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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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COVER: Spectacular view of the Blood reserve looking west to the Rocky Mountains taken from the Buttes. Photo by Myron Fox.

MESSAGE FROM BLOOD CHIEF CHARLES WEASEL HEAD



It is truly a wonderful feeling to witness the accomplishments of our young people who have reached a major pinnacle in your young lives—graduation day. The days and nights you have devoted to your studies and school activities and functions is well worth the effort as you look forward to other challenges before you. Today, the realization that you are graduating must be bittersweet: on the one hand, you have completed high school; on the other hand, what does the future hold for you?

As a high school graduate, you have received a taste of what expectations are, and of how to achieve them. For those of you who are furthering your education, you will experience many similar expectations from educators. For those of you who may seek employment, you will be expected to comply with roles and expectations from your employers and administrators. Both journeys have huge responsibilities for your future and for the future of those following in your footsteps. We wish you well.

Throughout your journey, you have received much support from your parents, family, relatives, friends and guardians. The strong family support is evident as you sit among a room full of proud and happy people. Your teachers and mentors are here to celebrate your accomplishments as well.

On behalf of the members of council, we congratulate you, our future leaders, to take your teachings far. Remember, you will never be too old to learn something new every day. Share what you have learned with the young, and continue to share what you will learn with our people. Your knowledge may become a source of strength which may benefit your people as we walk on the paths our ancestors walked upon before us.

Congratulations to all you graduates. Be safe, be humble, be proud...

Sincerely,

Chief Charles Weasel Head

BLOOD TRIBE GOES WIRELESS



A parabolic antenna overlooks a native community that has integrated the wireless high speed internet system.

Since the development of high speed internet on the Blood reserve in 2007 and the installation of the Supernet, a Province of Alberta initiative to get all Albertans plugged in, with movement toward internet access to homes has been difficult, until now. Recent discussions between Blood Tribe communications people and First Nations (AB) Technical Services Advisory Group (TSAG) and Strategic Technology Services, an Edmonton based company, have brought forth a proposal to provide high speed internet to the Blood reserve at a lower cost than presently exists in the marketplace.

It all began nearly six months ago when TSAG approached the Blood Tribe to provide support in monitoring the water treatment plants there; this would be done by providing connectivity to the Supernet through fibre optic cable and broadband technology. In recent years, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada have implemented a higher standard of water quality to First Nations communities with financial and technical support. Safe water for First Nations communities is crucial. The water monitoring system is internet based and highly efficient, it will warn the technicians immediately when there are problems at the water treatment plants.

As the discussions continued between the Blood Tribe and TSAG, it became apparent that the infrastructure being planned could have other uses, such as internet connec-

tivity to individual homes, much the same as present internet providers such as Telus, Shaw and Bell, mega companies that have been slowly creeping into homes. The demand for internet in homes has increased due to its necessity for student learning. Many students are now doing assignments and research on the web.

The most recent discussions have garnered the support of Chief and Council and an agreement is in the works. The planned developments include additional towers to cover all points of the reserve and receivers to bring the web into homes at a nominal cost. There would be a monthly internet charge to the users, but far less than commercial rates. In terms of structure, a company to provide internet could be formed as a partnership between TSAG, Edmonton based SIS (Strategic Information Services) and BT Wireless. It is planned that the tribe will eventually take over as the sole owner of the company. The Blood Tribe Chief has commented that "this is a big step for the community and will provide a much needed service, especially for educational purposes."

Internet services have been available for some time through the providers bordering the reserve and the competition has been intense, the demand by reserve residents is increasing.



Towers such as this one are needed to reach the residents of each community on the Blood reserve.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers

INDIAN AFFAIRS CHANGES NAME NOT POLICIES



Calgary - The 2011 federal election created some major changes in the Canadian political landscape, including news that the outdated "Indian Affairs" title is to be replaced with "Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development."

The Prime Minister's Office says the department will be rechristened Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. John Duncan, the previous Indian Affairs Minister, was reappointed to the same portfolio as Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Stephen Harper's new cabinet announcement on May 18th included the significant announcement but the simple name change may have lasting consequences. In recent news reports, many have questioned Harper's motives, even though the term Aboriginal is the broadest and most inclusive term to describe Canada's indigenous peoples.

The federal political landscape has certainly shifted dramatically and the news of the name change has drawn mixed reactions from those skeptical of whether conditions will change for Aboriginal peoples.

