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COVER: Much of the harvest is in, but there are still a few fields waiting for more sunlight and warmth. This year's crops received plenty of rain and the farmers are hoping Indian summer will last long enough for them to complete their harvest.

COVER PHOTO BY TOM RUSSELL

OIL AND GAS DEAL HAS COUNCIL PONDERING TOUGH DECISION

In the wake of the settlement of one of Canada's largest First Nations oil and gas lease agreements, the Blood Tribe Chief and Council are pondering the future of the \$50 million bonus payment from two oil companies. On October 27, 2010, the Council signed the Bowood agreement with provisions for an environmental assessment being done before any development can occur--a requirement by Indian Oil and Gas Canada who oversees any oil and gas development on First Nations lands. The environmental assessment could take several months. The Murphy agreement is yet to be finalized. There have been intense discussions among reserve residents as to a possible per capita distribution, and it is being considered by the Chief and Council. An amount or a possible date for a distribution has not been determined despite rumors of a cash payment to the members. None of these rumors are true.

According to a Chief and Council notice to the Blood Tribe members, dated September 17, 2010, there is a long process of administration that needs to take place before the money can be released to the tribe's revenue account. Indian Oil and Gas Canada, Bowood Energy, Murphy Oil Company Ltd., and the Blood Tribe, as well as legal representatives, will have to work out the legal and protocol processes before the funds become available to the tribe. When that occurs, the Council will then decide if and when there will be a per capita distribution payment, and what the amount of the payment will be.

While the investment value of such a large bonus payment is greater if the funds are not distributed in a per capita payment, the Chief and Council has decided they will consult with the members to determine how the funds will be spent.

There have been many calls to Council asking for a large distribution payment, and there have also been many calls, especially by elders, that the funds should be used to advance the Tribe economically. The Council is taking these calls in stride while they wait for the funds to become available.

Further details will be disclosed when they are released.



Chief & Council met with members of the Blood Tribe to discuss details of the Oil and Gas agreement at the Saipoyii Old School Gym on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.



KRI General Manager David Shade responding to questions from members.



One of the existing gas wells on the north end of the reserve.



A second community meeting was held in Lethbridge for urban tribal members at the Medicine Tree Center.

by Rick Tailfeathers

DREAMCATCHER 2010 CONFERENCE



Opening ceremonies at Dreamcatcher Conference 2010 at MacEwan Hall in Edmonton.

It was a celebration of heritage, arts and history with a touch of class. This year's DreamCatcher Conference 2010, hosted by the MacEwan University in Edmonton, was well-attended by aboriginal youth across Western Canada.

The first conference, in 1993, brought together 400 young people and their escorts. Today, the attendance has grown making DreamCatcher one of the largest youth conferences of its kind in Canada.

The format of the conference was to present many workshop sessions with presenters on various subjects. It is all meant to help Aboriginal youth look at positive goal setting and to start thinking about career planning. Workshop topics included: Educational Options, Career Choices, Leadership Skills, Healthy Life Choices, Traditional Teachings, Dance, Singing, Drumming, Craft, Sport activities and much more.

Part of the focus of the conference was to bring positive role models from the Aboriginal community. Movie celebrity, Dakota House brought a powerful message of living a positive lifestyle. He was one of the presenters.

The conference also acts as a platform for youth to showcase their talents. Many youth develop their cultural dance skills in school clubs while others have cultivated their natural talents in the vocal or modern and hip hop dance arts. In the past, DreamCatcher has offered a youth talent show to showcase these talents.

The conference continues to offer opportunities for youth to share their talents with others attending the conference. There were groups from the Kainai High, Cardston High, Catholic Central and Fort Macleod high schools.



Youth from the Blood Tribe proudly stand by their flag.



One of the many vendors at the conference.

Story and photo by Rick Tailfeathers

SIKSIKA NATION MEMBER RECEIVE AWARD WORKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Award presented by Gilbert Drapeau, FSCD.

A Siksika member who is a strong advocate for persons with disabilities was recently recognized at the 2010 Inclusion Awards in Calgary, AB., for the work he has performed in southern Alberta. Johnathon Red Gun, who is currently the Disability Employment Coordinator with Treaty Seven Community Futures, received the Award of Excellence for significant achievement.

The Award of excellence is presented to an adult with a disability who is extremely involved in enhancing the lives of First Nations people with disabilities.

Over two years ago, Red Gun successfully engaged Tsuu-Tina, a First Nations community, in creating a program for persons with disabilities to help them develop their skills. His commitment to helping persons with disabilities gain employment has led to positive relationships with other agencies such as the Calgary Alternative Employment Services (CAES) and both the provincial and federal governments. With his help, Siksika Employment and Training Services (SETS) and the Stoney Nation are seeking funding for a program designed in partnership with CAES in response to the needs of a group of Siksika Nation and Stoney Nation persons with disabilities to hone their skills.

