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Department
of the Year**

***Seasons Greetings
to you and
your families***



ALSO...

**KRI Offer Training
Nike First Nations Footwear
Day Chief Cattle Award**

UPCOMING EVENTS



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The Blood Tribe Council Review entitled 'TSINIKSSINI' is dedicated to the sharing of information for the people of the Blood Tribe. The magazine format features news, stories, articles and an array of items as our way of sharing what is occurring on the Blood reserve and beyond.

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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COVER: Katie Rabbit-Young Pine, Human Resource Director, presents Wayna Beebe, BTEST Director, with the Department of the Year Award. Beebe accepted the award on behalf of her staff and people of the Blood Tribe.
COVER PHOTO BY JOHN SCOUT

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

CHIEF CHARLES WEASEL HEAD



Okí:

This is the time of year where we reflect on the year passed and to give thanks to the Creator for our blessings. My deepest sympathy extends to all those who have lost loved ones during the year. On behalf of your Blood Tribe council, I ask for your support and confidence as we move forward together.

This year, we experienced an overly generous amount of rain that wreaked havoc with many of our community members. I am very pleased with the Disaster Services and all department and entities for their contributions in helping us move beyond these difficult times. It is times like this that brings out the best in who we are as a proud and strong Blackfoot Nation. I ask you to continue to show your strength and resourcefulness in going beyond your own interests and assisting others truly in need—for this I am grateful.

As a Nation, we have a long, proud history of accomplishments and deeds. Our spirituality remains strong and true and our people are continuing to strive for personal and communal accomplishments. In this same manner, we also continue to show our support for our people who may be experiencing temporary difficulties.

The Christmas season is one of sharing, of compassion and gratefulness. It is my wish for everyone to enjoy the festive season by spending quality time with loved ones, or opening your doors and hearts to others. Our history as warriors and protectors is also enmeshed with a strong devotion to family through virtues of caring, compassion and guidance. Let us continue to walk this path together.

On behalf of Chief & Council, I ask each of you to be safe. I ask each of you to watch over one another, and I ask each of you to carry our rich, proud traditions in a manner that brings pride to yourself, your family and our people.

On behalf of your Council, have a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Chief Charles Weasel Head
Blood Tribe

BTA CHRISTMAS PARTY WELL-ATTENDED BY THOSE CELEBRATING ANOTHER YEAR

The annual Blood Tribe Administration Christmas dinner was well-attended by employees, family and friends who enjoyed a turkey dinner, door prizes and some fun entertainment. During the evening's festivities, the Human Resources department honored employees who displayed their dedication to their employment by recognizing them with gift certificates. Also, the Department of the Year was awarded to the Blood Tribe Employment & Skills Training department.

Wayna Beebe, BTEST director, was thrilled upon receiving the award and called her staff to the podium to share in their excitement. The entertainment was provided by James Bentley who had the crowd running around trying their best to win prizes for having the best poker hand.

The master of ceremonies was Travis Plaited Hair who kept the crowd laughing with his unique brand of humor. James Bentley paid Plaited Hair a huge compliment by saying that he has travelled the entertainment circle throughout North America and rates Plaited Hair as one of the truly top-notch emcees around. A band of local drummers brought their hand-drums and sang powwow and round-dance songs for those who remained to visit friends.

The Blood Tribe Administration, Human Resources and employees wish to thank all the employees for their commitment and dedication in serving the best interests of the Blood Tribe and our people and want to extend a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The following are the Department and Employee recipients:

DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR:

1. Blood Tribe Employment & Skills

Honorable Mentions:

2. Social Development
3. Membership
4. Finance
5. Family & Community Support Services



Honorable Mentions – Punctuality/Attendance:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Management | Marsha Crow Eagle |
| 2. Public Relations/Communications: | Tom Russell |
| 3. Finance | Gabrielle Medicine Crane |
| 4. Tribal Government: | Sherry Tail Feathers |
| 5. Membership: | Carmen Black Water |
| 6. Recreation & Parks: | Gregg Eagle Plume |
| 7. Economic Development: | Andrew Twigg |
| 8. Housing: | Leonard Crow Chief |
| 9. Land Management: | Jacqueline Scout |
| 10. Employment & Skills: | Jaime Blood |
| 11. Shot Both Sides/Real Estate: | Danny Chief Calf |
| 12. FCSS: | Charlie Blood |
| 13. Social Development: | Velma Red Crow |
| 14. Public Works: | Kelvin Black Horse |

Story by Tom Russell

TRIBAL MEMBERS LINE UP TO PICK UP DISTRIBUTION

The community of Stand Off was a busy place as tribal members picked up their oil & gas distribution cheques at the Saipoyi school gymnasium. Many of the Blood Tribe Administration support staff were called upon to assist in keeping the flow of people moving at a steady pace. The line up to pick up their cheques began before the doors opened at 9 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m.

