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# Manitoba Métis Federation Holds Inauguration For Elected Officials

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

**O**n May 4, 2003, the Manitoba Métis Federation held an inauguration ceremony to begin the three-year terms for the Federation Leadership. The ceremony was held at the Clarion Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where dignitaries, families and friends gathered to celebrate this important day in Métis history. The event began with opening remarks from a number of officials, including the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Honourable Peter Liba, who officiated the ceremony. As part of his duties, Lieutenant Governor Liba swore in the new leaders and witnessed the signing of an Oath of Office, stating their commitment, in front of the public audience, to serve the Manitoba Métis Federation with honour

and dignity for their term of office. More than 200 people attended this event, including Métis National Council Interim President, Audrey Poitras, and President of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and Vice-President of the Métis National Council, Clem Chartier. Other speakers included MMF Senator Ed Head, and the leaders of the



*Honourable Peter Liba,  
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba*

## Manitoba Métis Federation Leadership



**President David Chartrand**



**Bill Flett,  
Interlake Regional  
Vice-President**



**Elbert Chartrand,  
North West Métis Council  
Vice President**



Liberal and Conservative Parties of Manitoba.

The Manitoba Métis Federation Leadership include:

President David Chartrand;

Interlake Regional Vice-President, Bill Flett, and Board Members Jack Park and Denis Carriere;

North West Métis Council Vice-President, Elbert Chartrand and Board Members Darrel Deslauriers and Bonnie McIntyre;

South West Regional Vice-President Leah LaPlante and Board Members John Fleury and Rita Cullen;

South East Regional Vice-President, Denise Thomas and Board Members Jean Desrossiers and Marielee Nault;

The Pas Regional Vice-President Judy Mayer and Board Members Joyce Langan and Laura Hyrich;

Thompson Regional Vice-President Darryl Montgomery and Board Member Anita Campbell;

Winnipeg Regional Vice-President, Ron Chartrand and Board Members Richard Delaronde and Claire Riddle;

and the leader of the Métis Women of Manitoba, Rosemarie McPherson.

At a later event, the leadership was granted portfolios for the various areas of development within the Métis Nation of Manitoba. The portfolios were granted to the Vice-Presidents as follows: Richard Delaronde was assigned the position of Chair for Heritage and Sports; Joyce Langan was assigned as Chair for Housing with Bonnie McIntyre as Co-Chair; Darrel Deslauriers was assigned the portfolio of Natural Resources; Rita Cullen was assigned the authority of Chairperson for the Manitoba Métis Federation Constitution; Elbert Chartrand has retained the responsibility as Chairperson for Finance; Métis Women's Leader



**Leah LaPlante,  
South West Regional  
Vice President**



**Denise Thomas  
South East Regional  
Vice President**



**Judy Mayer  
The Pas Regional  
Vice President**

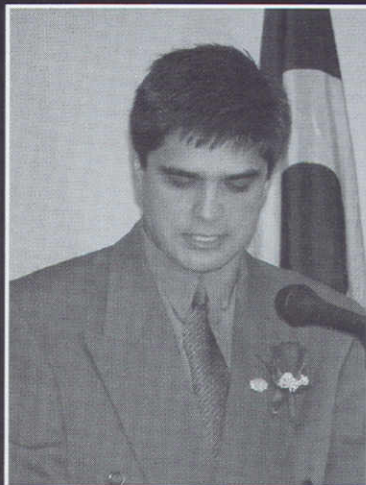
Rosemarie McPherson is the Chairperson for the Michif Language Portfolio, along with Denis Carriere, who is the Co-Chair of this important portfolio; Child and Family Services and the Tripartite Negotiations will be guided by the Chairpersonship of Judy Mayer, with Rosemarie McPherson as Co-Chair; Provincial Education and Tripartite Negotiations will be Chaired by Leah Laplante; Darryl Montgomery has been assigned the portfolio of Justice and will serve as Chairperson along with Co-Chairperson Dennis Carriere; Pemmican Publications has been assigned to Chairperson Laura Hyrich; Marielee Nault has been assigned the position of Chairperson for the Health Portfolio; Métis Rights and the Métis Nation Agenda is under the guidance of Chairperson Claire Riddle, who has worked in this portfolio for many years; John Fleury will take the leadership on all matters related to the most important Youth Portfolio, supported by Richard Delaronde, the Co-Chairperson. Jean Desrosiers has been assigned the portfolio of Economic Development for the

Manitoba Métis Federation with Co-Chair Bill Flett; The Louis Riel Institute will be led by past Chairperson Denise Thomas and Co-Chair Laura Hyrich; John Fleury will continue his responsibility for Métis Human Resources Development as Chairperson.

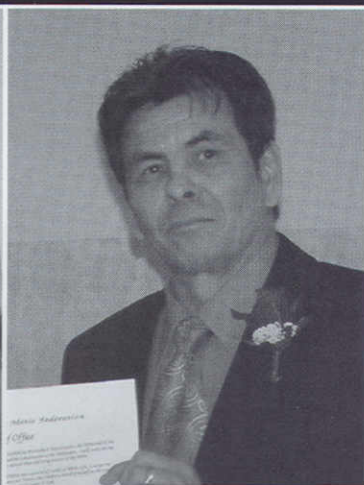
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*The Manitoba Métis Federation Leadership*



**Darryl Montgomery**  
Thompson Regional  
Vice President



**Ron Chartrand**  
Winnipeg Regional  
Vice President



**Rosemarie McPherson**  
Leader of the  
Métis Women of Manitoba



*President David Chartzand and the Board of the Manitoba Métis Federation extend greetings to the participants from across the Métis Homeland at this year's Back-to-Batoche Days 2003, and to the citizens of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan. The Manitoba Métis Federation is again proud to sponsor and organize the Batoche Days Voyageur Games to be held on sight as part of this year's festivities.*



# Back to Batoche 2003 - AGENDA

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

### 5:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies

#### Welcoming Remarks:

Grand Entry

Métis Anthem

Opening Prayer

#### Welcoming Remarks:

Peter Rudyck, Chair Batoche Festival

Clem Chartier, President, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

Senator Nora Cummings, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Senate

Honourable Sheila Copps, Canadian Heritage (TBC)

Honourable Ralph Goodale, Federal Interlocutor for Métis

Honourable Eldon Lautermilch, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

Honourable Joanne Crofford, Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation

Audrey Poitras, Métis National Council

Harley Desjarlais, Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia

David Chartrand, Manitoba Métis Federation

Tony Belcourt, Métis Nation of Ontario

Presentation from the Assistant Commissioner, RCMP

#### The Batoche Musical

Dance to Follow: Donnie Parenteau & Band

5:30 p.m. - Swearing in of New Métis Senators  
Premier Lorne Calvert

Minister Buckley Belanger

Minister Clay Serby

Minister Maynard Sonntag

6:00 p.m. - Talent Competition Begins (Main Stage)

6 - 12

13 - 19

20+

7:30 p.m. - The Batoche Musical

9:00 p.m. - Dance - Band *Darren Lavallee and Trapline*

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

Elders' Programming (Elders Building)

Children's Programming (MACSI Tent)

10:00 a.m. - Ball Tournament Continues

(Ball Diamonds)

- Fiddling & Entertainment Begins

(Main Stage)

- Horseshoe Tournament

(Horseshoe Pit)

11:00 a.m. - Open Stage Entertainment

- Chariot Racing (Rodeo Grounds)

1:00 p.m. - Dance Competitions (Main Stage)

- Rodeo Begins (Rodeo Grounds)

2:00 p.m. - Voyageur Games - Nelson Sanderson

4:00 p.m. - Jigging Competitions (Main Stage)

- Wagon Racing (Rodeo Grounds)

5:00 p.m. - Fiddling Competitions (Main Stage)

6:00 p.m. - Talent Finals (Main Stage)

7:30 p.m. - The Batoche Musical (Main Stage)

9:00 p.m. - Dance (Main Stage)  
*Band Darren Lavallee and Trapline*

## FRIDAY, JULY 25

10:00 a.m. - Introduction of Mr. & Mrs. Batoche  
- Dance Competitions Begin (Main Stage)

- Old Tyme Métis Dancing:

Junior

Adult

- Jigging:

Junior (5-12)

Women

Men

- Co-Ed Ball Tournament Begins

(Ball Diamonds) Geordy McCaffrey

- Horseshoe Tournament Begins

(Horseshoe Pit)

1:00 p.m. - Old Tyme Dance Competitions Continue (Main Stage)

2:00 p.m. - Voyageur Games - Nelson Sanderson

3:00 p.m. - Open Stage Entertainment

4:00 p.m. - Fiddling Competitions Begins (Main Stage)

Junior (5-12)

Women's

Men's

## SUNDAY, JULY 27

Elders' Programming (Elders Building)

Children's Programming (MACSI Tent)

10:00 a.m. - Mass, (Main Stage)

- Procession to Church and  
Graveyard

11:00 a.m. - Chariot Racing (Rodeo Grounds)

- Bannock Baking Competition

- Ball Tournament

12:00 p.m. - Old Tyme Dance & Jigging Finals (Main Stage)

1:00 p.m. - Rodeo Begins (Rodeo Grounds)

3:00 p.m. - Fiddling Finals (Main Stage)

- Wagon Racing (Rodeo Grounds)

- Awards Presentations

- Closing Ceremonies

- Closing Prayer

For Camp Site Information, Please call Helen Johnson at (306) 323-4244



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All Generations

# Back to Batoché 2003

July 24-27

- Jigging
- Fiddling
- Square Dancing
- Bannock Baking
- Tug-o-war
- Talent Competition
- Display Pavilions
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Live Entertainment
- Nightly Dances

The Métis Voyageur Games  
Children's Events  
Rodeo and Wagon Races  
Co-Ed Ball Tournament  
Batoche Theatre Company



### Festival Pass

Adult	\$20. <sup>00</sup>
Youth (7-18)/Seniors	\$15. <sup>00</sup>
6 and under	Free

### Daily Pass

Individual	\$10. <sup>00</sup>
Youth (7-18)/Seniors	\$8. <sup>00</sup>
6 and under	Free

### Services:

24 hour security, camping,  
washrooms and showers,  
food booths, on-site first aid and medical

**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS - STRICTLY ENFORCED**

The Batoche 2003 Committee assumes  
no responsibility for personal injuries.

For further information contact: Batoche 2003 in Saskatoon at 343-8285, Or visit our Web Site at: [www.metisnation-sask.com](http://www.metisnation-sask.com)



# Métis Cultural Development Fund

Funding for activities that preserve, strengthen and transmit Métis culture and traditions is being offered through the Métis Cultural Development Fund (MCDF). This is a two year pilot project between the Gabriel Dumont Institute and SaskCulture Inc. The MCDF is funded by SaskCulture through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

An emphasis is placed on children with a focus on building cultural leadership skills, transferring knowledge between generations, skills development, mentorship and having fun. The MCDF will give priority to funding programs that seek to meet these goals, contribute to long-term cultural awareness and growth, and promote a high level of access and participation.

## SCOPE AND FUNDING

The MCDF provides grants for Saskatchewan-based activities that are local, regional or provincial in scope. Local activities may receive up to \$5,000, regional activities may receive up to \$10,000 and provincial activities may receive up to \$20,000 in funding.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this Fund, you must be Métis. You can apply as an individual engaged in a not-for-profit activity at the community level or as a non-profit Métis community group. Individuals or agencies directly connected to Gabriel Dumont Institute or the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan are not eligible.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- Cultural programs lacking access to mainstream support and other funding sources
- Activities that provide cultural enhancement and collaborative exchange
- Purchase of equipment to support cultural development and participation (organizations only)
- Research, documentation and dissemination of Métis culture

### INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- Prize money (e.g. for a dance competition, etc.);
- Capital costs (e.g. for building or renovating facilities, renovations);
- General support for festivals; or,
- Activities that have access to other funds

## APPLICATIONS

There are two application deadlines for 2003. Applications must be received or post-marked no later than May 1, 2003 and October 1, 2003. Applications must be mailed directly to Gabriel Dumont Institute.