The Conservative government insists the name change will not affect these legal relationships, but many First Nations have questions. For instance, how will this name change affect my "Indian" Status card? It won't. But First Nations chiefs fear Ottawa's increasing use of the term "aboriginal" will undermine their legal relationship with the Crown via historic treaties, which used the word "Indian."

Even though many First Nations people don't call themselves "Indians," many have expressed concern that the name change from "Indian Affairs" to "Aboriginal Affairs" could dilute what it means to be an Indian as defined by Treaty, and threaten their long-held rights. Many First Nations leaders have accused the Conservatives of "slighting

first nations citizens" with the name change because they were not consulted.

NDP leader Jack Layton said that Indigenous leaders have reason to be suspicious of the Conservative's decision to substitute the word "Indian" with "Aboriginal" in the department's name and the minister's title.

"We hear that there are different reactions to the name change within the broad community of First Nation, Inuit and Métis people," said Layton. "It is mostly a suspicion that this could be hiding an agenda of some sort. We have from time to time, had suspicions that Mr. Harper is hiding one sort of agenda or other."

However, Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan's office said there is no "hidden agenda." "The change in title better reflects the scope of responsibilities with respect to First Nations, Inuit and Métis. The title is more up-to-date and inclusive and is consistent with our government's focus on moving forward in our relationship with Aboriginal peoples," said Duncan's spokeswoman Michelle Yao.

The NDP Opposition Leader adds, "I can understand people's concerns about (the name change). It is also true that there is a broad range of issues that must be addressed by that department...symbols like name changes don't cut it."

On the surface, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's reclassification appears to be in keeping with political correctness: replacing a label with one more widely accepted. "Indian" is dated, but there is power in naming. The semantic shift could have all sorts of consequences for native people from the laws governing their treatment, the services they get, and even their identities.

The Prime Minister's office says the name change is meant to show that the department's role has expanded to serve a greater number of people – like Métis and Inuit – who do not fall into the classification of status Indian. Harper says this could help his government reach out to those feeling unconnected to both Canada and their own history.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said that while "Indian" is not the preferred term for some first nations, many still use it and it is important in terms of protecting rights.

"It's a little bit like a double-edged sword," he said. "But understandably, first nations greet changes most quickly with suspicion about what it might mean, in an adverse or a negative way, so I think it's incumbent on me to go ahead and find out exactly what's intended."

The term Indian Affairs will eventually be removed from the department's website, stationery and signage. The Indian Act and its definition of Indian remain. The term lives on because of its legal value. It also carries major financial implications for federal spending.

The National Chief says, "Many First Nations were rightly concerned about this change as we want to – and will – ensure that the Minister and government respect and maintain the unique relationship between First Nations and the Crown. We will always work to ensure the constitutionally protected rights of First Nations are respected, the responsibilities to First Nations are upheld and our interests receive specific attention and action."



Shawn Atleo, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

Story by Brent Scout

YOUNG TRADITIONAL DANCER WINS BIG AT GATHERING OF NATION'S POWWOW



Proud parents Myron and Tanya Eagle Speaker pose with daughters Kalli and Torry.

Dancing for her people has become a form of expression that has taken a young Blood woman to heights only a few people have experienced. Torry Eagle Speaker, 17, was recently crowned the top teen traditional dancer at the prestigious Gathering of Nations powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.

"The powwow didn't end until almost four in the morning," said the young dancer who shared anxious moments while waiting the results of the winners of each dance categories. "I was standing behind my dad and when the announcer began calling the names of the winners, once they got to first, they said 'from Kainai,' I just felt shocked and I was all shaky. I felt really happy."

Eagle Speaker danced in two competitions with around thirty dancers in her category.

Throughout the powwow season, she said she had a number of competitors who she shared the winners circle with, and thought her friend would be named number one in Albuquerque. "There was a dancer who I closely competed with, and I thought they were going to call her name," she recalled. "When the announcer called out my name, my dad just jumped. During the powwow, Torry's mom Tanya went to the hotel to wait; dad, Myron, stayed until the end to share in the pride and happiness of his daughter's accomplishment. "I was pretty nervous," said Myron. "It was quite the feeling to see my daughter being called the champion at the Gathering of Nations."

"I dance for our people," said the modest, down-to-earth teenager. "Dancing is my

passion; winning is just a bonus. This year, I danced for my two late grandfathers (Art Healy Jr. and Richard Healy)."

Her journey into the powwow scene began as a seven-year-old fancy dancer. Torri eventually made the move into the traditional style of dancing and has since gained a solid foothold in the winner's circle. Her parents have taught her that dancing is not about the money, or titles, but is about making the people feel happy and to help heal others through positive energy. "I pray while I'm dancing for our elders, the young, the sick and for our relatives who have gone on before us," she said. "I really enjoy it out there."