Red Gun is currently working with employers in the City of Calgary and surrounding areas to share ideas and seek solutions in establishing how First Nations persons with disabilities and potential employers can work together. The First Nations of Canada are among the largest and fastest growing population sectors and employers are encouraged to work toward the hiring of young aboriginal people in an ever-changing workforce.

by Tom Russell

CHIEF RECEIVES KEY TO THE CITY



In one of his last official duties, Lethbridge Mayor Bob Tarleck had the job of presenting the "Key to the City" to ten individuals from the community who have contributed in various and outstanding ways. Chief Charles Weasel Head was awarded the Key for work he is doing in bridging the two communities, the Blood reserve and the City of Lethbridge. "In the past six years, he has worked hard in bridging the gap between the residents of Lethbridge and the Blood Tribe community," said Tarleck in presenting the Key to the Chief. Mayor Tarleck has worked closely with the Chief in meeting the needs of urban Bloods living in that city. In accepting the Key, Chief Weasel Head replied, "It is a great honor for me, one that I will cherish," and he added: "I will continue to work with the City of Lethbridge in the future for the betterment of the two communities."

Pikani Chief Reggie Crow Shoe also received the award as well as Senator Joyce Fairburn and boxing legend Kai Yipp, to name just a few.

Story and photo by Rick Tailfeathers

PLAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO WOMEN LOST ON HIGHWAY OF TEARS

A play written by local writer Joshua Scout-Bastien received a warm and receptive response from the people who attended his play at the historic Empress Theatre in Fort Macleod. Entitled "A Tribute to Highway of Tears," Scout-Bastien tells a story of internal conflicts within a family and of their struggles to deal with these issues.

The play in Fort Macleod involved many local actors who shared the emotion and energy the play produced. Scout-Bastien, 16, wrote the play and directed the performance. "The highway of tears was the inspiration for writing the play," he explained of why he wrote on the topic. "I wanted the people to know why I wrote the play, but they got more messages from the play than I intended like drugs and alcohol, prostitution. Many people got these messages too, and it was a nice surprise."

The play involves struggles with family violence and of how each of the individuals meet these challenges. The end of the play shows how choices can affect the family structure and of the barriers that exist between the roles within the family and of the community at large.

The play also directs our attention to the real highway of tears which is a stretch of road in British Columbia where 32 Indigenous women and girls have been assaulted, murdered or missing over the past two decades. Today, efforts are being made to ensure the safety of our grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, teachers and leaders.

The cast included: Joshua Scout-Bastien, Christine Scout-Bastien, Kayla Pard, Raven Yellow Face, Celene White Quills, Alexa White Quills, Tiffany Bastien, Danika Healy and Simone Smith.



by Tom Russell

BLOOD TRIBE CADETS UNDERGO TRAINING AS A METHOD OF TESTING THEIR ABILITIES



The Blood Tribe cadets stand in front of the 15 foot wall they rappelled down as part of their training.

The Blood Tribe Cadets recently travelled to a base camp in the wilderness at the Royal Mountain National Army Cadet Summer Training Centre near Cochrane, AB., to participate in military training as part of their on-going development. Commanding Officer Susan Weasel Moccasin, who accompanied the young cadets during their training exercise, said the three-day assignment included a number of drills intended to hone their survival skills.

“We had nine cadets who attended and they really enjoyed themselves,” she said. “It was adventure training and they were all really excited about attending the camp.”

The nine cadets, along with the commanding officer, were involved in activities which challenged their physical and mental abilities. While they were at the adventure camp, the students hiked up Ghost Mountain which was a four-hour trek. “Everyone accomplished their hike to the top of the mountain,” she said. “It was beautiful up there on the mountain. I was really proud of all the cadets who made it.”

Upon their return to base camp, the cadets were issued mountain bikes and had the opportunity to maneuver around mountain trails and to learn about bike safety. “We had an instructor who taught the cadets instruction on safety procedures,” she said. “Other safety features included how they need to turn, how to position their pedals when they turn, and how safety is important.”

The cadets were then involved in an activity that pits their abilities with an intense move

to conquer fear—abseiling. Abseiling, from the German word “abseilen” meaning “to rope down,” is the process of sliding down a rope under controlled conditions. Known as rappelling in the United States, abseiling has long been used in canyoneering, rock climbing, caving, and mountaineering to descend slopes or cliffs that are too steep to simply hike down. The cadets rappelled down a fifteen foot wall, with three later choosing to rappel down a thirty foot wall.

