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The Adam Beach Film Institute opens its doors for the inaugural first class

By Kenneth C. Burns

The pursuit of 'the dream' is brought a little closer to reality with my first day at the Adam Beach Film Institute (ABFI). Film, Television and Media is a fairly hard field to break into let alone doing it as an emerging first-time First Nation's artist. The world of Hollywood, celebrity and excess are the things people dream about in their regular daily lives but are something that I am actually trying to achieve as I continue with my education.

Last year I began writing for Grassroots News & Views and my first article was about a program I graduated from called the Nu Media

Program. That program, which is now touring Manitoba with co-founder Jordan Molaro and actor Kyle Nobess (Mohawk Girls, Curse of Chucky), is teaching the same course about how to make films, except now their classes are on the road for the youths in northern First Nation Communities. The program and its creator, my mentor and now good friend Jordan Molaro, have taught me a lot in the past year and I have grown from an amateur web content creator to fully fledged filmmaker thanks to Jordan's guidance.

Back in 2012, famous actor Adam Beach, along with Jim Compton, Jeremy Torrie and a few others,

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Ken Burns, Adam Beach & Allison Campeau in front of the Adam Beach Film Institute on Nov. 23rd during the Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival.

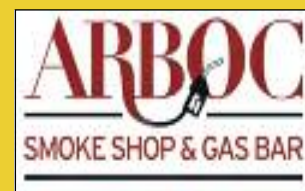
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set out to create the nation's first aboriginal run, taught and schooled FN establishment where creative young minds would come and hone their abilities by being instructed in the technical aspects of filmmaking and story-telling. After 3 years, and the purchase of the Ellice-now-Bandwidth Theater located at 585 Ellice Ave. in Winnipeg's west end, the trio is off to a great start.

The students, me included, spent the first morning getting to know each other, learning names and where we are from. Jim then organizes a traditional ceremony welcoming the group of students to what will be our home for the next few months. We are told a story by Jim about a painting that watches over us as he touches on the origins of the Peace Pipe, the smudge and the offerings of berries, and then we pray. I feel invigorated as the scent of sage fills the air and Jim sings a song on his drum. Noon has come too soon as we are told after the ceremony has commenced that we can return after lunch.

As the afternoon comes, we are treated to a screening of a documentary and I am impressed at the screen, sound and feel of the vaudeville style theatre we view the film in. The theatre is open to the public for viewings from 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 depending on the run time of any particular film being screened. Price of admission is very reasonable (\$5.00) and I begin planning to attend shows with friends and family weekly.

When the film ends, the group is told that Adam is about to land from Los Angeles and will be arriving within the hour. While most of us have other things planned, we sit and wait for the local and international celebrity to arrive. True to his word he enters one hour later.

Adam Ruben Beach (also his Twitter handle) is a native of Lake Manitoba/Dog Creek Reservation on Lake Winnipeg as well as Winnipeg's West End

where he spent his formative years attending Gordon Bell High School and the Manitoba's Theatre for Young People. Like a lot of other First Nation youth who grew up in the 90's and new millennia, we know of this artist and icon as a hero of ours who we all aspire to be like. The actor is known for his roles in Arctic Air, Windtalkers, Flags of Our Fathers, Dance Me Outside, Mystery Alaska, Squanto, Cowboys and Indians: The J.J Harper Story and arguably his best and most infamous role as Victor Joseph in Smoke Signals. Mr. Beach is the charming, funny, kind-hearted man one would hope he would be but he is not without the trademark First Nations cheekiness so many in his shoes would shed in lieu of ego.

"My ultimate goal... I want everyone's dream to come true", Adam says about the goal and future for the ABFI, which is well on its way to bolstering footholds as a newly recognized avenue for creative minds to come together and realize and nourish their potential. The vast auditorium is filled with laughter as he makes jokes but the group hushes quickly as he delivers his sincere, serious message to me and everyone else listening intently to the charismatic 42 year old thespian.

Adam plans to continue incubating the collective's talent long after the course has ended. His plan is on-going; making productions for us, so that we have a calling card. We are to shoot on Red camera's which are the pinnacle of independent and Hollywood-class cinema alike. The films will then be edited on an Avid editing system and are expected to be shown at the 2015 Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival being held in November.

Adam wants to make an all-First Nations equivalent of Disney as we continue on our journey together towards a future as emerging creative minds working on projects to stimulate the FN entertainment industry. The ABFI is a game changer which I am glad to be a part of.

How do we

by Don Marks

Race relations in North America have been in constant conflict since white people came here. Indigenous people had to deal with the colonization that Europeans imposed on their lives. This was quickly followed by strife between the colonizers and the black people they brought over here to serve as slaves.

Oppressed groups are constantly searching for the right way to resolve racial conflict. Recent incidents of police shooting young men of color have taken place on both sides of the border and has escalated the need for resolution. Perhaps some answers might be found by revisiting and comparing the ways minority groups have tried to achieve racial equality in the past.

For the first few centuries, indigenous people were powerless to fend off the superior technology, (transl: weaponry/firepower) of the white man. Even when preachers came in peace and had their religious messages politely rejected, the number of indigenous people was drastically reduced by diseases the natives had no immunity to. The next time those preachers came around, they had great medicine and power.

Black people had little recourse either. Slaves had the same rights as farm ani-

mals and could be killed for any perceived indiscretion. This was supposed to change with the Emancipation Proclamation abolishing slavery but Jim Crow laws were developed to enforce segregation, keep blacks from voting, using the same washrooms as whites, eating at the same lunch counters and forced them to the back of the bus.

As for indigenous people in Canada, treaties were signed to govern race relations but they were broken constantly. With Indians confined to reserves that they couldn't leave without a pass, without the right to vote, and forced to attend Indian Residential Schools where their language, culture and spirituality were suppressed, there was little organized mass movement to try and improve race relations in this country.

But the sovereignty of First Nations was kept alive in the hearts and minds of Elders who passed this knowledge on through their oral traditions.