In 2009, Torry and her sister Kalli were crowned the Senior and Junior princesses at the annual Kainai Indian Day celebrations and represented the Blood Tribe in as many powwows as possible in both Canada and the United States.

Torry plans to complete her high school and hopes to become a fashion designer. She is learning how to exercise her creativity by designing and selling traditional dance outfits, but has plans to broaden her horizons in the fashion industry and beyond. Her parents own and manage Eagle Spirit Embroidery & Gift Shop located in the Moccasin Flats Mall near Cardston.

Torry acknowledges her parents, family and friends for all their support and hopes to continue to share her positive energy and graceful rhythms with the people who appreciate the beauty and grace of those who choose to reveal their inner spirit through dance.



Torry Eagle Speaker at the 2011 Gathering of Nations powwow.

photo by Wolfphotographies

Story by Tom Russell

SIKSIKA PLAY HOST TO DISABILITIES CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY GROUP



Kathleen McHugh, Harley Sitting Eagle and Sharon Calf Robe are all very much involved with disability issues on the Siksika Nation.

A large number of person's with disabilities and supporters attended the Blackfoot Confederacy Disabilities Society conference at the SRD building in Siksika on May 18th and 19th 2011, to begin promoting the establishment of a disabilities group in the hopes of providing much needed services for those with a disability. Kathleen McHugh, Director, Siksika Disabilities Services, said the conference was planned months in advance with the three Blackfoot Confederacy tribes joining together to form a united disabilities group.

"We've been working with Pikani and the Bloods, and forming the Blackfoot Confederacy Disabilities Society is really important because of the issues we are faced with as far as legislation and policy that affect us," she said. "It prevents us from progressing the way we should."

McHugh, who is deeply involved in promoting awareness of disabilities issues and concerns on many levels, including at the United Nations, said a local leadership who support the establishment of services geared toward persons with disabilities on a First Nation's community has a better opportunity to meet the needs of the people.

"I know, that with the changes coming down, we have to get our leadership in a position where they can stand up for us and speak on our behalf," she explained. "They (leadership) have the power, we are doing the groundwork, the research. So, the ideal vision is that our leaders will stand up with

us and speak on our behalf, not only on the local level, but the provincial and national level, and even beyond that."

Sharon Calf Robe opened the conference with a prayer and Siksika Chief Fred Rabbit Carrier welcomed the many guests to Siksika. Kathleen McHugh, Clement 'Shorty' Soop and Floria Duck Chief shared opening remarks while Roy Little Chief, Siksika elder, shared information with the participants. Chris Shade, CEO, Blood Tribe Department of Health, and Darlene Yellow Old Woman, gave a presentation on Z.W. Global, a housing initiative.

Three Blood tribal members who are seeking to establish a disabilities group on the Kainai First Nation shared their thoughts and

offered encouragement in looking forward toward a united Blackfoot Confederacy disabilities society. Clifford Twigg, Clement Soop and Melvin Wells are heavily involved in establishing a framework which would meet the needs of persons with disabilities on a local and confederate level. Twigg, who was a member of a number of boards and organizations including the Aboriginal Disabled Society of Alberta (ADSA) and the Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA), said the conference was informative and well-planned, but the underlying theme was to begin the process of uniting the Blackfoot Confederacy First Nations to join together into forming a cohesive group to advocate for disability issues.

"The conference is a way for the Blackfoot Confederacy to open their eyes so that we can have one voice to begin addressing our disability issues in housing, health, social, training, respite care, multiple disabilities, jurisdictional problems and other areas of concern," he said. "These issues have been on-going and they have to be addressed now."

On day two, the SRDL staff gave a presentation on employment for persons with disabilities, Sharon Calf Robe presented on small business opportunities and Darrell Royal spoke on the topics of health and wellness and addictions. Mary Fox and Marianne Black presented on the topic of disabilities and education. The Turning Robe drummers provided the entertainment.

The Blood Tribe will host the next Blackfoot Confederacy Disabilities Society conference.



The Blackfoot Confederacy Disabilities Society was well-attended by the three confederacy tribes in Canada.

Story by Tom Russell

COUNCILOR BRUISED HEAD SHARES INFORMATION ON LASTAR RADIO WITH BLOOD TRIBAL MEMBERS



Councillor Dexter Bruised Head on the microphone at the studios of Lastar Radio.