The Scotia Bank also had a lengthy line up as people wanted to cash their cheques. The Bank had to turn people away after 2 p.m. when they did not have enough funds on hand.

The distribution was the result of the major oil & gas deal with Murphy Oil Company Ltd., and Bowood Energy Inc.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Blood Tribe Administration management and staff and Entity managers and staff wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is a time to celebrate the festive season with loved ones and to share good tidings with each other. We look forward to the New Year and thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we carry our culture and traditions proudly and humbly. Have a safe holiday season and may the Creator watch over each of us.

AGRI-BUSINESS--A MAJOR RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCE ON THE RESERVE

After nearly 20 years of operation, the Blood Tribe Agricultural Project and other economic development activities within the agriculture sector, are showing that agriculture is the biggest natural resource the tribe has, with recent numbers showing the profits are once again on the increase.

Despite the recent agricultural recession due to the near collapse of the U.S. economy, the tribe is showing the viability of this precious renewable resource. But, it has been a difficult road to travel and many farms went under, due to economic factors.

The Blood Tribe Agricultural Project irrigation system has the capacity to irrigate up to 25,000 acres. The water is supplied from a Main Turnout on the Belly River Diversion Canal just upstream of the St. Mary Reservoir, part of the St. Mary River Irrigation District that serves Southern Alberta. Currently, nearly 19,000 acres of land have been developed for irrigation purposes and development plans are underway regarding 6,000 acres adjacent to the Mokowan Ridge Canal.

BTAP was formed in 1991 and materialized through the joint efforts of the Blood Tribe, Canada and Alberta which lead to a tripartite agreement referred to as the "Blood Indian Irrigation Project Agreement." The story really began prior to the 1940's when talks of an irrigation system spanning the vast farmlands in southwestern Alberta started between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government of Alberta.

Because the St. Mary River is the south boundary of the Blood reserve, the tribe has a vested interest in the water resources. Recognizing this, the Federal government did include the Tribe in their development talks, however they were left out of any substantial



Irrigation on the Blood reserve has opened up new opportunities in agri-business.

benefits regarding water resources. The diversion canal crosses the reserve and is an intricate part of the irrigation network. Chief Shot-Both-Sides (predecessor to Chief Jim Shot-Both-Sides), was keenly aware of the vested interest the tribe has in water resources, but when the St. Mary Dam opened in 1950, the Bloods were not participants or beneficiaries of the irrigation project. But there was an obligation by the Federal government to allow the Bloods a portion of the water flowing through the system.

In 1950 when the system was launched, there was not much indication the Bloods would be requesting a portion of the water resource. In the early 1960's, under the lifetime Council of the day and Chief Jim Shot-Both-Sides, talks of requesting water for the purpose of irrigation started with Indian and

Northern Affairs Canada. By the mid 1980's, there were serious negotiations going with Chief Roy Fox as the tribe's leader. This lead to the eventual development of BTAP.

The tribe now has an allocation of water from the St. Mary River Irrigation system to irrigate 25,000 acres of land. There are 104 pivots that operate during the season and a Forage processing plant that packages the hay for export to other countries. Since actual irrigation started in 1994, the lease revenue on the lands has grown from less than \$900,000 to over \$2.0 million, with irrigation making the biggest difference. The Project is administered by Blood Tribe personnel who are fully trained in high-tech irrigation information systems and is designed to grow a variety of crops, including specialty crops, such as timothy and canola. These products are marketed worldwide.



Packaging forage products at the Blood Tribe Forage Processing plant.



BTAP Annual General Meeting, reviewing yearly operations and presentation of annual audit report.

Story and photos by Rick Tailfeathers

BLOOD TRIBE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT (1991)

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

BLOOD TRIBE IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Did you know...

