, literally, you are allowing toxins to enter your blood stream which causes cancers, strokes, high blood pressures, sudden death, and diabetes. If you have diabetes, it just causes it to worsen. The number one factor in your health is your teeth."

With advice like this it no wonder why Crowfoot has always had a passion to work with the people and allow them to lead healthier lives. His interest in dentistry began when he was 12-years-old after he saw his scout leaders motorcycle.

"I said, 'Wow!' because I really liked his motorcycle. I remember it was a Yamaha 250-1974. So I asked him what he did for a living and he said that he was a dentist... my scout leader became my first real role model. So from there it just stuck and I realized I wanted to work with people, work with my hands, and be my own boss."

Crowfoot says though he still lives in Edmonton, his heart is helping the people in Siksika. His practice sees more surgeries for native children than anywhere else in Canada. This led to the next question about dental phobias, since children seem to fall in this category. According to the Alberta Dental Association, 80 per cent of people in North America have some form of anxiety about dentists. The majority overcome their fears and go to a dentist anyway, however, a small number of people are actually phobic – their anxiety is so intense it is debilitating and they can't seek any kind of dental treatment even if their problem is severe.

"People I know are scared of dentists--I agree. I think you have to be able to relate to your dentist. In my practice you have 23,000 patients. You have to be a people person, that's number one. Then there's trust that's developed."

Other things you can do to help the anxiety is laughing gas. Then there's medication to sedate the patient or being put to sleep for



Siksika Dentist Deb Crowfoot is very busy with his many patients and enjoys his duties in ensuring people have healthy teeth and to practice proper dental hygiene.

those people who really can't handle it.

Crowfoot adds patients also have to understand the consequences of not having dental treatment and that is they'll have pain and other problems in the future.

'Is this going to hurt?' is the most frequently asked question by his patients and Crowfoot's general response is if the patient hasn't waited too long, and there's no infection, then generally no.

Jayme Big Snake, Siksika dental assistant says Crowfoot is a positive role model to work with who is there to help the people. "A lot of time you get red tape from Indian Affairs because they don't approve a lot of things and if Crowfoot sees patients in pain, regardless, he'll just go ahead and see a patient," Big Snake says. "He has a heart. It's not all about just making money. He goes above and beyond to help the Nation's people."

Teaching his staff and keeping them up-to-date about good dental practices is what makes Crowfoot one of the busiest dentists in the region.

"A lot of our members who can't see dentist in the city because they don't have the money or don't qualify under Indian Affairs will come into our office because they are always welcome."

One of the more modern techniques dentists perform for patients are implants. Crowfoot is one of the first native dentists to start implants which are a new thing. Dental implants are essentially artificial tooth roots. They can be used to replace a single missing tooth, multiple teeth, support a denture or restore an entire mouth. With the new state-of-the-art equipment at the Siksika Health Centre, Crowfoot is able to perform this expensive procedure for members. For proof of the Bands commitment who value health as a priority, Crowfoot says all you have to do is look at the dental office which is second to none. He is also proud of the fact that all his staff are either from Siksika or are First Nation members who are good at what they do.

"The equipment is the latest and the designer who's built over 800 dentist offices, says this is one of his favorites. The reason for this is the band wants to give us the tools so we can service the people."

BLOOD TRIBE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT FEATURE – LANDS MANAGEMENT

The Blood Tribe Lands Management department provides a variety of services on issues related to the management of tribal land, the environment and its occupants. With over 547 square miles, including the timber limits, the Lands Management department oversees at least seven functions which operate under the following service delivery areas. These include: Office Administration, Geomatics (service/mapping/geographic information systems—GIS), Lands Registry, Land Use Permit Administration, Accounting Services, Livestock Control and Environmental Protection. Lands Director Elliot Fox is responsible for the various roles and responsibilities of each function including the management of the 19 employees who fulfill their employment obligations in serving the best interests of the Blood Tribe.