Blood Tribe Councillor Dexter Bruised Head, on behalf of Chief & Council, recently went on the airwaves to talk about issues and information and to get some feedback and opinions from the people. The broadcast on Lastar Radio 89.9, a local FM radio station owned and operated by Tony Many Fingers, had Bruised Head share information on areas of concern including the possible purchase of land at the Stampede Grounds in Calgary, AB., and development on the north-end of the reserve across the river near Coalhurst.

“As part of the Additions to Reserve policy, we (Chief & Council) have to consult with the Blood Tribe (people) to make sure they are aware of what we are doing,” he said. “At the end of the day, if everyone knows what everyone is doing, things will run a lot smoother and we can get things done as far as development to the land is concerned.”

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

trust for the Tribe.

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

During the radio broadcast, Bruised Head informed the listeners of the request by the Calgary Stampede Board for the possible sale of stampede ground property to the Blood Tribe. A possible land purchase of 4.2 acres would require consultation with the neighboring Treaty Seven tribes who utilize the Indian Village at the stampede grounds during the Calgary Stampede.

“It would be so nice to work hand-in-hand with all the Treaty Seven tribes in the area,” he said. “In order for us to achieve Additions to Reserve status, we (the Blood Tribe) have to contact the other Treaty Seven tribes to let them know what we are doing.”

Bruised Head asked a caller what they would like to see regarding the lands at the north-end of the reserve. The caller mentioned student housing, casino for revenue and a conference centre. “Let’s keep our money on the reserve,” said the anonymous caller. Bruised Head said a feasibility study on the Grey Eagle casino in Tsuu-T’ina showed they take 40 per cent of the gambling revenue in the City of Calgary, while the other casinos split

the remaining 60 per cent. “Would we benefit from that,” said Bruised Head, should the tribe establish a casino. “Of course. We would take away from the current casino in Lethbridge.”

Councillor Dexter Bruised Head will be participating in other live radio broadcast in the future. As of print time, Bruised Head shared additional information with tribal members on Lastar Radio on May 26, 2011.



Story by Tom Russell

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM OFFERS AWARENESS TO YOUTH ON CURRENT SOCIAL ISSUES AND TOPICS



Chancy Black Water, Crime Prevention Coordinator, is looking forward to summer activities with the youth.

The Kainai Community Corrections Society is reaching out to the youth through its Crime Prevention Program in the hopes of creating a positive awareness through discussion and program participation. Chancy Black Water, Crime Prevention Coordinator, who is in her first full year of employment in her present occupation, is busy organizing functions and activities in an effort to motivate the youth into more positive lifestyles.

"I want to get the youth to become involved in issues that affect them," she said of her duties. "I want the youth to make a differ-

ence in their lives and in their communities. I want them to have a voice."

Among the duties involved as the crime prevention coordinator are issues like substance abuse, date abuse, prescription drug abuse, recreation, self-esteem and motivational exercises and other issues as requested by both parents and the youth. "I encourage people who have issues they want addressed to call me at the Kainai Corrections office. I want to help in any way I can," she said. "A lot of people are not aware that the crime prevention office is still in operation, but I'm

here. I try to make sure that the people get that support from me. I am going to be more involved and present at community meetings in each district."

In order for Black Water to become more effective in her occupation, she networks with other agencies on the Blood reserve as a method of reaching out to assist in times of crisis or for awareness and information purposes. "Usually, I'm not a first-responder; people don't really call me in regards to certain situations," she explained. "I usually get calls from the schools, like a school counselor may call me on a certain issue. I attend healing circles, I'm a part of those agencies and that process, but I want people to have confidence in me to come to us for our services. I can refer people to agencies who are specialists in certain areas, but I can offer assistance in any way I can."

The annual Crime Prevention week from May 9th to the 14th had Black Water go out into each of the communities where she gave presentations on many topics affecting the youth today. Black Water was in the three main communities: Moses Lake, Levern and Stand Off, who partnered with the community of Old Agency. The week began with a walk from the Kainai Community Corrections facility to the Kainai Sports Centre with the Blood Tribe Police providing a police escort for the group. Many of the Blood Tribe agencies also joined in the walk. Throughout the week, the Recreation department, Kainai Wellness Centre, Children's Services and Victor Lethbridge, Tatanka Workshops, shared information during the youth conference on topics including self-esteem, crime prevention and setting life goals.

"We thanked all the youth who participated in the Crime Prevention Week," she said. "Also, a big thank you to the many agencies and presenters who shared their expertise in helping to reach out to the youth."