To receive an application form and guidelines for the Métis Cultural Development Fund, please contact:

### Gabriel Dumont Institute

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# Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program

The Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program was established on May 21, 1985 when the Native Economic Development Program of the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion provided a scholarship fund as an investment in the education of Métis students. Napoleon LaFontaine was instrumental in organizing the Association of Métis and Non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS), now known as the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan (MNS). He devoted himself to developing social and educational policy for Aboriginal people within the province, and the Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program is so named in recognition of his many contributions.

These scholarships are given to recognize students' academic achievement and their commitment to Métis people in Saskatchewan, and to provide financial assistance to reduce the cost of full-time studies. The original aim of the Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program was to encourage Métis students to continue their education in fields related to economic development. Eventually, the focus evolved to include students pursuing education in the fields of Arts and Science, Education, Medicine and Dentistry. Students enrolled in the following disciplines are eligible for awards under the Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program:

Accounting	Commerce	Education	Personal Management
Arts And Sciences	Dentistry	Law	Retail Management
Business Administration	Economics	Marketing	Political Economics
Business Development	Economic Development	Medicine	Public Administration

There are several criteria used in deciding which applicants receive scholarships. While academic performance is important, applicants must also be Métis; have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 5 years prior to applying; be enrolled full-time in a program of at least 8 months duration at an accredited institution; have a demonstrated commitment to the needs of Métis people; and, be committed to working in a Métis environment upon completion of their studies.

In the past 15 years, the Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Program has provided scholarships in the form of Entrance, Undergraduate, Graduation, Graduate, Loan Remission and Special awards. Students can apply for more than one type of scholarship in a single year providing they meet the eligibility criteria. The basic criteria and award amounts are as follows:

**Entrance:** Students must be enrolled (or have met the entrance requirements for enrolment) in a post-secondary diploma, certificate or degree program. (Maximum of \$300 per 8 month period of full time studies).

**Undergraduate:** Students must complete at least one academic year of full time studies with a minimum of a 'B' average in their most recent year of studies. (Maximum of three awards at \$500 per 8 month period of full time studies).

**Graduation:** Students must have completed a diploma, certificate, or degree program through the Gabriel Dumont Institute with a minimum of a 'B' average in their most recent academic year. (\$200 for each 8 months of full time studies to a maximum of \$1,000).

**Graduate:** Students must be accepted or engaged in any graduate degree program at a Canadian university with a research project relating to the Métis people. (Maximum of \$2,000 per 12 month period of full time studies).

**Loan Remission:** Students must have graduated from a diploma, certificate or degree program with an outstanding loan through the Canadian Student Loan Program and/or the Saskatchewan Student Loan Program. (Maximum of 50% of outstanding student loan balance or \$3,000).

**Special:** Students are nominated based on financial need, outstanding academic achievement or other relevant circumstances. Award amounts are based on Selection Committee recommendations.

The deadline for receipt of applications for Entrance, Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships is October 1st of each year. If the program in which the student is enrolled does not comply with the standard September-to-April academic year, applications must be submitted within 30 days of commencement of classes. The Loan Remission Scholarship application deadline is within two months of successfully completing full-time studies.



## Gabriel Dumont Institute and Western Development Museum Partner For Saskatchewan's Birthday

Article by Chad Berg, Kurtis Hamel, and Leslee Newman  
Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

**I**n 2005 the province of Saskatchewan turns 100 years old. The Western Development Museum plans to celebrate this occasion with the opening of feature exhibits called *Winning the Prairie Gamble: The Saskatchewan Story* in the four WDM branches in Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Saskatoon and Yorkton. The exhibits will present some of the countless stories of accomplishment and hardship, of adversity and success that make up the Saskatchewan experience. They will be dynamic, celebratory and inspiring. Saskatchewan visitors to the exhibits should feel a sense of pride and discovery. Visitors from beyond our borders should be intrigued and impressed.

Stories of Métis people in Saskatchewan will be important to the exhibits. Although much has been written about the Métis in the province, the centennial exhibits will provide an opportunity to include the Métis experience through objects and photographs. To achieve this goal, the Western Development Museum has partnered with the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

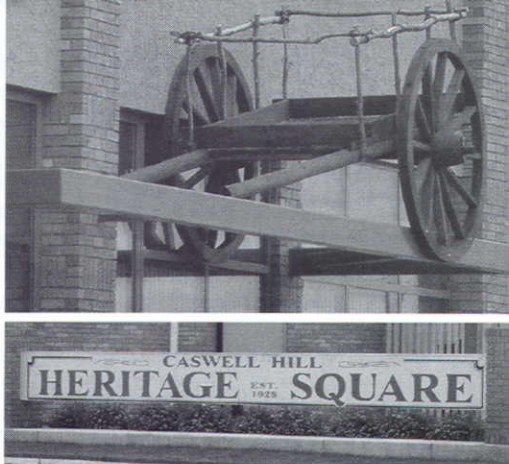
Planning for the new exhibits has opened new doors of opportunity for the WDM. The Museum will collect and present stories of the Métis

experience in Saskatchewan, a new venture for the WDM. The Museum partnership with GDI and the Métis community is vital to the success of the project.

This partnership is important as staff from the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the Western Development Museum work together to develop the Métis component of the new exhibits. It will allow for aboriginal inclusion within the WDM, a new departure for the Museum. GDI's role is to facilitate and validate the Métis content, thereby assuring the authenticity of the material included. GDI looks forward to working with the WDM on this project and hopes it will bring about new projects in the future.

WDM summer student Chad Berg is discovering his own roots as he researches and collects stories and photographs of Métis life in Saskatchewan for the centennial exhibits. If you have Métis artifacts that you would like to see included in the WDM collection, please contact Chad at (306) 934-1400 in Saskatoon or e-mail Ruth Bitner, WDM Collections Curator, rbitner@wdm.ca.





## Gabriel Dumont Institute: A New Office and Two New Museums

Article by Kurtis Hamel. Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

**G**abriel Dumont Institute's Saskatoon sub-office, which houses the Publishing Department and SUNTEP Central, has moved into a new office. Formerly located in the basement of the Dumont Technical Institute's building on 22nd street west in Saskatoon. The Publishing Department and SUNTEP Central have now moved a few blocks up to Avenue G North on 22nd street. The move was required because of insufficient space for the Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) and for the Publishing Department and SUNTEP Central. DTI has been expanding its programming and required the additional space. As well, GDI Publishing Department has been producing more resources and has expanded to include a museum.

In January 2003, I started working with the realtors to find a new space that would meet the needs of the Publishing Department and SUNTEP Central. We kept the needs of the Métis community we serve in mind when looking at potential locations. Budget, space and location were the three main criteria used when searching for our new office.

We were granted permission from the GDI Board of Directors to move forward on the location we had chosen. In April 2003 we signed a lease with Cottonwood Development Corporation. Our new location occupies two bays in a newly built strip mall along 22nd street. This development is called "Heritage Square" which fits the profile of the Gabriel Dumont Institute. The area has been developed and designed to look historical. By May 1, 2003, we were officially moved

into our new office.

The Publishing Department has expanded to include a Museum. We now have a Métis Museum in our new office. Although modest, our museum houses our collection of Métis artifacts, ranging from gauntlets to moccasins, beadwork to silk embroidery. One of our prized possessions is a Red River Cart we had commissioned. When you come to enter our new office, you will pass under the Red River Cart as it is mounted directly above the main doors of our office. In addition to having a "real" physical museum, we have recently launched our Virtual Museum of Métis History and Culture on the Internet. You can go to the website ([www.metismuseum.ca](http://www.metismuseum.ca)) and search our website on a multitude of topics dealing with Métis history and culture.

We will be hosting a Grand Opening celebration for our new office in August 2003. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

### **New Contact Information:**

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## VIDEO LAUNCH

Gabriel Dumont Institute  
In partnership with  
Fort Carlton  
will be officially launching  
GDI's latest video entitled:

"En saencheur flechey:  
Métis Fingerweaving"

Sash weaver Pat Adams will  
be doing weaving  
demonstrations at the fort.

**Where:**

Fort Carlton, Saskatchewan

**When:**

July 13, 2003

12:00pm to 4:30pm

*En saencheur flechey:*



Métis Fingerweaving

**For More Information Contact:**



Gabriel Dumont Institute  
#2 604 22<sup>nd</sup> Street West - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - S7M 5W1  
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# SNEDCO Has New Funds Available and Expects to Loan \$2.5 Million This Year

July 4, 2003 - The Executive Director of SNEDCO (SaskNative Economic Development Corporation) Greg Foffonoff, announced today that Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) has contributed one million dollars to SNEDCO to loan to Metis businesses. With the additional funds available, SNEDCO has established a new goal to distribute 2.5 million dollars in loans this year to help initiate and support small Metis owned businesses. Greg Foffonoff has emphasized that the new funds signify that SNEDCO will have the "best loan availability in at least seven years".

In the past, due to limited finances, SNEDCO has had to restrict their loans to \$100,000 or less. However, with the new financial input from ABC, SNEDCO can now begin looking at increasing the portions of

their loans. The staff at SNEDCO are very excited about ABC's contribution and hope to attract more applicants in order to proceed with their mandate of "financing the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of viable Metis-controlled small businesses based in Saskatchewan".

## Contact Information:

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# Pass It On...

## SNEDCO Receives Million Dollar Contribution From ABC

Article by Tejay Gardiner, Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

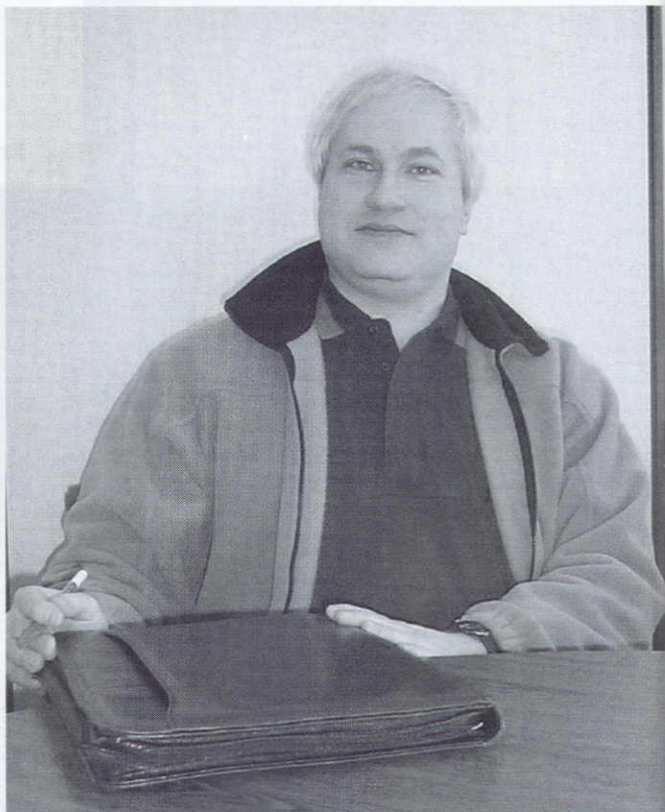
**G**reg Foffonoff, the Executive Director of the SaskNative Economic Development Corporation, has a lot to be excited about since the Contribution Agreement made with Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) this past April. ABC has agreed to contribute an extra one million dollars to this Saskatoon-based and Métis-operated lending agency. The new source of income will provide SNEDCO with the "best loan availability in the past seven years" says Foffonoff, and he is anxious to get the word out to the Métis community. His hope is to see a significant increase in loan applicants as word catches on about the new funds.

When asked if the new funding will impact SNEDCO's criteria for loan applicants, Greg replied that "all the same guidelines still exist" and that the only implication is that SNEDCO can now "distribute more loans and perhaps larger loans". Traditionally, SNEDCO loans have not exceeded \$100,000; but Greg predicts that with the new finances this upper limit will become more flexible. He also wants to emphasize that there are no time restrictions or deadlines on applying for loans, so don't worry about missing this boat: money is available for viable businesses!

