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## Chief One Arrow comes home

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**Back to School Issue**  
*Next Month - Role Models*

Richard John ensures that his grandson Dante Sutherland appreciates his history and heritage.  
(Photo by John Lagimodiere)



## Historians chided for misinformation

**A** Cree Chief who faced the wrath of the Canadian Government for his role in the Métis resistance of 1885, was finally laid to rest in his home community this summer.

For many years, the people of the One Arrow First Nation in central Saskatchewan, the closest neighbors to the Métis town of Batoche, believed that their namesake, Chief One Arrow, was buried on their community.

"We always thought he was buried in the reserve here," said Richard John, great-great grandson of One Arrow and past Chief of the First Nation.

"Then we found the death certificate and it said he was in St. Boniface. That was over 12 years ago. When we first found out, we wanted to bring him home but the Elders told us to leave him as the Great Spirit told them to leave him. Then a year and a half ago his spirit started showing up in sweat lodges and other ceremonies.

So we did a shaking tent ceremony and his spirit said he wanted to come home and we started the process."

Charged and convicted of treason against the Government of Canada for his role in the Métis resistance of 1885, One Arrow was incarcerated in Stony Mountain penitentiary until his health started to fail. He was released, but passed shortly thereafter. Chief One Arrow had been interred in the St. Boniface cemetery since his passing on April 25, 1886.

One Arrow was a strong leader.

"They (Beardy's and One Arrow) originally refused to meet the treaty commission at Fort Carlton," said John.

"They wanted to meet on their territory and on their terms. One Arrow was a real champion of the Indian cause, but unfortunately it turned out the treaties weren't meant for the betterment of the people of One Arrow."

The government treatment of the Indians and the threat that new settlers were placing on Métis lands in 1885 created tension. Louis Riel returned to help Gabriel Dumont lead the Métis in defending their land and rights against the government of Canada.

**BY JOHN LAGIMODIERE**

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Taylor Starchief from Mosquito First Nation plays coochie coo with his little brother Kynyon as he awaits his chance to dance. Actually they were fighting over a piece of modern day pemmican, good old beef jerky.

(Photo by John Lagimodiere)

## Urban BBQ a big hit in Saskatoon

A big urban BBQ was recently held in Saskatoon. The BBQ, hosted by the City of Saskatoon, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, brought together service providers to First Nation and Métis people to allow them to share their work with the community.

"This event ensures that the city of Saskatoon really cares about people," said Federation Vice Chief Guy Lonechild.

"We have role models here, service providers and a message about the importance of health. This is a forward-looking approach. We want to work together in a spirit of cooperation and not

in a vacuum."

The event was a veritable love fest with Métis President Robert Doucette, Mayor Don Atchison and Vice Chief Lonechild all promising to work together and support each other in providing services to urban Aboriginal people.

"The leaders make a difference," said Lonechild. "When Robert was elected three years ago we talked about working with the MNS.

"The same spirit is there today and with Mayor Atchison. First Nation and Métis people are a force to be reconnected with not only in Saskatoon, but also in the country. Saskatoon is setting a new standard, and just look at the weather. The Creator smiled on us today."

Solar heat for outdoor pools. Cool.

Deb Ashby, recreation director, Bengough, Saskatchewan

Bengough was looking for a less costly way to heat their outdoor pools, says town recreation director Deb Ashby, who looks after the main pool, a paddling pool and a hot tub.

When the town learned of funding opportunities for energy saving projects, local councillors agreed to have solar heating panels installed at the pool facility. The impressive savings Bengough achieved with solar energy have generated interest from communities around the province.

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# Saskatoon, Whitecap celebrating historic meeting of leaders

Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison and Chief Darcy Bear recently announced a joint celebration of the 125th anniversary of the meeting of Chief Whitecap and John Lake. The celebration is called Chief Whitecap – John Lake – Bridging 125 and will be held in the evening of Friday, September 21 along the river.

John Lake came to the area in 1882 looking for a site for a temperance colony. He asked the advice of Chief Whitecap, from the nearby Whitecap

Dakota First Nation, as to the best place to settle. Chief Whitecap suggested the area on the east bank near what is current-day Victoria Avenue, as a spot where a ferry could cross the river.

Now 125 years later, the communities of Saskatoon and Whitecap Dakota First Nation are coming together to celebrate the meeting of these two leaders and the strong relationship the two communities have had for the past 125 years.

“When Chief Whitecap and John

Lake met, two different cultures came together to help one another. That spirit of cooperation is the legacy they left the communities of Saskatoon and Whitecap Dakota First Nation,” said Atchison.

“On Sept. 21, we will celebrate that harmony and the vision these two men had to bring our two communities together. Last year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the forming of Saskatoon. Now, it is the 125th anniversary of the meeting of our founding fa-

thers, and we honour them this year,” Atchison added.

“Since the meeting of Chief Whitecap and John Lake, the city of Saskatoon and the Whitecap Dakota First Nation have prospered,” said Chief Bear. “The meeting provided the foundation for the partnership and cooperation that exists today.”

For more information, visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) and look under “C” for Chief Whitecap or see the ad on page 19 of this newspaper.



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# Back to school means back to comfy routine

Now that the kids are back to school, everything is starting to get back to normal. Normal in the way that there is finally a schedule. During the summer the kids are like coyotes ... rooting around outside in anything, for fun, and occasionally for food.

They sleep when they can't stay awake, get up when they can't sleep any more and eat darn near everything you have. They are also filthy, scared, scabbed, bleeding and have a limp (but only when you are looking).

Finally as the day of class registration hits, you drag their sorry butts out of bed and get them on the bus and out of your hair. You are now free again to be productive, find peace and perhaps have a little cry as you realize your tyke is one year older and nearer to leaving you.

They actually go to bed at night on time for the first time since June. The next day they are excited about school again and all is well. Repeat twelve times.

## Interesting jobs

You read it here last month. We noted that the hot rumour was that former Member of Parliament Gary

Merasty was going to wind up at mining giant Cameco. Well lo and behold, a news release came across the desk the other day and it turns out Mr. Merasty will be a Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility at the Cameco head office in Saskatoon.