As an organized group, the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp. #2384 Kainai, must comply with a number of regulations including the submission of a yearly work plan. “There is a lot we need to complete to meet our cadet program standards,” she explained of the work involved with the cadet organization. “For instance, our cadet unit training plan is a standard we need to comply with.”

Their yearly operating schedule is from September to June with a number of activities planned. The cadets are looking forward to three more activities which include Bivouac training, navigation and tracking field training exercise and a cultural camp. The cadets are also involved in sporting activities and are scheduled to make a trip to the military museum in Calgary and a visit to the Glenbow Museum.

This year, Weasel Moccasin had the opportunity to rub shoulders with the brass as she was included at the head table at a commanding officer’s conference hosted by the regional support cadet unit. “This year was the first time ever that there has been over 300 cadet instructor cadre officers under one roof,” she said of her experience. “There are only two Native cadet corps with one in Alberta (Kainai), and the other in Saskatchewan (Cross Lake), so it was a real honor for a First Nations officer to be seated there with the Lieutenant Colonel Leo Brodeur.”

The Kainai Cadet Corp consists of two other members including second lieutenant Lori Brewer and Blood Tribe Police Constable Jim Bennett. Anyone interested in becoming a cadet can contact Weasel Moccasin if they want to challenge themselves in an occupation that could contribute to their mental and physical growth, but, she adds that everyone, regardless of their age, could join. “The age group for young people who want to become cadets ranges from 12 to 18 years-of-age,” she said. “And, the cadet program is not just for the children. If an adult would like to get involved, they could apply to become a civilian instructor.”

For more information on the cadet program, please contact Susan Weasel Moccasin at 403.737.4233.



The youngster is inching his way down the wall.

by Tom Russell

ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS GRAND CHIEF VISITS RESERVE



Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Shawn Atleo, accompanied by AFN Regional Chief George Stanley and support staff, listen to Blood Tribe Council.

In a whirlwind visit to the Blood Tribe Community, National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, with Alberta AFN Regional Chief, George Stanley, made a quick stop at the Tribe's headquarters in Standoff to meet with Blood Tribe Chief and Council on September 18, 2010.

The purpose of the visit was to get a first hand look at the community, and to hear some of the concerns of the Blood Tribe Chief and Council and residents of the reserve.

"I've come to meet with your Chief and Council and to hear some of their concerns that affect the community," commented the AFN Grand Chief, and he continued to say: "We are looking at a number of serious concerns including housing and post-secondary funding."

These are the two areas where the tribe has been dealing with high demand and not enough resources. In the area of post-secondary funding in the mid 1990's, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada imposed a 2% price freeze on student funding and they have never lifted that freeze. This has

caused some serious shortfalls in the funding of post-secondary students. Recent numbers tell us that the tribe can only fund about half of the applicants. In the present year, there are nearly 800 applications. Despite pleas from First Nations communities across the land, there is little movement from the Federal government.

It is a similar situation in the housing area where the demand for renovations and new housing has reached the roof. This past year, there were three flood events on the Blood reserve, each taking their toll on houses. The storm of April 29, 2010, was damaging when power was knocked out for over 12 hours in some areas. This caused many houses to flood and sewers to fail. The clean-up is just now being wrapped up. The infrastructure of the community was also impacted. The roads on the reserve took a beating during those storms. And again there has not been adequate funding to help the reserve keep its 1200 kilometres of roads in shape. It is these concerns that Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo,

wants to bring to Ottawa on a national level and to deal with the government and these shortfalls in funding.

"We are happy to have him here," said Blood Tribe Chief Weasel Head, and continued: "He has heard from us and he will take these concerns to the Minister."

The stop in Standoff was part of the AFN Chiefs visit of Alberta reserves.



Story and photo by Rick Tailfeathers



Despite weather challenges this year, over 20,000 acres of Kainaii land under lease to OEF was seeded to wheat, barley and canola. OEF was unable to seed approximately 4,600 acres due to the excessive rain and snow late in the spring season. Although these leased lands were not seeded, they have been maintained to prepare for seeding in 2011.

Custom Combine Training

In order to ensure that OEF employees were prepared for the busy harvest season, combine training was done with several OEF employees over the summer months. OEF employees worked with a custom combining crew in South Dakota using the same combines used during harvest here. This opportunity provided the employees with experience operating these units and a comfort level that allowed them to face any challenges that may have come up.



Combines used in the South Dakota combine training

Sprott Family Foundation Bursary

The Sprott Family Foundation has donated \$1 million to the University of Saskatchewan to create a Post Graduate Diploma in Agriculture and Land Management. The program is a great opportunity for individuals to transition into the Ag sector. The program begins in January 2011, consisting of 8 months in the class room and a 4 month work term. In order to qualify for the bursary, individuals must be of aboriginal descent and must hold a Bachelor's Degree in a non-agricultural discipline.