Black Water is often called upon to give presentations to the youth and is looking forward to the Red Cross Youth Conference and National Aboriginal Day festivities this summer. She also utilizes as many elders as possible and said there is so much more that can be done in preventing crime in each of the communities.

Anyone who wants any additional information on the Crime Prevention program is encouraged to call Chancy Black Water at the Kainai Community Corrections at 403.737.2555.

Story by Tom Russell

LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCIENCE FAIR AT TATSIKISAAPO’P SCHOOL



Pat Twigg and Mike Bruised Head pose with award winning students at the Kainai Middle School Science Fair.



An exhibit that shows the inside of a human body in detail.



A close up of the medals that were given to the creators of the winning exhibits.



Spiders are the focus of this young scientist.

The Tatsikisaapo’p Middle School recently hosted the 13th annual Treaty Seven Science Fair with over 70 participants including students from Aahsaopi and Siksika. Lisa Crow Shoe, teacher and organizer of the Science Fair, said the participants had four categories from which the students could enter their science project.

“We had some very awesome projects in all four categories. We had physical, biological, technical and cultural,” she explained. “We are really pleased with the students, especially those who are going away to cultural events, because they really link science with our Blackfoot way of knowing to what western science thought is.”

Among the entries submitted by some of the students included using plants to create inks for painting, the meanings of tipi dreams and what the science was behind a dream and how we interpret them.

“All of our students are expected to do cultural relevance with their projects,” she said. “They always have to take their knowledge back to what do Blackfoot people know, what do First Nations people traditionally know about science, and be able to link it back to science.”

“We’re really impressed with the quality of the work students do,” - Lisa Crow Shoe

A science project submitted by R.J. Bull and David Crow Chief on solar powered cars won the overall highest project. “They had to explain that Blackfoot people traditionally didn’t have vehicles or understand solar power,” said Crow Shoe. “They understood that the Sun had energy and they paid tribute to the Sun through the Sundance. So, we really felt that was a strong component of the Treaty Seven Science Fair and our own school fair.”

Crow Shoe and the school staff and administrators were pleased at the talent and creativity exhibited by the students. “We’re really impressed with the quality of the work students do,” she said. “We feel it’s really beneficial to them because they take independent thought and knowledge and work it the way they want to. Our goal is that these students will begin to love science so that they will excell in it at the junior and senior high levels.”

Story by Tom Russell

POLICE SAFETY CHECKSTOP FOCUS ON KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

A partnership between four agencies resulted in a Safety Check Stop on May 10, 2011, on the highway 2 and highway 509 intersection. The Blood Tribe Police Services, Blood Tribe Community Health, Regional Traffic Safety Consultant and Community Mobilization Director, Office of Traffic Safety, joined together to check for a number of safety concerns in keeping the highways and travelers safe.

A total of 136 vehicles were checked and those with child passengers were directed into the Holy Gospel Church parking lot. The vehicles with child passengers were checked with a focus on the child safety seats. The seats were inspected by Ron Piche, Blood Tribe Police, Sandra Scout, RN, Blood Tribe Community Health and Tammy White Quills-Knife, Regional Traffic Safety Consultant. A total of eight car seats were inspected.



The organizers of the Safety Check Stop take a well-deserved break.

SECOND ANNUAL BIKE RODEO TEACHES SAFETY

There were many happy children who took part of the annual Bike Rodeo at the Kainai Sports Centre on May 26, 2011. The Bike Rodeo is co-sponsored in part by the Traffic Safety Committee under the guidance of Tammy White Quills-Knife, Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator, Chief & Council and the Blood Tribe Community Development program. Other departments and programs including Kainai Wellness and Brighter Futures, Town of Cardston, Lethbridge Police Services, AMA, Kainai Board of Education, Bus Co-op, Fort Macleod Police Services, Blood Tribe Recreation, Safety City (Lethbridge), Blood Tribe Police, Social Development, Family & Community Support Services, KCCS Crime Prevention, Alberta Regional Traffic Safety and the Sheriff's department graciously donated bikes, helmets and gift certificates to the over 500 children who participated in the fun event.

Charlie Fox, Community Development Coordinator, said the children from the schools and surrounding communities really enjoyed themselves. "The theme of the bike rodeo was around safety and prevention," he said. "There were over 500 children who came to test their skills and to learn about safety and other areas."

