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Sathu memories on film

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QUOTE: "As soon as a teacher is passionate about it I think it's contagious."

— Kate Powell, speaking about a trades program at Deninu School in Fort Resolution, page 14.

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NEWS Briefs

Ticho says no to super board

The Ticho Government could take legal action against the federal government if it amalgamates the territory's land and water boards into a super board, says Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus.

As part of the Northwest Territories Devolution Act, Bill C-15, the Gwich'in, Wek'ezhii and Sahtu regional land and water boards would be eliminated from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, according to the federal government. Instead, 11 representatives from each region of the territory would sit on the superboard.

Erasmus said the Ticho Government is against combining the boards and water boards and said legal action is a possibility.

"It could take place down the road," he said of possible legal action. Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus said in a press release that the Dene Nation would support the Ticho Government if they decided to move forward with a lawsuit.

"We are standing together on this to ensure that our future is in our own hands," he said in the release.

— *Kassina Ryder*

Fort Smith website to be redeveloped

The Town of Fort Smith is about to redevelop its website.

"We're looking at upgrading it and making the website a little better," said Mayor Brad Brake.

A contract for the work has already been awarded to Outcrop Communications of Yellowknife.

"One of the things we want to do is try and streamline it and make it a little easier for people to work around," said Brake.

— *Paul Bickford*

Last day of work for Enterprise SAO

Terry Testart, the senior administrator officer (SAO) with the Hamlet of Enterprise, is now the former SAO of the community.

Testart's last day of work with the hamlet was Feb. 7. By mutual agreement, no information is being released on the personnel matter.

No replacement has yet been named for Testart, who had been Enterprise's SAO since January of last year.

— *Paul Bickford*

Student wins scholarship

Lance Gray, a graduate of East Three Secondary School and a first year Bachelor of Science student at the University of Alberta, has won a scholarship worth \$1,500.

Gray, who was also briefly the co-ordinator at the Inuvik Community Greenhouse late last summer, was one of 325 students at the university to be awarded a scholarship in recognition of excellence in academics, fine arts, athletics, and leadership.

— *Shawn Gillick*

Things money can't buy

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Theresa Pierrot, 78, of the Fort Good Hope area pauses last summer to show off the fruits of her labour while drying whitefish and coney at a fish camp on the banks of the Mackenzie River about 15 km north of Fort Good Hope. A new program is looking at ways to adapt traditional skills to modern economy.
 Photo courtesy of Simran Lehal

New project looks to balance traditional and wage economies

by *Kassina Ryder*
 Northern News Services

For more than 73 years, Edward Oudzi has been watching people in the Sahu region find ways to balance the old world with the new. Oudzi lived on the land hunting and trapping before getting his first job doing seasonal labour in communications in the Sahu region. For years, Oudzi balanced his life between hours spent at his job in town with the work he did out on the land.

He said he applied many of the skills he learned on the land while working at his jobs, including when he helped build Delime's first Co-Op Store.

"While I was out on the land I built a cabin and I made it pretty good. After I returned to the settlement at Colville Lake, I helped Brent Brown to build log cabins. I learned a lot from Brent Brown, too," he said.

"If they want healthy workers, then they need to help support the traditional economy."

Betty Harnum

"Generally in the North, in the past it was always considered a dual economy where you have two completely different economies and can one survive if the other is too strong?" she said.

"What's been proven is that these two economies, the traditional and the industrial economy, are actually acting as a mixed economy where many, many people are involved in both."

Harnum said skills learned hunting and trapping are adaptable to the workplace, while trained employees can apply skills learned on the job to challenges faced on the land.

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Skills learned on the job can also be used on the land, such as preparation and how to handle the unexpected.

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Traditional skills

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The Berger Inquiry

Harnum said she is working on the project with two other co-ordinators, Tee Lim with the Pembina Institute and Joe Hanlon with the Sahu Renewable Resources Board. Executive director Deborah Simmons is also helping to guide the research.

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Thank you to Ann Costache who responded to identify the people in last week's archive photo as Grey Nuns Sister Antoinette Cyr, left, Agnus Sutherland, middle, and Sister Dora Durrand, second from right.



Workshops set to start this week

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research and monitoring and future of the North. "I think at that point the people were thinking, well, the traditional economy is rather than allowing them to evolve as things evolve. It will be pushed aside," Simons said. Harnum said part of that evolution means looking at traditional economy was and Berger Inquiry in the 1970s. Information gathered at that time shows a shift in how people thought about traditional economies and the people started to think, people are not willing to give this up and just join an industrialized society."

Workshops begin this week

A workshop is being held in Deline at the Old Mission House from Feb. 11 to 13 to start discussions about traditional economy and what types of traditional activities residents are involved in, as well as to start identifying issues and concerns. Harnum said for example, some people believe it is wrong to sell meat when it traditionally would have been shared, but others believe cash made from selling meat allows harvesters to spend less time at a job earning money to go hunting. "That's one of the dialogues we want to have," Harnum said. Workshops will take place in every Sahu community over the next year with a goal to develop an action plan for women and youth as well.

"We'll look at what sort of resources councils. We want to help them develop an action plan that specifically fits their community with regard to development. We want to support each community to support its own mixed economy. "How do we manage to support people who basically have to keep a foot in both worlds?" Harnum said the Wild-life of the Sahu Region Facebook page is the best place to get up to date information about the project and to leave comments. Any-one interested in attending a workshop can drop in or contact their local renewable resources councils. "We manage to support people who basically have to keep a foot in both worlds?" Harnum said the Wild-life of the Sahu Region Facebook page is the best place to get up to date information about the project and to leave comments. Any-one interested in attending a workshop can drop in or contact their local renewable resources councils.