He gets to work in his home province and in the

## Editorial

North, his home turf. He can do better for his northern constituents at Cameco than he could have as a backbench Liberal in opposition to the Conservatives. I bet he was pulling out his hair in Ottawa. Cameco also gets one of the most respected politicians in Saskatchewan, period.

Good for Mr. Merasty and good for Cameco.

Also hot off the wire is word that former Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chief Perry Bellegarde has resigned his job as Vice-President, Labour and Aboriginal Initiatives at Crown Investments Corporation to move on over to the First

Nations University of Canada where he will take some classes, perhaps, and teach a bit. Good for Perry, good for FNUC.

## Interesting politics

There may be a federal election this fall. There more than likely is going to be a provincial election this fall (c'mon look at the loot they're dropping ... It is obviously election time). There will be a Métis National Council election in October that will be hotly contested.

The Battleford Tribal Council is suing the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations for passing a resolution to recognize a new Tribal Council, the Battlefords Agency Tribal Council, and then for passing another resolution that transferred control of the Gold Eagle Casino and the local Community Development Corporation to the new Tribal Council, leaving the remaining bands in the BTC high and dry.

It will be fascinating to see how these elections and the business and political battle in Battleford will turn out. Political junkies are having troubling hiding their glee. Gossip anyone?

# What's coming up in Eagle Feather News

It looks like the residential school settlements will be hitting the mail any time now. Many are worried about the impact of the money on some people's lives and others are worried about the thieves and potential Elder abuse that may happen.

We will look at some

options available on how to handle that kind of lump sum and find out what some are doing to protect theirs.

October is always the role model edition so we have some profiles coming of those that are doing good things.

And more than likely we will have a provincial election

called for us to dissect and have fun with.

Make sure you keep checking out our website as we will always have something in our extras section that didn't make it into the paper.

It could be big news, it could be little news, but for

sure it would be interesting, and maybe with a nice colourful picture. In the future we are going to be having surveys so we can report inaccurate biased results from our web site and sensationalize it!

We may also give away stuff! Keep checking back.

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# Fifty plus and life just isn't sweet anymore

*A lot of people have double chins. My wife has more chins than a Chinese phone book.*

**- Rodney Dangerfield**

It's hard when your gut resembles warm bread dough overflowing a mixing bowl.

Not that I would know but I've heard it's so. Middle age spread, I admit, has taken its toll. I'm no longer the man I used to think I was.

I'm not prepared to eat like a rabbit nor exercise to look like an Arnold Swartza Neechi type. No not me. I like my dill pickle dip and ripple chips too much.

Velcro me to the couch and give me "The World's Most Amazing Videos" on Spike TV and I'm happy. I'm a simple man who likes his peanut butter and banana sandwiches with Cheezies for dessert.

Hospitals and dentists scare me. They're staffed by sadists who delight in tormenting 50-year-old+ Spike TV viewers.

I had my prostrate checked and believe me I know.

Just my luck I slink into see the doctor and when all is said and done he tells me I have Type Two Diabetes. No wonder I was so tired and thirsty all the

time. I thought I was just useless.

What's a pathetic diabetic supposed to do. They enrolled me in a diet course and prescribed metformin to make my pancreas produce more insulin.

Then I was instructed to exercise. Oh wow, it was all too much. I tried

Taber corn isn't called sweet corn for nothing. Starch changes into sugar. Try chewing on bread for a while and it will turn sweet tasting.

It's all so frustrating. My sister gave me a big bag of sugar free chocolates for Christmas. I gobbled them down thinking I would be none the

helping of A & W onion rings washed down with root beer is like a diamond dancing before a beggar.

It's all so cruel.

This is just one fast food outlet. There's more. So much more.

There is nothing tasty about rice cakes. One cup of lightly salted popcorn just doesn't satisfy. Ten raw almonds can't match a cup of smoked and roasted. Green veggies are ok up to a point.

Bananas are supposed to be a wonder food but they are way too sweet for a diabetic.

There is only so much one can do with a stalk of celery. A beaver has a more varied diet than this.

If a man's home is his castle then his couch is his throne. Alas, I've been dethroned and forced to walk the dogs.

At least I can still walk. I have a friend in Alberta who lost both legs to diabetes. He tells me he just bums around now. (His joke not mine).

Life just isn't sweet anymore. It's a whole new ball game. Sink or swim, do or die and all those other metaphors liberally slathered on this appalling situation.

It's enough to make any person retreat to the comfort of the couch and escape into the world of Dog the Bounty Hunter.

## Common Ground

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*John Cuthand*



denial, sulking and despair but in the end I settled for acceptance – not because of any brilliance on my part but simply because I had no choice.

I need to lose weight, exercise more, eat right, avoid stress, check my blood sugars four times a day and gobble pills twice a day.

Instead of eating three meals a day I'm supposed to eat five mini meals a day.

Sugar comes cleverly hidden in most foods. Good old ketchup has sugar as its second ingredient after tomatoes.

worse for it. A nasty bout of diarrhea literally flooded my system. It was worse than a Cholera outbreak. Lesson learned.

I'm trying to stay away from fast food. "Treat it like it's toxic because it is," the doctor tells me.

Just my luck. I drive by the fast food outlets on 22nd Street twice a day on my way to and from work.

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# People of One Arrow and Métis were always friends

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Eventually there was a war. The Métis lost and many First Nation warriors and leaders who participated with the Métis were arrested and imprisoned.

Some scholars insist that any First Nation leaders that participated in the Métis resistance were forced to fight. But, according to John, they were willing participants.

"There is a lot written about One Arrow not wanting to participate, but it is written by people who do not know the history. The people of this reserve, since the days of Riel and One Arrow will tell you differently.

"Riel would come visit the reserve and One Arrow would go to the sessions the Métis had to get their rights and he would sit in on meetings of their provisional government," said Richard John.

"There was nothing happening in our treaty areas. There was discontent in lots of the Chiefs and dissension in the way they were being treated. The government was starving our reserves. They said they would feed us. Even when we sold or killed livestock, we would wind up in jail. It just didn't work for us."