The Blood Tribe Agricultural Project (1991) irrigation system is a unique system, where the water delivery runs through the Blood Reserve through open canals, but the reservoir and underground pipeline distribution system is known as a "closed system" because water does not flow back into the river basin

The water is diverted from the St. Mary-Belly Diversion Canal into the BTAP water delivery system. The 104 center pivot systems irrigate approximately 18,400 acres of irrigable land.

Mataki Farms consists of 18 center pivot systems irrigating approximately 2,303 acres of irrigable land. The sprinklers on all 122 center pivot systems consist of 60% (1) high pressure and 40% (2) low pressure (effective/conservative type).

The Blood Tribe Irrigation System is one of a kind that was extremely well planned that factored in environmental standards, elders' input and incorporated by professionals such as engineers, technicians and overall Blood Tribe input

Our direction...

The Board of Directors continues to establish ambitious plans and priorities and to achieve success in ensuring the safety and security of Blood Tribe Agricultural Assets.

As the Chairman, I am pleased to present to the Blood Tribe, the Blood Tribe Agricultural Project (1991) and its affiliated entities Report on Plans and Priorities that outlines our further objectives for 2010-2011.

Keeping our Blood Tribe membership updated is important. Our goal is to strengthen and preserve Blood Tribe agricultural land, water and natural resource for vital BTAP tasks and responsibilities

In 2010-2011, the Board's continued commitment to enhance public awareness

and security is evident through ongoing efforts to amend relevant legislation, address unusual activity, recruit more qualified individuals, as well as to prepare for the accountability requirements of the 2010-11 agricultural activities

The coming year will bring constructive change and new challenges for the Blood Tribe Agricultural Project. The release of the Report from the AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS highlighted a number of important issues and provided a range of recommendations. This Board is committed to creating a path that will allow the management and board to evolve into a modern, stronger, more effective organization, meeting the significant agricultural demands of the 21st century

Our direction...

Delivering quality control is a primary objective for the board. As a result, the board's dedication to ensuring seamless frontline delivery service through effective and proficiency policy development in the agriculture sector is a high priority

The integrity of all agricultural entities/programs continues to be enhanced by the ongoing implementation of new initiatives, investigating investment opportunities and long term development

An internal review of the agriculture sector touches on the day-to-day operations and past operations to ensure that our interests and assets are maintained and that the goods that were purchased are legitimate in nature. The review also ensures that there are ongoing investigations from the RCMP Commercial Crimes Unit and the Federal Department of Assessment and Investigation Services, Audit and Evaluation Sector, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to determine any illegal activity.

All these services are possible because of the ongoing commitment and dedication of board members and staff throughout all levels of service. It is inspiring. Their continual drive towards excellence will make 2010-2011 a year of successes for the Blood Tribe Agricultural Project, resulting in an accountability, respect, teamwork, innovation and effective communication with the Blood Tribe.

Our land...

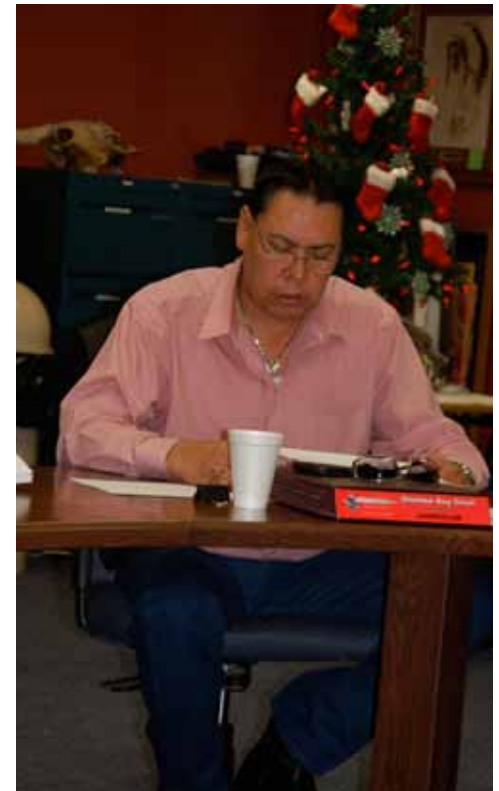
The deep connection to the Land is vital to the Blood Tribe. The relationship between

the People and the Land is an integral component of the Blood Tribe governance. It is the Land that gives us our deep sense of place and our sense of self. The very social structure of the community is embedded in the Land. For example, the entities of KABC & BTAP are each stewards of very particular areas of land and water and their authority to govern those lands is rooted in that responsibility

Our relationship with the Land occurs at both the physical and the spiritual level. But the Land provides for all our needs, including our need for an economy. This relationship gives purpose to our people and our governments – to protect the Land, which in turn, ensures the well-being of our people. It is our responsibility to care for the land, just as it cares of us, and our past, present and future relations.

