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# MESSAGE

## FROM THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

Maurice Aubichon

As you are all aware we are entering a new era of Métis leadership in Saskatchewan, one that I'm sure will prove both capable and prosperous. The Métis people of Saskatchewan came out on election day and elected a leadership that they feel will represent them in these troubled times, a nation that was lost and forgotten, not only by the different levels of government, but also by its own people.

I have been elected Area director for Western Region III and one of the issues that I had to deal with regularly was the fact that Métis people had lost all hope in ever being represented fairly and honestly. I have started to restore this faith in a process that I believe will give credibility to a movement that deserves the recognition as a First Nation.

We as Métis people have started working together to make our rights, but more importantly the rights of our children and grandchildren become a

reality. I personally can have an impact in the business and economic development area, I am successful business man in the city of Regina. I'm self-employed and employ all aboriginal people in my business operations. I practise what I feel every Métis business should do and that is employ our own people.

As Area Director for Western Region III, I have been given the responsibility of Communications. We will be informing the people about all directions and new initiatives that are being pursued by the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. We can only succeed by working together and sharing information, and I will promise you that the information will reach our communities with help of New Breed. In closing I want to thank all the people that have supported us and we are leading in a direction that will make the Métis nation the pride of Saskatchewan's First Nation. ∞

## FRONT COVER PHOTO



This church was built in early 1800's made for Metis people and built by Metis people. The church signifies the strong affiliation the Metis have had with the Roman Catholic church. Many still continue on with that affiliation.

# Message From Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Executive

Thank you New Breed for this opportunity to communicate with our readers. Communication is a two way process. We would love to be able to see all of you in person or communicate by telephone, so feel free to pick up the phone, drop us a line or stop in at our office at 219 Robin Crescent in Saskatoon.

In the past couple of months there has been a lot of movement for us at the MNS. Now that the tripartite and bilateral processes are back on stream we are looking inwards at our own MNS constitution. It is ours and we have the opportunity

to have to give some thought to.

Through the tripartite consultations you will have the opportunity to offer your input. Your area directors

will be coordinating community consultations. This will be your chance to help us with your ideas. We can look at ways to address our issues at these consultations. Bringing a Métis Act under legislation would create the opportunity to achieve the above. Please keep working towards that end at every possibility. This would be the biggest achievement we could make as a nation. It would be the bridge that would carry us from the work of the past leadership to realization of self-government.

On ensuring that there is adequate funding to allow our people to travel. Our finances are under strict management practices which have allowed us to operate as normal. This has taken a lot of effort on the part of the treasury and our staff. In closing, we wish to thank our readers for their support and assistance. ∞

penation negotiations. Many of our citizens used the land in question or were even born there. Any readers who can get involved are encouraged to do so. We have a data base on our citizenship computer to handle the files. We will be presenting proposals for cards at our next Métis Legislative Assembly. This important activity will be tied in with a national enumeration strategy. It is with regret that we must postpone our Métis Legislative Assembly from July until this fall. The funds simply are not there to hold this crucial event. We are working



Lorna Docken, Secretary

to make a document that pleases most of our Métis citizens. It must suit our purposes while retaining its strength as a legal document.

We now operate under both MNS Constitution for governmental purposes, and the Métis Society Constitution under the Non-profit Corporations Act for administrative purposes. We must find a way to bring the two together and create a manageable document that addresses government and administrative functions. This is something all of our citizens



Jim Durocher, President

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On the issue of land claims, Jimmy D has met with the federal cabinet minister Allan Rock and requested money to pay for legal fees in this connection, or for a process parallel to the Indian Claims process. We are awaiting a response. We are also very concerned about the Métis being left out of the Primrose Bombing Range com-

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Allan Morin, Treasurer

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# Profile of C.E.O & Administration.

**W**ilf Blondeau was born in Lebreton, Saskatchewan.



Saskatchewan and comes from a family of ten. He completed his high school education at Lebreton High and graduated in 1958. He then went on to business college in Regina. He is married to Dorothy and they have a family of three, Shannon, Shaun and Shelly who all have graduated from Holy Cross High School.

For twelve years Wilf worked for the private business sector in the accounting field. During his nine years with the provincial government he held several positions with various departments ranging from Business Development, Human Resources Development, Placement Officer assisting with employment and training of Metis peoples. His five years of employment with various departments of the Federal Government covered Human Resources and Planning with the Public Service Commission, as well as, Superintendent of Human Resources and Trusts with INAC. Eight years of employment were with Saskatoon Tribal Council as Employment and Training Officer with the latter seven years as Executive Director of Opera-

tions. Wilf went into a construction business as General Manager of BND Construction Ltd., and is still a part owner of the business. He is now committed to provide administration leadership with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. Wilf was involved on several boards and commissions within the community. Currently he is on the Sherbrooke Community Centre Board, Chairman of the SIAST NISM program and a active member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Training/skill development courses taken include: Computer classes, Team Building, Basic Staffing courses, Industrial and Socio-Economic Development as well as Interviewing and Counselling.

With all this training and experience Wilf will be an asset to the Metis Nation.

**B**etty Fisher was born and raised in Young, Saskatchewan. She is the daughter of Jules H. Belhumeur and Verna (Hayden) Belhumer. Betty



comes from a family of four children 2 boys Ray and Philip and 2 girls her-

self and Lavern Viczko. Betty is married to Francis Fisher and they have a family of 3 girls Tanya, Tina and Angel, they also have 2 grandchildren Patience and Daryn.