The dissatisfaction with the Crown and the fact that many people in Batoche were related through marriage to One Arrow's people set the table for cooperation during the resistance.

"The people of One Arrow and the Métis were always friends," says John. "Contrary to what a lot of the historians have written; they were not there so how do they know.

"My history came from John Soundingsky and my uncle John Prosper who was the grandson of Soundingsky who fought at Batoche. That is where I get my history from. It comes from the words of the people who fought at Batoche. Which is totally contrary to what people are saying.

"The so-called Indian historians or whoever is writing these things. That is total bullshit if you ask me. But you go around the reserve and the descendants of the people who participated in the war will tell you it was on friendly terms. Louis and Dumont came to this reserve. They used our government cattle to feed their army. It was done willingly.

"Nobody put a gun to anyone's head to fight a war you know. I find that very impossible to believe, where you know apparently the Métis came here and put a gun to the people of One Arrow to go fight their war.

"I think if that would have happened, I think the people of One Arrow would much rather shoot the Métis than fight for them.



This marker was placed on Chief One Arrow's grave in Winnipeg.

"There are friendships right through to this day. We help each other and it has been that way from prior to 1885. We have all struggled over land and the government. Riel and One Arrow had the same agenda. Protect their people and their rights. It is a tragedy of history how things happens."

Now that the history has been corrected, Chief One Arrow rests comfortably in his home territory, a trip that was 120 years in the making, but relatively easy once it began.

"We thought it was going to be tough to get the government and the cemetery at St. Boniface to release him, but they were great and it was a real pleasure working with them. When we were bringing the Chief out, there was lots of history being talked about by the ordinary people walking by.

"They said 'He has been with us for all these years ... why take him home?' We told them we would leave the stone because it has become a real attraction just like Louis Riel. These guys, Louis and One Arrow, tried to change something that was really wrong with the federal government. They should be remembered."

As Richard John reflected on the process, standing beside his leader's grave on a sunny late summer day, his face lit up.

"It was meant to be," he said. "We never planned anything for the date of August 28, it just fell. We needed to have a four nights of wake. We brought One Arrow back Friday around 10 o'clock. We mourned until Tuesday and the 28th fell on the day, the exact day Chief One Arrow signed an adhesion to Treaty 6.

"In the morning there was an eclipse of the moon and the people at the ceremony, there was no tears... they were telling jokes. The Métis people are our friends and have come a long ways and I hope our relations continue. There are lots of people leaving Batoche and I hope it regenerates. This means a lot to the history of Canada ... the two smallest communities were at war with Canada. No tears, just happiness."

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LITERACY DAY

# Aboriginal Literacy Network launches adult engagement project

BY JACOB ROESLER

Aboriginal Pre-Literacy Engagement is a holistic approach to attracting First Nations and Métis people to become aware of their ability to learn by acknowledging the knowledge they use before it is written or read.

This program uses Aboriginal knowledge that lives in the collective memories, worldviews, visions, dreams, actions and stories of Aboriginal people's living history.

When looking at the history of Aboriginal Pre-Literacy and its holistic approach to learning and using knowledge before it is written I remember my grandmothers, grandfathers and think about my ancestors. I question: "What is it that they read before it was written?"

Collective memories remind me that

we read everything that is not written, including human behavior and patterns of existence.

Today, Aboriginal Pre-Literacy continues to embrace a holistic approach to learning to recognize and use knowledge before it is written or read. However, the need to approach life-long learning in today's reality must include the written word. Aboriginal peoples are constantly in need of literacy skills. They must read all sorts of materials like medical information, legal documents, newspapers, bills, and the list continues to grow.

Major barriers for Aboriginal peoples who want to engage in today's reality of the written word include the fact that most literary experiences are not culturally or personally relevant.

One significant barrier to Aboriginal approaches to literacy is policy that basically creates knowledge gaps within Aboriginal homes, communities, and nations.

We must not continue to create and implement policy that generates a knowledge gap in Aboriginal lives. Literacy programs and policies must focus on attracting those who have not been successful in meeting their learning needs and goals; they must be applied as a life-long learning process that includes every generation and every aspect of life.

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network Inc. recognizes this knowledge gap and is working diligently into the future to create and implement pro-

grams that will effectively provide more learning opportunities.

This fall, the Literacy Network will be implementing a program that will deal directly with the literacy needs of First Nations and Métis people by providing an Aboriginal Adult Pre-Literacy Engagement Pilot Project.

The Aboriginal Adult Pre-Literacy Engagements Pilot Project's vision is to provide a replicable life-long learning path for Aboriginal adults to engage in literacy from an Aboriginal perspective. This program seeks to reveal that the Aboriginal holistic approaches to knowledge use scientifically recognized intelligences or ways of knowing on a daily basis.

One desired outcome of the project is to create a network of Sharing Aboriginal Stories. By sharing our stories we are contributing to Aboriginal literacy and literature. Our goal is to assist Aboriginal adults in the processes of entering formal literacy, training, and/or employment programs that will effectively tackle the issue of poverty and increase participation in today's society.

Eventually, the project would like to provide the skills and assistance for communities to have their grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren engaging in literacy with each other.

The program will be delivered to already established groups in six First Nations and Métis communities over the next two years as a cultural and learner-

centered task.

The Aboriginal Pre-Literacy Engagement Pilot Project includes a "Pre-Literacy Tool Kit" that contains Aboriginal approaches to literary learning and a "Cultural Learner Task" which will be used to document a cultural learning task by the participants.

The idea is to establish a routine and comfort level with literacy and life-long learning through culturally relevant learning. The target age group will be 30 years of age all the way to our Elders. The model will incorporate the knowledge of our Elders and will include Aboriginal cultures and languages.

Presently the SALN is in a process of selecting Aboriginal communities, groups, and individuals to embrace this endeavor for the benefit of our future generations.

If your community, group, or self are interested in participating in this project please contact the SALN at [www.aboriginal.sk.literacy.ca](http://www.aboriginal.sk.literacy.ca) or Jacob Roesler, Literacy Program Facilitator, at (306) 664-6050 or [jroesler.saln@sasktel.net](mailto:jroesler.saln@sasktel.net) or by mail at 202 Avenue C South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 1N2.



