

Senk'lip News

Okanagan Indian Band



"Ensuring the Future through Cultural, Social and Economic Development."

Vernon Pro Rodeo

Submitted by: Cecil and Carol Louis

All went well for the Vernon Pro Rodeo on May 7th and 8th, there was no rain all week-end and we had a great turnout.

It is hard to count how many people showed up this year. The grandstands were pretty full, and there were more spectators this year than last year.

Congratulations to the winners:

Team Roping

Jay and Jackson Louis won the Team Roping event and were awarded the Frank Principe Spurs as well as prize money.

Saddle Bronc Riding Champion

1st place was Levi Harbin with 84 points (riding RS3 "Firesteel")
2nd place was Ross Keutzer with 79 points

Bare Back Riding

1st place was Jasey Hein with 82 points
2nd place was Alan Dacyk with 80 points

Bull Riding

Split 1st and 2nd place
Chris Sanderson with 84 points (riding P74 "Wild Car")
Cody Black with 84 points (riding G14 "The Batcher")

Tie Down Roping

1st place was Marty Becker with a time of 8.0 seconds
2nd place was Dalton Craft with a time of 8.7 seconds

Steer Wrestling

1st place was Kyle Thompson with a 4.3 second run
2nd place was Todd Maughan with a 4.4 second run

Ladies Barrel Racing

1st place was Joleen Seitz with a 17.99 second run
2nd place was Kelle Noble with an 18.07 second run

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who pitched in to help out after Cecil was admitted into the hospital for a couple days over the week-end. He is fine now and watched Sunday's performance.

We would like to thank our cooks:

Joan Louis
Monica Louis
Jolene Williams
Quinton Louis
Jim Goliss
Jodi Snow

Pop concession:
Bill Robins
Jordan Saddleman

50/50:
Raven Robins
Cassandra Louis

All our timed events and with the cattle:
Trevor Keenan & Crew

Gregory Blachford at the Contestants Gate on Saturday
Paula at the Contestants Gate on Saturday
Paul Booshay at the Contestants Gate on Sunday

Bob Johnson: Gate opener at both ends
John Henry Wilson: Rough stock end
Sante: Stripping chute, rough stock end

Margaret Snow: Office

Coola Louis: Office
Margaret Snow: 50/50

Carrie Sells: Main Gate
Laura Sells: Main Gate
Chayane Sells: Program sales

Parking attendends:
Frank Arnouse (also Security)
Quinton Louis
Andy Louis
Eric Louis

Beau Turner: Security and some grocery pick up on Friday, thank you very much.

Program Setup
Candace Sivyer did an awesome job on the programs this year, thank you very much.

Special thanks to Ben and Bobby Louis for taking on a lot of the responsibilities.

If there is anyone at this time that we have not mentioned, we apologize and we are grateful for all of the help that we were offered during this Rodeo event. It takes a lot of volunteers to make it work.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for this years Vernon Pro Rodeo:

Creekside Gardens
Little Kingdom Gas and Groceries
Newport Beach
Vernon Dodge Jeep (Tim Hooper)
Daimler Chrysler Canada
Cowboys Choice (Western wear)
Vern & Mona Elliott
CVS Controls
Boulet Boots
All of our other sponsors who made it possible to put on a Professional Rodeo this year.

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From left: Jay Louis, Cecil Louis, Vern Elliot, Carol Louis and Jackson Louis. Jay and Jackson Louis were the winners of the Team roping event at the Vernon Pro Rodeo 2005.



A Look at the Aboriginal Student Celebration 2005

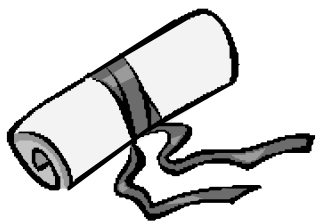
Photos submitted by Rose Alexis



Above (Left to Right): Michael Bonneau, Chief Fabian Alexis, Emery Robins, Gregory Wilson, Erica Louis and Sancu Phelan



Above: Sancu Phelan with proud mom Rose



Below: Proud Grandparents with Grad Sancu Phelan



Below: Gregory Wilson with Peggy Joe and William Wilson



SRI Meeting Held

The Community Development Division would like to thank those who attended the Community Planning meeting held at SRI on March 3, 2005. The attendance at SRI was outstanding! We are very excited with all the feedback that we have received and what the members have envisioned for the future. The suggestions and comments received at the SRI meeting are outlined below:

SRI Meeting; March 3, 2005 (attendance 15):

1. What type of land uses would you like to see on our reserve lands and where would you like to see it located? (i.e., agricultural, institutional, commercial, residential, industrial and/or recreational development).