In the early 1960's, with the rising costs of machinery, and with limited credit-based operational opportunities, the scope of utilizing Blood lands for agricultural and farm-based initiatives gradually evolved into a system of leasing land to farmers who had the capability of farming much larger parcels of land. With a steady increase of Blood people adopting this method as more financially viable with reduced risks to the land occupant, the need to manage these farming arrangements resulted in the establishment of the Lands department. In keeping with the requirements to maintain and store formal agreements, and also to satisfy Indian Act legislation as administered by the Department of Indian Affairs, the Lands department established itself as the focal point for land-based purposes by Native and non-Native farmers.

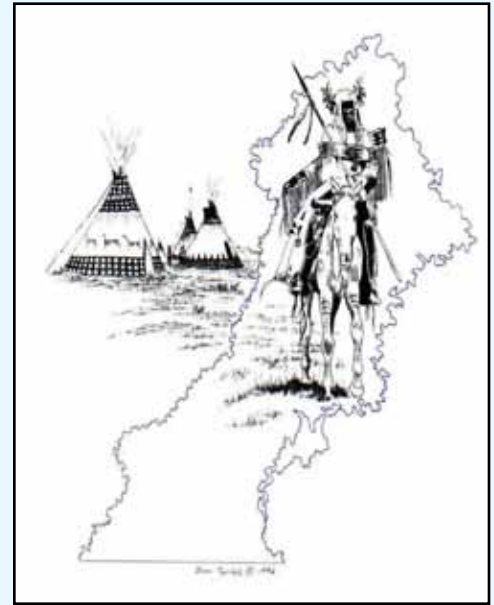
As the Lands department matures, it continues to move forward with the times. Many factors play a role in the design and implementation of services according to local, provincial and federal land management and environment legislation and concerns. The entire scope of managing the land is encapsulated with the Lands department including livestock control, noxious weed control, crop and dryland monitoring, forest health management and an environment division which ensures the safety and protection of endangered botanical, bird and animal groupings. Also, to ensure accuracy in the mapping of tribal lands, a geographic information system (GIS) uses imagery

from satellite systems to allow for more detailed maps to assist with surveying and a multitude of other uses such as producing maps for development and construction purposes. A detailed map could prove valuable if, for example, buildings were going to be constructed in an area that maps could prove are located in a flood zone. This type of information is invaluable to the Blood Tribe as it provides our people with technical information when required or upon demand. The Lands Management department is continually making every effort to provide services in a professional and people-friendly manner. With its internal policies and under the guidance of the principles of Kainaysinni, the Lands Management Director and staff serve as the stewards of our land and serve the people to the best of their abilities.

The Lands staff include:

Elliot Fox, Director
Lisa Rose No Runner, Office Manager
Benita Curly Rider, Admin Assistant
Charlene Day Chief, Receptionist
Dawn Black Water, Database Developer
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Kansie Fox, Biologist
Martin Curly Rider, Noxious Weed Control Officer
Okan Hungry Wolf, Forest Health Technician
Calvin Cross Child, Agriculture Services Manager
Rex Davis, Crop Monitor Field Technician
John Jared Little Bear, Livestock Services Field Technician (Casual)
Steven Bruised Head, Livestock Control Officer
Lewis Little Bear, Livestock Control Officer
Joyce Russell, Accountant
Twila Singer, Accounts Clerk

Anyone wishing to inquire about any of the services provided by the Lands Management department can contact them at 403.737.8151



The MISSION STATEMENT of Lands Management is as follows:

The Blood Tribe Land Management (BTLM) is a department of the Blood Tribe Administration and operates under the authority of Blood Tribe Chief & Council and the philosophy and principles of “Kainaysinni” and the “Declaration of the Blood Tribe Elders,” to jointly administer and manage land use and occupancy of the Blood reserve (#148 & 148 A—Blood Tribe Timber Limit), in conjunction with Canada based upon the principles of sustainable development for the use and benefit of current and future generations.

PREMIER JOINS BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY IN REPATRIATION OF SACRED BLOOD ITEMS



Blood elder Frank Weasel Head and Chief Charles Weasel Head present Premier Ed Stelmach with gifts during his visit to the Blood reserve.