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One of my two surviving aunties was recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer plus a co-worker and friend has died of the disease.

Both women were not aware of the existing tests.

Ovarian cancer has long been called the silent killer, because it usually isn't discovered until its advanced stages and has quite often spread to other parts of the abdomen before it is detected.

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Contact your doctor if you develop one or more of these symptoms and they persist for 2-3 weeks:

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Remember, the vast majority of the time, these will not be due to cancer, but you owe it to yourself to get them checked out.

examination, including the rectovaginal component.

A prompt pelvic exam has been shown to be one of the best predictors of timely diagnosis.

The other non-invasive tests used to detect ovarian cancer are the CA 125 blood, and the transvaginal ultrasound. These three tests together will alert the doctor to whether there is a danger of ovarian cancer.

Gentlemen, don't think that I have forgotten about you, it's important that you take care of yourselves as well.

I am totally amazed when I talk to people and they tell me they haven't been to their doctor or dentist in years.

We are the only ones who know when something isn't right with our bodies – pay attention and be proactive instead of reactive.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so ladies, if you haven't already done so, make an appointment for a breast check-up with your doctor – it only takes minutes and can save your life.

There is lots of material on the internet dealing with every ailment and disease out there. When it comes

to your health always consult with your doctor or medical professional.

Thank you for your emails over the summer – keep them coming. You can reach me at sandee2says@yahoo.com or send me a letter to Eagle

*I have had all the tests and none were too painful and nothing to be afraid of.*

What should you expect from your doctor at your appointment? In addition to testing for other causes for your symptoms, your doctor should perform a pelvic

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Student Joshua Roberts and Louisa Caporuscio, education specialist with the Canadian Space Agency prepare to talk to astronaut David Williams. (Photo by Carmen Pauls Orther)

## La Ronge students connect with astronaut

Saskatchewan Communications Network used its satellite technology to connect northern Saskatchewan students with Canadian Space Agency astronaut Dave Williams during the recent Endeavour space shuttle mission.

SCN's E-Learning Network provided a live video link from NASA to Northlands College in La Ronge, enabling up to 300 students from four local schools to see and ask questions of Williams in real time. The special event was arranged by the Canadian Space Agency, Saskatchewan Learning and the Saskatchewan Research Network.

Saskatoon-born Dave Williams believes that space is an excellent platform from which to teach science, and the CSA has developed educational materials to support Grades 5 - 12 teachers with science courses. There is only one Canadian school downlink for this entire mission: La Ronge was selected because of its remote location

and Williams's passion to encourage northern students to study science and technology.

The event was held at the Northlands College program centre in La Ronge. Elder Henry Roberts opened the event with a prayer, and Dave Williams – who is originally from Saskatoon and visited northern Saskatchewan in 2002 on a tour with former Lieutenant-Governor Lynda Haverstock – greeted the crowd in Cree, Dene and English.

The event was rescheduled a day earlier due to concerns about the possible impact of Hurricane Dean on the shuttle's re-entry, but the program centre was still packed.

The students' questions included topics related to space travel, such as the effects of low gravity on height (Williams said he is an inch and a half taller due to the separation of vertebrae), what the Northern Lights look like from space and whether your bones turn to jelly in space.



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# Dakota Dunes drew on the wisdom of the Elders for guidance

BY JOHN LAGIMODIERE

It took an impressive team of lawyers, architects, politicians, contractors and others to develop the Dakota Dunes Casino on the Whitecap Dakota First Nation and bring it on-stream ahead of schedule. But without question, the most vital role was played by five Elders who guided the project through its various stages.

"We had five Elders that were cornerstones of the project," explains Doug Porter, the director of Housing for Saskatoon Tribal Council who worked closely with project manager Wilma Isbister on the casino development.

"They directed pretty much everything that went into the casino. The Elders were at every meeting. It was a very complex project but the Elders were all there."

The Elders included the late Tony Sand from Mistawasis, Peter Nippi from Kinistin, Alex Greyeyes, Joe Crow and Senator Melvin Littlecrow.

"We had so much appreciation for the Elders for their guidance and support," says Isbister.

Building a casino on Whitecap land introduced many challenges since the legalities were unique to this project. It was the first time the Saskatchewan Indian

Gaming Authority developed a casino in this way.

"We have the land lease agreement with Whitecap, which has its own Land Management Act which was a real learning curve for us to do business but also for banking and lawyers," says Isbister.

"We paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to educate them on how to do business with First Nations who have their own jurisdiction in terms of land ... how to register mortgages and stuff."

The Elders may not have gotten involved in the legal maneuvers, but their contribution was huge when it came to ensuring the facility represented the cultural traditions that were appropriate.

"With SIGA we have an Indian-owned firm to design the interior. They tried to incorporate the Cree, Saulteaux and Sioux images," Isbister explains. "They had bison on the carpet and the Elders said, 'no, you can't walk on these buffalo.'

"They had a traditional dancer image on the tiles in the bathroom. We said no traditional dancers in the bathroom.

"The Elders told us what was appropriate. No snakes or symbolic eagle feathers. The theme was earth and plains Indian that they built on," says Isbister.

Senator Melvin Littlecrow said the role of the Elders was to make sure First Nations culture was not forgotten.

"We know the casino will change everything for the better. We brought our ways of living and our culture to the committee, we sat on the project team," he said.



Senator Melvin Littlecrow was one of five Elders who guided the casino project through its various stages.

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# Maaka sees potential in Native Studies department

BY DARLA READ

When Dr. Roger Maaka came to Saskatoon from New Zealand, the University of Saskatchewan Native Studies department wasn't faring so well.

The enrollment of students was high, but a number of senior staff had left, and the junior staff members were running it.

Now it's totally different and beyond expectations, says Maaka.

"Having eight Indigenous scholars, that probably makes us the largest concentration in all of Canada," he explains, noting that there would be other successful programs in the country, but not with the same level or concentration as his department.

All eight professors are Indigenous, and six of them are from Saskatchewan; three Métis and three First Nations.