Through effective strategic planning and by utilizing our two biggest resources, LAND & HUMAN RESOURCES, we can develop a prosperous future and economic stability for the Blood Tribe.

Sheldon Day Chief, Blood Tribe Council/ Board Member



Sheldon Day Chief, chairs BTAP Board of Directors.

Story submitted

BTEST RECEIVES AWARD AND RECOGNITION AS THE BTA 2010 DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR



The BTEST staff proudly display the plaque awarded to them as the Blood Tribe Administration's Department of the Year.

The Blood Tribe Employment & Skills Training department situated in the community of Lavern was recently honored by the Blood Tribe Administration as the Department of the Year. Wayna Beebe, BTEST director, acknowledged the Human Resource department for their selection process and gave credit to her staff and the people for contributing to the recognition award.

"I am especially grateful for my amazing staff who go above-and-beyond to continue our combined efforts in providing quality services for our members," she said. "This award is a great honor for the hard work and dedication the BTEST team has made over the past year."

Together with some of the BTEST staff, Beebe accepted the award and was gracious in her acknowledgment. "I am also thankful to the Blood Tribe Administration, all of our project partners and to our clients for their contributions to all of our programs and services. We would not have received this award without you," she said. "I thank Blood Tribe Human Resources for their effort in providing recognition and I am honored to receive this award on behalf of the BTEST department."

The Department of the Year award was determined by a number of factors which included overall staff attendance, attendance at meetings, departments with the least amount of absenteeism and feedback from the par-



BTEST training centre is located in the community of Lavern.

ticipating departments. Katie Rabbit-Young Pine, Director, Human Resources, said choosing the Department of the Year was a lengthy process.

"This past year, the BTA has been reviewing and revising our personnel policy manual and it is important for us to hear from all the employees," she said. "The response was fantastic. I am pleased to say the BTA has seen a considerable improvement from all its employees, however, we can only present one award, and this year, it was the BTEST department."

The BTEST department has been involved in offering many training programs for interested individuals. Among the training opportunities include: the Home Reno Program, One Earth career fair, chainsaw and firefighting certification, the annual Summer Student Employment program, Alberta Junior Forest Ranger program, Economic Development Entrepreneur Training program, referrals for the Altalink project and an Inroads to Agriculture project with One Earth Farms.

The BTEST department is also involved in providing a variety of services on a regular basis for clients seeking employment, and training leading to employment.

Anyone seeking any additional information can contact the Blood Tribe Employment & Skills Training department at 403.737.8149. Their friendly staff can assist you with exciting and attainable career choices and advice.

Story by Tom Russell

KRI OFFER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TRIBAL OIL & GAS INDUSTRIES



Contractors and people seeking employment had the opportunity to acquire certification as required by the two drilling companies.

Kainai Resources Inc. has completed a workshop where contractors from the Blood Tribe can seek contracts in anticipation of the drilling activity about to begin on the reserve. The presentation to Blood Tribe Contractors put forward information regarding the necessary documentation and certification to work in the oil and gas industry. Cory Fox, KRI surface land administrator, says the workshop was well attended.

“Currently, we (KRI) signed a deal with Murphy Oil. They are proposing to drill in the New Year, so to assist our local Blood Tribe member contractors in attaining work with Murphy, we wanted to help them get a running start,” he describes. “We wanted to put forward the requirements that they need to attain these contracts.”

The training session offered by KRI on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2010, at the old Saipoyi gymnasium, attracted close to 60 individuals, 23 of which received certification in Transportation of Dangerous Goods, H2S Alive, WHIMAS and First Aid. Fox says the Murphy Oil Co. requires certification from potential employees as a measure of safety. “Before anyone can even step on the well-site, they must have these tickets,” he explains of the employment process. “These certificates are basically all they need to go out and work for the company.”