Then came the 1950s and 60s and the beginnings of the protest movement. First Nation leaders like Dave Courchene Sr. of Sagkeeng First Nation, Harold Cardinal of Alberta and Noel Starblanket and Marion Ironquill Meadmore out of the File Hills area of Saskatchewan spoke about the self-government the Elders had passed on to them. They were instrumental in forming the National Indian Broth-



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deal with race relations?

erhood (forerunner of the Assembly of First Nations) - a political lobbying group to deal with race relations in Canada.

In the U.S., the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) developed a stronger voice, then charismatic and forceful leaders like Martin

Luther King Jr. took charge of the battle to improve race relations. Their methods are especially important in determining how to deal with race relations in 2015.

King Jr. advocated "non-violent civil disobedience". Sometimes this meant breaking those Jim Crow laws but as Congress

of Racial Equality (CORE) founder James Farmer maintained, "An unjust law is no law at all."

King's first victory in equalizing race relations came from a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat in

the front of the bus to a white man. Most of the people who used the bus lines in Montgomery were black, so when they started walking and car pooling, the bus companies began to go broke. Blacks compounded that economic hit by refusing to shop at white businesses. The black population had found an effective way to force white people to look at problems between the two races.

King's non-violent approach continued to be effective because he could count on extremely violent southern law enforcement officials like Bull Connor and Bill Clarke to provide disturbing photos of police using fire hoses (which could rip the bark off trees), to send peaceful demonstrators, including women and children, tumbling down the street. If Clarke couldn't keep black people in line by jabbing them in the back with his cattle prod, his police force would sic their wild, snarling, barking and biting German Shepard dogs on fleeing blacks; some of whom ended up trampled by horses that were charging through the crowds.

King's tactics were extremely effective in getting "liberal" Democrat John F. Kennedy to live up to the promises he made about civil rights legislation. Kennedy was more interested in global politics but he found it hard to advance the cause of capitalism

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when Soviet Union leader Nikita Krushchev and his ally Fidel Castro of Cuba could hold up newspaper pictures revealing the cruelties being inflicted on American citizens by Kennedy's "capitalist paradise".

Race relations really began to be taken seriously when this new invention, television, carried live pictures of the people on the front lines of King's non-violent approach. Can you imagine how much courage it takes, and the sympathy it creates, when a young, black student doesn't retaliate when a southern redneck throws a full pot of scalding coffee in their face while others are being spat upon or beaten with clubs just for sitting in a white section of a restaurant?

Buses used by Freedom Riders were set on fire forcing peaceful demonstrators to flee the flames outside only to be greeted by clubs wielded by white savages. It all culminated in a "March of Washington" where King, who had overheard a white woman say to a black woman, "I have a dream that someday my children will join hands with your children in friendship", gave a speech that eventually resulted in the American Civil Rights Act.

Yet Viola Liuzzo, a white civil rights worker, was murdered that same night for driving some black men home, and four young black girls were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham just 18 days later.

Some questioned just how effective non-violent civil disobedience can be. Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam were talking about racial equality "by any means necessary".

Before, and especially after King was assassinated, blacks took to the streets with riots that burned down blocks of major cities and widespread looting took place. The message went out that blacks were angry and more than willing to turn to violence.

The Black Panthers political party tried to temper that message with freedom schools and breakfast programs but radical elements fueled by FBI infiltration and propaganda did a good job at discrediting that movement.

Moderate black leaders maintained that all they want is social and economic equality, or the opportunity for that, however it could be achieved, whether it be through affirmative action, investment in black enterprise or many other ideas that were being advanced politically. Sheer numbers and grassroots organizing opened the doors to the Mayor's office in major cities like Cleveland, Washington and Los Angeles, and seats in Congress and the Senate.

Meanwhile in Canada, peaceful protests and negotiations to improve housing, education, employment, socioeconomic development achieved scattered results at a glacial pace. When the Ojibway Warrior Society got tired of finding discarded beer bottles and chip bags around sites where the bodies of intoxicated Indians had been cut in half by railroad trains in Kenora, they occupied Anicinabe Park - a popular tourist spot. Since then, Canada has experienced scattered

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railway and road blockades and the high profile incidents at Oka and Ipperwash.

And now both countries are starting to deal with the tip of a spear rising out of centuries of racial injustice.

Police on both sides of the border have been accused of using excessive force against unarmed young men of colour. Michael Brown was gunned down in

while surrendering with his arms raised in front of a packed baseball stadium, including plenty of children.

First Nations in Canada have relied mostly on the court system to deliver justice while blacks in the United States seem to have taken to rioting, setting fires, over-turning cars, smashing windows and looting.

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At the other end which may have reached the extreme level, some blacks in the U.S. have advocated segregation by turning the former 12 old confederate states over to black control. Others say go back to Africa but Liberia, with its capital named after an American president (Monrovia), has been a nightmarish failure.



front of witnesses in broad daylight in Ferguson, Missouri and a movie was made out of a similar incident at Fruitvale Station in Oakland. Here in Winnipeg, we had Mathew Dumas dying with a screwdriver in his hand surrounded by six cops with guns drawn and then Evan Cromarty in Norway House taking multiple shots from RCMP

which inconvenience motorists at worst.

But what do we really need to do to improve race relations in Canada and the United States?

On the front lines, there are various proposals to provide cultural awareness to law enforcement officials and to introduce courses in First Nations history, culture and contributions to the development of

Pass new laws? More civil disobedience? Violent protests? Revolution?

Should First Nations in Canada take their case to the United Nations and try to shame this country into better race relations by citing numerous reports of third world conditions here from Amnesty international?

It is going to take a lot more thought and work to figure this one out.

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Winnipeg to host next major meeting on missing and murdered aboriginal women

by Don Marks



The root cause of family breakdown and dysfunction is poverty and the way to break that cycle can be found by talking to the people who are most directly affected by it. Again, the AMC is trying to find firsthand, realistic answers to the question of what needs to be done to break the cycle of poverty and move forward with more positive outcomes.