Another positive aspect to this new deal between SNEDCO and ABC, is that this partnership will open doors for SNEDCO applicants to ABC funding. SNEDCO applicants are free to apply for funding from ABC, however keep in mind that ABC has their own criteria and guidelines for applicants.

The new contribution from Aboriginal Business Canada will prove to be significant for the Métis Nation in

many ways. Not only will the extra funds increase SNEDCO's loan availability, but they will also allow for the disbursement of larger loans. Greg Foffonoff stated that it is this year's goal to distribute between two and two and a half million dollars in loans. Now is the time for those of you who have dreamt about business ventures to bring your ideas forth and seize this opportunity!



*Greg Foffonoff*



# SNEDCO Programs

SNEDCO services are delivered on the basis of prudent and sound business principles. This is necessary to protect the integrity of SNEDCO's capital base and to ensure the continued delivery of its services. Since resources are limited, SNEDCO programs are often used to lever financial assistance from other public and private sources.

SNEDCO has designed three programs for the Métis business community:

## **Supplementary Equity Loans Program**

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The Supplementary Equity Loans Program is new to SNEDCO since January 1992. It provides equity loans to increase the viability of new and existing businesses. These loans can be used to improve access to the Aboriginal Business Canada Program and other public and private financing programs and institutions.

Through the Supplementary Equity Loans Program, SNEDCO may participate in a business by linking loan repayments to business performance and by providing business support services to help the venture succeed. Loans can be for amounts up to a maximum of \$40,000 per applicant. The maximum term for repayment is 5 years.

## **Small Business Loans Program**

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The Small Business Loans Program provides a variety of small business loans to finance the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of Métis-owned small businesses.

Types of loans available include direct capital loans, shared capital loans, working capital loans and bridge financing. The current maximum loan amount is \$100,000 per applicant; however, SNEDCO can often find additional loan capital for larger business projects through connections with syndicated loan partners.

## **Business Advisory Services Program**

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The Business Advisory Services Program is also new to SNEDCO since February 1992. This program provides general business information and consulting services and also offers business development workshops for Métis interested in starting or purchasing a business.

The Business Advisory Service has established a resource centre in SNEDCO's Saskatoon office to answer inquiries regarding a wide range of business topics including sources of financing, business management, marketing and business operations.

The consulting services provided by the Business Advisory Service include assistance with the preparation of business and financing plans, advice on business management and turnaround strategies, and assistance in the completion of grant or loan applications.

Currently Aboriginal Business Canada supports this essential service.

For More Information, contact:

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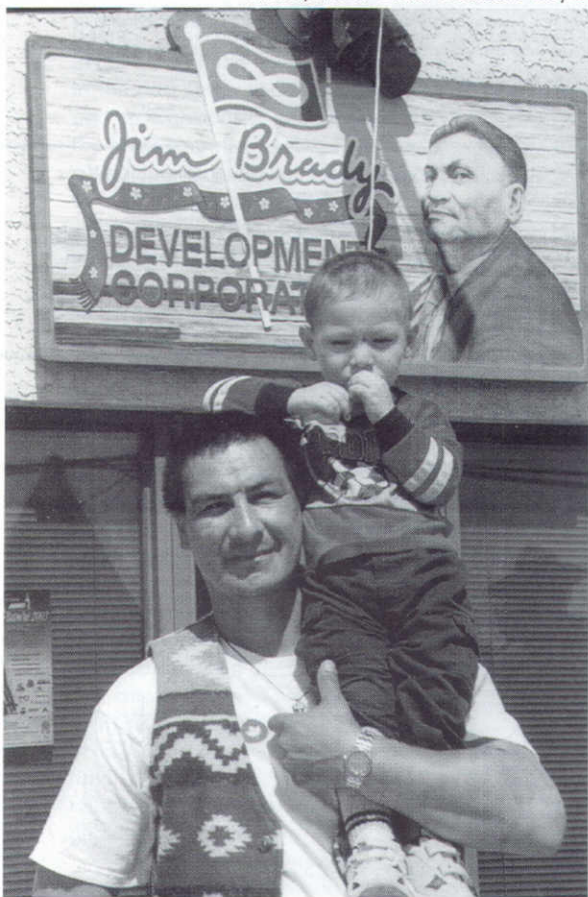
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# Jim Brady Métis Local Holds Regional Métis Conference

Article by Al Rivard. Photos by Clem Chartier

**J**im Brady Local #19 sponsored a Regional Metis Conference on June 28, 2003. The day's events were kicked off with a flag raising at the Jim Brady Development Corporation office. The flagpole was purchased through support from Métis Nation Saskatchewan (MNS), local Métis businesses Northway Janitorial, P&D Aircraft Services, La Ronge Plumbing, K-Dar Property Management and Jim Brady Development Corporation.

Officiating dignitaries included MNS President Clem Chartier, Regional Director Al Rivard, Métis Local President Doyle Vermette, Regional Senator Jacob LaVallee, Local



James Morin and Son, Frankie attend the Ceremony



Flag Ceremony



Director Ann Dorion, visiting Elder Brian D'Amour, and RCMP St/Sgt. Ron Savidan.

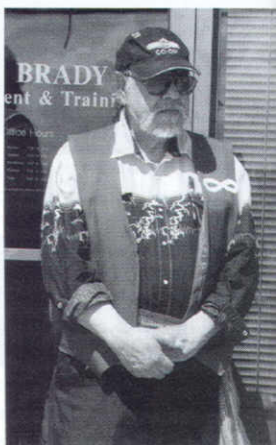
Anne Dorion, Director of the Local and daughter of the late Jim Brady, gave the crowd a history of her father and how he helped organize the Metis Nation of Alberta, and his contribution to the development of Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. She also gave brief eulogies of deceased La Ronge Region Metis leaders, including Senator Stan Durocher, Past Local President Howard Miller, and Local Director Garnet Adams.

The day's activities included information sessions provided by MNS Affiliates, displays by Métis

Employment & Training of Saskatchewan Inc, Métis Family Community Justice Services Inc, the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), and followed by an awards ceremony, banquet and dance.

The Stan Durocher Award, named for the late MNS Senator, was awarded post-humously to the late Howard Millar, for 2001, as well as to Denise D'Amour, for 2002. The award was established in 2000 to recognize people that have contributed significantly to Métis social and cultural development.

The day's activities were supported by the GDI Cultural Development Grant.



*Above Left to Right:  
Al Rivard;  
Anne Dorion;  
Doyle Vermette; and  
Senator Jacob La Vallee*

*Left: Participants*



# Jim Favel: Métis Activist

*Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith*

**J**im was born to Jack and Flora Favel on November 1, 1938 at Ile a la Crosse. Jack Favel came north from Alberta, through Meadow Lake. Jack had attended residential school at Onion Lake as a boy and subsequently made his way to Meadow Lake. Upon arriving at Ile a la Crosse at the age of 27 he married Flora Desjarlais, the daughter of Louis Desjarlais and Marie Desjarlais, nee Aubichon. Flora was also the sister to Therese, the wife of Vital Morin. Louis Desjarlais was originally from Lac la Biche, and Marie Aubichon, his wife, originally from Green Lake. However, before Jack Favel, an Anglican, could marry Flora Desjarlais, a Catholic, he had to convert to Catholicism. At his baptism, Clem Chartier's parents, Eugene and Rosa Chartier, nee Caisse were the godparents.

The Favels lived at Black Bay from where Jack used to fish and trap. Jim Favel remembers that the family also used to live at Patuanak and Niska Lake, therefore requiring that Jim attend the Boarding School at Ile a la Crosse beginning when he was 7 or 8 years of age. Jim fondly remembers his mother coming to visit him on occasion, sitting in the parlor. Jim recalls attending the Boarding School for about 10 years until his parents got a house and moved into the community of Ile a la Crosse.

Jim married Marie Durocher of Beauval, and they enjoy their many children and grandchildren.

Jim Favel recounts his early beginnings in the Métis struggle when he got introduced to politics through the communities struggle to gain



local control of the school. In 1973 when the school burned down, many community members saw this as a good opportunity to organize their own school board and take control of the education of their children. However, established forces such as the church, Hudson's Bay Company and others in the White sector of the community didn't want to let go of their hold within the community. Persons such as Vital Morin, Nap Johnson and others were determined to take control over their own lives and organized to do so. This created a big struggle within the community, dividing it down the middle, with family pitted against family, even with members of the same family aligning themselves on different sides of the issue.

Jim's brother, Jonas Favel was also part of this movement, who was Area Director for the Métis Society, a position which Jim Favel also came to occupy a little later. This, Jim says, "was the first time I was exposed to politics in northern Saskatchewan". This struggle he says is contained in a documentary entitled "History in the Making", which includes interviews with Vital Morin and Jonas Favel, a documentary produced by Bob Regnier from the University of Saskatchewan. In time, they succeeded in taking control and filled all seven seats in the first school board election. Jim served 9 years on the Board. He is proud to state that over the years, Ile a la Crosse graduates have gone on to become teachers, lawyers and one a doctor.

However, even with this success, Jim acknowledges that there are still major social and economic issues in the community. He points out that more events such as the Métis Days celebrations have to take place as the younger children are losing their Michif language. Jim is afraid that with the loss of language, will go the loss of Métis identity. According to Jim, most of the older people spoke Michif and French, which came from within the families and also from the influence of the school. He is pleased however, that Vince Ahenekew is teaching Michif in the school. Because of this, and its continuing use at home by the older generations, Jim feels that a lot of kids speak a bit of Michif and believes with more



*Church at Ile-a-la-Crosse*

encouragement and cultural activities that they will be able to pick it up fairly easily. He warns however, that language is our identity, so we can't lose it, otherwise we will become assimilated and lose our identity as Métis.

Reflecting upon his boarding school days, and a weekend meeting he had just attended at South Bay the previous week, Jim felt torn between two apparent outcomes of that experience. He saw the abuse that took place within the boarding schools and he also saw that education was brought to the children of the north. He believes that a solution somewhere between those two realities should be sought. While acknowledging that he was angry at the church at times, especially when they continued to try to control the town and even used their sermons at service for this purpose, he also believed that there must be a time to forgive, even though one cannot forget.

While acknowledging that Ile a la Crosse is an old community, having just celebrated their 225th anniversary in 2001, Jim laments the lack of recognition of the rights of the Métis. In particular, Jim is frustrated that the scrip system was used to take away Métis rights to land. Jim does not believe that this scrip system can be used to deny Métis land rights, as the Métis when scrip was distributed were living off the land wherever they wanted and didn't need a small plot of land somewhere else. Also, money wasn't of significance to the Métis. Jim recounts a story of a Mr. Kenny (Toosjapis) who used dollar coins as skipping rocks.

However, today, there is a need for a land base, states Jim. The current municipal boundary



Photo Courtesy Saskatchewan Archives (SAB R-B 5900)

*Ile-a-la-Crosse, 1946*

around the Métis communities is not good enough according to Jim. As things now stand, he feels that large scale resource extraction such as mining and

forestry do not benefit the Métis as it would if the lands were returned to Métis ownership and if the Métis were partners in these activities. The benefits are primarily enjoyed by the south, and this must change so that the benefits stay in the north according to Jim. In addressing this issue, Jim is clear

that he "sees land as being key, that without land the Métis have no say, the Métis have nothing".

Jim fears that in 10 - 20 years Métis communities in the north will be much bigger and will therefore have more problems with drugs and alcohol unless the Métis can take control of their own lives, and have a land and resource base to work from. Jim regrets that nothing has happened from the government side to enable the Métis to secure a land and resource base since 1982 when the Constitution of Canada recognized the rights of the Métis. While acknowledging the land claim court action by the Métis, Jim feels skeptical of the clear-cutting of the forests that is taking place, fearing the whole north may be clear-cut before we achieve success in getting our land rights recognized. He also feels that without a land base, we will not be able to enjoy our Aboriginal right to hunt and fish. In order to achieve success on these rights issues Jim feels that as Métis we must work as a united front and that we must also work with the Treaty Indian community as they have the same goals.