The call for training and certification was for all Blood Tribe contractors, heavy equipment operators and owners, water truck

owners and anyone interested in seeing what type of contracting, employment and business opportunities are available on the existing and new gas and oil operations on the Blood reserve. At the training sessions, representatives from Murphy Oil and Bonavista Petroleum shared what they were looking for from tribal business owners. “We had a presentation from Murphy Oil in regards to what documentation our contractors need to acquire,” he says. “And also, they had a presentation on the possible opportunities in the oil and gas industry if our oil and gas activity turns commercial.”

The Indian Business Corporation attended the three-day session to discuss investment opportunities and Clayton Blood was the master of ceremonies for the sessions.

The Mandate for the KRI states:

To increase revenue generated through oil and gas and mining activities, to establish greater control over the Tribe’s natural resources, to maximize the employment and contractual opportunities for Blood Tribe members, while maintaining the highest environmental standards and safeguards and to ensure that the Blood Tribe’s cultural and spiritual customs are not infringed upon.”

The KRI Mission Statement is as follows:

KRI will create and continually increase revenue from oil and gas, and mining activities, while conducting all activities in the safest, most environmentally responsible and regulatory compliant manner possible with the highest standards of integrity.

For more information on oil and gas activities, contact Cory Fox, KRI, at 403.737.3950.



Story by Tom Russell

NIKE DESIGNS FOOTWEAR AS COMMITMENT TO FIRST NATIONS' HEALTH AND WELLNESS

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Nike on Tuesday unveiled what it said is the first shoe designed specifically for American Indians, an effort aiming at promoting physical fitness in a population with high obesity rates.

The Beaverton-based company says the Air Native N7 is designed with a larger fit for the distinct foot shape of American Indians, and has a culturally specific look. It will be distributed solely to American Indians; tribal wellness programs and tribal schools nationwide will be able to purchase the shoe at wholesale price and then pass it along to individuals, often at no cost.

"Nike is aware of the growing health issues facing Native Americans," said Sam McCracken, manager of Nike's Native American Business program. "We are stepping up our commitment ... to elevate the issue of Native American health and wellness."

Nike said it is the first time it has designed a shoe for a specific race or ethnicity. It said all profits from the sale of the shoe will be reinvested in health programs for tribal lands, where problems with obesity, diabetes and related conditions are near epidemic levels in some tribes.

Nike designers and researchers looked at the feet of more than 200 people from more than 70 tribes nationwide and found that in general, American Indians have a much wider and taller foot than the average shoe accommodates. The average shoe width of men and women measured was three width sizes

larger than the standard Nike shoe.

As a result, the Air Native is wider with a larger toe box. The shoe has fewer seams for irritation and a thicker sock liner for comfort. Jerry Bread, outreach coordinator for the Native American Studies program at University of Oklahoma, said the idea was "fantastic" and addressed a core issue for tribes, though he was skeptical that the feet of people from so many tribes could be so similar.

"It's an excellent gesture and I know it will get a lot of support from tribal people," Bread said. "We stand to profit from it in our physical health and well being."

Dr. Kelly Acton, director of the national diabetes program for Indian Health Services, said she was dubious of working with a corporation at first but said she was delighted with the result, saying Nike "bent over backwards" to design a shoe and respect public health needs.

The N7 name is a reference to the seventh generation theory, used by some tribes to look to the three generations preceding them for wisdom and the three generations ahead for their legacy.

The design features several "heritage callouts" as one product manager described it, including sunrise to sunset patterns on the tongue and heel of the shoe. Feather designs adorn the inside and stars are on the sole to represent the night sky.

The company anticipates selling at least 10,000 pairs and raising \$200,000 for tribal



The Native Nike on display.

programs. At \$42.80 wholesale, it represents less of a financial opportunity than a goodwill and branding effort.

"The reason I like it is that, even if there's not a big Native American market, it gives people the impression there is a constituency that deserves attention," said John Dickson, a member of the executive council of the Native American Leadership Alliance in Washington, D.C.

Paul Swangard, managing director of the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon, said the product reflects how Nike does business.

The company prides itself on designing specifically for certain athletes and having close ties to its customers. Nike has been involved with the tribal community for years, supporting tribal athletic teams, events and other social initiatives.