- ~ Residential housing for band members (on part of the 60 acres)
- ~ Recreation area (on 15 acres of the 60 acre site, to include: ball parks, green park area, playground and swimming pool)

~ Community Hall building

2. What kind of improvements would you like to see? (i.e., water system, roads, flood and erosion control, fire protection and 911 emergency services.)

- ~ Better emergency services for our elders
- ~ Fire control protection
- ~ Better healthcare for our elders
- ~ Road access to 60 acres
- ~ Improved water system
- ~ Erosion control at creek
- ~ Better built houses
- ~ Cemetery to be finished
- ~ Fixing up the grave yard, fencing it and giving it a proper name

3. What other opportunities would you like to see in our community?

- ~ Training opportunities and employment for our youth

- ~ Health center with an RN scheduled once or twice a week
- ~ Home health care assistance for our elders
- ~ Clear communication from OKIB offices as to notices, events, workshops, employment opportunities and relevant meetings
- ~ Making sure that Duck Lake is a priority

Look for future postings on the second round of meetings in the Senk'lip News and on the band website www.okib.ca.

If you have any other questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call Stacy Yow, Community Planning Assistant, at the number listed below or email: stacy.yow@okanagan.org.

Thanks again to all that attended!

BOB OSBORNE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
PHONE: (250) 542-3444

OKIB CIVIC ADDRESSING

***** NOTICE *****

 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE CIVIC ADDRESSING WILL NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 2006. THEREFORE, PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS (SITE AND COMPARTMENT NUMBER) UNTIL NOTIFIED BY CANADA POST CORPORATION.

The Community Development Division has been working with Canada Post Corporation on new civic addressing for the reserve; as a result all Band Members now have an assigned house number.

Canada Post Corporation requires information from those Band members who have cabins or houses located in private developments (seasonal/permanent residents) that are currently getting mail on the reserve. The information collected will ensure that those who get mail continue to get their mail without interruption of service when the civic addressing goes into effect in 2006.

Those Band Members that have private developments located on reserve land should contact Stacey Yow, Community Planning Assistant, at 542-3444. The information required by Canada Post should be submitted no later than the deadline of Monday, May 29, 2005.

Bob Osborne, Director
Stacey Yow, Community Planning Assistant
Okanagan Indian Band
Community Development Division
PHONE: (250) 542-3444

Fundraiser

Nk'ma'pel'qs GATHERING 2005 Dinner & Loonie Auction

End of June Date & Time to be announced. Watch for posters around the community.

Location: Head of the Lake Hall

Donations Needed for Loonie Auction

Any questions please give Sharmaine a call at the Band Office 542-4328.

Senklip Submissions

The deadline for submissions to the Senk'lip Newsletter will be the 15th of every month. Please submit all articles or other material you would like posted on or before this date. All material can be forwarded to me at the training center (next to the health building), at the Band Office, e-mailed to me at holly.brewer@okanagan.org or mailed to:

Okanagan Indian Band
RR#7 Site 8 Comp 20
Vernon, BC V1T 7Z3

The Time for Warriors is Now

Submitted by Gerald Peters

My name is Gerald Peters, I am of Okanagan and Cree descent.

As I look around at all the young people, I see something. I see a representation of many Native Nations; I see here today the hope for our future, from promises of the past to here in our present.

Past is the time when the Native people could earn their marks of bravery on the battlefield of blood. It is not that we have no more need for warriors. We need them more than ever. The time for warriors is now.