Betty has a wide variety of work experience, during her high school years Betty earned spending money by working as a waitress at the local cafe, and as a switchboard operator at the telephone office. After Betty finished high school she worked with the Cop store as cashier for three years. Betty and her family then moved to Regina where she worked as Head Cashier with Acme Merchandising. While working with Acme Merchandising. While working with Acme Betty started to train in the office performing some accounting duties. When the store closed up Betty continued her training with accounting, but on a formal basis with Wascana Institute. Betty has worked with many business including private sector, Provincial and Federal Governments, Friendship Centres specifically the Regina Center and Saskatchewan Association of Friendship Centre. Betty has worked in the accounting field for 18 years, during that time she has continually upgraded herself while working and raising her family. Betty has been with Metis Nation of Saskatchewan for over a year now, she volunteered her time here most of 1994 working in the office doing whatever had to be done. Betty also sits on numerous boards as a board member, secretary and treasurer, The Saskatoon Friendship Inn is one of her most recent board positions.

Betty comes to us with a lot of work and volunteer experience and will be a definite asset to our administration staff.



Secretary/Receptionist, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

Originally from Green Lake, Saskatchewan, Graduated from St. Pascal School in Green Lake. Of Metis ancestry and fluent in the Cree language. Daughter of George and Veronica Sinclair of Green Lake, Saskatchewan. Enjoys playing softball, volleyball, slo - pitch and any other sport activity.

Bachelor of Education Degree, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Secretarial Certificate. ∞

## The Liberals, First Nations and Metis

### Liberals are committed to:

Incorporating the concept of the inherent right of self-government for First Nations, treaty recognition and relinquishing areas of jurisdiction which rightfully belong to First Nations into a Saskatchewan First Nations Act;

Drafting and implementing a Metis Act to further define and facilitate self government for Metis people;

Making First Nations and Metis Economic Development a priority.

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# Dumont Technical Institute Update

The Dumont Technical Institute was established in 1992 to serve the educational and technical needs of the Métis of Saskatchewan. The Institute is currently working with other Métis affiliates in delivering technical training to Métis students. Anne Dorion has taken a six month leave from her duties as Principal of DTI. Perry Chaboyer will be promoted to Acting Principal of DTI. Perry has served DTI and GDI for a number of years in the capacity of researcher and looks forward to working with new staff and Métis Nation of Saskatchewan affiliates. Perry's goal is to expand the Institute by way of promotions and program delivery across the province. It

is hoped these initiatives will increase the technical training opportunities for Métis.

## NEW STAFF

We would like to announce the addition of new staff. The Gabriel Dumont Institute has employed Leah Dorion as Curriculum Developer. Leah is originally from Prince Albert and received her degree from the University of Saskatchewan. Leah is currently compiling data and resources for a CD-ROM project undertaken by GDI in cooperation with Heritage Canada detailing the history of the Métis.

Geordy McCaffery is returning to the Institute after a short absence. He coordinated the Chemical Depend-

ency Worker Program in North Battleford which ended in September. Geordy will be working for the Dumont Technical Institute in the capacity of Community Training Liaison Coordinator. He will be setting up and enhancing opportunities for Métis wishing to access this training.

We would also like to welcome Mike Relland back from educational leave. Mike is currently assisting the Gabriel Dumont Institute in its yearly planning initiatives. Mike will be returning to SUNTEP Prince Albert in August. Welcome back Mike.





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# BEARS

I got involved in stopping the baiting and killing of bears by sport hunters, within the hunting area of my village, for a number of reasons.

These reasons are not in order of importance, they are all equally important. One important reason for my opposition to this form of hunting is that the land on which this outfitter has started killing bears for the sale of gall bladders, claws and teeth, is already used and needed by our village. This land is called our trapping block and is used by all families in the village for seasonal commercial fishing and trapping, as well as the acquisition of food by the families in our village.