Dr. Robert Innes is one of them. He is from the Cowessess First Nation and has been at the U of S since he did his Masters there. He just finished his Ph.D. in June from the University of Arizona.

He says the excitement in the department is contagious.

"Since half of us are new, it's exciting because there are new ideas," he says. He says it might be partly due to being in a new building.

Innes also thinks that in the last 25 years, there has been a real change in how the university looks at the Department of Native Studies.

"It seems to have more credibility in the administration's eyes," he explains. "I think that's also why there's excitement."



DR. ROGER MAAKA

The department itself has changed, not just the professors. Maaka says when he arrived in 2003, the teaching model was out of date and needed to be modernized. He says the older program was very

historical, whereas the new one is about contemporary issues.

"A number of courses had to be taken off, but it was mainly remodeling."

Maaka says all of that should be completed in two years.

Another step the department is taking is getting the graduate program running properly. Maaka says they are hoping to have two types, one that is a thesis, and one that is more applied and would produce policy people who could work in First Nations and Métis development.

Innes is excited about the graduate program, too.

"We want to get (the students) involved in the community," he says, by implementing internships where they visit communities to get hands-on experience, and the communities get help.

Maaka notes that their program isn't just taught in Saskatoon, it's taught in 18 other locations across Saskatchewan and the North West Territories with over 1,000 undergraduate students, many of whom are non-Aboriginal.

"We're reaching out to a large group of people," says Maaka. "We're hoping it helps people understand Aboriginal people and their issues. We believe we play a large part in educating non-Aboriginal people on Aboriginal issues."

Maaka is clearly proud of his department. He was head of the Maori Studies for nine years at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and has traveled around Europe and the United States as well.

"None have got the potential we have," he says. "I've never been in a situation with so much potential."

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# White Bear youth participate in cultural science camp

BY SUSAN MAXIE

On August 20, 2007 a three day cultural science camp was held at Camp Wabimasquah at White Bear Lake Resort. The vision of this camp program is giving our children positive cultural identity by strengthening their relationship to the land, connecting them to their land base, natural resources and history.



ELDER NORA KAKAKEWAY

Activities, stories and teachings centered on the beauty of our land and natural resources, respect, love and honor. Youth between the ages of 10 and 16 were given maps of their reserve, compasses and put into two teams, the Seagulls and the Eagles. The next three days were spent hiking to around the reserve to view the land from our hills, lakes and reserve boundaries. We walked for many miles through prairie and bush country and climb the highest hills.

We visited historical and sacred sites, listened to the stories connected to these places and saw many animals including our buffalo herd. Our own resource people from White Bear met with the youth on the land at various sites to give presentations on land claims, sacred sites, ranching and oil and gas development. Our Elders shared stories connected to historical sites and taught cultural teachings. The two teams completed a difficult scavenger hunt over the three days and tied for first prize. Our youth really enjoyed the exercise and learning about their land base. Great fun was had by all even when we thought we were lost up west.

We also made history. We have a grid road which runs through the pasture from north to south which we are hoping to re-name the Seagull/Eagle trail so that this camp will live on through this new story of the two teams that were part of this first camp. The camp ended with a community wiener roast, gift giving and hand drum songs from the Josh Kakake-

way senior and junior, Brendan Kakakeway and Troy Shepherd.

We would like to express special thanks to the following people for making this camp a success. To our Elders Maria Joyea, Nora Kakakeway, Victor Sammy and George Sparvier for sharing their knowledge with our youth and climbing the Heart Hill with us.

To Chief Brian Standingready, Allan Maxie and family, J.R. McArthur, and Grant McArthur for the time they took to meet us in the field and teach us.

To community addictions worker

Sara Littlechief and guide Kim Myers for being great team leaders. Special thanks to Kim for sharing with us his father's old cabin on the east side of the lake. Very special thanks to the FSIN science team from Fort Qu'Appelle for traveling the distance to our community and hosting a Science Fair during the camp.

We are hoping this camp will become an annual event in our community and that our future leaders will understand in their hearts the importance of loving and caring for our land base.



Lawrence Bigeagle, Tianna Lafontaine-Maxie, Shanelle Littlechief, Sara Littlechief, Dalton McArthur, Evan Shepherd, Kim Myers, Tristen Maminas and Lucas Kennedy. In front kneeling are Kylla Sunkewaste and Arielle Standingready participated in the camp.

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-Brad Wall

# FSIN Summer Science Camps a big hit with young people

*Eagle Feather News grabbed a quick Q & A with Terrina Bellegarde, the Science Program Manager for the Education and Training Secretariat of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. Here are her words about a very popular summer attraction that is entertaining and educating First Nation youth through out Saskatchewan.*

## How many of these science camps do you run each year?

The FSIN Science Program delivers 10 Summer Science Festivals to First Nation communities and 20 Mobile Science Camps to First Nation schools. The Summer Science Festivals are a fulfilled and educational one day event. At the Festivals we aim to deliver two areas 1. Introduce youth to careers in the science and technology fields, and 2. Offer hands on science workshops. Our Mobile Camps are one day workshops geared to offer hands on workshops at schools.

## Why is it so important to get youth to focus on math and sciences?

Our objectives of the FSIN Science Program is to provide services designed to promote Science and Technology as an educational and/or career choice; support the development and enhancement of essential employability skills, such as communication, problem solving, and working with others; expose youth to a variety of career options; promote the benefits of education as being key to labour market participation;

encourage the enhancement of traditional knowledge.

Today's youth need more than basic computation and rote mathematical skills. They must master the higher-level concepts and approaches to problem solving that are the key to success in work and everyday life. Our Summer Science Festivals are a place to explore the exciting world of health, science and technology including an opportunity to take a glimpse into the past at some of the more remarkable techniques our First Nation elders' use.

Math and Science are critical. We aim to emphasize the importance of math and science and technical classes and encourage youth to learn and practice problem solving, independent thinking and making observations about their environments. These are skills that are critical to building personal and professional confidence and competence, to be more creative and adaptable in dealing with life and access a high paying job. Within our programming and delivery of services we want First Nation youth to understand the uniqueness and sophistication of how adaptable our elders were and in many areas of our province continue these rich traditions that are becoming extinct in our technology changing world.