Tammy White Quills-Knife said the event was well-planned. "This year's bike safety was coordinated with the schools, KBE and the Bus Co-op and the committee anticipat-



The young students had a fun time at the Bike Rodeo. All the students received bike helmets.

ed a total of 500 students to participate," she said. "Due to rain and evacuations the numbers were a little lower. This year, a total of 106 students from Aahsopi and a total of 203 students from Saipoyi participated. The students enjoyed this fun and educational event. The ladies from FCSS cooked lunch which included fry bread and flank which was a real treat for the participating agencies from off reserve. Helmets and a total of 15 bikes were given out with one bike for each category from K4 – grades 5. The donations were from the following: Recreation Department; Crime Prevention; BT Police Services; Safety City; Regional Traffic Safety Consultant, Social Development, Chief & Council, Kainai Wellness, Safety City and Community Development."

Children from Aahsopi and Saipoyi schools filled the Kainai Sports Centre as they navigated around obstacle courses and bike trails in the skating rink. There were many people from the community who volunteered their time toward the bike rodeo.

Tammy White Quills-Knife thanked everyone involved in the Bike Rodeo including the donors and especially thanked the children for their participation in making the bike rodeo a success.

Stories by Tom Russell

HUNGRY WOLF TRAVELS TO PERU TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE INCA

"It was like a fantasy, a daydream come true," said nine-year old Cashius Hungrywolf during his recent journey to remote parts of the Andes in Peru. Cashius has been climbing steep trails in the Canadian Rockies with his grandfather since he first learned to walk, mainly on the Hungrywolf's family wilderness homestead in southeastern British Columbia. But, in the Andes, he climbed at altitudes nearly four times higher than those in the Rockies. He went there with an invitation to visit some of the world's toughest kids, llama and alpaca herders whose families live semi-communally according to ancient Inca traditions.

The classrooms at Parapota Community School must be among the highest in the world. Located nearly 5,000 meters on a small meadow within a glacial basin of rocky crags and icy waterfalls, the school is far above treelines, so there are no heating or other amenities. The forty-some pupils (actual numbers depend on weather conditions and family needs), come from grass-thatched, dirt-floored huts scattered across nearby mountainsides. Some walk up to three hours one way, making the daily round trip whenever possible, often through winds, hailstorms and snow.

Cashius Hungrywolf was eager to meet kids his own age who live without television, video games, cars or candy. Their daily life is centered on family and depends totally on the rhythms of nature.

The invitation for Cashius to visit these kids came through his grandfather (writer and outdoorsman Adolf Hungrywolf), who helped raise and home school four children in their mother's Blackfoot traditions. He now has nine grandchildren to help continue a noteworthy legacy. Author of more than fifty books about native cultures, nature, travel and railroading, Adolf Hungrywolf has been a sponsor to the kids of Paropata



Young Cashius Hungrywolf is pictured here with natives of Peru.

and their families for several years, providing financial and material assistance.

Ancient ceremonials are a basic part of the education Cashius has been receiving from his grandfather. He is learning to help lead the seasonal opening rituals for both the Thunder Medicine Pipe bundle and the Beaver Medicine bundle—two of the most ancient rites still being practiced within the Blackfoot Confederacy. Hungrywolf family members have been keepers of both bundles for over forty years.

Born in Germany during World War II to a Swiss father and Hungarian mother, Adolf Hungrywolf has yearned for nature since childhood. Buying his first mountain land at age 12 with money earned on a newspaper route, he studied law and completed a history degree at Cal-State Long Beach, only to head to the wilderness of the Canadian Rockies after graduation. He spent the next years devoting himself to the ceremonial teachings of leading elders at Kainai, among the Bloods, and within the other divisions of the Blackfoot Confederacy. Several noted elders took him into their midst and taught him their ways. His children and grandchildren are now among the descendants of those same elders.

Cashius Hungrywolf was eager to meet kids his own age who live without television, video games, cars or candy. Their daily life is centered on family and depends totally

on the rhythms of nature. Hunger and cold are common challenges. The children speak their native language (the Inca language, called Quechua), and wear mostly native dress, spun and woven by their parents from the wool of their animals. At their request, Adolf gives them lessons in English when he visits, along with stories and photos of his homeland, family and cultural life in the Canadian Rockies. He and Cashius are working on a children's book and video about their experiences.