"It reinforces the core of the Nike brand, which is: If you have a body you are an athlete," Swangard said.

Jason Fox, health promoter, Blood Tribe Department of Health, reminds everyone of the Christmas season and said the shoes should motivate people to remain healthy and fit. "Christmas is coming and NIKE has come out with some new products. Typically, shoes are half price, apparel is close to half-off and training equipment is close to half price. It usually takes about a week to get the merchandise from the time of order," he said. "There is a lot of money to be saved with a quality product. Also, I have many pairs of N7 shoes available and, remember, I am the only one that can get these shoes in southern Alberta. If anyone is interested please contact me."

If anyone would like to see the shoes, they could contact Jason Fox at 403-360-1041.

Story Associated Press - Tom Russell



Jason Fox, health promoter, hopes people like the footwear designed for Native people.

OIL COMPANIES GIVE PRESENTATION ON UP-COMING DRILLING ACTIVITIES

Representatives from both Murphy Oil Company Ltd. and Bowood Energy Inc., who have leases to the drilling rights on tribal land, gave presentations on their development plans. Jon Noad, Exploration Manager, Murphy Oil, shared company information with regard to drilling techniques and said they are planning to bring their representatives to the Blood reserve on January 10, 2011, to further discuss their plans with the people.

“We’ll be pleased to do that,” said Noad on the upcoming open house. “We’ll bring down our whole team so there will be people there who can answer questions on the drilling, on geology, on land issues. I think the aim is to bring at least ten people down to answer questions so that people don’t have to wait for hours for someone they want to talk to.”

Murphy representatives said they want to meet with tribal members prior to the drilling of wells on the reserve. “We anticipate the first well probably spudded in late January (2011),” said Noad. “January 10th would give good opportunity for us to educate and inform the people of what we’re doing.”

A job fair in early December shared information with interested contractors on what requirements were needed to gain employment during the drilling activities on the reserve. “We had a job fair and it was well attended,” said Flannery. “We brought people from our health-safety environment

group explaining the contractor process, the kind of work that will be available, and we will be setting up files for everyone who attended and we will follow-up on that.”

Robert Mercier, President & CEO, Bowood, said they are looking forward to working with the Blood Tribe for the next five years. “We are committed to this and to the extent that we can assist with training, we can assist with employment opportunities even for people who don’t have their own companies, even for people who are just looking for work opportunities, we can do that,” he said.

The Bowood representatives said they will have their team prepared to answer questions from tribal members. “We will be available at the open house and we are discussion with a communications consultant who will be there to be able to speak to things like seismic, some of the drilling, and things like that,” he said. “Our mindset is, even though the communications consultant will be hired by us, we want to provide someone that people can ask questions of and hope they’re getting an independent answer, independent of Bowood.”

Among the topics discussed by both oil companies focused on the protection of the water aquifers, products used in drilling, employment, emergency response plans, environment, health and safety compliance and disposal of fluid sources and frac fluids. Also, other issues discussed included



noise reduction, compliance to regulatory standards, air pollution and protection of areas within the well-sites.

The Open House with Murphy Oil Company Ltd. will be on January 10, 2011, from 6-9 p.m. at the Saipoyi gymnasium. The second Open House will give tribal members the opportunity to ask questions with Bowood on January 11, 2011, from 6-9 p.m. at the Saipoyi Gymnasium.

If you have any questions, contact the Kainaiwa Resources Inc. at 403.737.3950, or visit their website at www.kainaiwaresourcesinc.org.



Blood Tribe Chief & Council are pictured here with representatives of Bowood Energy Inc.

The Blood Tribe Chief & Council pose with representatives of the Bowood Energy Inc.

The two oil & gas companies will be attending an Open House with tribal members to answer any questions the people may have with regard to the drilling on the Blood reserve.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Open House on January 10th and 11th, 2010, at the old Saipoyi school gymnasium.

Story and photos by Tom Russell

BACK PAGES—BLOOD HISTORY

The photo gives us a glimpse of our ancestors as we continued to move beyond our traditional territory. The individuals seen here were among a group of cowboys who shared their skills with the people from down under--Australia



l-r: Frank Many Fingers, Joe Young Pine, Johnny Left Hand, Douglas Kootenay, Joe Bear Robe, Constable S.J. Leach, Joe Crowfoot, Eddie One Spot, Jim Starlight.