For additional information please contact Tom Allen from the U of S at 306-966-4012.

Alberta leads the way!

- During the past decade, Alberta produced 29% of Canada's wheat crop, 34% of the canola, 43% of the barley, and 18% of the oats.
- Alberta is the largest cattle-producing province in Canada. It led the nation in cattle and calf inventories, with an estimated 5.2 million head as of January 1, 2010, or nearly 40% of the national total (13 million head).
- Irrigation opened southeastern Alberta for farming. The first large project began near Lethbridge in 1883. Since then, approximately 15 major projects have been completed. Alberta has over 1 million acres of irrigable land. About 5,300 farms use irrigation water. The St. Mary Dam on the St. Mary-Milk river system provides water to irrigate about 293,000 acres.

Harvest Time!

Harvest for OEF began this fall on August 27. Barley crops were the first fields combined. If the weather cooperates, it is expected that OEF will be completed harvesting at the Blood Tribe by the end of October.



OEF Harvest Operations at Blood Tribe

OEF Labour Force

OEF currently has a total of 62 employees that are helping to bring in the harvest from the land leased across Saskatchewan and Alberta. 20 of these are employed at the Blood and 18 employees are Blood Tribe members.



OEF Blood Tribe crew at the pre-harvest BBQ on August 17

OEF Community Garden

In May, Kevin Caisse and Arlene Hunt represented One Earth Farms at the planting of a community garden with seeds and tools provided by OEF. Under the direction of Melvin Iron Shirt, the garden was maintained by local high school students who gained a better understanding of agriculture and hopefully developed an interest in this industry. Although the weather created a challenge, the community came together to make the garden a success.

In Roads to Agriculture

Last spring OEF submitted a proposal to the Federal Government for funding to support training in agriculture. The ASEP Project has been officially approved and will proceed under the direction of the Inroads to Agriculture Institute (IAI). With this approval, OEF can officially proceed with the Green Certificate Trainee program. There are currently two Blood Tribe Trainees in this program. The Green Certificate Program is an industry driven training program. It uses an apprenticeship style of delivery so participants learn through actively performing the skills required.

IAI is also offering Workplace Readiness training called Way 2 Work. Way 2 Work will prepare recipients for entry into existing roles within OEF or for other employers in the Agriculture industry. The SIIT Career College will conduct assessments to determine eligibility. It is expected that 20-25 people will go through the program in 2011.

Did you know...?

- The average wheat yield is 40 bushels per acre. 1 bushel can make 58 loaves of bread and 1 acre can make about 2320 loaves of bread!
- 80 years ago, the average farm size was 160-320 acres. Today the average non-irrigated grain farm is about 2,000 acres!
- The average barley yield is 56 bushels per acre. 1 bushel of barley is estimated at 21.77 kg. It takes 2.25 kg of barley to make 1 dozen bottles of beer, which means that 1 acre of malt barley will make about 540 cases of beer!

Teepee Ceremony

In July, OEF was honoured to participate in a Teepee transfer ceremony with Blood Tribe leaders and elders. OEF's CEO, Larry Ruud, was presented with the Teepee. He was also presented with his colours of brown (representing the soil) and yellow (representing the sun) along with the traditional name, One Who Plants Seeds.



OEF Teepee

FALL FAMILY & COMMUNITY CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED BY PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

A conference at the Kainai High School on October 6, 7 and 8, 2010, brought together a number of local professionals for three days of information sharing and awareness. The Fall Family & Community Conference was hosted by the Kainai Board of Education, Blood Tribe Social Development and the Kainaiwa Children’s Services and attracted many interested people from the tribe who had the opportunity to participate in activities and to visit the many booths for additional information.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Esther Tailfeathers who was more than pleased to share her knowledge and experiences with the people. With a population nearing twelve thousand, the many professionals from the tribe gave the people an insight as to how many services are available. Each of the presenters shared their talents and gifts with the participants and were available to answer the many questions directed at them during the three days.

The participants were involved in many sessions at the workshops including storytelling, discovering math, rattle making, substance abuse facts and discussion, self-awareness and self-care to learning about the growing technology surrounding us. For instance, people had the opportunity to learn about the smart board which is a huge screen, mounted on a wall, and can be manipulated at the touch of a hand. Other topics of interest were grief and bereavement sessions, Youth Ranch and adolescent treatment, the Kainai Wellness Lodge, grandparents raising grandchildren, scrap-booking and fun, beadworking and many other interesting topics.

The organizers of the three-day conference wish to thank everyone for their involvement and look forward to hosting another informative conference next year.

The theme for this year’s conference was: “Kitohkanaako’ sinnooni pookaiksi” (We are all parents of the children).