In the village of PISAQ, located in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Cashius was invited to join the traditional group Winay Taki Ayllu for their annual four days and nights of sacred dancing for the fertility of life. In the remote community of Jumarqui, an offering ritual to the mountain spirits was prepared on his behalf by don Victoriano Quipse, the adopted shaman-brother of his grandfather. Cashius Hungry-Wolf is an enrolled member of the Blood Tribe and a grade four student at Napi's Playground Elementary School on the Peigan Nation. His other grandfather is the noted Blood rodeo champion, Byron Bruised Head. Through him, Cashius is a direct descendant of former Blood head chiefs Red Crow and Seen From Afar. The parents of Cashius are Iniskim Hungrywolf and Patti-Jo Bruised Head. Grandmothers are Beverly (Little Bear) Hungry Wolf and Michelle Big Throat.

Story submitted

ROC THE PLANET ON TOUR



L-R: Conroy Saddleback, Angel Saddleback (nee Isaac), Amy Ieremia (nee Isaac), Landric Ieremia.

Three Blackfoot members, part of the performing group, “Remembering Our Culture” (ROC), recently toured the western United States, Texas and New Mexico, with the 30 member multicultural performing group based out of Utah Valley, Provo Utah. Amy Ieremia (nee Isaac), Angel Saddleback (nee Isaac) both Kainai, members from the Hind Bull family, and Conroy Saddleback (Pikani/

Cree) from the Provost family, all members of the performing group, have been touring since the fall of 2010 and just recently completed the latest of their tour engagements. From humble beginnings, MSU has provided opportunities for multicultural college students to be of service to their own people and communities, valuing three purposes: first, to increase awareness of American

minority cultures; second, to promote social interaction among multicultural college students and an understanding among themselves about American minority cultures; and third, to provide educational opportunities representative of American minority cultures. MSU/ROC is now in their 11th year. Multicultural Services of Utah (MSU), a state government department who sponsor the group in part, was organized in June of 2001. Remembering Our Culture (ROC) was created to retain students of color in college through means of a performing group which provided students with an incentive to perform well. Currently, as a federally organized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, MSU continues to place its highest priority on the academic success of students and aims at improving each student’s self image through a cultural showcase of song and dance--where stage presence, academic success, leadership involvement and the enhancement of cultural socialization skills develop.

CHILDREN OF ST. MARTHA HOST MINI-POW-WOW



Chief Charles Weasel Head and other special guests are welcome additions to the pow-wow.

It was just like the big ones, but only in miniature. The first Children of St. Martha School mini-Pow-Wow, May 25, 2011, in West Lethbridge had the whole school swinging their heads and thumping their feet to the beat of the Old Agency Drummers. With guests like Blood Chief Charles Weasel Head, Councillor Dexter Bruised Head and wife Trish, elder Delphine Good Striker, Afghanistan war veteran Kendrick Fox and wife, and officials

from the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate School, Superintendent Chris Smeaton; Principal, Mr. Kobza; Associate Principal, Mrs. Saler and Mrs. Murphy, Principal, First Nations, Metis and Inuit. Travis Plaited Hair, master of ceremonies, kept things hopping and guest laughing. Organizer Christina Fox was happy with the turnout commenting, “It was a beautiful way of bringing together staff, students, families



A young fancy dancer is proudly showing her style to the people of West Lethbridge.

and community members in promoting our culture.” There was a large turnout of Lethbridge pow-wow fans and community members from the Blood Tribe.

Stories by Rick Tailfeathers

THE LEGEND OF DEERFOOT



The Siksika (Blackfoot) man known as Deerfoot was one of the fastest long-distance runners of his generation, and although his personal story came to a tragic end, he would be immortalized for his extraordinary accomplishments.

Deerfoot was born around 1864, at a time when the Siksika had not yet signed Treaty 7 with the British Crown. He was the son of Medicine Fire and the nephew of Siksika Chief Crowfoot. His true name was Api-kai-ees (meaning 'scabby dried meat' and sometimes translated as 'bad dried meat'). Deerfoot demonstrated at a young age a remarkable skill in long distance running. This talent earned him a commission as a messenger who couriered messages on foot between forts in southern Alberta and northern Montana. In the years following the signing of Treaty 7, Deerfoot's reputation as a long-distance runner began to reach beyond the confines of the Siksika nation. In 1884, when

he was around the age of twenty, representatives of a Calgary professional running syndicate approached him and set him on the path of a professional running career. At the time, professional running was a popular pastime, with some interested spectators wagering on the outcome of the races which could pit local runners against runners from across Canada and even those in Great Britain.

