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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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NEW LEARNER'S RESOURCE BUILDING GETS DONATION AS PART OF MIKAI'STO'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EFFORTS



Blood councillor Dexter Bruised Head and RCCC President Marie Smallface-Marule watch as Francis First Charger accepts the donation from Tamarack CEO Brian Schmidt.

The Red Crow Community College received a sizeable donation from Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. on Friday, June 3, 2011, as part of the Mikai'sto Foundation's capital campaign for a new Learner's Resource building. Francis First Charger, CEO, Mikai'sto Foundation, was very pleased of the \$20,000 donation they received as a result of their continual efforts in securing the necessary funds to begin construction of their new facility.

"We have a dream and we're sharing our dream with others who are hearing about our efforts. Many of these big companies are hearing about our cause and many other companies want to come on board," said First Charger. "We're very happy and appreciate Brian Schmidt and Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. for contributing to our goal." Brian Schmidt, CEO, Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd., presented the donation for the learner's resource centre and shared in their vision of creating and maintaining relations with the First Nations people. "Tamarack has chosen to focus their charitable efforts, both in time and funding, to support First Nations education. We believe the quality of life for First Nations' Peoples can be improved significantly by the tremendous opportunities that exist when people work their

own lands. The only way this will happen is to build capacity through education," said Schmidt. "I was impressed how Red Crow Community College has made the best of their facilities to produce quality graduates that will not only help the Blood Tribe, but people well beyond its boundary. Red Crow Community College is providing real opportunity for those wanting to improve their way of life through education. It is that track record, plus the vision of the Mikai'sto Foundation, that make it an easy decision to support this fund-raising drive. We hope to help Mikai'sto realize its dream and see this donation as a first step."

Red Crow Community College President Marie Small Face-Marule acknowledged everyone involved in welcoming Mr. Brian Schmidt and Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. to the college. "I'm very happy that we received the donation," she said. "I want to thank Roy Fox for the work he did to familiarize Mr. Schmidt with Red Crow College and his interest in our project. Also, thank you to Francis First Charger for the work he did and for facilitating the donation."

The RCCC learning centre will feature a library which will allow for greater access by its users for resources they would normally have to go off the reserve to acquire infor-

mation. An opportunity for long distance learning will be at the fingertips of those who desire to interact with professionals or instructors and the library will also house books, periodicals and related research materials for those whose studies require more in-depth resources.

Not only will the library facility house information for scholars and students, but will have culture-relevant artifacts and information geared toward the history of First Nations' peoples. Other culture-relevant resources will be of spiritual, historical and ceremonial significance as a measure of preserving the Blackfoot culture. The learning centre will also include an elder's lounge and a botanical garden.

Francis First Charger acknowledged and thanked the Red Crow Community College President, Marie Small Face-Marule and the staff for their tremendous work and was grateful for the support received from Roy Fox, president/CEO, Indian Resource Council of Canada. He also thanked Brian Schmidt, CEO, Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd., for their generous contribution.

Story by Tom Russell

ADULT LITERACY GRADUATES CELEBRATE HUGE EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Genevieve Bruised Head stands with the proud and happy graduates of the Adult Literacy Program.

The Adult Literacy program students celebrated their graduation before a large number of family and friends at the old Saipoyi gymnasium on May 27, 2011, after successfully completing their certification requirements. Genevieve Bruised Head, instructor, who came on board in November, 2010, said it was an emotional time for many of the graduates.

"We had our graduation and it was really emotional for the students," she said. "Adult Literacy opened doors for them. It opened their eyes knowing that they (students) could do it; slowly working on their self-esteem, encouraging them to seek summer employment, it (program) was something for them to look forward to every day to be in school." There were fourteen students who completed the requirements to graduate and were thrilled to have earned the honor to stand among their peers, instructors and guests as they received their certificates. Marie Small Face-Marule, president, red crow community college, recognized the guests in attendance and thanked elder Martin Eagle Child for the opening prayer. She encouraged the graduates to continue to pursue all aspects of learning. "I am very proud of you; be proud

of yourselves," she told the graduates. "Your success in this program is only one of the milestones in our lifelong journey in education. Every step we take is an accomplishment. I am proud and happy to be here."

The Adult Literacy Program adheres to Red Crow Community College's mission to assist students achieve self-realization and self determination based on Kainaiysinni. The Adult Literacy Program is designed for students planning to return to school after an extended absence. The instructor develops an individualized program plan that meets the academic needs of the student. In general, the program prepares students for academic upgrading at the introductory level, trades training or employment based on student goals. Subject areas include literacy, numeracy, health and life skills, physical education and Blackfoot culture.

Councilor Dexter Bruised Head, who was the master of ceremonies, congratulated the students for their efforts and introduced Alice Kaquitts, a member of the Stoney tribe, to share her experiences with the graduates. Kaquitts never learned to read or write despite attending residential school, but, in her late twenties, taught herself to read

from magazines and books she bought in stores. She later challenged herself to return to school and to her amazement passed her courses. Today, Kaquitts has graduated from the University of Calgary with a BA in Social Work. "I taught myself how to read and write. It was hard," she said. "I'm so proud of you graduates today. Remember, if I could do it, so can you."

Blood Councilor Josh Curley Rider, Benita Creighton, Hali Heavy Shields, Ruby Eagle Child and Cam Shade congratulated the graduates and acknowledged their family and friends. The graduates who completed their program requirements are as follows: Cameron Chief Calf, Rose Mary Chief Moon, Lillian Crying Head, Brenda Black Forehead, Ashley Shot Both Sides, Jory Hunt, Todd Crying Head, Shayla Big Sorrel Horse, Randal Morning Owl, Marlene Eagle Plume, Kyle Eagle Plume, Bernadette Eagle Plume, Morgan Vielle, and Anastasia Wolf Child.

This graduation ceremony marks the closing of the Adult Literacy program.

Story by Tom Russell

REGIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY CONSULTANT RECEIVES AWARDS

Tammy White Quills-Knife, Regional Traffic Safety Consultant – Treaty 7, received an Innovation and Teamwork award from Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Transportation at their Annual Employee Recognition Ceremonies held June 6, 2011 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Tammy stated one of the awards she received was for her involvement in the development of an Aboriginal Traffic Safety Strategy that focuses on the diversity and uniqueness within Aboriginal communities and respecting the established protocols within those communities.