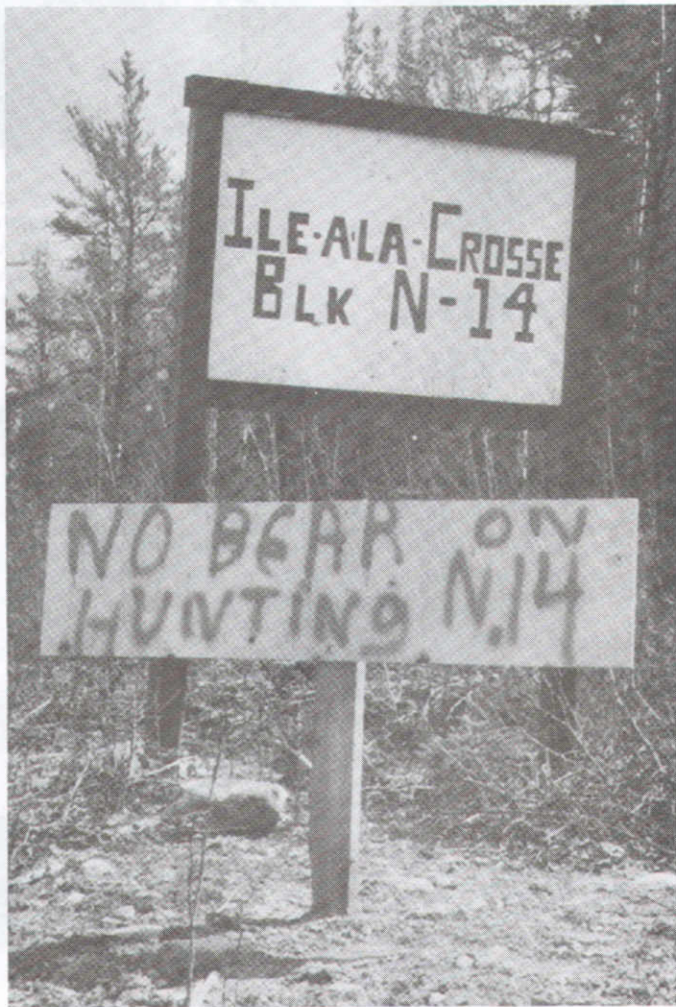
Another important reason is that I have a spiritual connection to the bear. It is not that I don't believe in killing bears at all, although I do not believe in killing bears in the spring when you could shoot a female bear which has cubs waiting for her somewhere. Cubs have been left motherless and female bears by mistake have been shot in the spring by hunters out for bear parts. I hunt bear in the fall when bears are fat. I use the fat on my hair, I rub my limbs with it and I eat it for energy. I find a spiritual awakening in what I get from the bear.

And the reason most people anywhere would agree with is that the kind of hunting done to acquire these bear parts for profit is a cruel and unnecessary way of killing. Hungry bears are baited by placing rotting meat in 45 gallon drums and around the drums. The hunter sits on a plastic chair in a tree about 50 feet from the bait waiting to kill the bear with a bow and arrow.

Last spring, the out-of-province outfitting company which has been

Why I Oppose Outfitter Exploitation of Bear Hunting.

Jeffrey Morin





coming into our trapping block, was informed by our village residents that they were not to kill bears within our fur block. When the company returned again this spring, I decided to stop their killing of bears. On May 2, 1995, I put up signs on roads leading to trap lines of village residents, my sign said "No Bear Hunting". On May 2, I put up eight signs on eight trap lines. The outfitting company had a camp between mile 60 and 70, on the Patuanak Road, where the old Ele a la Crosse Fisherman's Co-op ice house is located.

On the first day I based myself at mile 50 and from there I put up my signs. On the second day, I found their bait sites and took photos. Their bait is a forty-five gallon drum of rotting pig meat.

I kept a journal of my three days of observing these bear killers. To call what the clients of these outfitting companies do - "hunting" - is to dignify what is in fact a stupid practice, which should be called "killing". To lure a hungry defenceless bear with bait and then kill it is not right by the laws of nature or humanity.

While observing the practices of the bear killers, I noticed that about 35 barrels of bait (rotting pig heads) was left to rot for a week before the first three hunters arrived. I can't figure out why so much "bait" has to be left rotting for so long for three so-called hunters. Over the seven weeks of hunting about thirty hunters are brought in smaller groups. Not only is bait left in the 45 gallon barrels, it is also scattered around the site of a barrel and on the trails to the barrel. If this practice is not illegal, I think it should be. And the practice of scattering bait along the trails to the trap lines and cabins of village residents lures bears in summer when children can't wander freely through the bush. This brings to mind, the practice of not cleaning up bait sites after the so-called hunting season is over. Outfitting companies do not pick

up all their 45 gallon drums of rotting meat after their bear killing season. And on the trail to my cabin I have found scatterings of bait, and at other



traps I have found 45 gallon drums of bones and plastic seats still sitting up on a tree. It is government regulation that these be removed - why isn't it enforced by resource officers?

As I was saying I kept a journal while I was observing the bear killers. On May 4, 1995, I wrote in my journal, "I am listening to the radio. It is quiet. Not much doing. Have not seen the hunters yet. But I know they're out there". On May 6, I spoke to a company employee putting out bait. On that day I saw two trucks coming out of the bush, where they had been setting up bait and I walked in to see this practice and to photograph it. My brother joined me on my last day of observation and I have been given support by other residents of Ele a la Crosse. I think that my spiritual connection to the bear gave me the energy to begin to stop the killing. I had a vision which has strengthened my connection to the bear. In my vision of the bear, I was with my wife and chil-

dren. In the first part of my vision, the presence of the bear was very strong. My two children were very small in this part of the vision and they were healthy and happy and playing with the bear. In this part of the vision, we could touch, smell and see the bear very clearly. The bear gave us medicine and appreciation of what bear is all about. In the second stage of the vision, the bear started fading, we could still see it but its presence was not as strong. The children were a little older but not as healthy and they were not happy. In the third stage, the kids were older and appeared older than they were. They no longer had the medicine from the bear and the bear had almost completely faded. In the fourth part of the vision, the bear was gone. The kids were lost, they couldn't walk, they had spiritually lost everything and they couldn't understand why it was happening.

I understand my vision to mean that in a few years from now, if we allow the unnecessary killing of bears and especially female bears in the spring, we are going to lose our wildlife. Spiritually and physically this hurts, this kind of senseless killing happened to the buffalo, now it is the bear. This has to stop!