## What do the youth find most interesting?

We offer the greatest door prizes at each event and these draw the crowd, the bigger



**Future Métis doctor and third year medical student Russell Murphy, takes time here to explain the brain to a couple of interested fellas at the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Summer Science camp held at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge in Saskatoon.**

the crowd the more exposure we get so we try our best to bring some exciting prizes out to each festival. This year we had iPods and Play station Portables. They were a big attraction and students had to be participants for the day and present to win.

## Any interesting or funny stories from the camps you have run?

I can think of many different stories – we always have a lot of fun and in this job one must have a sense humour and be very flexible since many small issues can happen and with a very small team being creative is the key. Each year we hire four to six post secondary students for four months to work as our summer science team. Most of the

festivals that I have coordinated vary between 40 up to 200 youth participants, so we always seek out volunteers to help for the day. I remember this one time, our science team and I coordinated two festivals in a week – back-to-back and felt prepared and energized to run the second festival that week. When we arrived at the community we had over 500 youth attend and maybe three volunteers. We did our best, it was a day of multi-tasking and we managed to laugh later. It was clear eye opener for me that stronger communication between our team and community contacts was needed.

*Ekosi, Pinamaya and Megwich!  
Terrina Bellegarde*

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

# Affordable Housing Week raises awareness

BY JOHN LAGIMODIERE

Everyone deserves a safe and affordable home. Affordable Housing Week is organized by Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) each October to raise awareness of the importance of affordable housing to a healthy, vibrant, and competitive community.

This year, the sixth annual event will host numerous events and project announcements that attract audiences including lenders, home-builders, private and non-profit landlords, Aboriginal organizations, and members of the community at large.

The housing crisis in Saskatchewan is real. Recently, the leaders of the post secondary schools in Saskatoon came forward to encourage people to rent out rooms to students to help ease the housing crunch. Developers are turning apartments into condos and some people, who were tenants of a City of Saskatoon housing development, were totally flooded out of their homes, taking more precious space out of the market.

With a hint of a provincial election blowing in the wind, the provincial government has been throwing housing money around like never before. With over 15 announcements ranging from inner city Saskatoon all the way to Beauval, the provincial investments are rolling in.

But the province isn't the only player when it comes to affordable housing. Martin Chicilo is the Director of Community Development for FirstSask Credit Union, which has products dedicated directly to affordable housing. He is also the Past President of the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership making him an invaluable source for the affordable housing market in Saskatoon.

"One number we keep hearing is that the city of Saskatoon is short about 3,500 affordable housing units," said Chicilo. "To address this shortfall, the executive director at SHIP works with grassroots organizations by bringing expertise in dealing with govern-



ments who are the funding agencies, and also with technical assistance. Usually SHIP works with ten to 15 groups a year."

Brenda Wallace, Executive Director of SHIP thinks the information blitz coming in October's Affordable Housing Week will improve prospects for the housing market.

"The key is networking and communication," added Wallace. "For the week, we focus on events that bring people in the industry together over lunch or breakfast and provide information. For example, CMHC will be awarding a group who has done an amazing job in Vancouver.

"It is in sharing those best practices that we all benefit. Remember, we don't operate in a vacuum. Our community partners include diverse groups like the

Salvation Army, all levels of government, police and fire, the Health Region; non-profit housing and service providers, First Nation and Métis organizations and private companies representing the housing industry."

FirstSask Credit Union has been providing leadership in the lending market when it comes to affordable housing.

"We partner with the city of Saskatoon and the province on different approaches," said Chicilo. "Lots of people have trouble securing their down payment, and the partnerships we have find ways to make it possible. We've also financed 11 affordable housing projects that most big banks wouldn't look at."

With many groups working together to alleviate the housing crunch, the end is in sight. The call to citizens to open their houses to students was met with great response and the student-housing crisis was diverted. Now if we could have that response province-wide.

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# Sasknative Rentals, gov't housing partners

BY JOHN LAGIMODIERE

Seventy more Aboriginal families and individuals will have access to quality, affordable rental housing in Saskatoon as part of a \$3.6 million project recently announced.

The project consists of the acquisition and renovation of two three-storey apartment buildings located in mature neighbourhoods in Saskatoon.

"This project has brought together the provincial and municipal governments to help make life better for Aboriginal families in Saskatoon and to build stronger communities," Saskatoon Fairview MLA Andy Iwanchuk said on behalf of Community Resources Minister Kevin Yates.

"Through HomeFirst, our provincial housing strategy, we are working with local people and local groups to help lower-income families get the quality, affordable housing they need and the independence that they deserve."

Renovation of the two apartment buildings officially began in August. The two buildings are located at 1802 - 22nd Street in Mount Royal and #5 Borden Place in Confederation Park, both in Saskatoon. Once renovated, the apartment buildings will contain two bachelor units, 26 one-bedroom units, 36 two-bedroom units and six three-bedroom units, for a total of 70 suites.

The project is being undertaken by

Sasknative Rentals Inc., with support from the Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon. Sasknative

Housing Corporation and will be owned by Sasknative Rentals Inc. of Saskatoon and Camponi Housing Inc. of Saskatoon

will also receive funds from the Home-First program.

"Through the City of Saskatoon's Affordable Housing program, we are able to help provide safe, suitable housing for many families within these projects," Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison said.

"These buildings will become homes, where families can raise their children and strengthen the community in which they live," he said.

"We are pleased to partner with the Province and the City of Saskatoon to provide more quality, affordable rental housing for Aboriginal people," Sasknative Rentals Inc. Board chair Wilf Blondeau said.

"These projects are going to make a real difference in the quality of life of its tenants."

Sasknative Rentals Inc., a non-profit incorporated in 1983, provides appropriate, safe, well-serviced and maintained housing for Aboriginal people in Saskatoon.

Over the next three years, Sasknative Rentals Inc. will invest an additional \$105,000 to continue to upgrade the interiors of the 70 affordable housing units.

Sasknative Rentals Inc. and Camponi Housing Inc. have more than 30 years of experience combined in the successful development and management of quality, affordable housing for Aboriginal people in Saskatoon.