Everybody knows that a lot of time, energy and resources need to be expended to reverse trends which have become multi-generational and ingrained. The place to start is with the family unit - to make sure that poverty doesn't deny the needs of a child at an early age.

The child's parents may be struggling. They may be coping with the multi-generational impacts from the Indian Residential School system and require remedial education, counselling, training, employment and those indigenous values which instil the proper way to raise a child and maintain a household.

Meanwhile, the child would benefit from pre-school programs like Aboriginal Head Start, social and recreational activities which parents cannot afford, basic things which all families require which can be made more relevant and effective by incorporating indigenous values throughout the family and child care system. In order to get things right and up to date, the AMC is revisiting those families who are most directly affected by the cycle of poverty and finding out what really needs to be done to assist them to function in a caring and sharing way.

The roundtable is mounting a public awareness program and a second roundtable next year. It is hoped that this isn't just putting off what really needs to be done - a comprehensive look at the reasons why the numbers of murdered and missing aboriginal women are so high and finding real, effective solutions to bring those numbers way down (indigenous women make up 4.3 per cent of Canada's population, but account for 16 per cent of female homicides and 11.3 per cent of missing women).

And that means there are a lot of people we cannot talk to because they have gotten away with murder. Perhaps the perpetrators of these heinous crimes that have been caught will provide valuable information and most definitely, a lot of work needs to be done to determine how we can prevent women from going missing and being murdered in our society. Credit First Nations for trying to deal with the situations they can and let's all work together to find the cause and the cure for the disproportionate number of aboriginal women being victimized in this way overall.

There are still many people who claim that an Inquiry will be a waste of money because it won't tell us anything new. They claim that the money would be better spent on existing programs to deal with the situation yet Amnesty International released a study last week saying the federal government ignored 700 recommendations from many studies on how to reduce the number of missing and murdered aboriginal

women. AMC is saying that the existing studies haven't been talking to the right people and the approaches that have been taken have not had much input from the people most directly affected and the recommendations that are currently being offered are mostly absent of indigenous culture and values.

The roundtable was to focus on prevention and awareness, community safety, policing and justice responses. These are certainly important considerations but the heart of the matter will require different approaches and a much greater effort; a national inquiry. At this stage, commitments have been made for another meeting and another roundtable.

If there has been any progress, the value of an aboriginal woman's life is now much more appreciated than it was during previous decades when police forces failed to apply adequate resources towards investigating cases of missing and murdered aboriginal women and were too quick to close files. The public attention which has been created about this issue has made this tragedy a priority for law enforcement, some governments and the Canadian public.

The priority moving forward must be to reduce the socio-economic disparity between mainstream Canadian society and First Nations. As Bernadette Smith said, a lot of the discussion at the roundtable was on work already being done but she said clearly what's being done isn't working because more women are being killed or disappearing all the time.

The quest to find the cause and the cure for the tragically disproportionate number of missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada was discussed at a roundtable meeting in Ottawa last week and the next major move will be a meeting between justice officials and police and the families of victims to take place later this year in Winnipeg. Meanwhile, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continues to try and implement its' "Families First" strategy to deal with this ongoing tragedy.

It is difficult to determine what progress came out of the roundtable. Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, one of only two Premiers to attend the roundtable, proclaimed that "the dialogue has started", which would seem to be something that should have begun a long time ago, and Bernadette Smith, sister of Claudette Osborne who has been missing since 2008, was quoted as saying there was nothing that took place at the roundtable that made her go "Woohoo!". Others were overheard to say "It was a roundtable. We went round and round and..."

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde maintained the focus on the need for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women by calling the roundtable a step in the process, but the Harper government has rejected all calls for such an inquiry so far. Scheduling more meetings and another roundtable could be seen as delaying tactics to slow down momentum for an inquiry.

The AMC has been rightfully claiming that the victims, if found, the families of victims and those who cause the damage are the starting point for determining why things are the way they are. The AMC has been conducting research by visiting and interviewing families first despite the fact finding for their initiative is scarce. The AMC also wants to incorporate indigenous values, culture, traditions and lifestyle into the family and child service system.

16-year-old Rhinelle Harper, who was assaulted and left for dead by the Red River in Winnipeg, rightfully attended the roundtable, but because her attackers are believed to be aboriginal, this provided an opportunity for some to try and lay the entire blame for missing and murdered women on the aboriginal community. First Nations leaders are well aware that dysfunction within their own communities is a major concern and have made it a priority to determine what can be done to reduce the incidents of violence amongst aboriginal people.



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You can't spell "damage" without "dam"

by Don Marks

"Every time they make a dam up north it has an impact on the water levels down south," says Chief Frank Abraham of Black River First Nation.

"And the impact on our community has been disastrous."

"Black River has gone from an independent community in the 1950s to a community that is dependent on others for too many things and we need to change things back to the way they were," says Chief Abraham.

Chief Abraham blames Manitoba Hydro for rising water levels in Lake Winnipeg which has caused Black River to lose valuable crop and hay lands which provided incomes and employment for his community. The damage ranges from economic to social and recreational.

"We used to enjoy a beach that was 500 to 1,000 feet deep during the 50s," Abraham says. "Now we're lucky is we can find 15 feet of beach for our community members to enjoy."

The rising waters has caused the entire community to re-locate inland on less favorable lands.

"We lost 20 homes and that is a big reduction in housing stock for a small community like ours."

Black River wants compensation for the loss of land, housing, incomes and amenities and they have been making their case to Manitoba hydro since 1958 when the impact of rising water levels started to become obvious. Their battle continues as the Clean Environment Commission has been holding hearings about the matter, including a decision whether or not to renew the licence

Hydro holds to regulate the water levels.

"We made our community presentation on February 10th," said Chief Abraham. "Our Elders provided their best recollection of how things used to be and some of the women from our community let the hearings know how taking away the beach and clear water for swimming affects our kids."

People used to be able to drink water straight from the lake," Abraham went on to say, before mentioning how wild rice picking along the rivers is basically gone as well.