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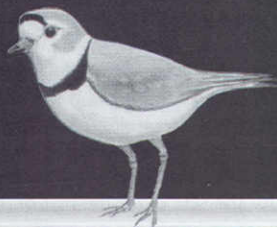
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## AUGUST 1st - 3rd, 2003

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### DAY ONE

- Opening Prayer
- Welcoming Remarks & Review of Events  
Mr. Norman Hansen, Chair, Clearwater Clear Lake Métis Regional Council
- Guest Speakers  
Métis Nation - Saskatchewan  
Government of Canada  
Government of Saskatchewan
- Open Forum Discussion
- Competition Events:  
Canoe Racing  
Horse Shoe Pitching  
Volleyball
- Children's Activities
- Evening Entertainment



### DAY TWO

- Opening Prayer
- Elders Gathering
- Youth Gathering
- Competition Events
- Children's Activities
- Evening Entertainment

### DAY THREE

- Procession to Senator Louis Morin's Memorial Cairn
- Closing Remarks  
Norman Hansen, Chair, Clearwater Clear Lake Métis Regional Council
- Closing Prayer
- Social Time

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- Canadian Wildlife Service, Hinterland Who's Who

# George Larivière Receives President's Award

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

**M**étis Nation - Saskatchewan President Clem Chartier has awarded the President's Award to George Larivière of Beauval, Saskatchewan, during his visit to Ile-a-la-Crosse during the Métis Days celebrations. George Larivière has received the award in recognition for his contributions to the Métis community.

George Larivière was raised by his grandparents in Sagamiak, a traditional Métis community about three miles up the river from Beauval. There he learned to speak Michif and Cree, and began his long life as a traditional resource user - trapping, and fishing. After the sudden death of both of his grandparents, George was taken in by the priests of the Beauval Indian Residential School where he went to school three days per week, learned French, and worked for the school for the rest of the week at their sawmill, bakery and laundry room. As an adult, George gained a fourth language, English, and participated in the rich economic opportunities in northwest Saskatchewan as a commercial fisherman,

trapper, and logger. George Larivière made the first road from Canoe Lake to Arsenault Lake, where he fished commercially, employing many local individuals, until the lands were closed for the establishment of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range and George was turned away. George Larivière is the eldest member of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Negotiations Committee who continues the struggle to gain compensation for displacement from the Air Weapons Range lands and the loss of the economic livelihoods connected to those lands.

George received his award, in the company of his son and friends, in the Ile-a-la-Crosse hospital where he currently resides. George Larivière is 94 years of age.

- George Larivière passed away at the age of 94 in the Ile-a-la-Crosse Hospital on July 6, 2003. He will be missed by many.



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Beauval Indian Residential School



George Larivière





George Larivière with his son, Larry Larivière



Clem Chartier presents President's Recognition Award to George Larivière

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# University of Alberta Lands Grant to Study Scrip

Article and Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

With the encouragement and support of the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), the Métis Nation Saskatchewan (MNS) and the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) the School of Native Studies at the University of Alberta (UofA) through the work of Professor Frank Tough was successful in receiving a \$90,000.00 (over three years) standard grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The purpose of the grant is to database archival records such as scrip applications and census documents for the period of 1870 and 1901. By using computer mapping technology, a detailed reconstruction of the geography of the Métis Nation will be produced. This will enable the collection and data-basing of the scrip applications for scrip distributed under the Dominion Lands Act during this time period. Basically, this covers the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as well as the Northwest Territories. Scrip was not given out in Ontario or British Columbia under this legislative scheme.

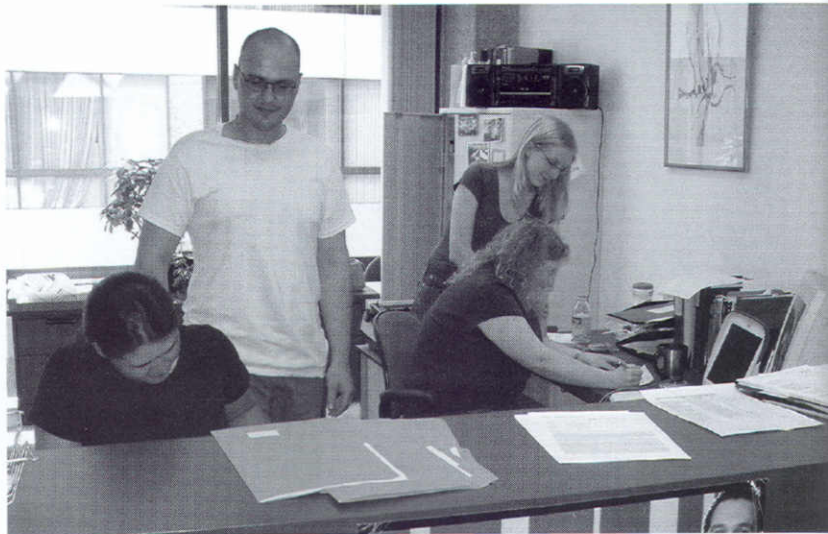
This particular initiative was undertaken as a result of the Prairie Métis Leaders Forum which began meeting in January 2002 as reported in previous issues of New Breed Magazine. For their part, the MMF, MNS and MNA not only provided letters of support for the SSHRC application, they also committed funding for the initiative. In this

connection they have agreed to each provide \$10,000.00 per year for the three year project. The work is beginning in earnest during the first part of July 2003 with a substantial delegation of students and Professor Tough traveling to the National Archives in Ottawa.

This research project will build on the knowledge and expertise developed by the UofA through the *matrix* team headed up by Professor Tough which has been undertaking research for the Northwest Saskatchewan Land Claim Litigation.



Kevin McLennan and Frank Tough, *matrix*



Members of the *matrix* team.



# Métis Make Second Attempt at Securing a CURA

The deadline of June 30, 2003 came and went. Down to the wire, a successful finishing touch to a superbly written application and into the mail, post-marked June 30, 2003. Now the wait.

This is the second time that the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council (NWSMC) and the MNS have teamed up with a university (University of Alberta UofA) in order to secure a Community University Research Alliance (CURA) grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The first attempt in 2002 was almost successful. This time around, a second university, the University of Saskatchewan (UofS) was brought in as a full partner.

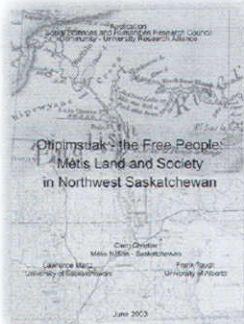
The CURA program of SSHRC is aimed at getting the community more involved with the universities. While the first CURA program was a pilot project, this second round appears to be more permanent. Out of 78 Letters of Intent submitted several months ago, the one from the NWSMC, MNS, UofA, and UofS was one of 38 selected to go to the proposal stage. The CURA grants have been extended from the original three years to five, and been expanded to one million dollars. The Partners also propose to bring fiscal resources to the project. The combined financial support from the U of A and U of S

is .5 million which will be used to support graduate and undergraduate students, and teaching relief so that faculty will have time to engage in the research. The NWSMC and MNS through its Affiliates (GDI, DTI, CCDF, METSI, etc) are looking at bringing in significant fiscal and in-kind resources as well.

The purpose of this CURA research project is a) to carry out a traditional land use study through which to gather traditional ecological knowledge and to gather Métis oral history of the region; b) carry out archival research on the development of a Métis society in northwest Saskatchewan; and c) carry out an analysis of the current resource policies and tenure in northwest Saskatchewan.

It is expected that a decision by SSHRC will be made in early fall with a potential start date of the project in October 2003.

Article and photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith



Above: Partners meet to develop application; Right: Study area Map; Top: Application Cover







# Juno Beach



A LA MEMOIRE  
DES 27 FUSILLÉS CANADIENS  
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IN MEMORY  
OF 27 EXECUTED CANADIANS

*Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith*

**J**une 6, 2003 marks the 59th anniversary of D-Day. My knowledge of World War II was limited to knowing that my father served in the postal core, having suffered a serious knee injury, and my uncles had all served and all returned safely to our family. The past two years of covering the stories of the Métis Veterans has awakened my senses to another corner of the Métis experience in this country. I continue to listen and to learn about this historic time and my compassion and pride grows each day for these great men and women.

On June 2nd Charlie Fosseneuve of Cumberland House, Clem Chartier and I departed for France. We were joined in Toronto by Francis Godon Sr and his son, Frankie Godon Jr, our travelling companions for the next nine days. We were on our way to Juno Beach to participate in the opening of the Juno Beach Centre commemorating the contributions

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of Canadian soldiers to the freedom of Europe, an idea sparked by Charlie after reading the latest Legion magazine. Fifteen hours from Saskatoon, we landed at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and began an emotional and intense journey retracing the places and the moments held frozen in the minds of two war veterans who served as our guides. Fifty-nine years of freedom has brought about major changes to the France and the Belgium and the Holland and the fields, towns and cities upon which the battles were fought.

On our first day we ventured through Paris down the one-way streets and numerous traffic circles to the outskirts of town through the province of Normandie, a French province which holds the shores of the English Channel. We had only two destinations in mind: Courseulles-sur-Mer and Putot. We found them both within a few kilometres of the city of Caen which lies about 16 kilometres from the sea's edge. But these places marked the beginning of our journey and the door through which we would begin our own historic journey, each place leading us to another.

In 1945 the Canadian soldiers stormed the beaches at Courseulles-sur-Mer with the British on their left and the Americans on their right. On the beach at Courseulles-sur-Mer, Charlie Fosseneuve recalls the windy storming day when the front of their landing craft was dropped to the sea and the Regina Rifles fought their way for cover protected only by the weapon fire of the 13th Field Regiment at their backs. Francis Godon Sr. was among the first wave of soldiers to leave the craft as part of his platoon with the Royal Winnipeg

*Top: Dignitaries, including Prime Minister Jean Chretien at opening of Juno Beach Centre; Middle: Memorial Statue in front of Juno Beach Centre, Courseulles-sur-Mer, France. Bottom: Canadian soldiers stand guard at the Benys-sur-Mer War Cemetary during Memorial Service*



Rifles. There were few in the first wave who made it across those beaches fenced with barbed wire and metal barricades covered with land mines and booby traps. In 1945 there were ships as far as the eye could see, we were told.

But for us on June 4th, 2003 children and their parents built castles in the sand tossing seashells into the waves. The seaside town of Courseulles-sur-Mer was not the rubble and burned remains of that earlier time, but a flowered and beautiful tourist hideaway. We drove the shoreline from Saint Aubin-sur-Mer to Bernieres-sur-Mer, stopping at the many monuments at memorial sites. Canadian flags were flying everywhere in preparations for the Juno Beach commemoration and the French residents of this quiet village shared earnest thanks and the warmest of greetings to these two veterans when the opportunity arose. The story of the war is taught to all children in France and Holland, we learned, and these adults, once grandchildren and children in the war years, now openly share their gratitude for the gift of freedom, tears welling in their eyes as they shook hands with the Veterans.