There may still be a need for some on the front lines, when civil disobedience is the only way to get the government's attention, but more than that, we need our warriors in another way.

We need them now more than ever, but our guns and arrows are to be turned in for the paper and pen, our battlefield in the schoolrooms and in the media and in the boardrooms of multinational corporations, in the courtrooms behind the seat of justice.

We can no more be content to sit back and let others feed our children and us. Welfare is just another way to keep our people down, dependant on handouts. I know that we all have our horror stories in our various families and communities, but what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. We should now have great strength as a nation. The crying time is over!

We need the backbone of new young strong able warriors. You young people here today are those warriors. I don't mean just the men, the real Amazon warriors were native women.

For many generations, our women have

fought alongside of us and I believe for many more generations they will continue to do so. No matter what ethnicity she may come from, everyone knows that a woman with a cause is a person to be feared.

One of the most feared things to the politician today is an educated native. Those people who throw their lives away in futility, the drugged out, the dead drunk and the ignorant are not feared. They are just dead, and who's scared of the dead.

But put an educated native in front of the media and let them see the third world atrocities that we have come to see in our homes as normal. Be there and alive to educate those people who would choose to turn a blind eye toward us or ignore the injustices that have been heaped upon us. It is the ignorant that we have to fear; our own, and those that are not of our people.

The warriors we need are lawyers, doctors, teachers, dentists, professors, business people and statesmen in parliament. Some of you think that your party life is more important than education. Tecumseh, one of the great chiefs of the Shawnee nation, had tried to unite the nations, and he was a warrior at 11. You think he worried about where his next party was coming from? He hoped to pass on land and a legacy to his children, as do I. He died, but I still remember him as a great warrior, but he is dead now, and who's scared of the dead.

We need leaders and warriors now. Some might think that they don't want to be a leader or a warrior, but that you want to chase the dreams of money and fortune, but at least there you will be an example and more of a leader than you know.

Look around you. See what's going on.

Global warming, acid rain and deforestation, if the world ever needs anyone, it is now. We have to educate our people and those around us. After all, we are all brothers and sisters of the same planet.

Don't lose your way. Don't become complacent on drugs and alcohol. Drugs and alcohol have killed more of our people than bullets and disease ever have. They have locked more of our people in the jails than we should have ever allowed. My wife often tells our sons when they want to go out and party, "Remember you are brown and because you are brown, the justice system will be harder on you." Racist, I don't think so. It is just a fact of life until we get more Native judges and police officers. We have to educate those around us who would call themselves enlightened.

I have read in the text books from this very college that a "drunken Indian is ten feet tall, and an educated one is invisible." Now what is wrong with this picture? I think we need some noisy warriors in the school system. I say get out in the colleges and the universities of this land and make some noise, a good war 'whoop' would be nice to hear in these corridors. It just might wake up the Dean and let him know the Natives are in town.

For those who would be our warriors of today, show Canada that we are nations within a nation, an unconquered people. After 500 years of occupation, we are still here, and I believe Canada is now ready to hear our voices, not as one but as many. But you must get the power of education behind you. You are the promised seventh generation of our people, the hope for our children's tomorrow, for the world's tomorrow. The time for warriors is now! No one is scared of the dead, rise up and take your place in society. You are the promised seventh generation.

Peters Earns Degree



Gerald J. Peters received his bachelor of Arts degree from the North Okanagan University College at the convocation held on May 28th, 2005.

Best Wishes come from his wife Vicki, their 6 boys, his mother Marie, sisters Laurie and Michele, his nephew Justin and his niece Jasmine.

He will start his teachers degree this July. Good Luck!



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Current News - Job Postings
Band Member Only Area

Instructions for login and passwords for the members only area can be viewed on the website or by e-mail.

e-mail: holly.brewer@okanagan.org for instructions.



Brewer's Barrel Racing Series

Submitted by Jan Brewer



The six races of the Brewer's Winter Barrel Racing Series wound up on April 10th. Our parking lot was jammed full most Sundays with about 25 girls running for the money.

It was great to see three local girls riding. All of them took home prizes at the end of the series.