The conference featured many booths and guest speakers during the three-day event. The organizers wish to thank all the participants, departments and entities for attending the function.



by Tom Russell

Meeting Nation to Nation



On October 8th, a delegation of top officials, government representatives and educational leaders from the Republic of Kazakhstan came to the Siksika Nation. This meeting was set up at the Siksika Nation Health & Wellness Centre for the purpose of helping the Kazakhstan Delegation learn more about Canada's Aboriginal People and to showcase the infrastructure that Siksika Nation has at its disposal for its Members.

The Kazakhstan Delegation was invited by Alberta Health Services and Health Canada to view and tour the Health & Wellness Centre. The group of 16 represented the health and science communities in Kazakhstan. This delegation came to Canada to meet with Health Canada, the Canadian Society for International Health, and to tour Canadian Universities.

This meeting marks the first time that Alberta Health Services has set up a meeting like this for Siksika Nation. Jordan Head, Alberta Health Services, mentions: "This is the first time for us this has happened."

This event is also a great privilege and opportunity for the Siksika Nation. Shelley Goforth, Alberta Health Services, says, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

During the discussion which took place at the Health and Wellness Centre, Chief Leroy Wolf Collar spoke to the delegates and offered gifts for coming to the Siksika Nation including a custom watch with his family insignia and Siksika Nation's coat-of-arms. Though the delegates were from a half a world away, Dr. Aikan Akanov, the President of the Kazakh National Medical University, remarked on our hospitality and the surprise

of being here in Siksika Nation. "The world is becoming a smaller place. We never imagined we would end up [in Siksika Nation] for a meeting."

Dr. Akanov also described Kazakhstan and its people. "We are going through a very difficult period and are trying to transform ourselves and adapt to the modern world... our country is developing very quickly, [but] Kazakhstan also has a very bright future."

After Dr. Akanov finished speaking, Chief Wolf Collar responded by summarizing Siksika Nation's history including the hard times and assimilation programs by the Canadian government. But, ultimately, told the captivated Kazakhstan Delegation how "we [Siksika] were strong" and "are trying to overcome".

After hearing about our history, Dr. Akanov spoke about Siksika Nation and its people. "I think the history of your people is a history of defeat and of victory," adding that the history of the Kazakhstan is not so different than that of Siksika Nation, since Kazakhstan has also been through many hard times in the past century.

The hardships of Siksika Nation stuck a cord with the Kazakhstan Delegation, and though these people were from the other side of the planet, they noticed the incredible similarities between the Blackfoot people and themselves. "We see the[m] both externally in appearance and internally, with spirituality you're very close to us... and we feel very comfortable with you," says Dr. Akanov.

After the meeting, the group was invited to the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park. This brief visit to Siksika Nation is not one that

these delegates will forget. In his final remarks about Siksika Nation, he said: "The hospitality, the openness and the friendliness, the purely human friendliness, I was very much impressed...because my people are like that. We've been on a long trip... but all our meetings were on the official side. This is the first time that we've been talking on the human level... I am going to tell everyone, all my colleagues, and in the museum I am going to dedicate a corner to Siksika Nation.

The meeting between representatives of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Siksika Nation was a highlight in many ways for the Kazakhstan delegation. They learned more about our people and were very impressed. This meeting was also a highlight to Siksika Nation because, as Chief Wolf Collar says, "We are very different. They have millions of people and we have thousands, but we share a lot and they have a good understanding of the issues for the survival of a nation." This meeting has built a new relationship between our two nations. Dr. Akanov, while looking at Siksika Nation's leadership and the Blackfoot members of the audience, said of Siksika Nation's future: "I see men who are big, with shine in their eyes and I think that this people has a big future."

The Kazakhstan Delegation left Canada on October 9, 2010. Dr. Akanov is in the process of dedicating a corner of the Kazakh National Medical University Library to the Siksika Nation and Blackfoot People.

By Douglas Winnipeg - Siksika Media

CONCERNED GROUP REACHING INTO COMMUNITY SEEKS SUPPORT FOR PERSON'S WITH DISABILITIES



Melvin Wells.

A small but determined group of people are trying to establish an association which will meet the needs of person's with disabilities on each of the three Blackfoot nations. Clement 'Shorty' Soop, who has been involved in advocating for people who have a disability, says the efforts of people from the three Blackfoot tribes will benefit those who have no where to go for supports.

"We're beginning a group for the handicapped here on the Blood reserve," he explained of their efforts. "And, we're also looking at establishing a bigger group with Siksika and Piikani. We want to make it more directed to the Blackfoot people."

The group, who are organizing a formal unit to represent people with disabilities on the Blood reserve, have had several meetings already in beginning the process. Melvin Wells, who is also part of the group, said they can represent people with disabilities in a number of key areas.