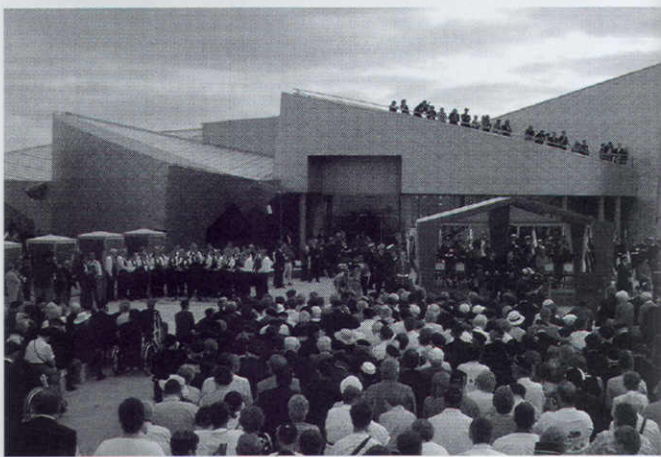
We found the Juno Beach Centre and familiarized ourselves with the small community of Courseulles-sur-Mer. At the Centre we had the good fortune to meet some knowledgeable community people who knew the story of the Canadians who were captured at Putot, describing the locations of Putot and the Abbe de Ardennes. As it was now getting late, armed with this new information we returned that evening to our hotel in Paris.

After an early morning breakfast of

*Top: Francis Godon and Charles Fosseneuve stand and pose with the Canadian Royal Winnipeg Rifles;*

*Middle: Opening Ceremony of Juno Beach Centre;*

*Bottom: Canadian War Veterans attend memorial at Benys-sur-Mer Cemetery*







fresh baguettes, fruit-cocktail, croissants, yogurt, coffee and tea we began the 250 kilometre journey back to the sea. Manoeuvring through Paris in our rental vehicle was easier this day with fewer circles and wrong exits. We made our way towards Putot, picking up the inland movement of the Canadian soldiers as they fought their way from the sea towards Caen. We began our search for the tiny field where the Royal Winnipeg Rifles entrenched in for the night on June 8, 1944. Francis Godon Sr. remembers the fateful night when the orders came to settle in to a field which in the mind of an 20-year old seemed an entrapment. But a soldier who doesn't listen or obey orders is a danger to others, the Veterans teach. So the riflemen entrenched in. Some time that night the German 12th SS Panzer Division (Hitler youth) under the command of Kurt Meyer encircled the Canadian soldiers marking the first day of the 11 months that Francis Godon Sr. was held prisoner of war. Frankie Jr. had researched that tiny field and the experiences of his father before we journeyed to Europe and in the days that followed holding in his mind the events and the places, we wound through old trails and country roads searching for our landmarks. We followed those maps and memories through the small village of Putot which Francis Sr. and his compatriots were marched by the German army on to the Abbe de Ardennes where they were held that first night. We arrived at the Abbe at dusk.

The steeple of the Abbe de Ardennes could be seen from many miles away, a prime spot then and now for its long view. The Abbe was commandeered

*Top: Francis Godon speaks with Honourable Rey Pagtahkan;  
Middle: Dignitaries Pagtahkan, French Minister and Canadian Military Representative;  
Bottom: First Nations War Veterans Howard Andersen and Tony CoE at Juno Beach Opening*



by the Germans and served as Kurt Meyer's command centre in the war years. Francis recalls the fear of being held behind the solid wooden doors and the brick walls that night as memory holds and history will tell, 27 Canadian soldiers of the Winnipeg Royal Rifles were executed by Kurt Meyer after their interrogation. That night a senior officer of the German officer arrived at the Abbe, an event which Francis Sr. believes saved his life as the senior officer brought the executions to an end. Early the next morning Francis and his fellow soldiers were loaded into trucks and thus began their long journey through German prisoner of war camps. Frank Sr.'s 20th year of life was very difficult. Standing in the shadow of the Abbe on June 5th that year was as close as yesterday for Francis, and perhaps the closest I will have ever come to understanding one man's experience in war.

That night we settled in to a bed and breakfast in Courseulles-sur-Mer which we happened upon by chance when taking shelter from a short burst of rain in a nearby restaurant on our first day there. The home belonged to the owner's mother in law and was perhaps the last available bed in the village. A good find. This evening was the first opportunity for the Veterans to settle-in early and rest the next morning before the daylong ceremonies on June 6th.

The events of June 6, 2003 began at noon at the Canadian War Cemetery at Benys-sur-Mer three kilometres inland with a parachute drop, followed by a memorial service beginning at one in the afternoon. Our veterans were dressed, Francis in his



*Top: Charlie Fosseneuve shakes hand with Prime Minister Chretien;*

*Middle: Veteran Charles Fosseneuve, Canadian Veterans Affairs Minister Rey Pagtahkan, Veteran Francis Godon;*

*Bottom: Charlie Fosseneuve and Clem Chartier search the registries for Metis Veterans.*



uniform and Charlie in his Legion apparel, both bearing their service medals and proudly wearing their Métis sashes. Charlie and Francis mingled with the hundreds of other Veterans who had gathered for the ceremony, sharing stories and laughter. The sun shone down upon us with a temperature well warmer than we had seen at home this year and by the end of the ceremony some Veterans had sought the shade of a nearby tree. Charlie and Francis stood among their peers through the many speeches of dignitaries including Canada's Minister responsible for Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Rey Pagtakhan. At 2:30 that afternoon weary from the heat but inspired by the day we ventured to Bernieres-sur-Mer to celebrate Charlie's 86th birthday, the anniversary of the day he landed on D-Day, in the front yard of a now famous house. This house, if you were to search historic photos of the Juno Beach landing, stands out amongst all others as the tallest and grandest on the beach. Today this house commemorates its freedom from German occupancy by honouring the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Lance Godard a Canadian journalist who is working on a documentary and who interviewed Charlie and Francis on the beach accompanied us. We shared in a birthday picnic lunch and took refuge from the heat enjoying the fellowship we had found together.

At five p.m. we headed to the Juno Beach Centre for the official opening of the Centre. Thousands of people had gathered. Veterans and family members, and dignitaries and friends. New Breed Magazine had been granted media status and was able to film and photograph the

*Top: Veteran Charles Fosseneuve visits with Canadian soldier at Benys-sur-Mer;  
Middle: Metis soldier, Private Richard Turenne, of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles at Benys-sur-Mer Cemetery;  
Bottom: Charlie Fosseneuve being interviewed on the Beach at Bernieres-sur-Mer by Lance Goddard, Global TV.*



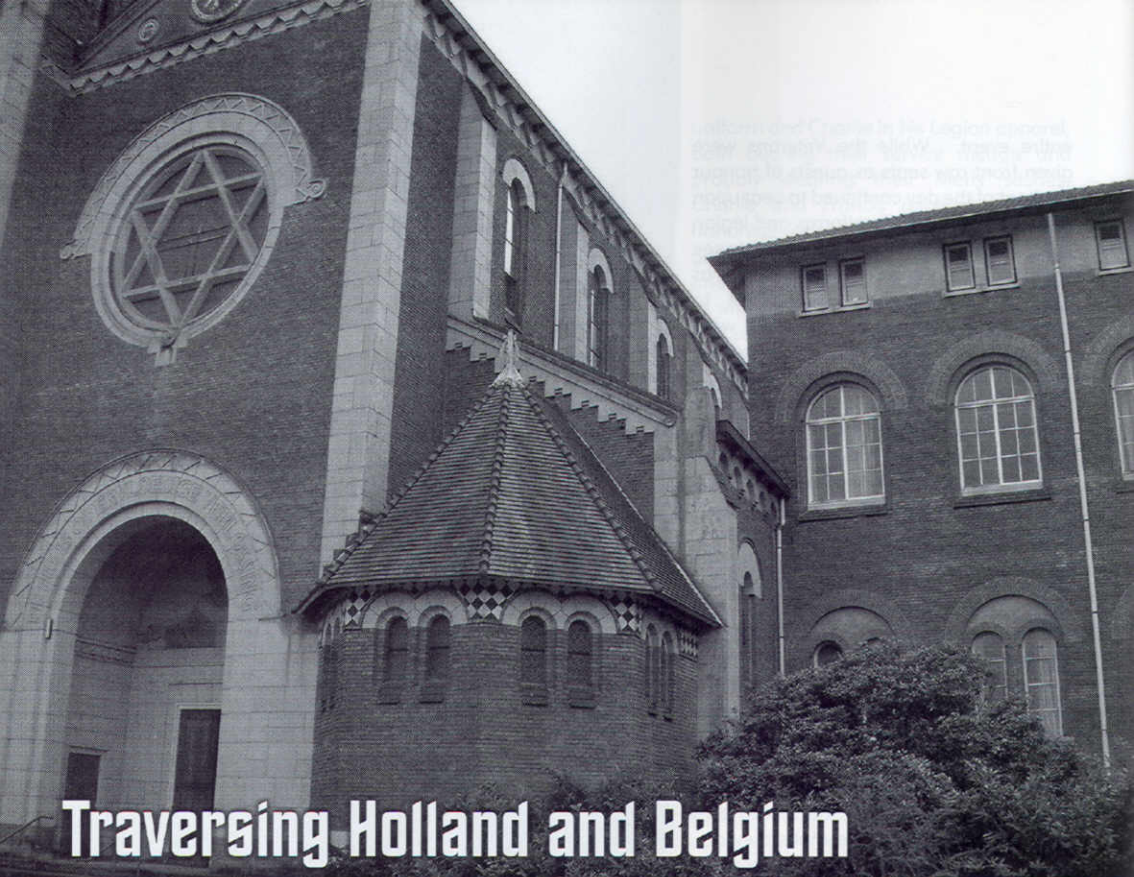
entire event. While the Veterans were given front row seats as guests of honour the heat of the day continued to beat upon them in their woolen uniforms and legion suits. How fitting it would have been to see the hundreds of war Veterans shaded, as were the dignitaries, we thought to ourselves. Amongst the dignitaries were Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien, and the Hon. Rey Pagtahkan as well as Ontario Premier, Ernie Eves whose speech stood out amongst all others as he recounted the deeds and the contributions and the valour of the elderly men and women who sat before him. Charlie and Francis enjoyed this speech especially.

For Francis and Charlie this day was especially important. Near the end of the ceremony the Métis Veterans made their way, as did many others, to the feet of the Prime Minister to shake his hand and search his eyes for acknowledgement and recognition of the sacrifices they had made on behalf of Canadians and the world. These men do stand out, I thought to myself as I followed them through the crowds, not because of the sashes they wore, but because of the Métis they are, being two among many War Veterans who seek proper recognition for the contributions they made to Canada, Europe and the rest of the free world. This day stood out amongst most other days because in Europe all Canadian Veterans are honoured equally. I think these men did not find what they sought from Canada's national leader that day. I have to believe that the Prime Minister, and his Minister, do not yet know these stories and if they did, they would attend to this grievous error.

We returned to Paris that night.



*Top: Charlie Fosseneuve in front of one of the many grand churches in France;  
Bottom: First Nations War Veteran George Horse and Canadian Soldiers at Juno Beach Opening, supported by Canadian Soldiers*



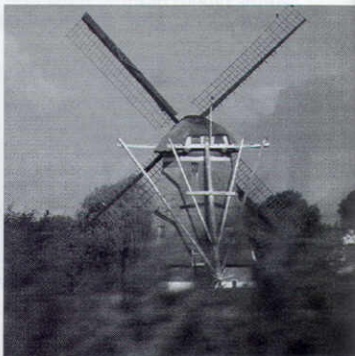
## Traversing Holland and Belgium

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

**W**e departed Amsterdam on June 10, 2003 travelling through Frankfurt, Germany and then toward home, landing and waiting in Toronto and on to Saskatoon for Charlie, Clem and I and on to Winnipeg and Brandon for Francis Sr and Frank Jr. For Charlie, it was more hours yet to Cumberland House. It was a twenty-five hour return trip to get home and it was many days before the pressure of crossing backward over the date line left my body. Perhaps Charlie feels it still. The images of our trek through Holland (the Netherlands) and Belgium are forever etched in my mind, entertaining me on this long journey home and every day since. Holland and Belgium are part of Charlie's story also, a story with so many, many historic moments. Perhaps Holland and Belgium were the most gripping because the trip was becoming the story in modern times, like a movie

unfolding.