Premier Ed Stelmach, Aboriginal Relations Minister Gene Zwozdesky, and Culture and Community Spirit Minister Lindsay Blackett and former Alberta Premier Ralph Klein joined Grand Chief Charles Weaselhead, Kevin Provost representing the Pikaani Chief and Council, Chief Leroy Good Eagle and Blackfoot Elders at a July 30 event to celebrate the formal repatriation of these Blackfoot sacred bundles.

“It is a privilege to be part of this historic, co-operative effort to reinvigorate the cultural values that are the foundation of aboriginal communities in this province,” Stelmach said. “This is an important day for the Blackfoot Confederacy and for the government of Alberta. Repatriation has been made possible with passage and implementation of Alberta’s First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act 2000, and the First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Amendment Act, 2008. The first legislation of its kind in the country, it is intended to place sacred ceremonial objects that are vital to the practice of traditional ceremonies back into active use. The actual return of sacred objects takes place during private spiritual ceremonies. “Alberta is taking a leadership role in Canada by supporting the repatriation of sacred items,” said Premier Stelmach.

“We applaud the Government of Alberta for acknowledging and recognizing our Blackfoot cultural values and spiritual beliefs by repatriation of sacred ceremonial objects,” stated Grand Chief of Treaty No.7 and Chief of the Kainawa Nation, Charles Weaselhead. “Our communities will continue to benefit from the repatriation of these cultural objects which will go back into ceremonial use. This partnership between two levels of government shows a true com-

mitment in preserving Alberta’s cultural history and identity. “The return of these sacred objects is important to our community and to performing sacred Blackfoot rituals,” said Chief Reg Crowshoe of Piikani Nation. “We now have more opportunities to carry out the ceremonies that have been part of the Blackfoot way of life for many generations. “With our sacred ceremonial bundles coming home this will help us reconnect the present with our rich past and I extend Siksika Nation’s gratitude to the Alberta government and all those involved in this historic undertaking,” said Chief Good Eagle of Siksika Nation. Also announced at the event were \$20,000 grants to each of

the three Blackfoot Nations in the province. Aboriginal Relations is providing one-time conditional grants for enhancing the preservation of Blackfoot language and culture in schools on each of the Blackfoot reserves. Aboriginal Relations is also providing one-time funding toward the printing of a book chronicling events leading up to Alberta’s repatriation legislation.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers



Former Premier Ralph Klein, Councilor Rod First Rider, Premier Ed Stelmach, elders Pete Standing Alone and Wilton Goodstriker, enjoy the day during the repatriation of sacred bundles.

Community Garden Project Update



A summer student working with the Community Garden Project operates the tractor used in the gardens.

The late arrival of springtime temperatures may have hindered the germination of most vegetable gardens in the southern Alberta area, but it did not dampen the efforts of the local Community Garden project. The Community garden project coordinator, Don Cotton, is still hopeful for a successful harvest. "We had a late spring and it slowed everything down. We planted early, generally some of the crops are doing okay," says Cotton. The cold spring temperatures have pushed back usual harvest times to late August or early September. Besides the colder temperatures, the garden has been faced with the continuous battle against the overgrowth of weeds. "Having an organic garden is a little more work, but it's healthier because herbicides and pesticides aren't good for you," says Cotton. The organic garden consists of carrots, corn,

beans, tomatoes, potatoes and onions, all of which seem to be growing quite well. Cotton expects more people to take advantage of the opportunity to grow their own gardens next spring.

The Community Garden project was initiated by Family & Community Support Services as a way to promote healthy living within the Blood Tribe. A plot of cultivated land behind the FCSS building, and another plot located by the landfill site, were designated for the project. Cotton says that a few things were learned this year to make the garden better next year. He hopes to convert one of the buildings into a green house to get a head start on growing vegetables and hopefully avoid the problems they encountered this year. "With a green house, vegetables can be grown year round and get

a head start on next year's crops."