"The main idea is to advocate for the handicapped," he explained. "For example, accessibility into buildings, ramps, renovating houses to accommodate people with disabilities; we are looking into those kinds of issues."

Because there are many other areas of concern, Wells described other areas which will be developed once they work out and expand on required details. "We want to bring peo-

ple out of their homes to attend meetings and social gatherings," said Wells. "Right now, many handicapped people are not mobile, they're at home. We want our people to be more included in our community."

Both Wells and Soop are busy organizing a two-day conference in March, 2011, as a way of getting more people involved with the group's intent. "We want to host a conference next year with Peigan and Siksika and to utilize our own people from our nations in sharing the types of services we provide," described Soop. "We have many departments and entities who could play their role in employing people with disabilities. But, we'll have other items on the agenda during the conference."

Members of the group recently travelled to Siksika to visit their disability services program and are optimistic they can work together to share ideas and to establish a larger working group. "We went to Siksika and they shared with us what they have in place already. They've been doing that for ten-plus years and it's being supported by their tribe," said Wells. "They have all their management staff in place, and we hope to get there eventually."

Wells said the eventual creation of a Blackfoot group to meet the needs of people with disabilities representing the Blood, Siksika and Peigan Nations should open doors for greater opportunities in all areas of their lives.

"We need to have someone to talk on behalf of our people," said Wells. "We need to take this step-by-step and build upon what we're trying to establish. As a group (Kainai, Siksika, Peigan), we can be in a better position to advocate for our people on an on-going basis."

Anyone interested in joining the Blood Tribe disability group can contact either Melvin Wells at 403.653.2582 or Clement 'Shorty' Soop at 403.653.4214 or 404.330.2146.



Clement 'Shorty' Soop.

by Tom Russell

NO RUNNER REMEMBERED BY FAMILIES IN QUARTER HORSE RACE AT WHOOP UP



The late Robert No Runner enjoyed his life as a trainer and horseman.

His life was defined, in his later years, by horses. He groomed and trained, disciplined and rewarded the very horses he grew to respect. Some of the horses he trained never finished first at the wire. But, there were those he prepared who surged to the top after years of hard work and dedication. It was the behind the scenes work that often went unnoticed as he went about his business as a horseman.

The family of the late Robert No Runner recently honored the memory of their son, brother and father, by hosting a quarter-horse race at Whoop-up Downs in Lethbridge on September 25, 2010, as a way of celebrating his accomplishments, and as a way of healing the loss of their loved one.

Delvin No Runner, brother to Robert, and spokesperson for the No Runner family, said family members wanted to pay tribute to the late Robert and worked toward hosting a race in his memory.

“The family and friends got together and wanted to put up a memorial race. It was about a year in the planning,” he said. “So, my uncle Don No Runner approached the Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association, and when they heard about the race and who it was for, they backed us a 100 per cent.”

The Robert No Runner Memorial Feature was a \$10,000 race for two-year-old quarter horses. With eight horses in the running, it was a long-shot who sprinted to the finish line to claim the featured event. First Jump Counts Eh, owned by Daryll Bien and Kelly Matthews and trained by Stan Webb, finished the 350 yard race with a time of 18.24 seconds.

No Runner reflected on who his brother was during his lifetime. “Robert passed away about two years ago and was really involved in horse racing in Lethbridge,” he said. “When he was younger, he broke horses for my uncle Don (No Runner) and he liked

breaking the two year olds and making sure they were ready for the track.” Among the notable horses Robert helped trained was the Horse of the Year in 1988—Triple H Lucky Tarzan. “Robert loved being around horses,” continued Delvin. “We wanted to have a good race for him. We want to thank everyone for their involvement including Rose Rossi, the Rocky Mountain Turf Club and the Alberta Quarter Horse Association and board.”

Because Robert was such a familiar figure at the Lethbridge Rocky Mountain Turf Club, organizing the feature went off without a hitch. The owners of the winning two-year-old received a blanket, buckles and a trophy for the efforts. At the conclusion of the race, the No Runner family and friends then hosted a meal which fed over 300 people who remained to help the family celebrate the day. As with many First Nation celebrations, the No Runner family brought their powwow drum and sang round dance songs. Some of the AQHA representatives even tried their hand at drumming.

Due to the popularity of the feature, and because of Robert’s involvement at the race track, the No Runner family and friends will be meeting with the AQHA board in January to decide whether they will have the Robert No Runner Memorial Futurity as an annual event.

“The Board talked about having the race annually as a futurity,” said Delvin. “That’s how well they knew Robert. He was a very nice young man and is missed by everyone. It’s a healing process for all of us.”

The trophy inscription captured Robert’s life in a few short words:

“He rode the best. He trained the best. With Robert we were blessed. May he forever in peace rest.”