The Cree elders consider the feet and the hands of the bear, medicine. So when an Aboriginal person kills a bear, we offer these parts and the bladders to them for medicine. Claws and teeth are used in traditional gatherings. To allow bears to be wiped out through the financial greed of a few people is to destroy a spiritual relationship which has continued through the centuries. For this reason too, the killing of bears for parts has to stop! ∞

# BACK TO BATOUCHE

## 25 YEARS LATER

Bruce Flamont

**T**wenty five year's ago I was approached by the Executive of M.S.S. to organize an event that would allow our people an opportunity to come together and socialize en masse, as well this event should address the issues of our history and recognize the efforts of all past Metis hero's.

Well, with these terms of reference, our present site at Batoche was chosen. This location symbolizes the region of western Canada where we as the Metis Nation were last defeated militarily. As well, Gabriel Dumont the head of our military (in 1885) is buried there. The idea therefore was since this is where we were last defeated, it would be appropriate that our present

Metis Nation should grow from this historic event there and *carry on the agenda of our Nation of 1885*. That was the beginning and the reason for Back to Batoche.

Since then the Metis have been going to Batoche each year. We socialize, we honour our past hero's and we show case our present Metis culture, history and future goals. This is in spite of our political differences, of white man and white Governments oppression and with out our own economy.

It is with pride and pleasure that once again, as coordinator, I announce July 21, 22, 23, as this years Back to Batoche. You will note that this is our

silver anniversary. As usual we will do our best to host this years event. What we are hoping for is that as many people as possible take in this years celebrations. Being that we are celebrating 25 years of Back to Batoche.

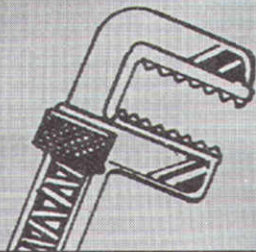
There will be a lot of information coming shortly in terms of details. In the mean time please consider this as your personal invite.

### In The Spirit of Our Ancestors

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# ABORIGINAL NURSES

## Celebrate

Aboriginal nurses have achieved special recognition; Saturday, May 13, 1995 has been designated as Aboriginal Nurses Day. In 1992, the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), marked the first Aboriginal Nurses Day as a tribute to past, present and future contribution of Aboriginal nurses committed to promoting healthier lifestyles, recruiting for health careers, sharing their knowledge, skills and wisdom.

"Your families Health Nurses Make the Difference" is the theme for Canada's National Nursing Week from May 8 to May 14. Each year the CNA designates this time to both celebrate the profession and educate others about what today's nurses do. It also coincides with the birthdate of Florence Nightingale.

The Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (A.N.A.C.) is the only national professional Aboriginal association of nurses in Canada, with its head office in Ottawa. Here are some of the ways the association will continue, "to make a difference".

- act as a agent in promoting better health care for Aboriginal people;
- conduct studies and publish material on Aboriginal health, medicine and culture. Example: Traditional Medicine and Primary Health Care Among Canadian Aboriginal People, Submission to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People;

- maintain collaborative consultation with governments, Aboriginal communities, and other agencies concerned with Aboriginal health care;
- raise awareness in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities of the special

Caregiver. The AGM provides an opportunity for learning, exchange of ideas, and intermingling with other health care professionals from across the country. This year the AGM will be held in Quebec City.

Currently the



health needs of Aboriginal people;

- actively promote recruiting of Aboriginal, into medical, nursing and health care professions;
- publish a newsletter which gives our members access to public forum for articles related to health care;
- hold and Annual General Meeting featuring presentations focusing on a central theme, such as: Family Violence, Abuse of the Elderly in Aboriginal Communities, or Care for the

A.N.A.C. has a membership of over two hundred regular members from across Canada, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. Regular members are Aboriginal Nurses; Associate members are Aboriginal Health Care Personnel, Non-Aboriginal RN, Non-Aboriginal Nursing Students; and also Group membership is available. ∞

# LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

This is a form of notification to all Metis people of Saskatchewan.

Dale McAuley

The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan is presently instrumental in setting up a memorandum of understanding. Various officials were present from provincial government along with some concerned Metis people during a scheduled meeting at our head office board room in Saskatoon to discuss outstanding issues and to get to know one another. A very positive meeting. This M.O.U. is basically an agreement with the province and the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. This agreement will be carefully looked into at our next

provincial Metis Council meeting to make sure it is what we want to submit to the government and to have all P.M.C. members understand the M.O.U. and to have a resolution put forward for green light on the M.O.U. This will mean that we have agreed on a working relation format to resolving the outstanding issues for our Metis populace. As we move on towards our goals, we will be introducing specifics and various forms of approaches on a framework agreement. Areas of concern are of many ranging from hunt-

ing, fishing, trapping, tourism, forestry, and of course land and resource claims. We must work diligently towards our goals, we must have patience with each other and we all have to work together and when we learn to do so, we will be further ahead and we will reach our outstanding goals for the Metis people of Saskatchewan. This I ask we do as a provincial team. ∞

## LAST HOPE TO STOP EUROPEAN UNION RESOLUTION

Dale McAuley

As a Métis leader I strongly support to continue to head off a ban on fur exports to Europe over continued use of leg-hold traps. It somewhat amazes me and makes me wonder why all of a sudden they (the Europeans) would want to abandon these types of traps. After all they were accountable for introducing the populace of the Aboriginal peoples and of course all Canadians to these type of traps. Activists surely to goodness should not be that activated that a sudden ban in this type of traps is a must. They are only a minority of rich folds who do

not understand how hard it is to make a marginal income for northern people of (in this case I am writing for) the province of Saskatchewan. This industry of trapping is one of few for our people of northern Saskatchewan having access to and are qualified for. Why do they want to kill an industry of this type? It is better to trap these animals and get something off of them instead of letting them multiply, get diseased and dying off.