**Jim Durocher, President of SaskNative Rentals and Justice Minister Frank Quennell get a lesson in operations from Brent Bedrock of Gibson Heating of a newly installed boiler in an affordable housing apartment on Idylwyld in Saskatoon.**

Rentals had a busy day as another one of their projects was also announced. La Maison Mamawe-Atosketak is a non-profit joint venture of the Saskatchewan

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### Senior Women's

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3rd Marie Schoenthal, Medicine Hat, AB  
4th Lil Vinish, Saskatoon, SK

### Senior Men's

- 1st Henry Hince, Winnipeg, MB  
2nd Bruce Dumont, Parksville, BC

### Women's

- 1st Yvonne Chartrand, Vancouver, BC  
2nd Felice Gladue, Sherwood Park, AB  
3rd Trina Gordon, Edmonton, AB  
4th Dorothy Desjarlais, Medicine Hat, AB

### Men's

- 1st Hugo Martell, Edmonton, AB  
2nd Jason Cyr, Saskatoon, SK  
3rd Lester Wyatt, Carwood, SK

### Junior/13 to 16

- 1st Gabe Brien, Rolla, ND  
2nd Darla Daniels, Caslan, AB  
3rd Kevin McKay, Carlyle, SK

### Youth/12 & Under

- 1st Neanna Sasakamaose, Carwood, SK  
2nd Rayleen Shumi, Tisdale, SK  
3rd Aimee Fauteux, Abbotsford, BC

**Overall Grand Champion**  
**Yvonne Chartrand, Vancouver, BC**

## Sanctioned Fiddle Contest Results

### Novice 1

- 1st Celine Hounjet, Grandora, SK  
2nd Raymond Knorr, Regina, SK  
3rd Shelby Nicolson, Meadow Lake, SK  
4th Colin Lajoie, Glendon, AB

### Novice 2

- 1st Stefan Bichlmaier, Smithers, BC  
2nd Gabe Mann, Warfield, BC  
3rd Tayler Fleming, Minitonas, MB

### Junior 1

- 1st Aimee Fauteux, Abbotsford, BC  
2nd Taressa Bergen, Colonsay, SK  
3rd Kevin McKay, Carlyle, SK  
4th Alicia Blore, Toronto, ON

### Junior 2

- 1st Darla Daniels, Caslan, AB  
2nd Brendon Chief, Saskatoon, SK  
3rd Gillian Maher, Carlyle, SK  
4th Gabe Brien, Rolla, ND

### Open 1

- 1st Nathan Baker, Prince Albert, SK  
2nd Denise Ray, Billings, MT  
3rd Sarah Quick, Columbia, SC  
4th Bruce Isbister, Big River, SK  
5th Fay MacKenzie, Orillia, ON

### Open 2

- 1st Joe Jackson, LaRonge, SK  
2nd Michelle Amy, Carlyle, SK  
3rd Jim LaRocque, Belcourt, ND

### Senior

- 1st Gilbert Anderson, Edmonton, AB  
2nd Bill Bryant, Pelly, SK  
3rd Mike Page, Belcourt, ND  
4th Henry Hince, Winnipeg, MB

### Andy DeJarlis/12 & Under

- 1st Celine Hounjet, Grandora, SK  
2nd Shelby Nicolson, Meadow Lake, SK  
3rd Colin Lajoie, Glendon, AB

### Andy DeJarlis/13 to 17

- 1st Emily Yarascavitch, Oshawa, ON  
2nd Cris Tootoosis, Cutknife, SK  
3rd Alex Lamoureux, Comox, BC

### Andy DeJarlis/18 and over

- 1st Mike Page, Belcourt, ND  
2nd Henry Hince, Winnipeg, MB  
3rd Real Croteau, Bonnyville, AB

### Traditional Mélis

- 1st Victor Rose, Frenchman's Butte, SK  
2nd Cris Tootoosis, Cutknife, SK  
3rd Gilbert Anderson, Edmonton, AB  
4th Aimee Fauteux, Abbotsford, BC  
5th Alicia Blore, Toronto, ON

### Championship

- 1st James Steele, Saskatoon, SK  
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Darin Chief is adding to his skills in SIAST's carpentry course.

## SIAST Kelsey celebrates expansion

SIAST faculty, staff, students and government officials were on hand to celebrate completion of recent upgrades to SIAST Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon valued at \$6.95 million. The expansion involved construction of new facilities for some Industrial and Technology programs as well as upgraded equipment in the Industrial Mechanics programs.

"We take pride in our ability to provide students with modern training areas, equipment and technology that is comparable to what they will use in the workplace," says Dr. Bob McCulloch, president and CEO of SIAST.

"It's exciting to see faculty and students in action in our newly renovated areas at SIAST Kelsey Campus."

Darin Chief, a first year carpentry student thinks he has made a good investment in his career.

"With this course, it is equivalent to one year towards your apprentice and these are top notch facilities to learn in," said Chief, who hails from Onion Lake.

"I learn everything from the trades and material angle, and how to bid on jobs and do the math. The location is also great as I have kids in school and I don't have to move. Eventually I will build my own house."

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#### Being Prepared

With the approval of the Residential School Settlement, survivors and their families will finally be able to get some closure for the abuse that was suffered so many years ago. But for those receiving compensation, there are a lot of things that need to be taken into consideration.

If you have a family member or loved ones who will be receiving a settlement, please take note of the following information and pass it along.

With settlement cheques set to be sent out this fall, ensuring you have a sound plan in place is very important. If you don't already have one, one of the first things you should consider is to set up an account ahead of time with a credit union or financial institution of your choice.

Setting up an account is important, as you will want a safe place to keep the money that you will be receiving.