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Students must have a current Saskatchewan class 5 driver's license and should have a basic knowledge of computer use. The program will be delivered by Parkland College in Yorkton, SK. Registration deadline is March 2, 2014.

Program partners:

- Seeding — Hands-on workshops will be held March 3-5 and April 14-16. There are also 6 online sessions.
- Harvest — Runs July 7 to August 15, 2014
- Spraying and Scouting — Runs May 26 to July 4, 2014



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Colonial attitude persists

Friends, well here we have it — we are finally waking up to what devolution and the newly proposed super board is really all about.

After several years of back and forth and some rather comical legal manoeuvrings, our leaders are beginning to see what it would mean to our Northern communities to continue to go along with these high-handed federal controls of our affairs.

Tiicho Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus puts it best by referring to Canada as now having returned to the "old colonial ways of thinking." Closer to my own region, Sahu's Ethel Blondin-Andrew is also suggesting going the legal route, concluding that the federal government is "not giving us much of a choice."

As for myself I never did like the entire idea of the super board, to basically hand over all of our local responsibilities into the hands of national interests. I

always remember that, as one of my own elderly relatives said when speaking about the church, "people who talk about sharing usually don't have anything to offer."

One of my major concerns about this whole process is how we somehow became so convinced to go ahead with devolution, without even a second thought to our own relatives in the Deh Cho and Akaitcho regions.

Yet again, this is how colonialism and let daddy drive. These two holdout regions have yet to make their land settlements, but we still feel the it's OK to run roughshod over their rights to a just future.

Antoine Mountain is a Dene artist and writer originally from Radlilh Koe / Fort Good Hope. He can be reached at www.antoinemountainarts.com



A MOUNTAIN VIEW

Pilate in this modern-day scenario. He doesn't feel the need to have to take "responsibility" over letting any of the aboriginal bodies know what is really going on in Ottawa. No wonder the three Northern regions were convinced to simply go along with devolution. Finally, what we are also not being told is that no matter what we the average citizens of the North think about all of this, Bill C-15, to do with devolution and the Super Boards, it will very likely be voted in by the Conservative majority. Mahasi, thank you.

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Old Sattu film bittersweet viewing

Jean Michéa's 1957 Shuhtagot'ine footage screened in Tullita and Norman Wells

by Sarah Bradfield

Northern News Services

Sattu

professor Chris Fletcher, of Laval University, indirectly connected him with Michéa. The documentary, titled *Te-cho-ka: Quelques images de Grand Nord* (Several images of the Great North), Norman Wells and the Keele River. He would later visit Tullita Shuhtagot'ine, or Mountain Dene, to travel up the Keele River into the Mackenzie Mountains with his 16mm camera in tow. It wasn't until 1995 that territorial archaeologist Tom Andrews learned about the lost footage and took it upon himself to bring the footage home. For 20 years Andrews searched for both Michéa faces, and several people in the film, and it wasn't until 2007 that contact with Sattu residents.

"I saw a lot of elders that I vaguely remember from childhood"

Jessie Campbell

This story began in 1957, when Michéa came to the NWT to study oil development at Norman Wells. He was an emotional, joyful celebration. People were laughing and were excited to see the film. That I vaguely remember from childhood," she said. "Half of the film is in the mountains walking up the Keele River in the high alpine where they would prepare the moose skin and then come down. The first time I saw my grandparents, passed away a while ago. She was an emotional, quite an experience. Andrews, it was according to his 16mm camera in tow. It wasn't until 1995 that territorial archaeologist Tom Andrews learned about the lost footage and took it upon himself to bring the footage home. For 20 years Andrews searched for both Michéa faces, and several people in the film, and it wasn't until 2007 that contact with Sattu residents.

added Andrews. "It was very much a home movie night." Although Andrews has completed this seemingly impossible task, it was not easy to recover the footage after so many years. In fact, Andrews has not been in direct contact with Michéa, but instead has communicated with him indirectly through a series of chains. "It happened by putting out a bunch of fishing lines. Most of them ended up at dead ends and we were striking possibilities off the list. It was professor Chris Fletcher who tracked down Michéa. He deserves the lion's share of the credit. Technology constrained our search because so much was unsearchable, but it also made it easier for us to connect across vast distances," he said.

Andrews is hoping to continue communicate with Michéa as more footage of the Shuhtagot'ine is still in Michéa's possession. "It's a great feeling to finally have it done. The first time I saw my grandparents, passed away a while ago. She was an emotional, quite an experience. Andrews, it was according to his 16mm camera in tow. It wasn't until 1995 that territorial archaeologist Tom Andrews learned about the lost footage and took it upon himself to bring the footage home. For 20 years Andrews searched for both Michéa faces, and several people in the film, and it wasn't until 2007 that contact with Sattu residents.

critically acclaimed Elmer Iseler Choir begins their southern NWT tour this month beginning with Hay River Feb. 17, Fort Smith Feb. 18, and Fort Simpson Feb. 20. Conducted by Artistic Director Lydia Adams, the twenty-voice professional chamber choir is based in Toronto. Founded by the late Dr. Elmer Iseler in 1979, the Elmer Iseler Singers are one of Canada's most illustrious professional choral ensembles.

Renowned choir to tour communities

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Tiicho public speaking celebration

On Fri. Jan. 10, at the Culture Center, 47 students from four schools proudly shared their Tiicho writing to the public at the bi-annual Speaking Celebration. While several students suffered from stage fright, other students proudly read their work. Another speaking celebration is scheduled for June 13.

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Your Photos Welcomed



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This photo, taken in 1957, was published in Jean Michéa's book, Esquimaux et Indiens du Grand Nord (Esquimos and Indians of the Great North). Michéa documented his time with the Shuhtagot'ine along the Keele River as he travelled along the river into the Mackenzie Mountains to document traditional lifestyle.



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