The No Runner clan and family members gathered for a photograph with the winning horse and owner.

by Tom Russell



Indian and Northern
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et du Nord Canada

**Identification required from
Registered First Nations Adults
(16 years of age and older)
when applying for a
Secure Certificate of Indian Status (Card)**

Registered Indians 16 years of age and older:

- Current status card (if applicable); AND
- Original birth certificate* (long or short form); AND
- Two passport style photographs; AND
- Valid** identification; AND
- If your current status card has a different last name than your other ID you will need:
 - Copy of marriage certificate(s) (if you have valid** ID in your married name); OR
 - Original government issued marriage certificate(s) (if you do not have valid** ID in your married name); OR
 - Legal change of name document

* Original Baptismal Certificates are acceptable (for applicants 65 years of age or older) however individuals are only eligible to receive an in-Canada SCIS card

****Valid identification includes:**

If you have the following ID you only need to present one:

- Canadian or United States Passport
- Border-crossing SCIS
- Enhanced Driver's License
- Enhanced Identification Card
- NEXUS or FAST card

If you do not have the above ID you have to present two of the following:

- Driver's license (provincial, territorial or state)
- In-Canada SCIS or current status card
- Other government-issued ID (federal, provincial, territorial or state)
- Your Indian Registry Administrator has a form you can complete if you only have 1 piece of ID (however you can only apply for an in-Canada SCIS)

The valid identification presented must include a photograph and the signature of the applicant, though not necessarily on the same document.

For more information: www.inac-ainc.gc.ca
1-800-567-9604 TTY: 1-866-553-0554
1-800-O-CANADA (1-800-622-6232) TTY: 1-800-926-9105



JOB POSTING

POSITION TITLE:

Community Liaison

PROGRAM:

Kainai Peacemaking Program

DEPARTMENT:

Tribal Government and External
Affairs

2 YEAR TERM POSITION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Kainai Peacemaking Program (KPP) Community Liaison assists the KPP Coordinator in different areas of case/client intake. The Community Liaison will help to serve the Blood Tribe community members participating in the KPP. The incumbent will assist in daily data entry and upkeep of confidential files as using case management software. The incumbent will be required to liaise with participants as directed by the KPP Coordinator. Specifically, the KPP Community Liaison will be required to assist the KPP Coordinator in daily intakes of clients, victims and/or any other participants. This includes scheduling meetings with these potential parties in accordance with the KPP's protocol.

NECESSARY TRAINING AND
EXPERIENCE:

- The ideal candidate should have a Post Secondary Diploma or Degree in Social Science, Native American Studies, or Criminal Justice or a relevant field of study and equivalent experience.

- 3 -5 years experience working in a related field

- Must possess a valid driver's license and have transportation

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

November 5, 2010

Please send letters of application, resume and copies of credentials to:

Blood Tribe Administration

c/o Human Resource Department

P.O. Box 60

Standoff, AB T0L 1Y0

(Please mark: Community Liaison/Personal & Confidential)

For Inquiries:

Phone: (403) 737-8118

Fax: (403) 737-8200

Only complete applications will be accepted

NOTICE:

Please be advised that the "Senator Gladstone Hall" will be closed for the month of January 2011. The hall will be repaired for the damages done during the 2010 flood. Should you require further information, please contact our office at (403) 737-3868. Blood Tribe Recreation Department

There are 2 formats of the Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS).

1. **In-Canada SCIS:** Provides the identified individual with access to a variety of statutory entitlements and program-based services in Canada.



- The only format that will be issued to a cardholder that is born outside the United States or Canada, regardless of Citizenship.
- Issued to cardholders that do not wish to have their personal information shared with Canada Border Services Agency and U.S. Customs Border Protection.

2. **Border-crossing SCIS:** Acceptable document when visiting the United States via land and water ports-of-entry:



- Only issued to individuals who are born within Canada or the United States, regardless of citizenship.
- Only issued to applicants who give consent to sharing personal information with Canada Border Services Agency and, only when the card is presented at a U.S. land or water border port, with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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to receive their CVSA decals.

-Everyone was in agreement; CVSA Inspections will be an annual event and conducted during the month of September each year.

-Safety Check Stop – Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator was excited to partner with Blood Tribe Police for a Safety Check stop scheduled for October 8, 2010, to start off the Thanksgiving long weekend, however, due to unforeseen circumstance, this event was postponed. RTSC feels it is important to report the results of check stops, knowing what type of traffic safety violations are occurring will help with focus on awareness and educational campaigns.