#### Why should I set up an account?

- Having a large amount of cash around is dangerous in terms of increasing your chance of being victimized by fraud or theft.
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- Financial institutions do not have to cash government issued cheques over \$1,500 without an account at that financial institution
- Financial institutions do not carry a lot of cash on hand unless they know in advance that cash is going to be needed for a specific reason
- Having cash readily available makes it too easy to make spur of the moment purchases
- All deposits you make at Saskatchewan credit unions are 100% guaranteed and available to you whenever you want to have access to them
- Monthly statements will help you keep track of and manage your money
- You will have access to a variety of additional financial products and services
- Avoid line-ups – faster service
- You can also receive your payment through Direct Deposit, which will speed up the process and puts the money straight into your account

The biggest reason for setting up an account is for your personal safety. By placing the settlement in an account, it will remain in a safe place until the funds are needed.

#### Opening an Account is Easy

When you are opening an account, you should find a credit union or financial institution that best meets your needs, is close to where you live, has low service fees, and convenient hours.

You will want to visit or call your local credit union or financial institution and ask them about the different kinds of accounts they offer.

#### What do I need to open an account?

To open an account, certain legislative conditions must be met. You will be required to:

- Provide your name, address and date of birth
- Complete account opening documentation
- Provide two pieces of identification, one of which must be a driver's license, social insurance number, provincial health card, birth certificate, Indian Status Card or similar identification
- You may open an account regardless of your employment status

Depending on the type of account, you can pay bills, cash cheques, and you may qualify for a debit card, which would allow you to pay for things directly from your account.

#### Saskatchewan Credit Unions and You

Please contact your local credit union for more information on the products and services they offer and they will help you select the type of account that is best suited to meet your needs.

Watch future issues of Eagle Feather News for more information on Saskatchewan credit unions or visit [www.saskcu.com](http://www.saskcu.com). If you have questions about the credit union system or their products and services, you can contact us at [communications@saskcentral.com](mailto:communications@saskcentral.com).



# Riders' quarterback going deep for kids

Saskatchewan Roughrider Quarterback Kerry Joseph is playing some great football and having a career year. The Riders, despite a loss in the 4th

annual Banjo Bowl this last weekend, sit atop the CFL standings with a record of 7-3.

Not only is Joseph helping the Riders, he and his Rider teammates are also converting success on the field to a good cause off the field. Last year he started Kerry's Catch for KidSport.

This partnership between KidSport Saskatchewan, The Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club, Kerry Joseph and Saskatchewan's business community helps assist hundreds of economically disadvantaged kids from across Saskatchewan play their favourite sport.

Kerry has always been a willing participant in many community events and charities and says that "as a professional athlete it is special to me because I see so many smiles on kids faces that are at the game or in the community having an opportunity to participate in sport and to do things that they love to do."

For every first down the Riders get during their 2007 regular season and playoff games, corporate and individual sponsors will contribute to the Kerry's Catch for KidSport Program.

Through the first nine game this year Kerry and his Rider teammates had converted 192 first downs and helped KidSport raise \$12,830.

Other Riders involved in the program include Matt Dominguez, Scott Schultz, and

Yo Murphy. They will serve as ambassadors and will make appearances throughout the year in support of Kerry's Catch for KidSport.

Last year, KidSport helped raise \$353,431 to support 8,677 children. Across Saskatchewan there are 43 local KidSport committees that assist families and help kids get involved in community sports programs.

Those involved with KidSport feel that children who participate in sports are less likely to participate in high risk or destructive behaviours.

And that through sports kids build self esteem, goal setting and teamwork skills.

To find out more about KidSport in your area, you can contact the Provincial KidSport Office at (306) 780-9345, or through email at: [kidsport@sasksport.ca](mailto:kidsport@sasksport.ca) or you can go to [www.riders.com](http://www.riders.com) for the link.



Saskatchewan Roughrider quarterback Kerry Joseph is a hit with kids in the province not only for his on-field accomplishments with the Green & White but for his work with KidSport.

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# Chiefs feel like champs despite second place finish

The journey the Saskatchewan Chiefs took to the final of the Canadian National Midget Fastball Championships was not an easy one.

The defending champs were a target and they felt the pressure early on. The team started out losing two of their first three games. It was then that coach Jason (JJ) Johnston took a few of his veteran players aside and asked them to step up.

The young ace, Dustin Keshane, responded by throwing a no-hitter in the next game to help lift the teams spirit. The Chief's carried that momentum throughout the rest of the tourney.

When the playoffs came around they appeared destined for a repeat. First beating last year's bronze medalists from Leduc, Alberta in a nailbiter 1-0. Then came some sweet revenge when they beat the host Aspen Midget Selects 4-1, avenging a 12-7 defeat at provincials.

However, it was not meant to be this year. They lost a one-sided affair 7-0 to the Sooke Smoke in the final.

It is important to emphasize that this year despite their silver medal it's important for all the players to live the Nationals experience. This team will learn from this experience and be better for it. The core of this team will go on to represent Saskatchewan at the North American Indigenous Games next summer in Cowichan, British Columbia.

Second baseman Dennis Iron received recognition as an all-star for the second straight year. He was the only one to receive such honours despite the high level of play from all his teammates.

On that Sunday they did receive silver medals, but in the hearts of their supporters, families, and coaches these young men are champions. Congratula-

tions all, on your success this year and in the future, boys.

## Dixon holding court

Nathan Dixon has been a household name in the local hoops scene for some time, and now his little brother Mark is about to try and make his own mark.

Mark is a Grade 10 student at E.D. Feehan High School in Saskatoon and is hoping to play Senior Basketball this year. He is also relatively new to the game, having just picked it up in the last year. His game has caught up with his three point shot, which has become a family staple.

"(Mark) only needs to get his head right and he can definitely go far and even go farther than me if he wants," suggests Nathan.

Big brother, meanwhile, will be taking an unexpected turn in his basketball career. Nathan had planned on returning home to play for the hometown Huskies.

A meeting with Greg Jockims, the Huskies coach, gave Nathan a clear indication that with so many returning players he might not see the floor as much as he's used to.

So now he will suit up for Lakeland College this year. He hopes to have another standout year and then have two years of CIS eligibility left.

The next year should give us all a clear indication of where Nathan and Mark's basketball careers are headed. Good luck to both of you.

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Dustin Keshane is the ace of the Saskatchewan Chiefs pitching staff.

(Photo by John Lagimodiere)



Mark Dixon is following in older brother, Nathan's, sneakers as he makes the way up the basketball ladder.



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