On behalf of the Métis people of the province of Saskatchewan of whom I represent under my portfolio for land

and resources from the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, I resolute this open letter to the trade ministers both from the province and the federal government that strong action be taken for the continued use of the leg-hold traps or to extend the December 31 deadline for time to introduce a more human trap. Whatever kind of trap this may be.

MNS, Minister of Lands and Resources  
Dale McAuley  
Phone (306) 888-2080



# Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Health Development

M.N.S. Health Ministry will continue to educate the readers through a series of Metis health issues.

Tansi

I would like to begin by adding our congratulation from the MNS Health Ministry to the MNS Communication Minister and his staff for developing the first New Breed issue for 1995 and their continued commitment to having a regular newsletter.

My name is Ray Laliberte and I will prioritize and commit myself to keep the New Breed readers up to date on the "health care", issues occurring in Metis country.

The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan leadership through President Durocher has shown their support for health by appointing Don Favel the Regional Director for Northern Region IIA as MNS Minister of Health and Clarence Campeau the Regional Director for Eastern Region II as the Associate Minister.

Historically, the only involvement the Metis people have had in regards to collective health has been on two fronts:

- Health users - Metis are major health consumer in Saskatchewan. The use of the health care system by Metis people needs to be evidenced by personal experiences because information on health conditions (or any condition) is difficult to find. The reason being that the Metis are rarely been seen as a distinct community and most information available on aboriginal peoples either concentrates on registered Indians (on reserve) or combines information on Non-status Indians and Metis (off reserve). While the Metis share many characteristics with aboriginal peoples,

it cannot be assumed our living situations, community structures and demographics are identical.

- Metis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan (MACSI) - This year MNS Provincial owned affiliate turned twenty five years old in 1994. Every Saskatchewan Metis family have either been involved with MACSI directly or knows of someone who received assistance from this addictions institution. Our people are certainly grateful for the service (s) provided by this affiliate and I know that it has had and continues to have a positive impact on Saskatchewan and Canadian residents. In addition, this successful MACSI program is a shining example of Metis consistently determining their own health affairs and proof that all Saskatchewan people benefit when this type of health cooperation and partnership exists.

Recently there has been a renewed interest by both levels of Governments to "reform", the existing health care systems. This is primarily justified based on economics and improved services. As a example, health care in Saskatchewan is the number one budget expenditure (\$1.5 billion annually) based on last fiscal year financial report.

The MNS supported the concept of health reform and understand, as did other tax payers, that either we use health resources properly or we lose them completely. In addition, the Metis Nation also looked at health reform an a "opportunity", to negotiate

or gain equitable participation and access to the existing health care resources.

The direction of "health reform", has indicated that the previous medical model is now recognized as to Institutionalized, narrow-minded and restrictive. This so called illness perspective only deals with the symptoms and not the root causes of sickness. Health is no longer merely referred to as the "absence of illness".

*Health is defined by the World Health Organization as:*

"The state of complete physical, mental and social well being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. It is the extent to which and individual or group is able to, on one hand realize aspirations and satisfy needs and on the other hand, to change or cope with the environment".

This definition of health is not new for Metis and Indian people. The concept of "wholeness" has been constantly recognized and practiced in "aboriginal country". The western world is just know understanding the benefits of recognizing and respecting that all things on mother earth are interconnected.

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# Tourism Education Council

The current buzz words of today are training, education, careers. Those are admirable but the reality for many young people is no money, no clear employment picture, limited accessible training, resulting in little hope for the future. This is particularly true of Aboriginal youth. So, what does the future hold?

Some people start their employment history clearing or washing tables or sweeping floors. Little did they realize the importance of these jobs. These people are ambassadors for the whole population of the province. And the potential is incredible. Every time a person clears a table at the local diner, every time the front lobby is vacuumed, every time a question is asked, these workers are giving lasting impressions of Saskatchewan and its people. These impressions either welcomed people to return to Saskatchewan or they told their neighbours not to bother visiting us.

The future can hold existing careers in the world's leading industry - Tourism. Currently, Aboriginal peoples make up under 3% of the total tourism workforce. This is changing fast. Careers such as Food & Beverage Servers, Housekeeping/Room Attendants are frontline positions that have the most effect on visitors, and with eight sectors in this industry, there are lots of careers to choose from.

Tourism in Saskatchewan generates \$890 million revenue every year and it is growing. Tourism employs close to 40,000 people. How does this relate to the Aboriginal of Saskatchewan? In the past, training in many of the tourism sectors has been virtually non-existent. Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council was developed by the tourism industry, for the tourism industry and while it maintains a strong partnership across industry, it is a "stand alone", non-profit corporation. S.T.E.C. along with the working people, has, over the past 5 years, devel-

oped occupation standards and certification for front line people. If you are a waitress and have been for a number of years, there is now a certification process that recognizes the level of your expertise, knowledge and professionalism within your job.