The points in the Junior category were so close that we gave out four High Point prizes, one for each division. Sam Lewis and Jordyn Alexis were both winners. Meagan Brewer was fifth in overall points in the Open Category.

Thank you to our sponsors: Scott Morgan Trucking, Country West Supplies, Diamond H Tack and Brewer's Arena.

North Okanagan Initiation Hockey Team Places First



The North Okanagan Initiation Hockey Team pose for a picture with their winning trophies



The North Okanagan initiation hockey team placed first at the Merrit junior Native hockey tournament held in March. The North Okanagan team skated away undefeated through the tournament, ahead of the two other registered teams from Merrit and Nicola Valley.

The team consisted of players from Vernon, Enderby, Chase and 100 Mile House. The team players were: Mella Andrew of Chase, Keon Andrew of Chase, Tony Dennis of Chase, Ethan Joe of Vernon, Easton Jones of Enderby, Marshall Jones of Enderby, Dalton Kimbasket of Enderby, Cardell Oppenheimer of Vernon, Chastity Oppenheimer of Vernon, Lucille Paul of 100 Mile House, Stephane Richards of Vernon, Daniel Toews of Chase and Joseph Tronson of Enderby.

Thanks to coach Darrell Jones and assistant coach Daniel Joe for organizing a winning team and thank you to all of the sponsors that made the tournament a success.

Snc'c'amala?tn Early Childhood Education Centre

Phone: (250) 545-3800 Fax: (250) 545-4553

Snc'c'amala?tn News
From Lorraine Ladan, Director

First Aid

Congratulations to the following staff for successfully completing their Child Safe First Aid on May 10: Virginia Gregoire, Rhonda Zawada, Shirley Paul, Mona Williams and April Alexis. A big thank you to Judy Marchand from the Health Department who is an excellent instructor who helps keep our staff up to date with their qualifications.

Parent Workshop - Anti Bullying Program

As mentioned in the last Senk'lip, a number of staff attended a Safe Spaces workshop in May. We learned how to implement a bullying prevention program at the daycare and school. We would like to teach and encourage pro-social behaviours in order to reduce the possible development of bullying behaviours at older ages. We have purchased two kits to use with the children.

We are now ready to show and explain the program to parents. The program will be used centre wide. We have decided to use this program because it is specifically designed for the ages of children who attend here. Also parents, express concern about children who exhibit aggressive behaviour, exclude others or are unkind. We will have a video for you to view, give a brief explanation of the Safe Spaces program, show you the contents of the kit and address any questions you may have about the program. A light chili dinner will be served. Details of the meeting are as follows:

PARENT WORKSHOP - SAFE SPACES

At Snc'c'amala?tn
Wednesday, June 1st,
2005
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Please let us know if you
will require child care in
order to attend.



Aboriginal Graduation Celebrations

On May 12 our Kindergarten students performed at the Aboriginal Graduation Celebrations for School District # 22, held at the Performing Arts Centre. They sang the Okanagan songs that they had practiced for so long, and it was a charming performance. It is a challenge and takes great courage to perform on a big stage in front of a live audience when you are only five years old!

Thank you to the adults who worked hard to get the children ready: Shirley Paul, Okanagan Language Instructor, Mona Williams, Cultural Worker, Walline Parker for drumming, Kindergarten Assistant Trish Johnson and their Teacher, April Alexis. A special thank you to the

parents who brought their children that evening.

Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation

A reminder to parents that our graduation ceremonies for Preschool and Kindergarten students will be held at Snc'c'amala?tn on Friday, June 24th. We hope that all parents can attend this important day. Further information will be sent to you regarding times.

We will be celebrating our school evaluation at the same time, so it will be a very special occasion.

One of the Okanagan songs taught by Shirley Paul that the Kindergarten children sang (good evening song):

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ǰast si?k^wk^wst
ǰast si?k^wk^wst
ya?ayat swít
amcnitk^wa amcnitk^wa
yo ky o ho yo ky o ho

Snc'c'amala?tn Closures

Please remember that Snc'c'amala?tn will be entirely closed on Wednesday, June 29th and Thursday, June 30th for staff professional development.