We settled into our hotel in downtown Amsterdam, next to a canal and ventured out to find our rental vehicle. Unlike driving in Paris, the challenge was now to keep from being struck by the trains that ran in between the traffic or by one of the million bicyclists that made their way throughout the city. I have never seen so many bikes in one place parkades full of them thousands parked for the trip home. Women in every dress: gowns and heels, casual







slacks and sandals people riding double, carrying children and groceries elders and children. How healthy, I thought to myself.

As we made our way out of Amsterdam early that next morning, heading toward Nijmegen, on highway number 1, we drove past dozens of windmills, through rural Holland, past cows and sheep grazing in nearby fields. Nijmegen was only 150 km away and when we arrived, it was not the small town of Charlie's memory but a large city with a half-million people. We stopped at a tourist map where a couple walking by



stopped to bring greetings. They were Canadians; she was born in Nijmegen and he was a retired Canadian soldier. A few directions and we were on our way to Groesbeek, a small rural village close by the Canadian War Cemetary and Commonwealth Graves, and the home of the Belvidings War Museum. We had begun to search for Charlie's brother in law, Victor Vernon Carriere, his wife's younger brother, who had died in battle and was buried somewhere in Europe. We had checked the registries at Benys-sur-Mer, France, without luck. The Belvidings Museum had a centre of honour and we searched the records for the location of Victor Carriere's grave. We found it here, listed amongst the Canadian 2nd Battalion Infantry records. He was buried in Antwerpen, Belgium. We committed to travelling there the next day, our last day in Europe, in hope of finding him.

We walked through the museum, where Charlie made recollection to many memories now awoken in these familiar sights. A land mine is on display and Charlie recalls the morning he tried to take a short cut home across a field, being stopped by a soldier, scolding him for almost walking through the mine field. Charlie had been trenching, with difficulty, when a friend of his from home, Victor Nabbess, of the Lake Superior Rifle Battalion, tapped him on the shoulder. He was a sniper and was stationed about a half mile away. He asked Charlie if he was out of cigarettes, which he was, and the two of them walked together to Victor's camp to share his stock.

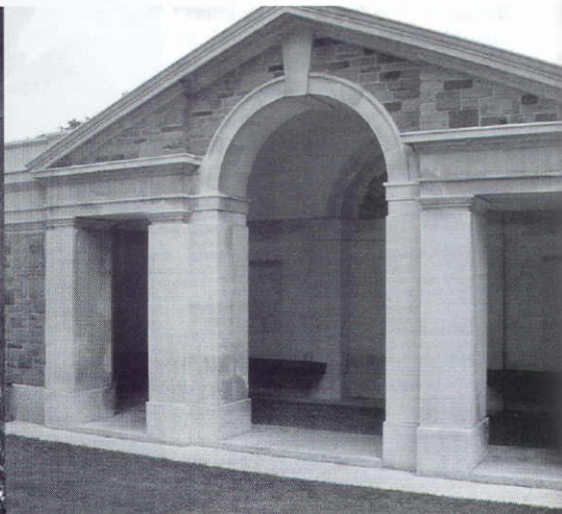
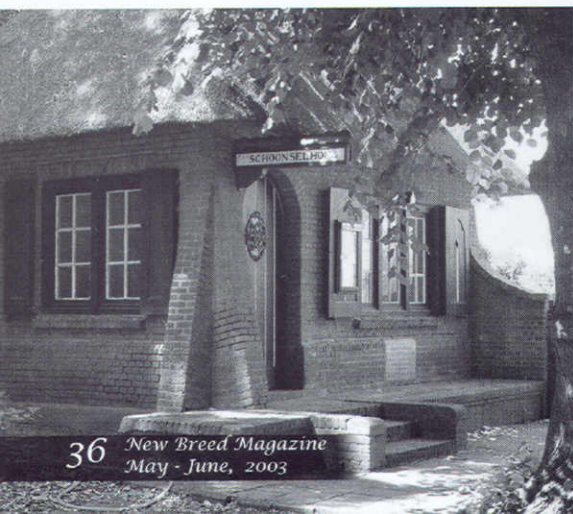
Uniforms were displayed on mannequins in locked cases, which Charlie could identify at a glance for the countrymen that wore them. Charlie tells the story of the



*Above: Charlie Fosseneuve and Clem Chartier*

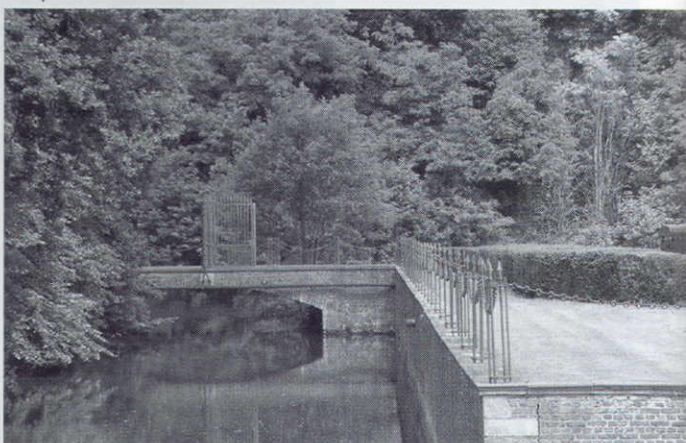
*Bottom Left: Schoonselhof Cemetery*

*Bottom Right: Veterans Wall of Honour and Registry at Schoonselhof Cemetery*





German soldiers who dressed in American uniforms to catch the Allies unaware. Charlie recalls the winter they spent in trenches close by Nijmegen, waking in trenches full of water, soaked to the skin, walking to the nearby station where they could shower and gain dry uniforms and blankets. This showering station was by a church, which we could not accurately locate, although we have found many which may have been the one. There were twenty churches in Nijmegen in 1945 and today there are forty. Some of the earlier churches were destroyed during battle. Too much has changed. He recalls that they were stationed three miles from the German border, awaiting more supplies and support. Charlie recalls the night shifts, when soldiers took volunteer shifts to



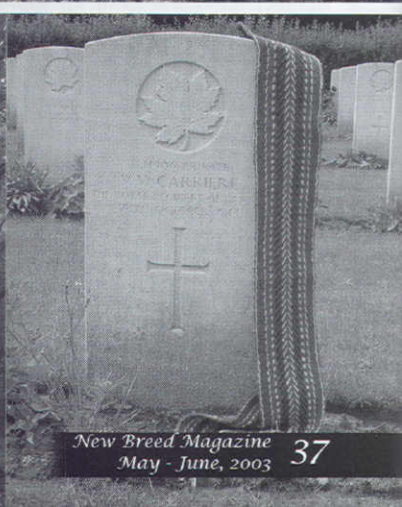
*(Top to Bottom):*

*Flags flying at Behrbridgings War Museum;  
Schoonselhof Cemetery grounds; and  
Allied Forces Graves*

*Bottom Left: A Beautiful Statue graces the  
grounds of the Schoonselhof Cemetery*

*Bottom Centre: Trees line the lane into the  
Schoonselhof Cemetery*

*Bottom Right: Gravestone of Private V.V.  
Carrier, Charlie's Brother-in-Law*



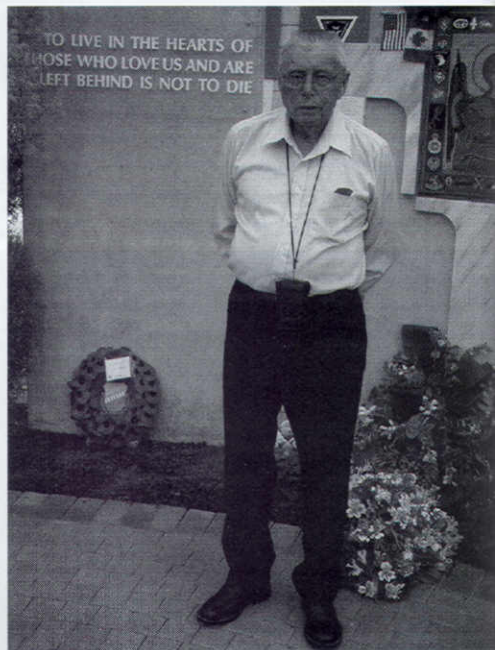


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1942	Augustus	Raid op Dieppe (2 Brigades, 872 gesneuvelden)		1942	August	Raid on Dieppe (2 Brigades, 872 killed)
1944	Juli	Verrières Ridge - Fontenay - Bourguebus Ridge		1944	July	Verrières Ridge - Fontenay - Bourguebus Ridge
1944	Augustus	Falaise		1944	August	Falaise
1944	September - Nov.	Albert-Kanaal - Woensdrecht - Zuid-Beveland - Nijmegen/Groesbeek: frontlijnen		1944	September - Nov.	Albert Canal - Woensdrecht - Zuid-Beveland - Nijmegen area
1945	Februari-Maart	Operatie 'VERITABLE'		1945	Febr.-March	Operation 'VERITABLE' - the Rhineland
1945	Mrt.-Mei	Bevrijding deel van Overijssel - Drente - Groningen - verovering Noord-Duitsland		1945	March-May	Liberation of part of Overijssel - Drente - Groningen - Battles in Northern Germany
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sneak over enemy lines to gather information and insights. One of the few items that Charlie had taken with him from home was his moccasins, a gift from his mother, made by a woman from Ile-a-la-Crosse, which he wore on his feet during these missions so as to tread lightly into this dangerous territory. They returned each night to his inside pocket where they had travelled across the fields of France and Belgium into Holland. The stories rolled from his tongue, lightly and easily. We drank tea and talked gazing out over the landscape he must have travelled as a younger man, unrecognizable now but for monuments. Charlie visited with ease with other visitors in the museum, becoming a part of the history held within the walls of the Belvidrijgs War Museum.

We returned to Amsterdam and headed straight to bed, tiredness settling into our bones from the long and hot days, our head and our hearts full of story and emotion. We rose early the next morning to head for Antwerpen in search of Victor Carriere. We did not recognize the language in Belgium and drove by direction and numbers, crossing the border without event. We learned that Antwerpen was the home of millions of people now and when we arrived before lunch, we sought direction at a nearby fire station, a place happened upon while lost. There was one fireman who



Charlie Fosseneuve in front of Memorial in Belvidrijgs War Museum in Groesbeek



spoke English, who had travelled to Canada once. He and his friend, told of the many graveyards in Antwerpen. He steered us toward the oldest, Schoonselhof Cemetery, in the heart of the city. We received a little help from a local man who did not speak English but somehow who understood our quest. He drove ahead of us as our guide, taking us to the entrance to the cemetery. This was our way through Europe, taking a hand up at every turn and a hand offered when we needed it. Perhaps this is the psyche of a people who have lived through war, I thought. I promised myself to be more helpful to visitors when I got home.

We arrived at the Schoonselhof Cemetery that was spread over about 40 acres in the centre of the city, a gift of a wealthy land owner to the city, whose mansion still stands within the grounds. We drive through the lush green landscaping, flowers and the tallest oldest trees I have ever seen. Perhaps this was the most beautiful place I had ever walked, I felt. Everything was so old here, buildings, bridges, statues and trees. In Canada, the oldest building is remnants from Canada's early beginnings and the fur trade. The First Nations did not build such structures, I thought, knowing of the ancient markings of teepee rings and sacred sites, which were overturned with the early settlers in making fields. In Europe, there is so much history preserved. The statues hold so many memories still today, the weather wearing them away. Schoonselhof Cemetery held some of the oldest graves in Belgium and most importantly held our own Métis warrior, Victor Vernon Carriere, buried amongst the Commonwealth War Graves with his compatriots and friends. We found him there, in the grandest of places, in row B9, with flowers planted at the base of the headstone of his grave. The lawns mowed to perfection, the flowers tended and blooming, birds singing amidst the great trees that lined the roads in the cemetery, a quietness and a peacefulness that remains marked in my mind's eye, a place where I will visit many times in the quiet moments of my life. In front of this field of graves, a statue stands, two men at their end, looking toward the heaven. For Charlie, he had found his wife's brother, in this one small spot in the middle of Europe, and he would take this home with him, a gift of one special kind.