Standards are points of reference from which measurements may be made. We often hear the question, "Does this person meet the industry standard? What if that person does? Who says so? The people in the same occupation doing the same job as you. If you have reached that level, then you deserve to be recognized, you deserve to be acknowledged by your peers for a job well done. Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council provides the acknowledgement for the employer and the employee. The employer is happy because of returning customers and an improved reputation. For the people working within that trade, they have increased confidence and pride, and treat the customers better.

Standards were individually developed with working people contributing to the content of their occupation standards therefore the information is workplace related and job specific. Now, what does that mean to you and your family and your community?

When thinking about the many special events such as Batoche Days. Several program formats for service and product option that S.T.E.C. could provide. This local people could use the Local-Tour Guide Standards; the beer gardens could use the developed in Bartender or Food and Beverage Server; the event itself could greatly benefit from the skills and knowledge for Special Event Coordinator.

The standards can be used as reference material. However, an event that brings millions of dollars in revenue and thousands of people can be proud of their staff and volunteers because they are a Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council Certified Pro-

fessional. The use of standards, while not guaranteeing success, can reduce risks because the people providing the services have a higher level of knowledge and know-how. The staff and volunteers gain a stronger vision of their events.

Looking at more remote places, standards have been developed in Campground Manager, Outdoor Guide (Core skills), Freshwater Angling Guide, Hunting Guide. These adventure and recreation skills provide a reference manual to train new people, provide new ideas, help when to deal with difficult customers. The manuals have been written and put together by only those people within that particular market. They can give new ideas for a number of matters.

One of the most recent developments of S.T.E.C. is the Tourism Careers for Youth Project. Some of the objectives of this project include; providing tourism industry entry skills to unemployed youth; providing an enhanced entry-level work experience leading to a career in tourism or to a career in another part of work force; as well as selecting, training and managing human resources on an on-going basis. These youth must be between 18 and 24 years old, unemployed and not receiving employment benefits; Grade 12 or equivalent; and for the Food and Beverage Server program, must be Aboriginal. The trainees receive both workplace and classroom setting training, on the job experience, a 44 week job placement as well as career counselling.

This project, for many Aboriginal students, has been one of their first contacts with additional training.

With the future of Saskatchewan in our children's hands, wouldn't you agree that whatever tools, advice, education, knowledge and hope for the future we can pass on is worthwhile and invaluable. ∞

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## ADOPTEE SEEKS SIBLINGS

Adoptee "Doris Marie Lajour" born August 6, 1958 in Lestock Saskatchewan seeking siblings Brenda & Rena La jour last known address Regina. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of Brenda & Rena please call Glenda Richard Metis Child & Family Support, Program (204) 638-8317 Dauphin.

# Metis National Council

## Analysis of Impact of Proposed Gun Legislation on Metis People Proposal - March 15, 1995

### BACKGROUND:

The Metis National Council represents the Metis Nation at the national level with provincial affiliates in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The Metis population is the second largest Aboriginal population making up 21% of the total Aboriginal population.

The Metis of Canada are a unique people with special rights and status as one of the Aboriginal peoples, as confirmed and recognized in the *Constitution Act 1982*. As a people, we share the same social and economic conditions as other Aboriginal peoples, conditions far worse than those of the general Canadian population. We possess Aboriginal rights including the right to hunt which right continues to be restricted by provincial and federal governments' legislation and regulations.

Our people continue to be marginalized socially and economically. We are still being excluded from equal and fair participation in Canadian society and the Canadian economy. This being done through legislation and a range of rules, attitudes and informal networks that we have only begun to understand.

Metis and other Aboriginal people need to be fully consulted on the proposed legislation for the control of guns in Canada in 1994 especially given the legislation directly impacts the Aboriginal peoples of Canada including the Metis people, a large number whom continue to rely on gathering as a way of life.

The Metis National Council has many concerns regarding the adminis-

tration of justice in Canada and passed the attached Resolution on Justice for the Metis People at its Special Assembly in Winnipeg, November 15, 1994.

We have expressed our concerns regarding the approach taken by the Department of Justice on gun control in Canada in the attached letter to the Minister.

Directly related to the proposed legislation is the United Nations's adoption of **The Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention No. 169**, which received a majority vote of the Canadian delegates and which Canada has yet to ratify. The federal government has consulted with the provinces and the Department of Justice has confirmed that convention would apply to Canada's Metis.

The Convention would require Canada to ensure that Aboriginal people are afforded the full measure of human rights and freedoms without hindrance or discrimination and be consulted in good faith, with the objective of achieving our agreement or consent, whenever consideration is given to legislation or administrative measures which may affect us directly. The Convention provides for Aboriginal people to have the right to decide our own development priorities, to control our economic, social and cultural development and retain our own customs and institutions. Under the Convention the means for the full development of Aboriginal institutions and initiatives would have to be established and necessary resources provided for that purpose. The Convention clearly

provides for the administration of justice and safeguarding of Aboriginal rights in addition to provisions regarding equal treatment and opportunity in employment, conditions of employment and training. Traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering would have to be recognized as important cultural factors to be strengthened and promoted.