The goal of the community garden project is to teach members of the Blood Tribe to be self-sufficient and promote healthy eating habits. One future possibility with the garden project is to have a farmer's market where people can sell their produce. A canning workshop is being scheduled for September where you can learn to make canned preserves from the vegetables grown in your garden.

Story by Sioux Crop Eared Wolf

If you have any questions regarding the garden or the canning workshop contact Don Cotton at the Family & Community Support Services at 403.737.2888.



The Community garden plot is located behind the Family & Community Support Services building. The garden has received much needed rain as of late.

HEADDRESS RETURNED TO BLOOD TRIBE FROM DESCENDENTS OF TOWN FOUNDER



Members of the late Charlie Panther Bone family, Justine, Kathleen and Margaret, and Councilor Dexter Bruised Head, pose with headdress that was returned to the Blood Tribe.

A headdress believed to be made in the early 1900's was returned to the Blood Tribe from a family whose roots are deeply intertwined with the history of the establishment of the Town of Cardston. Ruth Card Ashby, granddaughter of Charles Ora Card, founder of the Town of Cardston, was on her way to Canada to deliver a headdress to the Cardston Museum when she was stopped in Carway and was told she could not transport eagle feathers across the border. Card Ashby then contacted Blood Tribe Councilor Dexter Bruised Head who met Card Ashby at Carway on August 7, 2009, who then agreed to bring the headdress back home to the Blood reserve.

"I received a call from the Carway Border saying they stopped some non-Natives coming across the border with a headdress," explained Bruised Head of the circumstances surrounding the call he received. "The lady who had the headdress was 92-years-old and I was introduced to Ruth Card Ashby. She stated she was in possession of the headdress since her father passed away and was on her way here to bring the headdress back home."

The headdress, which is adorned with red, white and blue beadwork, with red and white tufts at the tips of the eagle feathers, is showing its age as it awaits its final resting place within the traditional Blackfoot territory. The origins of the headdress is unclear, however, as a young child growing up in Cardston, Joseph Young (J.Y.) Card was a close friend with Charlie Panther Bone. Charlie's mother Isabel, was often called upon by J.Y.'s mother, Zina, to help her around her place and Isabel would always bring Charlie with her. The two youngsters became lifelong friends and after the passing of J.Y. Card in 1956, Charlie would often visit J.Y.'s family to make sure they were okay.

According to Margaret Panther Bone, Charlie's daughter, she said she was taught the craft of making headdresses from her father and would often help him with his work. "I helped my dad when he worked on the things he made, even headdresses," she said. "I had a chance to see how he made his headdresses and I know how they turned out."

With such a close relationship to the late

J.Y. Card, it seemed that a headdress given to him would come from his close friend, Mr. Panther Bone, however, that may not be the case. In pursuing research on the headdress, Bruised Head learned through a meeting with the family of the late Charlie Panther Bone that the headdress returned from the United States was not made by their dad. "I know what kind of work and effort my dad put into the things he made," said Margaret as she held the headdress in her hands. "The way the headdress was made is not the same style as my dad's." To further support her scrutiny of the headdress and its origins, she compared the former Joseph Young Card headdress to photos of headdresses worn by her dad and from others who had one in their possession which were crafted by Charlie. "There is a big difference in these headdresses," said Margaret as she compared the photos with the headdress. "My dad always had weasel hides on the sides of his headdresses. This one (J.Y. Card's), was made differently."