"Black River has lost a lot of land which is now underwater. We have two islands off shore now that used to be connected to our community."

Abraham's wife was able to make a video of land breaking away from shore and drifting away as evidence of the continuing erosion of Black River's land base.

"We will be opposing any application by Manitoba Hydro for a new licence to regulate the water levels in Lake Winnipeg, that's for sure," said Chief Abraham. "We are also going to undertake traditional knowledge studies to determine the impact of other Hydro moves like putting in a new transmission line down the east side of Lake Winnipeg to send power to Minnesota."

A traditional knowledge study examines what the people of the community have done and continue to do in traditional territories and then tries to determine what the impact of new developments will have on those activities.

Abraham acknowledges you can't spell the word "damage" without using "dam". The major problem is they keep building dams up north but "they don't tell you anything or consult with you" and the community ends up trying to deal with the.. damage.

It has been a common complaint by First Nations throughout Canada. Communities like Black River First Nation were relatively independent in the 1950s and then environmental impacts of modern developments bring changes which disrupt or destroy the social and economic activity of the community. But governments and their crown corporations like Manitoba Hydro refuse to take blame for the destruction and the community is denied the compensation it needs to rebuild or revise the socioeconomic structure which supported its previous way of life and independence.

It is almost comical if it wasn't so tragic, as Abraham explains, recalling a time when

the water in Lake Winnipeg was clear enough to see through 15 to 20 feet.

"Some folks would step out of their boats thinking the bottom was right there shallow but they'd get a surprise dunking in water that was deeper than it appeared."

That was the 1950s, when Lake Winnipeg wasn't so much wider as it is today.

"Wider means more shallow and that stirs up the sediment and creates a more murky water," says Abraham. "So you can't see the bottom unless you are in very shallow water."

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President's Message

Two weeks ago, I was in Cormorant, The Pas, and Barrows to meet with trappers, and the families of trappers, who commercially trapped as license-holders or badge-holders in the Summerberry Fur Block from 1940 to 1964. As you may recall from previous updates on the Summerberry negotiations, the commercial trapping livelihood was destroyed in the 1960's when the rising waters of the Grand Rapids Hydro-electric Dam flooded the Marsh and destroyed much of the muskrat habitat.

Starting back about 75 years ago, the Marsh was one of the World's best muskrat trapping areas. The Manitoba Government ran the Summerberry Fur Block like a business. All the furs caught by the trappers were given to the government for sale and, along with stipends, the trappers shared in the commercial market success. The Grand Rapids Dam's flooding of the Marsh brought this to an end nearly 50 years ago.

Many of the Summerberry's trappers were from five "core" communities: Grand Rapids; Easterville; Moose Lake; Cormorant; and The Pas. In addition to these, other trappers were invited to participate from places like Camperville, Duck Bay, Barrows and elsewhere. The group outside the "core" was made up of what has been called the "invited" communities.

I had earlier negotiated an agreement for compensating the commercial trappers from the two "invited" communities of Camperville and Duck Bay. In that agreement just over 170 trappers, those living and those who had passed on, were represented. In the end, nearly

700 cheques were issued to the beneficiaries of the agreement. Those beneficiaries were the trappers themselves or their surviving spouses or children.

The Summerberry trappers, now Elders, from Cormorant, The Pas, and Barrows had heard of the work we had done on successfully resolving the compensation claim for Camperville and Duck Bay. They approached me to ask if I could help in getting compensation for their Summerberry trapping losses and if I could lead the negotiations on behalf of the trappers and their families. I want to thank them for requesting that I assist as the MMF President. I am honoured that they asked me.

For nearly 50 years the trappers waited for justice. Sadly, because of the delay, many trappers died without any recognition of their losses. Before starting our negotiations two years ago, there had been little done towards compensating the commercial trappers of Cormorant, The Pas, and Barrows, and others, who had lost their trapping livelihood in the Summerberry Fur Block. Their wait is coming to an end. Having received their approvals at our recent meetings, I am pleased to say we are very close to concluding an agreement.

Reaching these agreements take time. I have been told that the Primrose trappers' compensation negotiations took over 10 years. We have been able to do this in 2 years. The 50 years of injustice and the age of the remaining trappers, some being more than 80 years old, mandated that we move without delay. Our agreement details are now being finalized while the legal paper-

work is being done. After a half-century our Metis trappers' hardships will finally be recognized.

I have been asked by Manitoba Hydro to extend our agreement to cover those from other communities who trapped commercially in the Summerberry. There are now over 1,100 names on the trappers list to be compensated. These trappers are from all over northern Manitoba and even from the south part of the province. These include Metis and Non-Metis trappers, such as those who were once Metis and now status, as well as other Manitobans. We are pleased we are able to work with Hydro to ensure all trappers are compensated.

I again want to offer my gratitude to the trappers and their families for their belief in my ability to reach this agreement. I wish to thank the Elders Committees led by Ron Fenner, Ovid Lavallee, and Fred Boucher. Much success is due to them and a great team that also I want to thank: MMF Vice President Judy Mayer and MMF Minister Jack Park as well as Marc LeClair, Marci Riordan, Jolene Mayer, and Al Benoit, and our other technical support. I also recognize and thank Manitoba Hydro President and CEO Scott Thomson, and Vice President Ruth Kristjanson for making this agreement possible.

I offer prayers and condolences for all who have lost a family and friends. Please pray for the good health of those who are sick or shut-in. I ask that you give each other a hug. Best wishes to all.

Believe in yourself – Believe in Metis!
Meeqwetch,

 President David Chartrand, LL.D

Le Metis – The Voice of the Metis

Recently the Communications team at the Manitoba Metis Federation undertook a journey of discovery into the roots of Le Metis. We began our quest at the Centre du patrimoine/St Boniface Historical Society located in the heart of historic Saint-Boniface. Here we found a treasure trove of historical artifacts and documents of the Metis people in Western Canada.