Once ratified by Canada the Convention would require Canada to ensure that Aboriginal people would be afforded the full measure of human rights and freedoms without hindrance or discrimination and be *consulted in good faith, with objective of achieving our agreement or consent, when ever consideration is given to legislation or administrative measures which may affect us directly*. There is good reason the Convention has not been ratified by Canada. Canada would undoubtedly be found to be in noncompliance of the Convention.

The proposed legislation impact out people directly and must be drafted indirect and full participation of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. This has yet to be done.

The present government has stated that;

It does not make sense for the federal government to be unilaterally making policy of budgetary decision that affect the lives of Aboriginal people, without their involvement. A Liberal government will develop a more comprehensive process for consultation between federal ministers and Aboriginal representative with respect



to decision-making that directly affects First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

The federal government has agreed "take the lead in negotiations with the Metis and the provinces to define the scope of government responsibility for Metis people". There is a clear obligation on the part of the Government of Canada to consult the Aboriginal peoples of Canada on the implementation of legislation directly impacting us. We therefore propose to review and analyse the legislation with regard to its impact on our people. Such a process cannot be supported by the inadequacies of the existing core budget nor under Justice project funding which is currently under evaluation.

#### PROPOSAL:

The Metis National Council proposes to analyse and report on the impact of the legislation on Metis in consultation with government.

The MNC proposes to have a Legal Consultant do a preliminary analysis of the proposed legislation for presentation to and consideration by members of the MNC's Board of Governors and selected members of our communities who continue to hunt for food as a way of life. To assist regional affiliates on Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia we propose to provide financial assistance for travel and meeting costs associated with consultations in accordance with Treasury Board Guidelines.

The Legal Consultant will then draft a report on the Aboriginal right to hunt, Metis hunters and impact on proposed legislation thereon, for approval by the Board of Governors for submission to the Minister of Justice and the Standing Committee on Justice. ∞

# BOOTCAMP

Joey La Plante



On May 16 - 18, 1995 I went to an RCMP camp where there were classes about teen sexuality, drugs and alcohol, etc. It was a good experience. It taught me how to deal with the pressure that today's youth has to face. There were elders, cops and lots of role models. I met some individuals this week with the best attitudes I have ever seen. I think it's a good thing for all today's Aboriginal youth to attend this well put together native youth conference.

Today's major Native leaders were there - Ovide Mercredi, Gerald Morin and Rosemarie Kaptana. There

were classes and dances which I never went to but other kids did and enjoyed it. I enjoyed the night with the leaders. I played a trick on Gerald Morin and it made him laugh. It was fun.

I went with 4 girls, 2 guys not including myself and 2 chaperons - Lynn LaRose and Angela Bishop. I would recommend this camp to you. If you ever get a chance to go to a camp like this take it for sure. I went with the attitude that I would hate the stupidest cop camp and was wrong! It's a good chance to meet new people and learn responsibility. ∞

## 1995 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Today's Youth - Tomorrow's Keeper

Lynn LaRose

Invitations to the National Aboriginal Youth Conference were extended to (36) Metis Youth from all across Saskatchewan. It was held in Regina at the R.C.M.P. Training Academy and registration was prepaid by the R.C.M.P. "F" Division. The Conference was held from May 16th to May 18th in which the youth attended 8 of the 10 workshops selected for the Conference. The workshops included: Elders, Racism, Suicide, Judicial System, Education, Drugs & Alcohol, Sports & Role Models, Teenage Sexuality, Cultural/Traditions, and Family Violence.

The workshops proved to be very interesting and a great learning experience for the youths. The youth also

attended a "Bear Pit" session in which they were invited to ask questions of the leaders such as Gerald Morin, Ovid Mercredi, Jim Sinclair and Rose Kutana.

It wasn't all work and no play, the kids attended two dances and an ice-breaker evening in which kids from all ages go up to dance, sing or show other talents. Also a visit to the museum on the academy grounds proved most interesting in which they had a display of the Sentence report of Louis Riel to be hung for treason.

On behalf of the Metis Youth that attended the National Aboriginal Youth Conference I would like to thank the R.C.M.P. for the invitation and the Training Academy for their hospitality. ∞

# REUNIFICATION FAMILY WORKSHOP

## BATOCHÉ '95 ~ JULY 21, 22, 23

Métis Family and Community Justice Services Inc.  
In Partnership with Health and Welfare Canada.

Métis and Family and Community Justice Services Inc. presents the Reunification Family Workshops. These workshops are important for the improvement of our Nation children and families well being.

The workshops are designed to provide important information to our Métis citizens to help educate them on the importance of extended families, unification, post adoption and the main focus on reuniting our Métis people. These workshops are culturally oriented and address the problems in our Métis communities and stress the importance of reunification.

The reunification family workshop will be delivered over a period of three days in six segments. In these segments we will present educational workshops to our Métis peoples in the areas of;



- Post Adoption
- Extended Families
- Continuing the Healing Process
- Pregnant teens and the importance of Prenatal Nutrition
- Reunification
- Aboriginal Headstart Program

We encourage the participation of all Métis citizens to ensure that we hear from as many people as possible. It is very important for us to know if we are reaching as many people as we possibly can and all families and their members are getting the full advantage of our services.

We can only do as well as the people allow us to do, so your participation and input are very important to us.

To register or for further information please contact Lynn at Métis Family and Community Justice Services Inc.