Her other award was recognizing the diligence and hard work involved in the planning and coordinating of a very successful two day “Commercial Vehicle Information Awareness Workshop” held last November 2010. Tammy stated she was fortunate to have one of her Treaty 7 Communities, Sik-

sika Nation, co-host with Alberta Transportation and the opportunity to work closely with Fonda Duck Chief, Safety Manager – Siksika Public Works, and Debbie Lameruex, Office of Traffic Safety. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment arranged by Siksika on the evening of November 24, 2010, by Don Burnstick.

The workshop included members from Treaty 7 with approximately 85 participants each day. The theme of the workshop was “Driving on Common Grounds,” to create awareness and educate on commercial vehicle safety and compliance to keep our roadways safe. The evaluation feedback rating received by the participants was very good and excellent and the need for more workshops of this type. Tammy has been working with two of her communities to have similar workshops with a focus on school bus safety which will be held in August 2011.



Tammy White Quills-Knife, Regional Traffic Safety Consultant—Treaty 7.

BLOOD TRIBE POLICE JOINT FORCE OPERATION



Over 600 vehicles were stopped and checked during the traffic safety initiative.

The Blood Tribe Police Services held a Joint Force Operations on June 16, 2011, at the intersection of highway 509 and #2. This activity was coordinated by Inspector Kyle Melting Tallow – Blood Tribe Police; Tammy White Quills-Knife and Kevin Brandvold, Regional Traffic Safety Consultants – Office of Traffic Safety, Alberta Transportation. Tammy stated the purpose of the event was to support the monthly focus of June according to the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan Calendar of Commercial Vehicles and a concern raised by community stakeholder and Blood Tribe Police Commission on the high volume of commercial vehicle traffic on our roadways.

All vehicles travelling south and north on highway #2 and those travelling east to west on highway 509 were stopped. Partners in the Joint Force Operation included: Blood Tribe Police, RCMP, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Branch (CVEB) and Regional Traffic Safety Consultants – Region 1, 2 and Treaty 7. A total of 680 vehicles were stopped which includ-



ed: 628 passenger vehicles; 44 commercial vehicles; 6 trucks with stock trailers and 2 motorcycles. Of the 44 commercial vehicles stopped, 11 were inspected by the CVEB teams and violation tickets issued; and two passenger vehicles were towed. This all took place between 10 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Tammy stated she was really happy with the success of this traffic safety initiative and did not realize just how many vehicles travel through our roadways. We are talking about the paved highways and imagine this many (44) commercial vehicles travelling through our rural roads and the damage to the road infrastructure, not to mention the cost for more frequent vehicle maintenance repairs. Congratulations to the Blood Tribe Police Services on a very successful joint force operation on June 16, 2011.

Submitted by Tammy White Quills-Knife

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATIONS Calgary



Grand entry at National Aboriginal Day, Calgary.



A performance by Buffy St. Marie.

Members of the Aboriginal community in Calgary celebrated June 21 as part of Native Awareness week in that city. Hosted by the Treaty 7 First Nations, Metis Nation of Calgary and the City of Calgary, the event at the Coast Plaza Hotel saw a full house with many attending the evening Gala. Chief Charles Weasel Head, in his welcoming remarks spoke of the importance of Aboriginal people being acknowledged by the larger community and sharing of cultures in a very positive way: "It is my hope that we can continue to share our rich Aboriginal

culture with those that live in Calgary." The Gala event featured entertainment from Olivia Tailfeathers' Grassland Singers whose traditional style of music and dance is unique and progressive. The guests were also treated to a history journey into the past with Pauline Dempsey's fashions from the past and present, a collection of Blackfoot dresses dating back a century-and-a-half. Also as part of the Gala was a lesson on historic places in the Blackfoot territory and their cultural significance, presented by His Honor, Judge Eugene Creighton.

The keynote address of the evening was given by noted singer/songwriter Buffy St. Marie, who shared progressive ideas on education and learning. The Gala was kept in motion with hosts Nicole Robertson and television personality Jebb Fink. Famed Blackfoot artist, Joanne Cardinal-Shubert, was honored for her contribution to the art world and for her tireless work in helping launch the first Aboriginal Awareness week in Calgary. Her passing in 2009 was a great loss to the city.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers

CITY OF LETHBRIDGE HOST TO ANNUAL NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY FESTIVITY

The National Aboriginal Day celebrations at the park in downtown Lethbridge, AB., was a busy place as Native and non-Native people gathered for a day of fun and entertainment. Organizer Mary-Anne Crow-Healy brought together a number of performers who kept the people entertained throughout the day and the younger children were busy with games to keep them occupied and laughing.

The organizers, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Blackfoot Cultural Society, Canadian Heritage, City of Lethbridge and the Kainai Government Agreement, wanted to acknowledge all the people and the performers for their support and to the Blackfoot Ambassadors for putting on an excellent performance.



Olivia Tailfeathers and the Kainai Grassland Singers perform for the breakfast crowd.

Lethbridge



Roxy Vaile is flipping the pancakes for the hungry Aboriginal Day participants.

Story by Tom Russell

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



Standoff

Blood elder Rita Tall Man and son Jerome lead the grand entry to begin the National Aboriginal Day celebrations at the Red Crow Park.

The national Aboriginal Day celebrations is a time for all First Nations peoples to stand united, recognized across Canada, on a day when the solstice is at its peak, and on a day that marks the arrival of summer. On the Blood reserve, and in many other venues and locales both near and far, people celebrated with a number of activities and events.

With the Community Development and the Kainai Community Correction's Crime Prevention program as organizers, the annual Aboriginal Day activities featured acknowledgement of many community members by their respective organizations and fun-filled interests for the many children and youth.