The last day of Preschool and Kindergarten will be Tuesday, June 28th. School will end at noon for both classes.

We will also be closed on Friday, July 1st for Canada Day.

skimxist Room-I/T

Ramona Wilson - ECE/I/T Room Supervisor
Elaine Lavery - ECE/I/T Room Assistant
Barb Marchand - ECE/I/T Room Assistant



Wi, warm weather greetings from the baby room. The proper names are "infants and toddlers"; however we like to keep things simple around here. At the moment, we don't have any tiny infants; everyone is walking and talking now, even little Kenzie Miller has mastered the slide on the climber. Qui'umqen brightens our days since he's always laughing and smiling and Dante and Mackenzie are great friends. It's fun to watch Sapien, Jeremy, Taylor and Morgan kick the ball around the playground. Faith and Renee can pedal a tricycle with ease and Courtney likes the black truck. Waterbird rides the rocking horse and shouts "yee haw", while Shelby can climb anything. Kyra takes good care of our dolls and



Ethan Joe at his preschool graduation

Mack enjoys our stories and songs. Brandon and Da'ud visit occasionally and they like to check out everything in the room. We miss Cole and Kate and haven't seen much of Krista lately.

HATS, HATS, HATS... and sunscreen. We wear hats outside and it's good to see that parents keep hats on their children whenever they are out in the sun.

Happy 2nd birthday to Dante on June 25th.

From all the cubs, have a great month!

mhuya Room-3/5

Shannon Marsh - ECE/3/5 Room Supervisor
Jen Hayhurst - ECE/3/5 Room Assistant
Vanessa Antoine - ECE/Head Start Coordinator
Nancy Eustache - Special Needs Worker



Wi, from the little myhuas of the myhua room!

We've had a great month of sunshine! We've been busy planting flowers, learning about honey bees, caterpillars, butterflies and many other insects that we have seen on our daily walks.

Lots of us have really been challenging our bodies and climbing up on the top of the monkey bars at the park. We are so proud of our achievements. Spring is a wonderful time for exploring our environment... we love it.

The mhuya room.

Spəpl'ína? Room-Preschool

Susan Nelson - ECE Preschool/Supervisor
Donna Lewis - Preschool Assistant
Darlene Watson - Special Needs Assistant



Wi from spēl'ína? room.

We are preparing for our annual graduation ceremonies and the children are really excited trying on their caps and gowns! The Preschool students visited Mrs. Alexis and Trish in the Kindergarten room to familiarize them for next year. During this time the Head Start children attended Preschool and they were thrilled with the new centres and toys.

We would appreciate parents registering their children for Preschool next September to do so as soon as possible. You can see Joan at the office for the appropriate forms.

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who attended our successful Mother's Day Tea and Luncheon. We hope to see a good turnout of all Dads and Granddads at our Donuts for Dad on June 20th from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

We have been learning about baby animals and birds this month. Hopefully we will see lots of signs of spring when we go to O'Keefe Ranch on May 20th. The children enjoyed the baby ponies at Chickadee Ridge!

Hope to see everyone attend Graduation Day on June 24th starting at 10:00 am. Bring your camera and lots of film for this fabulous event.

Pqəl'qin Room-Kindergarten

*April Alexis - Kindergarten Teacher
Trish Johnson - Kindergarten Assistant*



Wi! We are nearing the end of our school year. June is a busy month. Our class has gone to Six Mile Creek to release the salmon that have been in our classroom and to see the pictographs on Westside Road. Thanks to Keith Louis for accompanying us. One June 2nd we will be going to Farmer ValAs in Coldstream.

Our last day of school is Tuesday, June 2nd. Kindergarten will finish at noon that day. Congratulations to all of our kindergarten grads!

SCHOOL ASSESSMENT CELEBRATION COMMUNITY INVITATION

Snc'c'amala?tn has completed a school assessment this year through the First Nations Schools Association. We would like to invite the community to celebrate the assessment with us at our Preschool and Kindergarten graduation ceremonies. We welcome everyone and thank the community for supporting the school.