During our visit we had the privilege of meeting the Centre's Executive Director, Mr. Gilles Lesage, who was kind enough to provide us with a tour. He showed us such rarities as a hand written letter by Louis Riel in which he instructs Reverend Joseph-Noël Ritchot

to inform the Canadian government that he desires the new province he founded be called "Manitoba".

However, our primary reason for this visit was to learn about the original incarnation of Le Metis. We discovered Le Metis was first published by Joseph Royal on May 27, 1871. The lead article declared the newspaper would "defend the good cause...based upon the eternal principles of right and justice."

Le Metis primarily concerned itself with the Metis community and defence of Metis land rights. For many, it was the only source of information for people living in the Red River Valley and the North West.

Le Metis was published every week until its last issue on September 29, 1881 when it was succeeded by Le Manitoba. The execution of Louis Riel on November 16, 1886 was covered extensively by Le Manitoba. Mr. Lesage pointed out to us how each page and column in this issue was bordered with black as an acknowledgement that a great and important leader had died.

Just as the original Le Metis declared in 1871 it would strive to defend the good cause of right and justice, Le Metis today is dedicated to

acknowledging, advancing and defending the rights of Metis citizens.

Issues of the first Le Metis can be found at the Centre du patrimoine/St Boniface Historical Society in Saint-Boniface. You may also read issues online at:

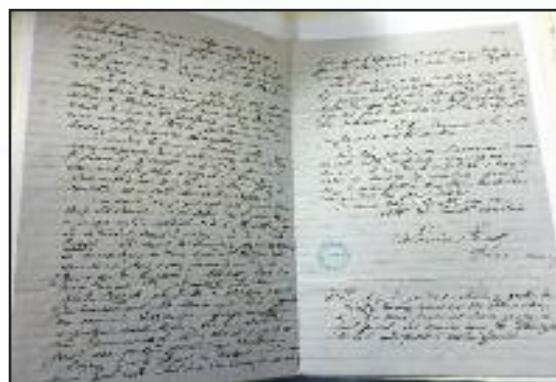
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And as always, the current version of Le Metis can be found online at the Manitoba Metis Federation's website

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Headline of the premier issue of Le Metis, May 27, 1881.



Handwritten letter by Louis Riel suggesting new province be named Manitoba.



Gilles Lesage of the Centre du patrimoine points out black borders around the Le Manitoba coverage of the execution of Metis leader and founder of Manitoba, Louis Riel.

Health Care Aide Training Opportunity

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tions present, with grandfathers and grandsons proudly showing pictures of their latest ice fishing adventures.

All in all, it was a pleasant and family oriented evening. With both Board members on hand, John Fleury and Will Goodon, in addition to VP LaPlante, the night was a good time to discuss many issues, including some of the points facing Metis hunters and harvesters in Manitoba.

Last week, the Westman MMF Local of the Southwest Region hosted their 11th annual Wild Meat Dinner. As it was a potluck affair, members brought foods that reflected their Metis heritage and the wild meat and foods that they harvested and cooked.

"We were very happy with the turnout," said Rick Beam, who serves the local as Vice Chair. "And the food was outstanding. Our members are very proud to celebrate our culture in this way. Plus this is our way of giving back to each other."

The different types of food was too long to be able to mention them all but the swiss steak Elk, the moose sausage in sweet chili sauce and the elk meatballs in mushroom gravy were all big hits. The sweets were also a die for, with the rice pudding being declared a big favourite by many attendees.

"We ask each of our locals in the South-

west Region to put on at least one unique event that they can call their own," said Southwest Vice President Leah LaPlante. "Westman has been doing such a great job on this dinner for many years. The food is great but it is so nice to see the pride our people have in being a part of our Metis Nation."

One of the members spends a great deal of time working in his old time town, a scale model of a small town in the early days of the Metis. He even donated a scale trapper's cabin made out of logs, complete with furs, firewood and even a small frying pan hanging on the

wall. The cabin is being raffled off to raise funds for the different activities of the local.

Displays complete with furs, antlers and other trophies were also at this event. And it was very heartening to see all the genera-

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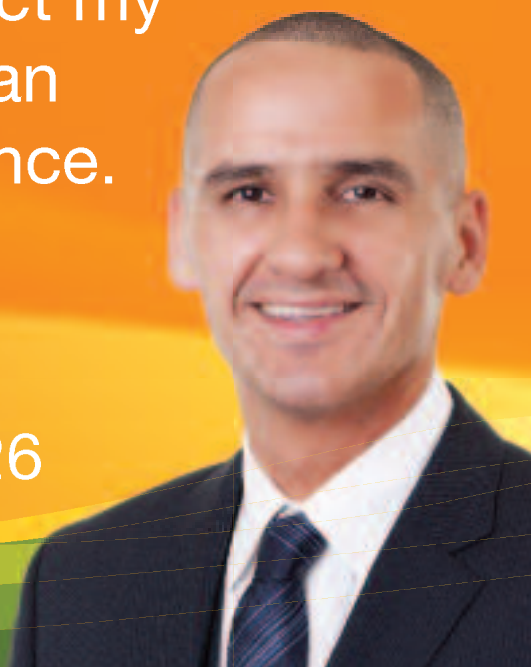
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Scott's Notes

By Scott Taylor

Peguis and OCN Storm Into Second Round of KJHL Playoffs

By Scott Taylor



It's a guarantee. There will be one First Nation's team in the Keystone Junior B Hockey League's championship final.

During the first week of March, both the OCN Storm and Peguis Juniors reached the KJHL semifinals.



Tanner Koroscil, OCN Storm

The Storm provided the biggest upset. After finishing the regular season with a record of 19-13-0-0 and in fifth place in the standings, the Storm took out the fourth-place (20-11-0-1) North Winnipeg Satellites three-games-to-one to win the best-of-five quarterfinal.

Former Yellowhead Chiefs star Tanner Koroscil was the star of the deciding game with

three goals and an assist while Maxwell Shoo and Tinoshi Mizushima each had a goal and two assists.