Perhaps this is what the trip was about for me, learning to appreciate the tremendous beauty of the

natural world as it was preserved in this cemetery, the resting place of these soldiers born on Canadian soil, cared for here with perfection and gratitude by these Belgium people and the Legion organizations from across the world. Perhaps, the most significant moment for me was feeling thankful for all that these Veterans had done and for having had the gift of friendship from Charlie and Francis, having been honoured with their story. We returned safely with Charlie, home to his family who awaited him in the Saskatoon airport. Perhaps next year, others will make this journey. I give thanks for the contribution of the soldiers who fought in these horrific battles for a freedom that we take for granted at times. I give recognition to the Métis War Veterans who fought on these soils and remain uncompensated. We shall remember them.



*Clem Chartier in front of the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery*

# Who Are These Men?

Article by Clem Chartier, Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Who are these men? A very strong and sentiment-filled question, contained in a poem read by two young men at the June 6, 2003 opening of the Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-Sur-Mer, Normandy, France in commemoration of the many Canadians soldiers who landed on Juno Beach in the early morning of June 6, 1945 in the liberation of Europe. Many of those brave men died that day, and in following days and months. Many were captured. Many survived, and were back on that day, 59 years later, listening to that poem, participating in the opening ceremonies.

Who are these men? Clearly it includes hundreds of dedicated men who perished in the quest to stop Hitler's dream; the world's nightmare. Clearly it includes the many men who survived the war, many of whom were held captive. Clearly it included many of the men and women who were back that day to pay honor and respect to those who passed on before them, and to silently accept the grateful thank you from those they helped liberate. After 59 years I'm sure they felt a sense of dignity and gratitude to know that they will not be forgotten; that the new Centre will forever be a testament to their service to humanity.

Who are these men? Those words brought starkly mixed emotions as I listened to that line repeated throughout the

poem. On the one hand I thought of what I wrote above. On the other hand, with sorrow and anger, I thought; these men are Charlie Fosseneuve and Francis Godon, and the many Métis Nation



Front: Métis Veterans Charlie Fosseneuve and Francis Godon  
Behind: George Myran, First Nations Veteran from Manitoba



Veterans who have served their country and the world so well, only to be treated as second-class citizens in their own country, denied the benefits offered to their non-Aboriginal soldier brothers, and now to the Indian Veterans.

Who are these men? I observed Charlie and Francis during this trip; through the French villages liberated on and after June 6, 2003, at the site of Charlie's landing at Juno Beach, at the site where Francis was captured, at the Abbe where Francis was then held prisoner for a night before being taken away for his eleven month ordeal in captivity, at the Benys-sur-Mer cemetery with the Hon. Ray Pagtahkan, Canadian Veterans Affairs minister, at the war cemeteries in France, Holland and Belgium, and during the official opening of the Juno Beach Centre. They were no different than their comrades, their fellow soldiers, the Veterans. They were respectful, they remembered with dignity their contributions, they greeted the locals like true statesmen, politely accepting the heartfelt thanks of the liberated human beings they encountered.

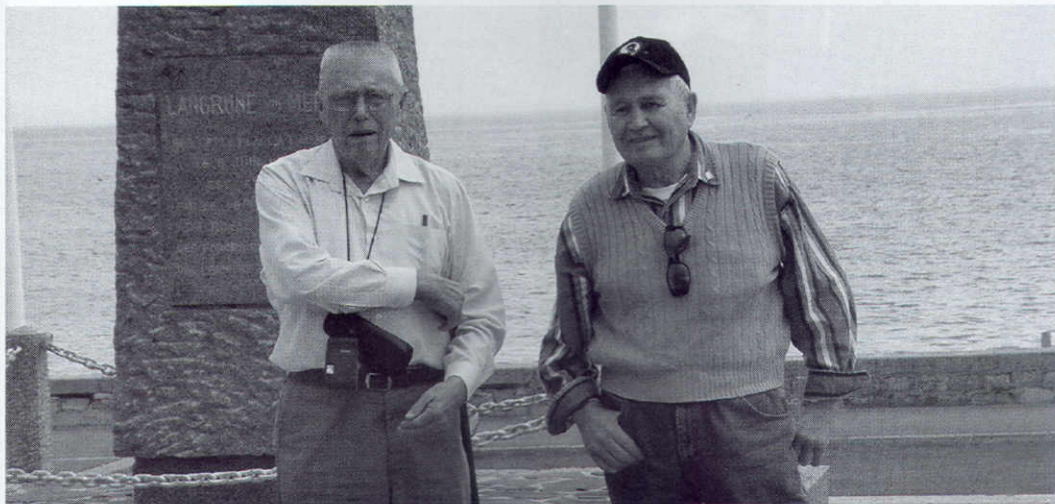
Who are these men? I observed that Charlie and Francis did not exhibit any bitterness or regret for the sacrifices they made. Like all great men, they accept and acknowledge that they did

what had to be done, as I'm sure did all Métis men and women who served in different theatres of war.

Who are these men? Like any other person wishing to be treated with dignity, respect and recognition, these men, Charlie and Francis, also want to have the injustice done to them righted. This certainly wasn't the purpose of their journey to Juno Beach in 2003, but I felt that this must surely also make them sad, if not forgotten.

Who are these men? These men include Métis activists, like the late Métis Nation Saskatchewan Senators Vital Morin and Stanley Durocher who not only didn't receive proper recognition and benefits after serving in World War II, but who were later in 1954 removed from pursuing their traditional livelihood of hunting, trapping and fishing in that part of their traditional territory which was taken by the federal government for the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range, again without adequate or proper compensation. Both died before these injustices could be righted.

Who are these men? These men certainly include the many Métis Nation Veterans, like Charlie and Francis, who have been waiting for justice far too long: forgotten by the Canadian state.



*Métis Veterans Charlie Fosseneuve and Francis Godon*

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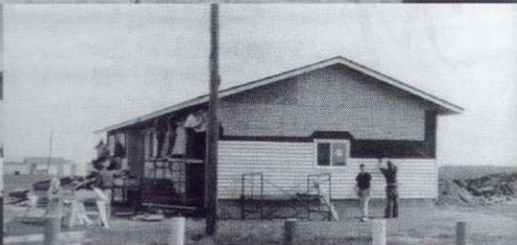
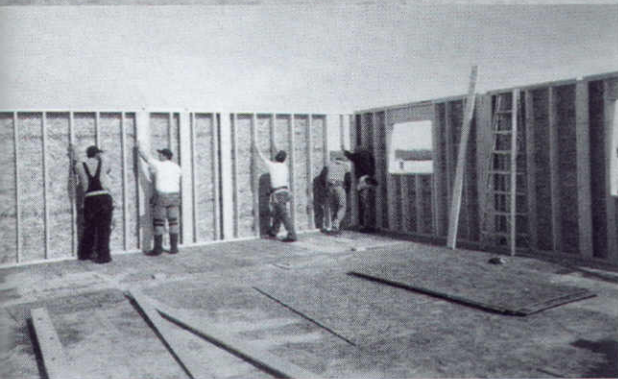


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# New Security and Information Centre For Back to Batoche Days Site



*Photos by Peter Rudyck and Clem Chartier*





## Saskatoon Foster Families Association Local Committee Celebrates Métis Culture

**M**ay 3, 2003 was an educational event put on in part by the Saskatoon Foster Families Association Local Committee and the Department of Community Resources and Employment, formally the Department of Social Services. Events such as these are an educational process that new foster families must take as part of their learning curriculum, as well as a refresher for seasoned foster homes.

The goal of such an event is to help all families understand the culture of the Métis and First Nations people. It gives Foster Families a first look and hands on interpretation on each culture and how it relates to today's families, as well as learning the value and history from each culture.

The planning committee from the Saskatoon Foster Families Association Local Committee met back in February to discuss what items were important for Métis day. With the help from some of our Métis homes, we came up with items which are important in every culture. The food, the stories, the music and dance. It was decided that the menu for the day would consist of bannock, boulettes and stew, along with some salads and delicious deserts, coffee and juice.

The next item for this day was story telling. We had approached some people from the Métis community to share some stories about the history of the Métis Nation and part of the story telling of course led into the dance and music. We had the Frank

Chartrand & Family singing and playing music, Mel Vandale playing fiddle, Blaine Yandt and his foster son playing music, along with other wonderful singers. To add to the excitement of the day, Canadian Métis singer/actress Andrea Menard entertained by singing a few of her songs. To add to our delight, Andrea also demonstrated a few versions of jigging, which is a major connection to the Métis heritage. It was good to see young and old alike also trying to jig.

All in all we had a tremendous turn out of approximately 240 people, which included workers, families and honored guests. We had a 50/50 draw, a draw for a model size Red River Cart as well as prizes donated by the Saskatchewan Foster

*Article and Photos by Jeff Derksen, Foster Parent*



*Métis Singer/Actress Andrea Menard*



Families Association.

The Saskatoon Foster Families Association Local Committee would like to thank the Indian and Métis Friendship Centre for the use of their facilities. All the volunteers for their help in preparing the food, the help with the set up and tear down, everyone who helped make boulettes, and to the people who made the bannock and stew. Special thanks to Andrea Menard for coming and performing, and to the Elders, Veterans and families of the Métis Nation. Special thanks goes out to the musicians, dancers and story tellers. We would also like to thank Gabriel Dumont Institute for coming out with their display and books and such for sale, CUMFI Métis Local 165, Western Region Métis Woman and Métis Local 11A for joining us in the festivities. And a great big round of applause for the Planning Committee of the S.F.F.A.L.C. for the great job they did in the planning and organization of this event as well to the Community Resources and Employment members who helped!





# Deanna Obleman Living Life to the Fullest

*Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith*

**F**or such a young woman, Deanna Obleman has a lot of stories to tell. Deanna has many years of volunteer service to the Métis Nation, having served on the Back to Batoche Days Committee, the Métis Nation Saskatchewan Youth Council, the Urban Multi-Purpose Aboriginal Youth Committee in Regina, and the Regina Friendship Centre "Youth for Youth" Council. Deanna says her upbringing showed her the value of being involved in the Métis Nation, "growing up at the Métis Nation Legislative Assemblies," with her father, Morley Norton and her mom, Marge Obleman. Deanna's parents are important role models for Deanna, having committed themselves to improving the life of Métis people through the growth and development of the Métis Nation. Deanna is also on the Parents Board of the Early Learning Centre, having one daughter who is now six years old, Letecia Maria Ochio. Letecia has

inherited her mother's welcoming smile, and I am sure we will see many things to come from this little one in the future. Deanna calculates her volunteer hours at about 350 hours per year. "It is good and important to be involved", Deanna says. "It is about being out there and helping wherever you are."

Deanna Obleman was born in Fort St. John, British Columbia in 1973, a Sagittarius, and grew up in North Battleford and Regina, the oldest child of seven: Amanda, Ashley, Curt, Dillon, Taryn, Brandt. She also has two nephews: Jaden and Griffin. Deanna is the oldest grandchild to Bud Obleman and Vera Eckland (nee Amyotte) from the valley (Lebret, Sk). Her paternal grandparents are AJ Norton and Esther Norton (nee Cummings), or "muppet grandma", as she was lovingly called.

Deanna Obleman is currently enrolled at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College program of



Certification in Business Administration and International Trade. She completed a course in cosmetology in 1997, her GED in 1998, a two year Youth Care Worker program at the Dumont Technical Institute in 1998-99. She took English and Spanish at university. Deanna is also involved with the Aboriginal Government Employees Network (AGEN), and is employed with the Government of Saskatchewan Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs department in Deputy Minister Brent Cotter's office. Deanna says she proudly displays her sash over her desk, having provided a sash as a gift to the Department.