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# June is Spina Bifida Month

## Prevent Life Threatening Birth Defects

After years of uncertainty and controversy, scientific evidence proved that increasing the intake of folic acid, one of the B vitamins, in the preconception and prenatal period reduces that occurrence of neural tube defects (NTDs).

NTD's are conditions such as spina bifida. The neural tube is the structure that develops into the brain and spinal cord. Every unborn infant's spine is open when it first forms, but usually closes by the 29th day. In the case of an NTD, the backbone and spinal cord never close completely. Every year in Saskatchewan, 10 to 20 babies are born with this condition. Women who consume the recommended dose of folic acid can reduce the risk of having a child with an NTD by as much as 50 percent. Women in the high-risk group can reduce their risk by as much as 70 percent.

### What is Folic Acid?

Folic Acid is one of the B vitamins and is found in raw leafy green vegetables, citrus fruits, beans, cereal, bread, brewer's yeast and liver.

### How much Folic Acid should be taken?

1. All women of child-bearing age should consume 0.4 mg of folic acid to reduce the risk of having a child with NTD.
2. Women with intermediate risk, who are thinking about becoming pregnant, should take between 1.0 and 2.0 mg of folic acid daily under the supervision of their doctor. Women with intermediate risk factors are those with poor nutrition, diabetes, alcoholism, sprue or coeliac disease, or who are taking anticonvulsant drugs.
3. All women in the highest risk category who are thinking about be-

coming pregnant should receive 4.0 to 5.0 mg supplementary folic acid daily under the supervision of a doctor. High risk mothers are those who previously had a child born with an NTD and those who have immediate family members who have an NTD.

Women should take folic acid at least one month before conception and during the first 6 weeks of pregnancy before the brain and spinal cord is fully developed.

### How can I make sure I get enough Folic Acid?

There are several ways to achieve the recommended daily dose of folic acid. Some health professionals recommend that women achieve their daily dose by eating an abundance of foods high in folic acid. Although folic acid is found in many foods, it may be difficult to get the entire amount from food due to the small amounts contained in those foods. Others recommend that, in addition to eating foods high in folic acid, women take a multivitamin supplement containing 0.4 mg of folic acid every day. However, taking more than 1 mg of folic acid is not recommended unless prescribed by a doctor.

One of the best ways to ensure that all women achieve the minimum daily dose of folic acid is to fortify other foods. This could be done similarly to the way vitamin D is added to milk. This method has been adopted by Ireland and is currently under debate in the United States.

Regardless of how a woman chooses to take folic acid, optional prenatal intake of folic acid is the most important single requirement for preventing neural tube defects in North America today. ∞

## METIS LEADER PASSES

Bert Landrie was one of the early organizers and strong support of the Metis organization we know today.



### IN LOVING MEMORY OF BERNARD LANDRIE (BERT)

#### BORN

November 16, 1914  
Dundurn, Saskatchewan

#### PASSED AWAY

April 24, 1995  
North Battleford, Saskatchewan

Left to cherish Bert's memory are: his loving wife, Irene; loving children: Esther Smith, North Battleford, Sask.; Irvin (Sadie), Calgary, Alta.; Bernie, North Battleford, Sask.; Johnny (Myrna), Calgary, Alta.; Gilbert, B.C.; Dwayne (Evie), Calgary, Alta.; Clinton (Bertha), B.C.; and Mary Hanes, North Battleford, Sask.; 33 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren; one brother, James, North Battleford, Sask.; and two sisters: Maryann Larson, Calgary, Alta.; and Bernice Olsen, B.C.; numerous nieces and nephews.



## COOK'S CORNER

### PANCAKES

Sift together:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 - 2 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine:

- 1 egg beaten
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 3/4 cups milk

Add liquid to dry ingredients. Beat only until combined. Heat griddle to 380 degrees. Grease slightly with oil, use 1/4 cup batter for each pancake. Bake until surface is covered with bubbles and edges lose their gloss. Turn and bake until golden brown. Serve hot, with butter and syrup or with cool whip and strawberries.

*Submitted by  
Betty Fisher*

**Correction to previous recipe:**  
Bannock last issue should read 3 tablespoons of shortening and not 3 teaspoons.

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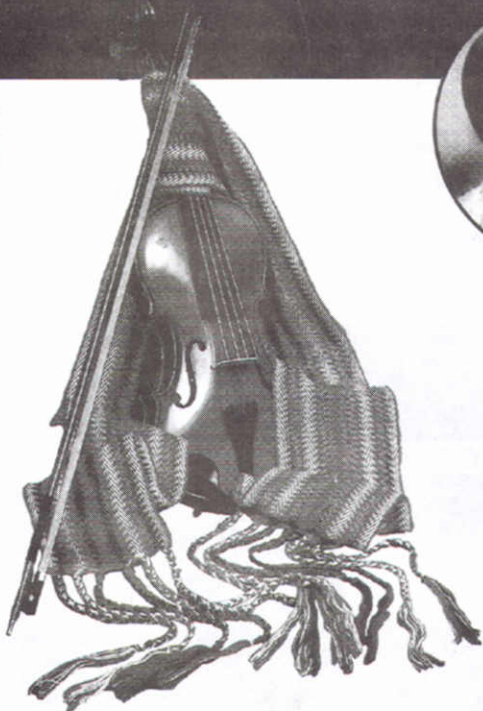
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# BATOCHÉ '95



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