Chief Charles Weasel Head accompanied Rita Tall Man and her son Jerome Tall Man as they led in the procession into the Indian day arbour. Franklyn Shouting shared the opening prayer with everyone in attendance and Chief Weasel Head gave a welcome address and an acknowledgment of the day in recognition of all First Nations' peoples. Charlie Fox, Dolly Creighton, Franklyn Shouting and Chancey Black Water kept the day's festivities moving smoothly with traditional dancers shaking their feathers and jingles to the drum beat of Arnold Mountain Horse and his talented group of singers. Blackfeet member and long-time fancy dancer Stan White Man was a guest and White Feather drummers also shared their talents with the people. The Kainai Board of Education, under the guidance of Superintendent Richard Fox, honored a number of people for their contribution and dedication to education including Dr. Lena Russell, former KBE Superintendent Joyce Goodstriker, elder Peter Weasel Moccasin and KBE employee Leo Fox. Other individuals recognized were Oliver Shouting, Chris Shade, Rosie Day Rider and Gathering of Nations champion in the teen traditional category, Tory Eagle Speaker. Camille Russell and Flora Scout gave a presentation on the residential school deadlines.

The children enjoyed themselves as they competed in egg races, sack and two-legged races. The visitors and guests were treated to lunch and a barbeque and a mini-powwow to conclude the day's activities.



KBE Superintendent Richard Fox poses with elders in recognition of their contributions.



The children had a fun afternoon filled with many activities.

Story by Tom Russell

WILD TURNIP HILL WIND ENERGY PROJECT

The Kainai people have long known that their lands were windy and we are now getting closer to the time when we can harness this wind resource to our benefit through the development of a wind energy project. After nearly seven years of monitoring the Turnip Hill area of the Blood reserve for wind velocity and consistency, the project is now getting closer to becoming a reality.

Over the past two years, the Blood Tribe Economic Development and TransCanada have worked together to develop a proposal for a 150 megawatt (MW) wind energy project, which will be tied into the recently constructed AltaLink transmission line, mere kilometers away. We have recently passed an important milestone with respect to the transmission side of the project and are moving into a more advanced stage of development.

Wind energy projects take years to develop but the plan, if successful, is to start construction on the project in 2014 and start operations of the project in 2015. This may still



Noted Blood elder Wilton Goodstriker speaks with concerned tribal members.

seem a long way off but many things are still left to be done, including environmental, engineering and traditional land use studies, federal and provincial permitting, finding a buyer for the power production and carbon offsets that will be generated from the project, internal planning with groups like BT Economic Development Lands and BTAP and additional consultation with our community members.

Community consultation started in June 2010 when the TransCanada team visited with some of our Elders to discuss the details of the project and hear their thoughts and questions. Meetings were held in Lavern and Old Agency and 20 Elders participated in the meetings and 17 additional members of the tribe came out to listen to the discussion. The meetings generated good dialogue and questions were raised regarding employment opportunities and plans for further consultation in the community. This was only the first step in TransCanada's plans to engage the community and additional meetings regarding the project will take place as it moves forward in development. Future articles on the wind energy project will include information on the types of employment that a wind project generates and details on additional plans for community consultation.

The wind monitoring activity was a prerequisite to learning what exactly the wind speeds in this area are over the day and over the seasons, and this information is in turn used to decide where the most ideal location of a wind energy facility should be. The meteorological tower on Old Agency road was set up in 2003 to collect this necessary wind data and the data has shown us that the Wild

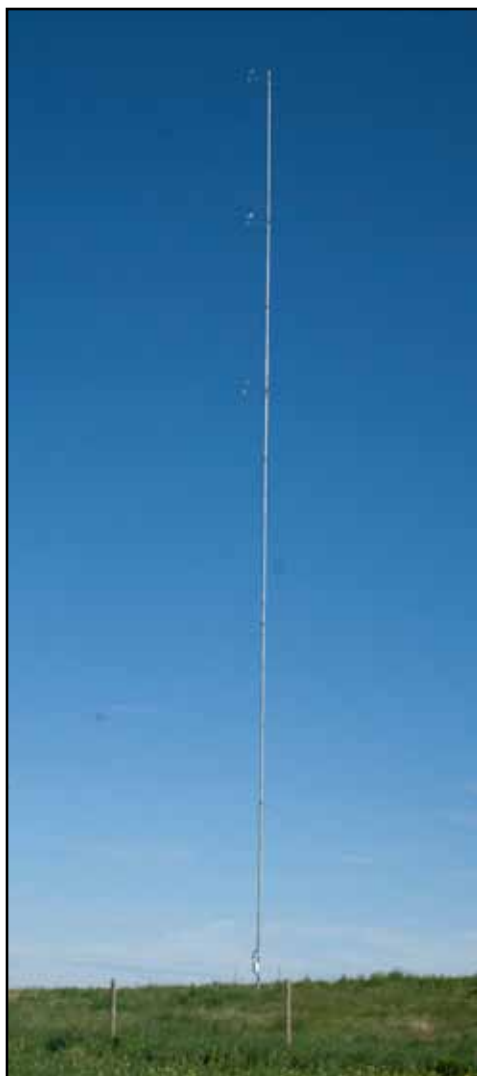
Turnip Hill area and the BTAP farm lands are the most ideal location for a large wind energy project.

The BTAP farm lands meet all the criteria for a successful project site – it has a strong wind resource, it is on agricultural lands, it is close to existing transmission and also presents very few occupancy challenges. The next step in the planning process is to conduct environmental and traditional land use studies to ensure that the locations chosen for the turbines are not too close to any sensitive bird or bat habitat like important wetland areas or large trees used for nesting activities, and avoid any important traditional land use areas.

About Wind Power

You only need to look around the boundaries of the Blood reserve to see how popular southern Alberta is for wind energy development. In 2008, there were 473 commercial wind turbines operating in Alberta, the vast majority in the southern portion of the province. Since 2008, new wind turbines have been constructed south of Ft. Macleod, east of Lethbridge in the Taber area, and as far north as Red Deer. There are more projects planned across Alberta as far north as Stettler and as far east as the Cypress Hills on the Saskatchewan border. The Blood reserve also has a strong wind resource and after years of planning we are now getting closer to a position to also benefit from wind energy development.

Why is wind energy good for the environment? Wind turbines are powered by wind, naturally, and so generate no air pollution. Wind energy doesn't contribute to smog,



Meteorological tower near Turnip Hill collected wind data.

WILD TURNIP HILL WIND ENERGY PROJECT



The strong winds of southern Alberta will be more than enough to keep these turbines spinning.

acid rain or climate change. It leaves behind no hazardous or toxic wastes and uses no water. Wind energy, as an alternative to fossil fuel electricity generation like coal fired electricity, is plentiful, renewable, widely distributed and produces no air emissions at all including no greenhouse gas emissions during operation.