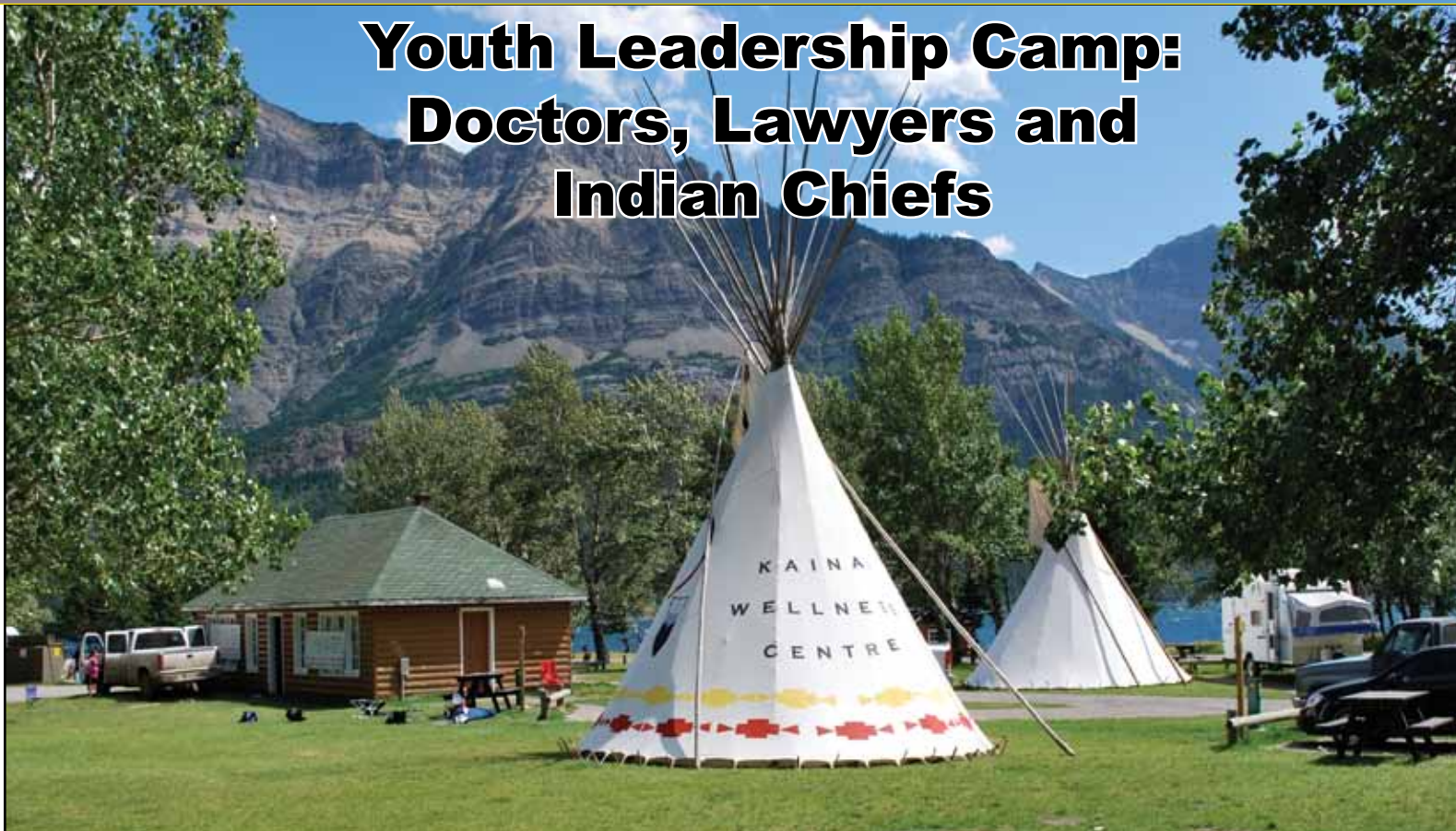
As she stood there in her living room and looked at the headdress, Margaret Panther Bone unexpectedly expressed her feelings: "I feel like crying. I am thinking of the lady who travelled all that way to bring this headdress back here. It must have been hard for them too to let it go."

Bruised Head is still researching the source of the headdress and will continue to seek answers before determining what will eventually become of a headdress that has made its way back home.



Ruth Card Ashby, 92, travelled from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to return her late father's headdress (Joseph Young Card) to the Blood Tribe.

Youth Leadership Camp: Doctors, Lawyers and Indian Chiefs



above: Pictured is the encampment near the lake at Waterton Village where the youth leadership activities took place.

below left: The participants are setting up the tipi's according to the teachings of the Elders.