Meanwhile, the second place Peguis Juniors (22-9-0-1) took out the seventh-place Norway House North Stars three-games-to-one with a 2-1 win in the deciding game at Norway House on March 1. Jesse Flett scored the eventual winning goal that sent the 2013 KJHL champion Juniors into the semifinal round.

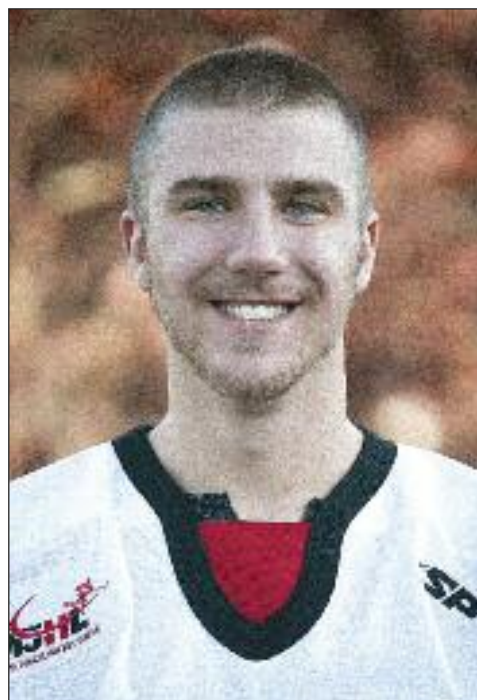
So this week, the second round of the KJHL playoffs begin with defending champion Selkirk against St. Malo and the two First Nations' teams Peguis and OCN going to head-head.

Regardless of what happens in this next round, a First Nation's team will reach the final.

WAYWAYSEECAPPO REACHES MJHL QUARTERFINALS

It had not been an easy season for Barry Butler's Waywayseecappo Wolverines, but his team of young players responded with a huge Survivor Series playoff victory over the Dauphin Kings.

On Saturday night in Dauphin, George Splichal, Matthew Miller and Neil Woolfrey



George Splichal, Waywayseecappo Wolverines

each had a goal and an assist as they led the Wolverines to a 5-3 victory over the Kings and 2-0 win in the best-of-three Survivor Series.

In the other game, Adam Wowryk scored five goals to lead the Selkirk Steelers past the OCN Blizzard 7-5. That win gave Selkirk a 2-0 sweep in its Survivor Series with OCN.

For Wayway, it was a huge victory. The Wolverines finished the regular season with a mark of 24-31-5, good enough for eighth in the 11-team MJHL. However, in the playoff series, the Wolverines might have played their best hockey of the season.

In Game 1 of the series, Splichal scored at 3:55 of overtime to give the Wolverines a 3-2 win. Splichal finished with a goal and an assist and now has four points in the post-season.

Reality will now set on for Waywayseecappo. Their next opponent is the No. 1-ranked team in Canada, the Portage Terriers. Portage finished the regular season in first place in the MJHL with a remarkable record of 53-3-4.

The MJHL quarterfinals begin on Wednesday night with Swan Valley at Winnipeg and Virden at Winkler.

KEEPER NAMED MJHL D-MAN OF THE MONTH

Team Manitoba head coach Kevin Monkman loves Brady Keeper. In fact, Monkman called Keeper one of the best players on his roster at last year's National Aboriginal Hockey Championship.



Brady Keeper, OCN Blizzard

This season, Keeper has certainly made the jump from the Manitoba Triple A Midget Hockey League to the Manitoba Junior Hockey League with a great deal of confidence.

Keeper, who was the second leading scorer for the rebuilding OCN Blizzard this season, was

named the MJHL's defenseman of the month for February. The 18-year-old rookie from Cross Lake also contributed offensively for the Blizzard with five goals and 12 points in 12 games.

Keeper finished the 2014-15 season with 13 goals and 41 points in 54 points and helped OCN reach the MJHL's Survivor Series.

CROSS LAKE STAR NAMED MJHL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Robert Briem of the Waywayseecappo Wolverines has been named this week's Recycle Everywhere MJHL Player of the Week.

The 19-year-old forward who played his midget hockey in Thompson, a former member of Team Manitoba at the National Aboriginal



Robert Briem, Waywayseecappo Wolverines

Hockey Championship, displayed his scoring prowess by recording three goals and seven points in four games for the Wolverines.

Briem, who hails from Cross Lake, finished second in scoring with the Wolverines. He had 23 goals and 40 points in 54 games (42nd overall in the MJHL). He's been particularly effective while on the power play, with 13 goals during the man advantage.

The runners up were another former Team

Manitoba star, 18-year-old defenseman Brady Keeper of the OCN Blizzard, along with 20-year-old goaltender Teagan Sacher of the Selkirk Steelers.

ONTARIO TO BID ON 2017 NAIG

The 2017 North American Indigenous Games are beginning to heat up.

NAIG Council Coordinator Norm Ettawacappo from Winnipeg has received a letter of intent to bid on the 2017 North American Indigenous Games from the Aboriginal Sport & Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO). ASWCO has identified Toronto, Ontario, Canada as the host candidate city for the 2017 NAIG.

According to a written statement from Ettawacappo's office, "The letter from ASWCO's Chair, Marc Laliberte and Executive Director, Stephen Kwinter was received on Jan. 30, 2015. No other letters of intent were received by NAIG Council as of Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015. Accordingly, ASWCO has been declared the sole bidder for the 2017 NAIG."

The NAIG Council has formally acknowledged receipt of the letter and advised ASWCO about the preparation and submission of a bid package, which is required by April 2, 2015. The bid package will

contain detailed information on the governance and management of a Host Society – the organization established for the purposes of planning and delivering the 2017 NAIG.

"The package will also contain an overview of their proposed operating budget, venues, and sport and cultural program," Ettawacappo wrote.

"It's exciting to have ASWCO step forward and express their desire to bring the 2017 North American Indigenous Games to Toronto, Ontario" said Rick Brant, President of the NAIG Council. "Their vision of hosting these extraordinary games in Ontario demonstrates their commitment to the NAIG movement and their continued leadership in the area of Aboriginal sport development."