For example, using wind to produce enough power for more than 200 homes (approximately 2,000,000 kWh of electricity) of electricity instead of burning coal will leave 900 tonnes of coal in the ground and reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 2,000 tonnes. This has the same positive impact as taking 417 cars off the road or planting 10,000 trees. For example, a 1.8-MW wind turbine, which is a common size wind turbine seen in southern Alberta, can produce more than 5.2 million kWh in a year—enough to power more than 500 households. The average Canadian household consumes about 10,000 kWh of electricity each per year.

In some places, local residents have complained about the visual impacts of having turbines on the landscape but this can be avoided if turbines are located in areas far enough away from houses. Also, when planning a wind energy project you need to be careful not to put them too close to important bird or bat habitat.

Large-scale wind power projects are connected to the electric power transmission network; smaller facilities are used to provide electricity to isolated locations. Although this trend is just beginning in Alberta, utility

companies are starting to buy back surplus electricity produced by small domestic turbines.

About TransCanada

TransCanada is not new to the Blood reserve. It presently operates and maintains a natural gas pipeline that crosses through lands on the north end of the reserve, connecting with a pipeline to the south. The Tribe has enjoyed a good working relationship with TransCanada for more than 40 years and receives payment for the use of lands annually.

With more than 60 years experience, TransCanada is a leader in the development and reliable operation of North American energy infrastructure, including natural gas and oil pipelines, power generation and natural gas storage facilities. TransCanada's power portfolio includes natural gas, nuclear, coal, hydro and wind generation. They currently own, control or are developing more than 10,800 megawatts of power generation and also conduct wholesale and retail electricity marketing and trading in Alberta, Ontario and the U.S northeast.

TransCanada is a large developer of wind energy projects. Currently they have four wind projects in operation in Quebec, one in operation in Maine and two under construction in Quebec. TransCanada also has wind projects in the development stage in other parts of Canada, including two additional wind projects in development in eastern Alberta.

What is the Next?

The Blood Tribe and TransCanada are working on the commercial arrangements for the wind project and hope to have these discussions concluded later this year and will then communicate the result of these discussions to the Blood Tribe community. In the meantime, planning on the project will continue with all the various internal groups and departments involved in the planning like Blood Tribe Economic Development, BTAP, Lands, BTEST, and the Traditional Land Use department. In the coming months we will continue to provide an update on the project including information on the types of employment opportunities that the project will create.



This wind data tower is powered by solar panels.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers

INVOLVED TRIBAL MEMBERS PITCH IN TO MAKE STAND OFF TOWNSITE CLEAN



The volunteers collected many bags of garbage in cleaning up townsite.

A group of approximately fifty concerned residents of the Stand Off townsite joined together to help make their community a cleaner place to live. With the encouragement of Charlie Fox, community development coordinator, and other representatives from the community and tribal departments, the participants who registered to become involved in the clean up were then placed into groups. Each group was then placed in a specific zone as a measure of keeping the clean up activity organized.

“Some of the home owners who came out to

help were asked to place their garbage on the sidewalks near their homes,” said Fox. “We wanted to make the townsite safe, because there are many children who play there and we don’t want them to get hurt.”

The Community Development program is geared toward the development of each community through various projects. The intent is to motivate community members to begin taking pride in their community, building healthy relationships and enjoying life free from abusive substances. Fox said the Blackfoot people have occupied their territory for centuries, and the land and our homes should be treated with respect. “It’s all a part of our way of life. As Blood tribe members, we have occupied this part of the country since time immemorial, and I don’t think we’ll be leaving anytime soon,” he said as a matter of factly. “These homes that were designated to us, we need to have pride in taking care of these homes. It’s a good feeling to wake up to a nice green yard, where it’s safe, people compliment you because it shows you’re making an effort. We need to be proud of our

communities.”

The Stand Off community cleanup continued into the late afternoon and the participants were then treated to a barbeque. For those people who registered for the cleanup, their names were entered into a draw for one of four lawn mowers donated by Blood Tribe Housing, Recreation, Lands and Community Development. The winners of the four lawn-mowers were: Ivory Mills, Mrs. Mary Ann Crying Head, Margaret Day Chief and Roseanne Bottle.

Fox acknowledges the departments and people from the community who participated in the community clean up. These departments and people include: Public Works, Recreation, Family & Community Support Services, Kainai Community Corrections, Lands, Franklin Shouting, the participants from the Stand Off community and the Community Development staff.

TREE PLANTING IN LEVERN COMMUNITY SIGNIFIES GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development program recently purchased 30 Colorado Spruce trees to be planted along the highway near the community of Lavern. The tree planting is a step toward beautifying the landscape in the Lavern community and to motivate community members to begin the process of maintaining their surroundings.

Charlie Fox, community development coordinator, says the members of each community play a role in determining their physical, social and emotional involvement. “The people need to take on the initiative to say ‘this is what we want’,” explains Fox of how community members can share their thoughts and ideas on community enhancement. “So, we’re going to continue to work with the people.”

The trees will be planted on the north side of the highway from the Aahsopi school entrance west to the powwow dance arbor.



The 30 trees planted in Lavern community was performed by many volunteers.

Story by Tom Russell

MANY FINGERS RECEIVES PHILOSOPHY DOCTORATE



Dr. Maurice Allen Many Fingers.

The current Kainai Board of Education Deputy Superintendent, Maurice Allen Many Fingers, recently earned his doctorate of philosophy with his thesis on the challenges facing First Nations education lead-

ership and of comparing education systems for Blood Tribe and Alberta First Nation students attending schools both on-and-off the reserve. Included in his thesis involved funding levels, what are programs offered to First Nation students on the reserve versus off the reserve and tuition agreements. The conclusion of his thesis focused on the lack of financial and program support of the Federal government and First Nations schools as compared to provincial school systems. Many Fingers, the son of Helen Many Fingers, who received an honorary doctorate from the University of Lethbridge in 1992, first completed his Masters Degree from Gonzaga University in 1993.