-Roadway improvements -- Tammy White Quills-Knife, along with colleagues Randy Youngman and Kevin Brandvold, Regional Traffic Safety Coordinators, met with Bus Co-op Manager on October 4, 2010, to view the turnoff into the Belly River Gas Station. With high volume of traffic travelling south and north on Highway #2, turning safely and leaving the Belly River Gas Station has raised some concerns. The turnoff slopes downward, and during winter, this can be challenging, and if not properly sanded, vehicles can likely slide into oncoming traffic. RTSCs were informed a year ago some work was done to the turnoff, leveling and paving. Pictures were taken and will be forwarded to Alberta Transportation. In the meantime, a stop sign and caution turning signs can be put up.

-Seat belt and Car Seat Survey – RTSC, in partnership with Blood Tribe Community Health, will be conducting an observation survey during October, 2010, counting the number of drivers and passengers wearing seat belts and if children are restraint in car seats. Information gathered will determine Compliance rate for occupant restraints in our Community.

-In the south region of Alberta in 2009, 46 people lost their lives on our roadways and hundreds more were injured in motor vehicle collisions. The use of occupant restraints, seat belts and child seats, greatly reduces the likelihood of sustaining an injury and the severity of injury decreases as well. So why doesn't everyone wear one? I personally can't think of any better life insurance than simply doing up a seat belt

-Province-wide during the month of October, our local law enforcement agencies, the Alberta Office of Traffic Safety, Regional Health professionals and partners in the Alberta Occupant Restraint Program (AORP), are launching their semi-annual seatbelt awareness and enforcement campaign. Enforcement agencies across the province will be enforcing seatbelt and child safety seat infractions. Most people know that failing to wear their seat belts can result in a \$115 fine. But failing to secure a child properly in a child car seat or failing to install that seat properly can also result in a \$115 fine.

-The simple unavoidable fact is: "SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES." Remember, if you're not wearing your seat belt, "WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?"

For more information and tips on proper usage of occupant restraints including child restraint systems, call your local Community Health Services, Police Service or Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator @ 403-863-2417. Visit www.saferoads.com

TRAFFIC SAFETY BLOOD TRIBE TRAFFIC SAFETY NEWS:

School Bus Safety - September 21, 2010 Random School Bus Inspections took place at Lavern and Kainai High Schools.

-October 4 – 6, 2010 A partnership between Bus Co-op, Regional Traffic Safety Coordinators and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch (teams from Lethbridge, Burnis and Coutts), scheduled three days for Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Inspections (CVSA) on school buses at the Kainai Sports Arena Parking Lot.

-CVSA Inspections are conducted to ensure paperwork to operate bus and driver credentials are in order and buses are mechanically safe.

-A total of 43 buses were checked on Performance Based Brake Testing and passed. As for the Inspections, some infractions were identified and bus operators were great about getting the repairs done and getting inspected again



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF

BLOOD TRIBE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT (1991)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the company will be held at Ball Rooms A Lethbridge Lodge in Lethbridge, Alberta Canada on Monday November 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of:

1. Chairman's report;
2. Receiving and considering the financial statements for the year end March 31, 2010 and auditor's report;
3. Electing/Appointment of Directors;
4. Appointment of Auditors and Solicitors;

All shareholders, as well as the auditors, and all directors, are cordially invited to attend the meeting

DATED this 15 day of October, 2010

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

¹ Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call STAP office at (403) 737-3900.

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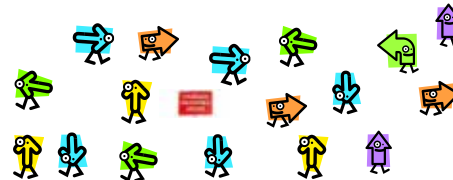
Kainai High School/Red Crow College Career Fair



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CONNECTIONS
ARE MADE

Open to all who
wish to come

Kainai High School Gymnasium
November 17, 2010
Set up time 8:30 am
Career Fair 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Refreshments & Lunch Provided



Oli & Greetings to our Top Employers and Career Builders in and around our Community.

It is our pleasure to once again host the annual "Kainai High School/ Red Crow Community College Career Fair".

In response to our communities growing need for social change and the decline in social services, we would like to make rewarding jobs and education more accessible to students and community members.

We hope you will join us and connect with students and community members face to face.

We also cordially ask you to donate an item for the door prize, drawn through out the day.

Important dates:

Special equipment booking (outlet, projectors ect.) by: **October 29, 2010**

Table booking by: **November 5, 2010**

Career fair day: **November 17, 2010** Begins @ 9:00am

Contact For Table Booking And Special equipment

Rosie Jane Tail Feathers, Career Counselor/Teacher

Kainai High School

Phone: (403) 737 - 3963 pm only

Marlene Shade, Administrative Assistant

Blood Tribe Post Secondary, Red Crow College

Jennifer Scott, Counsellor

Blood Tribe Post Secondary, Red Crow College

Phone: (403) 737 - 2400 Marlene or Jennifer

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