The North American Indigenous Games was created to improve the quality of life for Indigenous Peoples by supporting self-determined sports and cultural activities which encourage equal access to participation in the social/cultural fabric of the community they reside and which respects Indigenous distinctiveness.

The recent 2014 NAIG attracted more than 4,000 participants to Regina last summer. As well, hundreds of volunteers, spectators, sponsors and other supporters were involved in the seven-day event.

2015 MASRC 2002 NAIG LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Mel Whitesell, the executive director of the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Council has announced that applications are now on the MASRC website for the 2015 MASRC 2002 NAIG Legacy Scholarships. Scholarships are available for both Athletes and Coaches.

The 2002 NAIG Legacy Scholarships were created through the generosity of the 2002 North American Indigenous Games Legacies. The 16 Athlete Scholarships of \$500 each are awarded yearly to High School graduating Aboriginal athletes in Manitoba who have shown athletic leadership in Manitoba's amateur sport community through well rounded participation as an athlete, as well as on academic standing, and other school and community related activities.

The two Coach Scholarships (one male and one female) are awarded each year to two Aboriginal coaches in Manitoba who have shown outstanding coaching leadership in Manitoba's amateur sport community, as well as on academic standing and other school and community related activities. They are also \$500 each.

For more information on the scholarships, please email:

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UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR ASC'S NEW MISSION

After an intensive three-day session, representatives from Canada's Provincial and Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies expressed unanimous support for the restructuring and transformative actions taken by the Aboriginal Sport Circle.

Chairperson and former Olympian Alwyn Morris, announced a renewed vision and purpose after the election of a new national Board of Directors.

With its expanded mission of advancing the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people through sport, recreation and physical activity, the membership conducted a consensus building process that led to the approval of a new strategic plan. The plan encompasses a series of national priorities and scope of activities that the organization will undertake over the next five years.

One of the current focal points of the organization is the creation of an Aboriginal Long Term Participant Development Model, a life-long approach to sport participation. Working with Canadian Sport For Life, the project will modify the existing Long Term Athlete Development Model to ensure that it is culturally appropriate and relevant to Aboriginal people.

"Expertise, dedication, and passion are the



Former Olympian Alwyn Morris

hallmark of our Board of Directors and membership," said newly elected Vice-Chair, Sandra Roach in a written statement "The ASC has a bright future. We are excited about our expanded focus on physical activity and the new strategic plan that will ensure the success of our national programs."

The ASC is responsible for a number of national programs including the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. The 2015 NAHC will be held in Halifax, from April 22 to May 2, 2015.

The Aboriginal Sport Circle is a member-based, not-for-profit organization. Formed by the Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies of Canada, the ASC serves as the national voice for Aboriginal sport, recreation and physical activity.

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Coming soon- First day of spring !!

I was eating again at Elsie Bear's Kitchen when I spotted Al Desjarlais and Sylvia, Gail and Jackie. I like the french fries and the cheeseburger. It's the place to go - they specialize in Aboriginal and Métis food and catering city-wide in Winnipeg.



It was just minutes before lunch hour! Natasha Spence was meeting with Linda Desmarais on the top floor at Manitoba Metis Federation. I noticed she was reading Coyote's Corner and I asked if they both would like to take a picture too!! Miigwech Thank You !!



Kandace McKenzie, Stephanie Fenner and Melissa Lorentz, would like to wish everyone a wonderful day and Happy International Women's Day, coming from the ladies at Manitoba Metis Federation in Winnipeg.



Cathy Knowles says she is glad the weather is so nice out there !! I was checking the mail for Grassroots News and that's when I asked her what's she is doing at the receptionist desk. "Well I am working right now until Linda gets back from her lunch break!"



I arrived on Day 3 and I missed out!! Here is a photo of EXPO North student taking in Big Daddy Tazz' speech, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. Well, I am glad that the event went good and I heard there is an EXPO South coming soon.

Photo credit: Sarah J. Piercy



Here is a picture of EXPO North student in the Exhibit space at TRCC, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015. It's a really nice space and a great facility to host gatherings and conferences too!!

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CAT Simulator representative was discussing how heavy equipment operates in a "real life scenario" with EXPO North students. There were a lot of students interested in the courses that were available.

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A big Thank You for submitting photos from MHCA. EXPO North Student was in Thompson last week, sitting in the chair and testing-out the CAT heavy equipment simulator.

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EXPO North Flagperson Certification student, completing their outdoor practicum Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015.

When I was there, I saw the room filled with students and organizations and representatives from all over Manitoba south east west and north!!

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'Krantz Deserves Athlete of the Year Designation,' Pirnie

By Scott Taylor

In late February, Justin Krantz from Goose Lake, Man., was named co-winner of the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council's 2014 Athlete of the Year Award.

According to his coach, the former Olympic thrower and now one of the leading throws coaches in the country, Bruce Pirnie, "Justin is certainly deserving of his award."

"He's a great kid," said Pirnie, a Canadian track and field legend at 72, who still coaches Krantz along with the other throwers at the University of Manitoba. "He's from Goose Lake and was a high school champion. He'd come into the city and train with us. He's just such a really good athlete."

"He's really had a great year considering he lost his grandfather and then his father. He's overcome a lot adversity. Still, he went to Quebec to compete in the junior division of the Canadian Indoor Championships and finished second in the shot put and third in the weight throw. I like him a lot, he's very talented."

According to MASRC executive director Mel Whitesell, "Justin was described to us as 'inspirational.'"

"He had many accomplishments in 2014 including setting the Provincial Shot Put record, becoming Provincial Discus Champion, Silver Medalist (Discus) at the North American Indigenous



Justin Krantz

Games and was named Manitoba's Top Male Discus Thrower by Athletics Manitoba," Whitesell added. "At Goose Lake High School, Justin excelled in both athletics and volleyball. Justin is on the Northwest Metis Youth Rec and Wellness Committee and

is a longtime volunteer with the Roblin Metis Local as a fundraiser and he even plays Santa for them at Christmas."