Many Fingers felt more a deep sense of satisfaction once he completed his requirements. "I felt more relief than anything," he said. "My thesis was over 150 pages long and it has to be approved by a five-member committee. When you do constant editing and revising, it just gets to the point where, finally, they signed it and approved it. I'm happy about it; I'm more relieved than anything." Many Fingers acknowledged the support he received from his mother Helen, his wife Kelly Jo and his children.

LITTLE BEAR - HUNGRY WOLF RECIPIENT HONORARY BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS

An individual who was raised in the traditional ways of the Blackfoot, and who has adapted to living in the ways of today, was recently awarded an honorary bachelor of applied arts from the Lethbridge College for her strength and determination in keeping the traditions and customs of her people alive and vibrant.

Beverly Little Bear-Hungry Wolf, daughter of the late Edward and Ruth Little Bear, was recognized for her contributions to the students and administrators of the Lethbridge College of the rich and distinct history of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. "I would to acknowledge Dr. Tracey Edwards (President, Lethbridge College) for

nominating me and Peter Leclaire (Vice-President, Academic Chief Learning Officer) who has made an honest effort to make everyone aware, first-of-all that they're on Blackfoot territory," she said. "And, to try and speak the language." Little Bear-Hungry Wolf is involved as an alumnus of the Office Administration program and has authored several books including *In Daughters of the Buffalo* and *The Ways of my Grandmothers*. Little Bear-Hungry Wolf received her honorary bachelor of applied arts from the Lethbridge College during the spring convocation on April 29, 2010, before her family, relatives and well-wishers.



Beverly Hungry Wolf-Little Bear.

YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARDED GOLD MEDAL IN DISTINCTION OF ACADEMIC AMBITION



Henry Dean Heavy Shield with mom Faye Heavy Shield.

A young scholar from the Blood Tribe was a recent graduate at the University of Lethbridge who earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. What makes the ceremony and all the time spent on studying much more gratifying is the honors and accolades received as he stood on the podium to receive his degree. Henry Dean Heavy Shields, son of famed artist Faye Heavy Shields, was recognized by the University of Lethbridge with a Gold Medal of The Governor General of Canada for having highest academic standing in an undergraduate program. Each faculty and school awards a University of Lethbridge Medal to its most distinguished graduand each year. Heavy Shield was honored to be

recognized by the University of Lethbridge for the years of dedication and commitment to his studies.

"It was a great feeling," he said upon receiving his award. "I was really nervous, but it felt really good to have my family and relatives there to support me."

Heavy Shields has been accepted to the University of British Columbia this fall where he will pursue a Master's Degree in English.

Story by Tom Russell

EX-NHLERS TEAM UP WITH FIRST NATIONS TO MENTOR OUR YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYERS



Chief Weasel Head is pictured here with Brantt Myhres, Steve Parsons and Theo Fleury.

The Greater Strides Hockey Academy is now in the early stages of designing a world class, culture-based hockey academy in Southern Alberta for Aboriginal athletes.

It's the brainchild of Ex-Flames tough guy Brantt Myhres who knows firsthand the pitfalls of substance abuse and has the scars to prove it. On ice, he's had his orbital bone and career smashed by Georges Laraque of the Edmonton Oilers. Off the ice; Myhres has been to the dark side and back...again and again.

Now the 34-year-old former National Hockey League "enforcer" wants to mentor young people and give back by sharing his experience to help young hockey players who may be struggling with substance abuse. One of his dreams is to build a hockey academy and has teamed up with fellow NHLer Steve Parsons and the Treaty 7 Management Corporation to establish the "Greater Strides Hockey Academy."

"Our goal is to develop and deliver innovative programming such as hockey camps that adopt flexible approaches to support the improved sports participation and cultural grounding of Aboriginal athletic students," says Brantt.

As he toured around the country talking to kids about substance abuse, Myhres noticed that there was nothing for aboriginal kids in the way of hockey schools. One thing led to another and through conversations with Blood Tribe Chief Charles Weaselhead, the

idea began to take shape and a partnership was struck with the support of the Treaty 7 Management Corporation.

Chief Charles says, "In partnership with Alberta First Nations, the Greater Strides program will provide an excellent, top mark opportunity for all Aboriginal youth. It will be designed to support athletic and educational development towards personal success, investing in top-notch professional athletes and coaches. I would encourage aboriginal minor hockey to invest in the success of our future stars."

Brantt Myhres is of First Nations descent, born and raised in Cold Lake, Alberta. He has played for seven NHL Hockey teams which include: Tampa Bay Lightning, San Jose Sharks, Philadelphia Flyers, Nashville Predators, Washington Capitals, Boston Bruins and Calgary Flames.

Myhres struck out five times in the NHL, the fifth suspension leading to a lifetime ban. "I think I was the only player to get suspended four times by the league and then get reinstated," he said. Three years ago, Brantt sobered up and later went on to complete the Mount Royal Substance Abuse Counselling Certificate program.

Myhres had around 300 fights in pro hockey alone, scoring six goals and collecting 687 minutes in penalties. "They say insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. I looked at it as doing the same thing over and over and

expecting the same result. You know what you're getting into. For me I couldn't seem to function without being medicated and I think fighting definitely took a major toll on me. I started fighting at age 16."

Brantt's passion to provide practical support and to equip young aspiring Aboriginal student athletes to achieve their dreams is now off to a good start, growing from a hockey academy proposal to including a private school complete with on-site dormitory and cultural centre.

The Greater Strides Academy aspires to cater to the high achieving student athlete, focusing on academics, athletics, health & wellness, and most importantly, Aboriginal and cultural grounding. "The environment will be culturally based, while academics and athletics will be a challenging quest for the high achievers who aspire to greater things." The centre will be built with funds from the federal and provincial governments and as much as he can round up from the private sector. In fact, Myhres and Parsons – in partnership with the Treaty 7 Management Corporation – are hosting a golf tournament in early August at Redwood Meadows on the Tsuu T'ina reserve to support the cause.

"We understand the obstacles many Aboriginal players face. Whether it is peer pressure, financial, home, school, and/or team environments. Our cultural grounding, commitment to excellence and life skills practice will enable these young people and future leaders to grow strong and prosper in whichever field they choose to establish themselves."

The Greater Strides Hockey Academy will certainly prove to be a world-class academy for hockey, and other sports and all it'll take is a lot of passion, vision and engagement if they are going to realize their dreams of Building Tomorrow's Leaders, Today.