While some people are born leaders, most good leaders had to work hard to become so. The goal of the 2nd annual Youth Leadership Camp: Doctors, Lawyers and Indian Chiefs, was to introduce Blood Tribe youth to leaders from our community and beyond and to demonstrate the necessary skills needed to be a leader and to encourage the youth to acquire these skills. The camp brought twenty Blood youth together with elders and local professionals. Several guest speakers from other communities were also invited. Located this year at Waterton Lakes National Park, guest speakers shared their knowledge and experience with the campers encouraging them to develop themselves as leaders and as role models within our community. After each of the daily speakers, the campers were asked to write a journal entry about their feelings on topics presented by the speakers. Pam Heavy Head, Canadian Red Cross outreach coordinator, was impressed with last year's camp turn out and the support they received from the Elder's, invited guest speakers Blood Tribe Brighter Futures, Blood Tribe Mental Health, and Chief and Council. This year's camp was such a resounding success that it is sure to be continued next year. Other camp activities included hiking, trail rides, story telling, swimming, setting up

tipi's and a scavenger hunt. "We learned lots of things here. We learned to put up a tipi the right way," said Jesse Eagle Tail Feathers, a young Blood Tribe member. "It's important to teach other younger children about it (our culture)," says Devin Tang, another young Blood Tribe member also taking part in the camp.

Funded by Canadian Red Cross, and in part by Kainai Wellness Brighter Futures, this four-day camp was the second such camp in as many years. Blood Tribe Mental Health provided support staff to allow the camp to run smoothly. Guest speakers included Dr. Ester Tailfeathers, Dr. Sue Christenson, Frank Weasel Head, Wilton Goodstriker, Brent Fox, Chief Charles Weasel Head, Elders Bernard and Rita Tallman, Charlie Fox and the staff at Kainai Wellness, Judge Jim Langston and Honourary Kainai Chief-tain Gerry Conaty, curator from Glenbow museum. Thanks to these esteemed community members and friends of the Blood Tribe. The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated and hopefully will become an annual event for developing our young leaders.

Story by Sioux Crop Eared Wolf

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2009

Kainai Minor Hockey Association Registration for Hockey Season 2009/2010

Before August 31, 2009

Fee: \$150

Between September 1-15, 2009

Fee: \$200

Between September 16-30, 2009

Fee: \$225

Pick up registration form at Blood
Tribe Recreation or Contact:

Norma Wolf Child (403) 737-3609

or come out and register at the
Kainai Sports Center on

**August 31st, September 7th &
14th, 2009**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**ALL registration form must be
accompanied by a signed player/
parent agreement, the registration
fee, and a deposit of \$100 (cash,
money order, post dated cheque)
for rental of a Kainai Minor
Hockey Jersey, to be considered a
complete registration.**

**Please note, absolutely no regis-
trations and payments will be ac-
cepted after September 30, 2009.
Please turn in your jerseys from
last season at the time of registra-
tion.**

Treaty 7 Management Corp. GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 27, 2009

**HEATHERGLEN GOLF
COURSE**

Check-In: 10:00 a.m.

Shotgun: 12:00 p.m.

4 Person Scramble

Men's & Ladies

First 32 Paid Teams Accepted

Entry Deadline:

August 20, 2009 12:00 p.m.

Fees: \$150/Golfer, \$600/Team

*** Fee includes: Green Fee, Cart,
Gift, and Meal**

Enter as a Team or Individually

To register Contact:

Jonah Jerry (493) 238-9157

or Brad Heavy Shields

(403) 212-6033

Holes Prizes:

Longest Drive - Men's and Ladies

KP - Men's and Ladies

Longest Putt - Men's and Ladies

Cash Holes Prizes

Team Prizes

The HeatherGlen Golf Course is located
on Glenmore Trail, on the edge of Cal-
gary City Limits. We are located at the
intersection of Glenmore Trail and 100
St. East (RR 285)

Lavern Pow Wow 2009

September 4th - 6th

**Lavern Community Arbor
everyone is welcome to attend**

hosted by: Lavern (Issoitapi) Community Committee

for more info call: 737-2077 / 894-2007