The Blood and Treaty Seven cowboys were part of a delegation who travelled to Australia in 1938 as a request from the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales. The group left their homeland for nearly three months for Australia to promote the sport of rodeo and to take part in cultural activities.

Many of the group members were accomplished cowboys who would later become integral in the development of Indian rodeo throughout North America.

Joe Young Pine was chosen to represent Canada as an accomplished Chuckwagon driver and the other cowboys were well-known for their athletic abilities and as accomplished ranchers.

The photo captures proud people from the Blackfoot and Treaty Seven Nations who seized the opportunity to travel the world and to leave a lasting legacy for their people.

DAY CHIEF RAISING AWARD WINNING BLACK ANGUS CATTLE ON HIS RANCH

Mike and Crystal Day Chief stand beside one of their award winning heifers. They travel extensively throughout both Canada and the United States in an effort to get the highest quality genetics for their herd.



A Blood Tribe rancher is slowly gaining a foothold in the cattle industry with his herd of top-notch Black Angus bulls and cows. Mike Day Chief, a well-known Blood artist and sculptor, is taking the breeding of his herd into a more genetic playing field with award-winning results. He has entered a few of his Angus cows in several competitions in both Canada and the United States where his breeding technique has garnered him high accolades in the cattle industry.

“The main thing is getting the best genetics we can,” said Day Chief on his efforts of experimenting with getting the highest quality possible. “What I mean by that is trying to produce the best animals that we can get. We have to try and get the best bulls to breed for our females.”

Once Day Chief assessed his surroundings, his available pasture and other areas of concern, he felt that running a cattle operation dealing with a more specialized approach of raising quality cattle, as opposed to greater numbers, was the way to go. His research paid off as the cows and bulls he is producing are quickly becoming much sought after from other ranchers and breeders. To promote his cows, he has entered in a number of cattle shows and has been very pleased with the results.

“We try to attend as many shows as we can,” he said. “We were in Denver (Colo), last year at the national stock show, it’s one of the bigger shows in the U.S. and we didn’t do too

bad. Out of the nation, our heifer came in seventh, and that’s pretty good.” Day Chief entered his heifer in a category for two-year-olds. He then entered the same heifer at the Northern International Livestock Exposition in Billings, Mont., in October where they received a first-place finish. Day Chief has also been to Shelby, Mont., where his heifer was named the Supreme Champion and went to the Montana State Junior Show in Lewiston, Mont., where they came home with the Reserve Championship and then went to the State Fair in Great Falls and were named the Grand Champions in their category. The heifer was then brought to the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Sask., and came in third.

“It’s gone really scientific,” explained Day Chief of the work involved in getting top quality cattle. “Your breeding program is scientific. Your feeding program is scientific. You have to analyze your feed. We work with a nutritionist so we know what to feed our animals. Everything is really becoming technical.”

Day Chief said the environment plays a huge role in contributing to the overall well-being of his livestock. “You have to be consistent with what you’re doing,” he said. “You want the least amount of stress. You have to feed at the same time, have plenty of water, have all the feed supplements, everything has to be consistent. You even have to know when to breed your cattle so that you can be com-

petitive with other people.”

His breeding program has gained the attention of many people in the cattle industry and is working with the Oklahoma State University and the Remington Land & Cattle company who recognize the quality of Day Chief’s breeding program. Through his involvement in breeding cattle, Day Chief has travelled extensively throughout the mid-western United States and California to gather as much information he can in recognizing quality and receiving good advice. But, above and beyond all the work required, he said his occupation is what he enjoys. “You have to like what you’re doing,” he described. “You get to meet a lot of nice people and make new friends. In all the places I go, I always try to put in a good word for our people here. I think they’re surprised that an Indian is doing this. It makes me feel proud.” He remembers the advice his dad, the late Ronald Day Chief told him. He said “You feed your animals first before you come in to eat.” He has followed this advice to this day and acknowledges his wife Crystal, his family and grandchildren for their support and commitment toward the success of their cattle operation.