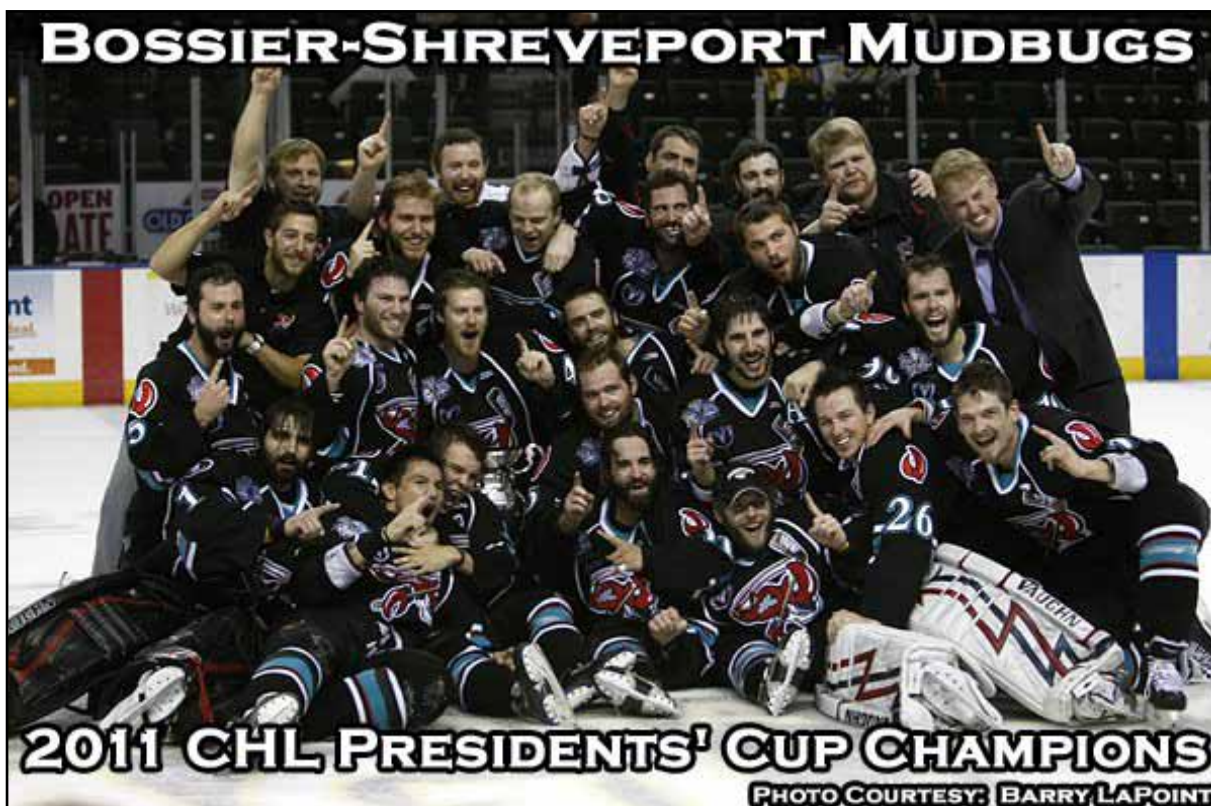
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Brent Scout and Theo Fleury.

Story submitted by Brent Scout

PLUME ANCHORS DEFENSE AS MUDBUGS CAPTURE CHL'S CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY



A professional hockey player from the Blood Tribe who has taken his career to the limits celebrated the ultimate goal of hoisting a championship trophy over his head as his team, the Louisiana Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs, took game seven in the hard-fought Central Hockey League final.

Clay Plume, a rugged, but offensive-minded defenseman, who gained a reputation as an iron man in many of the leagues and teams he played for, anchored his team to the championship by providing the leadership from a defensive viewpoint.

"I was on the ice, and to be on the ice in game seven, with under a minute to go and a one goal lead, that means you're a leader, you're responsible, you're a veteran," said Plume in describing his contributions to his team. "I couldn't look up at the clock and count down the seconds because I was on the ice."

The Mudbugs, who defeated the Colorado Eagles with a 2-1 victory in the finals, had an interesting run to reach game seven. They had a three-games-to-two series lead and could have won their first championship title at home before their loyal and rowdy fans, however, an 8-1 loss sent the Mudbugs back to Colorado who forced a game seven. It was in game seven where the goaltender and the defensive squad held their ground. Playing

a near perfect defensive game, the Mudbugs held the Eagles off the scoreboard for almost 59 minutes of the contest as Colorado scored with 1:04 remaining in the game. It was only a matter of time before the Mudbug players jumped over the bench to celebrate victory on Colorado ice.

"To be on the ice was a privilege. I had a role to play this year to be a leader, a veteran, to bring confidence and that swagger," he said. "When that final buzzer rang, it was so loud you could hardly hear anything except for the fans counting down the seconds. I was in awe."

Plume had high praise for the owners, management, coaches, players of the Mudbugs and especially the fans of Bossier-Shreveport, Louisiana. "I'd like to thank the Mudbugs organization for all they've done for me," he said. "I also thank the fans to showed tremendous support for us. It's such a beautiful city filled with wonderful people and it was my pleasure to bring a championship trophy back home to them."

On a sad note, this year marks a turning point in the rich hockey history of Bossier-Shreveport, Louisiana, as the Mudbugs are folding. At this point in his career, Plume wants to soak in their championship run before making any major decisions. "I just want to enjoy

this moment," said the talented and confident hockey star. "I'm so happy. I want to thank my parents, Jim and Darlene Plume, my sister Krissy and niece Kodi and my girlfriend Carrie Sampson. I can't wait to get back home. I'm so lucky and thankful for all the support. I wanted to win the President's Cup for everyone in Stand Off. I'll be bringing the cup home with me sometime this summer and I'll make up my mind what I want to do in the future."

Plume is hosting his second annual Clay Plume Hockey School from July 4th to the 7th as his way of giving back to the people of the community and to the Blood Tribe.



Clay Plume takes President's Cup into pool.