I asked Deanna what her goals were for her life and she says she has lots of them. She has a career goal to own her own business, and someday to own a mini-mall, featuring a hair salon, a clothing store, a mobile glamour unit that can focus on brides, grads and formals. She wants to become a Deputy Minister someday, wants to organize Back-to-Batoche Days, to learn the jig and play the spoons. She says she would love to travel and conduct workshops for boards and staff. Deanna says she "hopes to see more youth get over the barrier of being shy and get active. We need people to take over when our older generation retires," she says adding "and don't forget your goals, even when they change."

One of the highlights of Deanna's life so far was her first international experience traveling to Mexico. She sat through a negotiations process as part of her visit, and learned about the cultural and language barriers. She recounts her memories of the poverty facing Mexican families, remembering that there are hungry children here at home, too. Deanna was one of the first foreign women to visit a coffee plantation, where she gave a sash to the President. Deanna says the sash matches the clothing worn by the women. She also visited Mexico City, feeling the incredible number of people like the whole population of Canada in one city. Deanna also visited the Mayan Ruinas de Palenque and the Canadian Embassy. And perhaps the proudest moment for Deanna is in having reached the end of her youth without having gotten into serious trouble and having found her way to some of her goals.

Deanna Obleman is a woman with a brilliant spirit. If you have ever had the opportunity to work with her or visit with her at one of the Batoche Days



*Deanna's daughter, Leticia Maria Ochio*

celebrations or Métis events, you will surely agree. Deanna is living life to the fullest. She is an inspiration to many of us. Deanna Obleman was nominated for the National Métis Youth Role Model award.



*Morley Norton's Son tries out for AAA Hockey League. Sponsor an Athlete! Contact Morley Norton.*

# National Aboriginal Day Celebrated by Sturgis Métis Local

**O**n June 21, 2003, Sturgis Métis Local celebrated National Aboriginal Day at the Sturgis Park. There were 25 people in attendance. Members had organized a pot-luck. The food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves. There was a short Métis Local meeting held as part of the event. We all enjoyed a lovely cake and ice cream brought by Maureen Penner.

The Local members had been selling tickets as part of a fund-raising raffle. The items were all donated. First prize was for a Cedar Trunk,

donated by Dave Crook, President of the Wynyard Métis Local, won by Viola Bell of Invermay, Sk. Second prize was a Pouty Doll donated by Viola Bell, won by Katherine Broddy of Preeceville, Sk. Third prize was a Gift Basket donated by Kevin and Corine Boddy, that was won by Rick Downs of Sturgis, Sk.

Heritage Canada was so kind to send us promotional items regarding Aboriginal Day; there were flags, pins, posters, post cards and brochures.

*Article and Photos by Viola Bell, Métis Local President*





# GRADUATION



## Yorkton Celebrates Graduates

Article and Photos courtesy Eastern Region IIA

**T**he community of Yorkton celebrated a number of individuals on Friday, June 27, 2003, during a graduation ceremony held at the Métis Nation Eastern Assiniboine Training and Employment Centre. Students graduated from a variety of programs, including Adult Secondary Education, Drywall, Plumbing and Home Care programs. These programs are made available by the contributions of many training and employment agencies including

Métis Employment & Training of Saskatchewan Inc, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology, Dumont Technical Institute, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, CanSask Employment Centre, Eastern Assiniboine Training and Employment Centre and the Yorkton Training Centre. Congratulations Graduates!



Barry Pelletier

### Adult Secondary Education Graduates:

Juliana Demontigny, Cecilia Fleury, Joanne Fleury, Glenda Nowosad, Barry Pelletier Jr., Garry Pelletier, and Tammy Johnson.

### Homecare Program Graduates:

Angela Chartrand, Doreen Cote, Mae Cote, Francine Fleury, Clara Lafontaine, Debbie Pelletier, Gwenda Severeight, and Cindy Shingoose.

### Drywall Program Graduates:

Russell Cooke, Mitch Fleury, Joel Meeko, Morley McLeod, Frank Sholopiak, Ervin Wilson and Dennis Ward.

### Plumbing Program Graduates:

Jonathan Badger, Nelson Brazeau, Dustin Demery, Robert Flamont, Terry Kasperowicz, Calvin Robertson, Leon Severight, Darren Soanes.

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## SUNTEP Saskatoon Graduation: "Looking to the Future: Celebrating the Past"

*Article by Kathy Hodgson-Smith, photos by Yvonne Vizina*

**T**his year, I was able to attend the Saskatoon SUNTEP graduation, held on May 3, 2003, at the Travelodge, and watch thirteen women and one man honoured for having completed the four-year Gabriel Dumont Institute program, achieving a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Saskatchewan. This year's graduands were: Amy Basaraba; Rhonda Belanger; Cindy Caron; Darwin Chief; Darlene Christensen; Janice Herbers; Cornelia Laliberte; Jade Lalonde; Glanda McRae; Chantal Prefontaine; Shirley Ranger; Ernestine Romphf; Minoque Sommerfeld and Terra-Leigh Turgeon. After a wonderful meal, greetings were given.

Métis Nation Saskatchewan President Clem Chartier recounted the establishment of the Gabriel Dumont Institute and the meetings in the early 80's which led to the formation of it. "The Gabriel Dumont Institute", Chartier stated, "was established to ensure the future for Métis people through Rights and Education". Saskatchewan's Minister of

Learning, Judy Junor, remarked on the wonderful and fulfilling career that lay ahead for these individuals, where SUNTEP grads are in high demand and leaders by example. Métis Nation Saskatchewan Minister for Education and Chairperson for the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Dale McAuley, congratulated the accomplishments of the individuals and for choosing such a remarkable career. "May this be the beginning of a long life of learning", the Minister remarked, "where you will make your contribution to Saskatchewan and Canada and somehow make your way to find work in the Métis Nation." Dr. Ralph Cramer brought greetings from the University of Saskatchewan College of Education. His words of congratulations included a recognition of having faced the challenge and the accomplishment of getting a university degree with pride and gratitude, recognizing the encouragement of family and friends, and continuing to achieve and grow professionally in the years ahead.



The keynote speech was shared between three individuals this year: Sheila Pocha (SUNTEP Alumni; Past Coordinator of SUNTEP Saskatoon; Vice-Principal in the Saskatoon Public System); Bob Lindsay (Native Studies Professor from the Department of Native Studies University of Saskatchewan) and Anne Boulton (Retiring SUNTEP Saskatoon faculty and long time political activist). Sheila Pocha announced her promotion to principal for this fall, and reminded the graduates that this could be their future, too. Pocha talked about her years as a university student and as a faculty member

working with this group of individuals, "helping them to feel very good about being Métis." She recounted her mom telling her to get her grade twelve, which she did, and to go on and get a university degree. She remembered that there were only four Aboriginal people who graduated from high school when she did, remembering that it was lonely walking down the hallways that time, some people ashamed of their skin color. Pocha reminded these new teachers that she would have felt glad to know them when she was in school and that being an Aboriginal teacher is about creating milestones for other Métis people to reach. "This is the work for each of these teachers, as it was in the past. You have to help kids be proud and to know the great strength in family". Sheila Pocha then recounted a modern day story of racism on the playground at her son's school, reminding them that there is much work to be done today to combat the challenges that Métis and First Nations children will face at school. Sheila Pocha told a story that filled our eyes with tears to know that this continues.

Bob Lindsay

reminded his past students of the importance of keeping the momentum of change, of removing the obstacles to the full recognition of aboriginal rights, about working along with a collective of workers: politicians, teachers and individuals, about continuing to battle the inaccuracies in textbooks and materials. He recounted the first mistake, if you will, the Bering Strait Theory, upon which so many other assumptions and theories are built. Lindsay congratulated them for their accomplishment of getting a university degree and becoming part of an educated elite. He reminded them that this was their

*"Thank you to the Métis Nation  
for making this a possibility for me."*

*- Cindy Caron, SUNTEP Graduate*

chance to make a difference for children now, to give them good teachings based on good research and thinking.

Anne Boulton gave a high energy and articulate last word to the evenings events. She wished for them fun and satisfaction in teaching in the years to come, as she has known in her 18 years. "Being around Métis people is always fun", she recounted. "We always have to make ourselves better than before and thank those that came before us who made our path possible." She expressed her deep thanks to the politicians that make the program possible, to the College of Education staff and to the



SUNTEP staff. She thanked them most of all for the last word, as she begins her own new life as she retires from her long-term faculty position with the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

Trish Watier awarded her 6th annual "SaskEnergy Sharing the Warmth Award," a beautiful star quilt made by her mother. Trish Watier's family was from the Batoche area, her mother growing up in Big River. She expressed her pride in her Métis heritage and the beautiful artwork of her mother's quilting. The award is given to one individual who exemplifies community leadership. This year's award was accepted by the whole class to be raffled off as a fundraiser for next year's class. Janice Herbers accepted the quilt on behalf of the graduating class. On behalf of the Chief and Council of Onion Lake First Nation, Clement Cardinal also gave a gift of a star blanket and plaque to Darwin Chief, who thanked his leadership, the Métis Nation and his mother for feeding him when he didn't think to eat.

Murray Hamilton and Skip Kutz shared in the duties as Masters of Ceremony for this year's ceremonies.



*Dale McAuley ties sash onto SUNTEP Graduate Amanda Belanger*

## SUNTEP Prince Albert Celebrates Grads 2003



*Back Row: Shaun Sasakamoose, Jesse Barlow, Mike Halem, Greg Duvall, Linda Mills, Kathy Michel, Jason Polowski,*

*Middle Row: Shar Fontaine, Mandy Fisher, Johnsyne Richards, Trevor Gunville, Elisa Herenuik, Charlene Opoonechaw*

*Front Row: Melissa Hurl, Janelle Duplessis, Lee Ann Johnson, Jennifer Barlow, Kim Dorion*

*Missing: Michael Havet*



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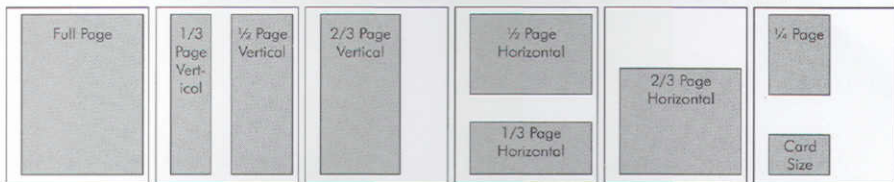
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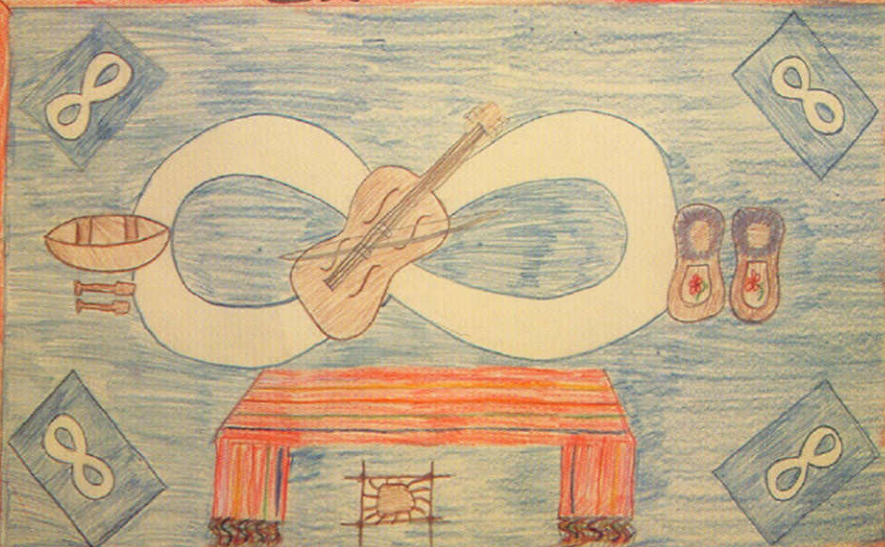
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