For the first two years of his career, Deerfoot ran in minor local races at an indoor track in Calgary. In 1886, Deerfoot defeated Little Plume, another runner from the Siksika First Nation, and a North West Mounted Police (NWMP) constable named James Green in an endurance race that took place for four hours a day over the course of four days. The object of the competition was to complete as many laps as possible in sixteen hours. Deerfoot completed the race in dramatic fashion, achieving eighty-four miles and six laps in

the allotted time. It was after this race that Deerfoot started using the name Deerfoot. Originally, this name had been used by a Seneca First Nations man named Ha-ga-sa-do-ni, who ran world record times in England during the 1860s.

Api-kai-ees ran in several more local races in 1886. He won the Dominion Day one-mile race and according to the Calgary Herald came within a second of breaking the record for that distance. Troubles soon came to Deerfoot's life. In 1887, lacking supplies on the reserve, Deerfoot broke into a settler's house (other sources say it was a Hudson's Bay Company trading post in Calgary), and made off with two blankets. When the NWMP caught up with him, he allegedly defended himself with an axe and escaped capture.

The story caused a sensation among local papers, with some journalists predicting a war with the Siksika over the incident. Local settlers were panicked, both by the notion of a First Nations' fugitive at large, and at the overblown implications the subject was given in the press, prompting Northwest Territories Lieutenant-Governor Edgar Dewdney to appeal to Siksika Chief Crowfoot for help in apprehending the long distance runner.

Deerfoot roamed the Siksika territory for two years, evading a one-hundred man North West Mounted Police force dispatched on the Siksika nation to capture him. He finally turned himself in at the behest of his uncle Crowfoot and was sentenced to forty-five days hard labour in prison. This seemed to mark a turning point in Deerfoot's life. He never raced professionally again, and spent the rest of his life in-and-out of jail. The jail never left him it seemed, for it was in prison where he contracted tuberculosis that ended his life on February 24, 1897, at a North West Mounted Police guardhouse in Calgary.

It is not for his failures that Deerfoot is remembered; for a highway, a school, an industrial park and a shopping mall in Calgary were all named to honour his accomplishments as an athlete. If his spirit was broken in life, it found swift new wings after his death. In the fall of 1996, the Indigenous Sports Council of Alberta inducted legendary Blackfoot runner Deerfoot into its Hall of Fame. A similar honor will see him also inducted to the Alberta Sport Hall of Fame, located in Red Deer, on May 22 of this year.

Story by Rick Tailfeathers



NOTICE



Blood Tribe Emergency Numbers

**THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ARE HERE FOR ANYONE
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DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Emergency Numbers

BT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	MAIN DISASTER HOTLINE:	403-737-3974
	ARNOLD FOX	403-308-8693
ON CALL	RITZIE CREIGHTON	403-715-5604
ON CALL	BENITA CREIGHTON	403-892-7817
PUBLIC WORKS		403-737-2540
EMERGENCY INQUIRIES	JOE HEALY	403-635-4262
ON CALL	DELRAY FIRST RIDER	403-635-4261
ON CALL	KELVIN BLACKHORSE	403-634-4264
ON CALL	CLEMENT BLACK WATER	403-634-4263
HOUSING EMERGENCY	OFFICE	403-737-3988
	MELVIN SPEAR CHIEF	403-634-9024
ON CALL	CALVERT MANYFINGERS	403-308-3942
BLOOD TRIBE ADMINISTRATION	S.E.O.	403-330-8104
SHOT BOTH SIDES BLD SECURITY		403-737-8125
RED CROSS	MAIN	1-888-800-6493
	PAM HEAVY HEAD	403-331-1631
	GUY JOEL DAY CHIEF	403-331-3703
BLOOD TRIBE POLICE SERVICE	MAIN LINE	403-737-3800
	VICTIM'S SERVICES	403-308-0928
BLOOD TRIBE AMBULANCE / FIRE		403-737-2102
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FCSS	BRUCE IRON SHIRT	403-331-0614
	TIA FOX/FOOD BANK	403-315-2377
BUS CO-OP	LES HEALY	403-737-2505
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Paradise Canyon Golf Resort

4 Person Scramble

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403-328-6341



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

AN **OPEN HOUSE** FOR ALL
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ON JUNE 20, 2010, AT THE
KAINAI SPORTS CENTRE
BEGINNING AT 9 A.M.

STAY FOR THE BARBEQUE AND BINGO AT
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CELEBRATIONS**

AT THE RED CROW PARK ON JUNE 21, 2010

LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE
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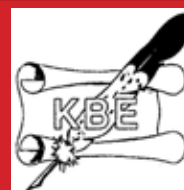
CHIEF CHARLES WEASEL HEAD

COME OUT AND ENJOY A DAY OF

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE
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Contact: Community Development at 403-737-2888



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