Story by Tom Russell

JOINTLY-FUNDED PROGRAM ANNUAL EVENT AT FORT WHOOP UP FOR FOSTER CHILDREN



KBE Middle School Principal Mike Bruised Head was the emcee at the foster family activity.

An annual gathering of foster children and their families had a fun day at Fort Whoop Up to share cultural activities, story-telling and entertainment. Jocelyn Shade, Blackfoot culture & language coordinator, who is employed in a program jointly funded by the Kainai Children's Services and Southwest Child & Family Services, said the program maintains First Nations children have a connection with their culture and traditions.

"The program deals with Native and non-Native foster parents who have Blood Tribe foster children in their care," explained Shade. Fay Heavy Shield, program assistant, said the connection of foster children and their culture is brought about in a number of ways. "We offer sessions that deal with topics related to Blood culture and language," she shared of the program mandate. "We've had topics like history of the tipi, tipi design, language lessons, family gatherings, naming

ceremonies for children in care. We're basically the facilitators. We recruit elders and resource people from the community and they're the ones who come in to talk to the children and their families."

The gathering at Fort Whoop Up brought together many foster children and the foster parents and relatives of the children for a day of activities inside the fort. The participants had an opportunity to hear stories from Blood elders and watched as a few traditional dancers performed intricate dance styles and techniques to the drumbeat of Dominic Cross Child and the Rocky Lake singers. Master of ceremonies, Mike Bruised Head, Taksikisapo'p Middle School principal, kept the information flowing and the people entertained with his unique sense of humor.

Heavy Shield said the foster children and families are brought out into the community to experience a deeper sense of iden-

tity. "The families who have been with the program have been invited, aside from our sessions, to different ceremonies like bundle openings. So, they've been, I guess in a way, adopted by the community as well," she said. "There are on-going evaluations and we try to find out how the program is being received. There are very positive comments, especially from the children, because that is who the program is for."

Shade said the non-Native foster families are very involved in the program's mandate. "We have regular foster families and they take part in every session," she explained. "They're very receptive and enthusiastic in being a part of this program. This program is a family program and we encourage non-Native foster parents to bring their own children to these gatherings. They're learning along with their foster brother or sister."

The foster parent gathering at the Fort Whoop Up was recommended by a non-Native foster parent. At the conclusion of the day's activity, the people enjoyed a barbeque and entertainment. Shade acknowledged all the people involved during their activities throughout the year and thanked the volunteers from the Kainai Children's Services and Southwest Child & Family Services. Also, special thanks to the many elders and members from the Blood Tribe who have contributed their knowledge, wisdom and histories with the children and their families.

DIABETES WALK CREATES AWARENESS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DISEASE



The annual Diabetes Walk had many young people from the communities on the Blood reserve lend their support to a cause which is affecting a growing number of First Nations people in North America. Jason Fox, Blood Tribe Health Promoter and Chair for the annual Diabetes walk, said the younger people on the reserve are beginning to offer

their assistance in creating awareness to this disease.

"I'm glad for the people who did come out to participate in the diabetes walk," he said. "I'm grateful for the young people especially. Our committee was so proud to see the kids coming out and being the little warriors of this diabetes walk. We're starting to get the younger people more involved in health awareness issues."

This year, Fox and community members planted three trees west of the Kainai Sports Centre as a symbolic gesture to remind tribal members of just how prevalent diabetes is in our communities. "We will dedicate this land next year and we want to establish a park where people can go to remember loved ones who had or have diabetes," he said. "If

anyone wants to plant a tree there, it will be a tribute to their loved ones. This park will remind our people of how diabetes affects us and of how we can choose to live healthier lifestyles. We want this park to have life for people to enjoy."

People with diabetes are unable to use the glucose in their food for energy. The glucose accumulates in the bloodstream, where it can damage the heart, kidneys, eyes and nerves. Left untreated, diabetes can develop devastating complications. However, the good news is that with proper care, people with diabetes can lead normal, satisfying lives. Much of this care is "self-managed," meaning that if you have this condition, you must take day-to-day responsibility for your own care.

Story by Tom Russell

OLD SHOES ENCOURAGES YOUTH TO LEARN BY VOLUNTEERING THEIR EFFORT TO HELP



Volunteer leader Greta Old Shoes.

A tribal member who is on the verge of establishing her own business is taking it upon herself to teach and develop children to understand traditional values and a work ethic through a basic form of sharing—volunteering. Greta Old Shoes, owner of I & W Landscape, is hoping she can motivate the youth to understand the power and energy involved in joining together for a common cause.

“I’ve noticed many of the young walking around with nothing to do, many are drop-outs,” said Old Shoes. “I thought: ‘I could do something to teach them values and to understand what it means to help others and your community out.’ We’re just beginning, but already, the youth who are volunteering have already made an impact on the lives of those we’ve helped.”

The volunteer effort established by Old Shoes is not only for the children to learn, but is an invitation to people in the communities who can volunteer their expertise with

the youth. “What we’re doing now is getting our youth volunteers, as a starting point, to begin cleaning up the trailer courts,” she said. “But, we are asking people who have knowledge in other areas who can share positive teachings with the youth, to volunteer their time in helping to share in the development of the young.”

Two families in the trailer courts whose yards around their houses were cleaned by the youth volunteers were extremely pleased at how their yards looked after the youth completed what they had set out to do. “You should see the outcome once their yards are cleaned,” said Old Shoes in sharing the satisfaction of the homeowners who felt this act of kindness. “The houses that had garbage, weeds, are now clean. The homeowners were very grateful and thankful. One lady even gave the youth cold juice to drink while they were cleaning her yard. It was such a nice feeling.”

As part of the volunteer efforts, Old Shoes has ordered jackets for the youth, however, the young volunteers are required to earn their jackets before they receive them. “I told the volunteers that they have to bring thirty-three bags of garbage to me,” she smiled. “Once they do that, they get their jackets that have the word ‘Volunteers’ written on the sleeve, so that they can feel proud.”

The theme for the summer program for the volunteers is ‘Who will cry for our children,’ said Old Shoes. With her limited personal funds, she purchased garbage bags, yard equipment and bought enough food to feed the growing numbers of volunteers. She said the basis for volunteering will hopefully lead

to learning the basics of employment. “If you volunteer, that can lead to employment, education, because you are doing the hands-on work,” she explained. “We’re teaching the youth to be aware of their time cards, we have little secretaries handling the time cards. So, we’re teaching them the basics of employment, and we’re also teaching them some Blackfoot.”