Story by Tom Russell



Clear the Air

Mold: What You Need to Know to Keep Your Home Healthy

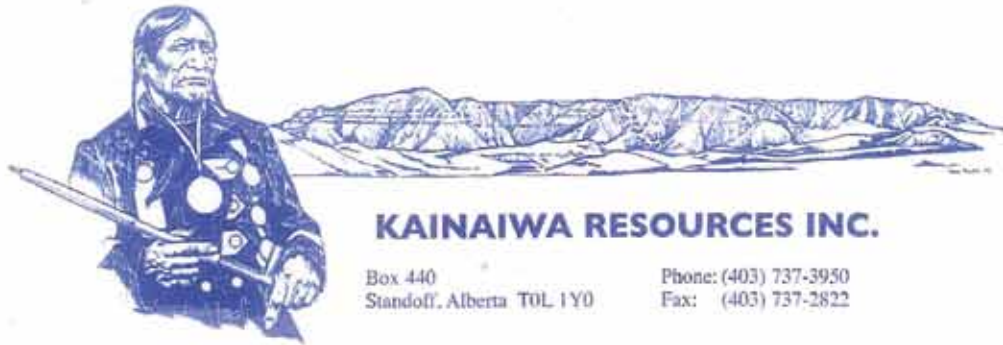
Mold is a fungus that grows on food or on materials that have become damp. While moldy food can just be thrown away, according to Health Canada mold inside your home could become a health risk. Children, seniors, pregnant women and anyone who suffers from asthma or allergies are more at risk when exposed to mold.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) recognizes that housing needs and concerns vary from community to community and from home to home. We offer the following tips on how to find and fight mold and keep your house and your family healthy:

- **Know where mold likes to grow.** Mold needs moisture to grow. Be sure to take a close look for mold in any areas that are damp or which suffer from frequent condensation, leaks or water damage. Some common places where mold tends to grow indoors include basements and closets, around sinks and tubs, along the bottom edge of window sills, on damp carpets or furniture, on drywall or wood and paper products, and on walls or floors in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry areas.
- **Clean up small areas of mold immediately.** Moldy areas that are less than one square meter in size (about the size of a regular garbage bag folded in half) can usually be cleaned up easily. Scrub the area with an unscented dish detergent solution; then sponge with a clean, wet rag and make sure to dry it quickly. For cleaning drywall, use baking soda instead of dish detergent and do not allow the area to become too wet.
- **Put safety first.** When cleaning up mold, always wear a mask, eye protection, and rubber gloves. During the clean-up, children, seniors, pregnant women and anyone with asthma or other health problems should leave the home.
- **Know when to leave it to the experts.** If your home has more than three small patches of mold less than one square meter in size, one moldy area that is larger than a square meter in size, or mold that keeps growing back after repeated cleaning, contact your Housing Manager or your local Environmental Health Officer (EHO).
- **Keep your home “mold-free.”** Once you have cleaned up the mold, fix any leaks or other sources of moisture that allowed the mold to grow in the first place. Make sure your clothes dryer, bathroom and kitchen fans, stove, and oil or propane heater all vent to the outside. Be sure your eaves troughs and downspouts are connected and that they direct water well away from the house.
- **Practice mold-prevention habits.** Lastly, encourage everyone in your family to practice healthy habits that can help keep mold away. For example, always turn on an exhaust fan or open a window when showering or cooking. Clean and dry any surfaces that get wet. Vacuum your carpets and furniture on a regular basis. Avoid hanging laundry indoors. Use a dehumidifier during humid weather if possible. And never store firewood inside your home.

For more information or to order a free copy of the *Mould and Your Health* booklet, visit www.cmhc.ca/mold or call CMHC at 1-800-668-2642. For more than 60 years, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has been Canada’s national housing agency, and a source of objective, reliable housing expertise.

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OIL AND GAS OPEN HOUSE

Murphy Oil Company and Bowood Energy Ltd. will be hosting separate open houses for Tribal Members to ask questions in regards to their upcoming oil and gas exploration activities.

DATE: January 10, 2011 – Murphy Oil Company
January 11, 2011 – Bowood Energy Ltd.

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (both days)

PLACE: OLD SAIPOYI GYM

This will give the membership of the Blood Tribe the opportunity to ask specific questions directly to these companies. Both companies will have representatives there to answer any questions ranging from employment opportunities to environmental protection. Kainaiwa Resources Inc. will also have representatives on hand to answer any questions that pertain to our operations.

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