That's a pretty impressive resume for an 18-year-old.

It's also an impressive resume for a young man who has overcome so much adversity, all in one year. With the passing of his grandfather and father, Justin might have gone in the wrong direction. Instead, he went to the oil fields in Alberta and made enough money to train for the national championships and go back to school.

Now in University 1 at the U of M, he's a walk-on with the track team and appreciates all that Coach Pirnie has done for him.

"I started to compete in track competitions in Grade 10," said Krantz last week. "I went to the Jayvee provincials and then Coach Pirnie found me."

"Bruce has been the rock to my success in throws. He's such a great guy. I've been working with him for about four years and he's the reason I've been able to accomplish what I have. I became a good thrower after Bruce took me under his wing."

Krantz played a number of different sports in high school including volleyball and baseball. However, once he graduated and decided to attend the U of M, he became a full-time discus, shot put and weight thrower.

"I think, like most young athletes, I just want to keep getting better," he said. "My immediate goal is to qualify for the Pan Am Junior Championships and, of course, ultimately, I'd like to make to the Olympics someday."

Young Krantz has some lofty goals. Then again, as long as he listens to Bruce Pirnie, he should do just fine.

Lahaie Leads Grand Rapids to Badminton Glory

By Scott Taylor

Eugene Kakewash and Lyndie Beardy, along with about 25 other members of the Grand Rapids Badminton Club are making a lot of noise these days.

In fact, the Grand Rapids Wolverines School Badminton Club just might be the best in Manitoba – and that's not just among Northern or First Nations school. That's among every school in the province.

This year, the club won 43 medals at the 2015 Yonex Norman Games at R.D. Parker Collegiate in Thompson back on Feb. 21-22.

Meanwhile, First Nation's athletes Beardy and Kakewash won the coveted triple crown for the under-17 division in a tournament that was part of Badminton Manitoba's Rural Super Series.

Beardy and Kakewash are part of a thriving and extremely enthusiastic badminton club at Grand Rapids School. The man behind the team's success is head coach Charles Lahaie, a teacher at the school and a man who has become committed to the game and the kids at Misipawistik Cree Nation.

"We've been playing badminton every day at the school for 6 ½ years," Lahaie explained. "The kids play during the noon hour and after school every day of the week. We've been doing whatever we can to get to as many competitions as we can."

Lahaie has rewarded these enthusiastic young athletes by taking them to club tournaments around Manitoba. This year, with the help of businesses on the First Nation, the Wolverines have played at the Yonex Eastman Open (Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in Steinbach) and the Yonex Norman Open and will also be competing at the upcoming Pal Chawla Manitoba Junior Open in Winnipeg from March 19-22.

The stars are Beardy and Kakewash. They both compete in the under-17 age division and have now taken home hardware



Lyndie and Eugene

at both the Eastman Open and the Norman Open. The two have been playing so well, and the Grand Rapids School Badminton Club has been so active, that the host committee for the Junior and U-23 National Badminton Championships, which will be held in Winnipeg from April 27-May 2, has decided to pay Beardy and Kakewash's entry fees.

For Lahaie, who is originally from Ottawa and moved to Grand Rapids in 2000, this is a labor of love. And it all started with young student.

"I don't have a background per say in badminton," he said via email. "My background is mostly tennis. The only reason I started playing badminton everyday at school is because of one student, Thomas Fleury. He wanted to win the boys' singles at the Zone 11 competition. And he did, in 2010. Since

then the team has grown. Every kid wants to do what Thomas did. Without Thomas Fleury's dedication I believe there would not be a badminton team in Grand Rapids, well maybe but not as successful as we have now."

Lahaie admits that after Fleury's success, he stuck with badminton because he was tired of watching "the big schools" win everything.

"Yeah, on a more personal level, I stuck with badminton because I was tired of seeing the big schools from The Pas, Flin Flon, and Thompson win all the time," he said. "As of 2015, the northern badminton landscape has changed, we are now the ones to beat. We proved it last year at Zone competition, winning the Zone banner in both A and AA schools. We have sent a team to Provincial Championships now for the last five years, since 2010."

In Thompson, Grand Rapids athletes led the way by registering 26 junior athletes at the Norman Open. God's Lake brought a respectable 16 juniors to the tournament, and will likely be bringing a team to Winnipeg in April for the Grade 7/8 School Team Championships held by Badminton Manitoba.

However, the athletes to watch in any of these tournaments are Beardy and Kakewash.

"Eugene was selected by Badminton Manitoba to represent the province at the 2015 Nationals," Lahaie said. "He's not just good, he's extremely good."

"Lyndie is a very competitive young athlete. She's either won or finished second in every tournament she's entered this year. Both of these young athletes are very special."

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Metis Veteran Laid to Rest

After a full life World War II Metis veteran Private Robert Bruce has been laid to rest. We are deeply saddened by his passing on February 18, 2015.

Born in Sturgeon Valley, Saskatchewan, Robert joined the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in 1941 at the age of 19. He served overseas in Continental Europe. During his time in the United Kingdom he met and married his war bride Lorna.

For his dedicated service in freedom's fight, Private Bruce received The Canadian Voluntary Service Medal plus clasp, the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star and the Defence Medal. He was honourably discharged on December 8th, 1945.

In November 2009 Robert joined a dele-



Metis veteran Private Robert Bruce has passed away at age 93

gation of Metis Nation citizens at the unveiling of a memorial dedicated to Metis veterans at the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer, France.

Manitoba Metis Federation President David Chartrand believes the heroic contributions and self-sacrifices of Metis veterans like Private Robert Bruce and those who died at Juno Beach on D-Day are among the most selfless acts our present generation has ever seen.

"Let us carry their memories in our hearts to ensure their efforts were not in vain as they accomplished so much and left a lasting legacy of freedom, peace and hope to all of us," said President Chartrand during the unveiling.

Private Robert Bruce was laid to rest in Winnipeg on February 25. He leaves to mourn Lorna, his wife, his children and a large family of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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