Old Shoes said the response from the volunteers who are participating has been overwhelming. “It’s been beautiful because all the kids in the neighborhood come out,” she said. “We stress safety for our youth. We also ask the homeowners if they can help out to clean their yards too. Many don’t, but that’s okay. We explain to the homeowners what we’re doing, if they have any equipment we can use. We are beginning to have a lot of people requesting if we can come to clean their yards. The homeowners are becoming very excited; we’re slowly working on them to motivate them to maintain their yards and homes. Hopefully, one day, they will do all this work on their own. Also, instead of giving the youth money, in return, I will give them things like self-esteem and other positive values.”

Old Shoes thanks the following for their financial contributions: B&D Walters Farming Co., Ina & Wyatt Old Shoes, Emily, Kenneth & Edwin Old Shoes, Elizabeth Scout and Albert’s Gas Bar. Anyone wishing to volunteer or to donate any funds, food, water or equipment can leave a message with Rudy Wells at house #104 in the townsite.

YOUNG MUSICIAN SHARES HIS MUSIC TALENT IN THE HOPES OF FINDING CURE FOR CANCER



John Scout, frontman for Johnny Rains band.

A young musician is quietly making his name felt in the music industry. John Scout, the front man for his band Johnny Rains is quickly becoming a music talent to look out for. With his catchy tunes, slick guitar riffs and melodic singing, Scout belts out original and cover songs that have his listeners feeling the vibes of good old home grown talent.

In memory of his late grandfather, Leo Day Chief, Scout recently was part of the Relay for Cancer festivities at the Lethbridge Servus Sports Centre where he competed against other musicians who shared their style and flair with the audience. As part of the Relay for Cancer program, Scout and ten other musicians performed for the people, with the top five singing an additional song to work toward being declared the eventual showcase winner. Scout made the final cut and sang another tune, much to the delight and entertainment of the enthusiastic crowd. Though Scout was not named the evening’s top performer, his contribution was well-received.

Scout, who was nominated and accepted as a participant in the up-coming 6th Annual Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards on November 3rd and 4th, 2010, in Winnipeg, Man., has dedicated the sales of his CD to the Cancer Foundation.

Story by Tom Russell

Kainai Pow Wow & Celebration

July 15, 16 & 17, 2011

\$95,000 In Prize Money



Red Crow Park, Standoff, Alberta, Canada

Drumming Contest



1st \$10,000 – 2nd \$6,000 – 3rd \$4,000 – 4th \$2,000 – 5th \$1,000



Grand Entries: Fri – 7pm, Sat 12pm & 7pm, Sun 12pm

Dance Contest

Adult Men's & Ladies Split Categories
Ages 18 – 44 & 45 – 64
1st \$1200 – 2nd \$800 – 3rd \$600 – 4th \$400

Golden Age 65+
Men's & Ladies Traditional
1st \$1200 – 2nd \$800 – 3rd \$600 – 4th \$400

Men's Buckskin
1st \$1200 – 2nd \$800 – 3rd \$600 – 4th \$400

Teen Girls & Boy's Categories
1st \$700 – 2nd \$500 – 3rd \$400 – 4th \$300

Jr. Girls & Boy's Categories
1st \$400 – 2nd \$300 – 3rd \$200 – 4th \$100

George Whiteman Memorial Hand Game Tournament
\$10,000 in Prize Money plus Merchandise
Kainai Sports Centre

Pow Wow Head Staff

MC: Oliver Shouting & Jason Goodstriker
Arena Directors:
Sterling Shouting & David Spotted Eagle
Head Dance Judge: Tobias Provost
Head Drum Judge: TBA
Pow Wow Chairman: Charlie Fox
Pow Wow Coordinator: Lydia First Rider
Elders: Dale Low Horn & Camille Russell
Public Relations: Elizabeth Scout
Tabulation: Ellie First Rider
Princess Pageant Coordinators:
Verna Many Fingers & Natalie Creighton
Hand Games Coordinator: Horace Day Chief
Parade Coordinator: Blood Tribe Recreation

Parade Saturday July 16th 11am Sharp!

Dancer Registrations:

Tiny Tots (0-5) Free
Junior & Teen Categories \$5
Adult & Golden Age \$5

Drummer Registration Fee: \$10 per drummer
Anyone registering as a dancer and drummer must pay both fees.

Host Hotel:

Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Convention Centre
320 Scenic Drive, Lethbridge, Alberta
Group rates \$99 ask for code – **Poww**
Toll Free: 1-800-661-1232



(Photo by Alyce Taylor)

Specials

Wayne Plume
Chicken Dance Special & Give Away

Moses Spear Chief
55+ Men's Traditional Special

Mary Stella Bare Shin Bone
Memorial Ladies Buckskin 60+ Special
1st \$1000 2nd \$800 3rd \$600 4th \$400

Taylor Chief Calf
2010 Kainai Sr. Princess
Ladies Jingle Dress Special
1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100

Alexis Long Time Squirrel
2010 Kainai High School Princess
Teen Girls Fancy Shawl Special

Sierra Shade
2010 Kainai Jr. Princess
Jr. Girls Traditional Special
1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100

Cheyenne Wadsworth
2010 Saipoyi Elementary School Princess
Jr. Girls Fancy Shawl Special

Jagger Shouting
Jr. Boy's Fancy Special
1st \$300 2nd \$250 3rd \$200 4th \$150 5th \$100

Taiann Devine
2010 Tiny Tot Princess Special
Girl's & Boy's Prizes \$100, Bike & Pendleton

James Wells & Children
Memorial Hand Drum Contest
1st \$1500 2nd \$900 3rd \$600

Wally Shingoose
Head Dress Transfer & Give Away

Stephen Fox Memorial
Honor Dance, Give Away & Feast

Residential School Survivors
Honor Dance & Give Away

**Any specials not on poster will be printed
In our official Pow wow Program.**

**"Good Luck, Dancers and Drum Groups
Have a great weekend!!"**

For more information please call committee office at (403) 328-2414

Committee will not be held responsible for any loss, stolen or damaged property as well as any personal injury and short funded travelers.