School Assessment Celebrations and Graduation Ceremonies

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Date: Friday, June 24

Location: Snc'c'amala?tn School

Please contact Joan Zabolat at 545-3800 if you will be attending.

Okanagan (ukanaqín) Language

If you have comments or would like to know certain words/ sentences please feel free to call me and I'll see what I can do for the next paper. Okanagan fonts are printed in PhGothic. Joan Zabolat Work 545-3800 or Home 503-0647.



Body Parts & Movement:

Mouth = spl ím'cən

Ear = tína?

Ears = t'ənt' ína?

Eyes = si l

Head = c'ásyqan

Stomach = sq'ílən

Hand = kilx

Knee - kaqinxan

Foot - scu xam

Shoulder - tkmsaxn

Tooth = ?ítən

Hair = qəp'qíntn

Walk = xwíst / x wa?

Run = qícəlx

Sitdown = mutx

Eat = ?í l ən

Sleep = ?itx

Feelings & Manners:

Glad = limt

Yes = kiwa

No = lut

Thank you = limlimpt

Good = ʒast

Bad = k'ast

Good Morning = xast l k k ? ast

Careless = tan'mús

Now = ʒapná?

Hurry = hust

My goodness = nikina

New - sic

Sure, quite - ta?t

Old - k'iwlx

Who = swit



To All Elementary and Secondary Parents From: Okanagan Indian Band Education Department

The Education Department will be mailing out the Student Information and Allowance forms for the 2005 - 2006 school year in August. If your child(ren) is/are living on the Okanagan Indian Reserve(s) and will be attending school for the 2005/2006 school year, please fill out the forms and return to the Education Department by August 15, 2005.

Cheques will be issued beginning the second week of August until all applications have been processed.

Allowance & Supply cheques will not be issued until the forms have been submitted to the Education Department.

SIX MILE EDUCATION CENTRE

Students attending the Six Mile Centre will have different forms that students will fill out at the school during registration. Registration takes place usually the week before school starts. Notices will be posted of the registration times and dates.

If forms are not filled out students can possibly be missed and not be put on the nominal roll.

Students/Parents that fill out the Student Allowance & Supply forms will be entitled to the following:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

This allowance is paid at the beginning of the year once we receive the application for school supplies and the student is eligible to be on the nominal roll (Residence on reserve, type of school, status, age, including the Six Mile Education Centre).

Payments are as follows for school supplies:

Kindergarten	-	\$25.00 per student
Grades 1 - 7	-	\$35.00 per student
Grades 8 - 12	-	\$50.00 per student

STUDENT ALLOWANCE:

There is a student allowance which is paid to all students in Grade's 8 - 12.

The allowance cheques are issued three times per year. The first cheque will be issued the second week of August for the months of September, October, November and December. The second cheque will be issued in January for January, February, and March. And the final cheque will be issued in April for April, May, and June. Allowance is paid automatically to all students who are on our nominal roll.

The following rates apply:

Allowance Rates

Grade	August	January	April	Total
Grade 8 - 10	44.00	33.00	33.00	\$110.00
Grade 11	88.00	66.00	66.00	\$220.00
Grade 12	132.00	99.00	99.00	\$330.00

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES:

There is also \$200.00 per student available per school year for school related activities. A student support services form (for each student) must be filled out to apply for payment or reimbursement.

IF A FORM IS NOT RECEIVED, ATTACHED TO THE RECEIPTS OR DOCUMENTATION, PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE.

This support service is provided for all nominal roll students for items such as:

- Pictures
- School Fees
- School Ski/swimming programs
- P.E strip (shoes, shorts, shirt)
- Indoor/outdoor shoes
- School field trips-sport fees for school

These are just some examples of items that were reimbursed or paid by the student support service.

You can either submit your receipts for reimbursement or you can fill out the cost of purchase form (you take the form to the store, and you and the store fill out the form together and payment is made directly to the store).

Due to auditing purposes we cannot approve payment/reimbursement of funds for school clothing i.e. jeans, socks, jackets, etc.

****Unless items being purchased are requested specifically for school related activities. I.e. field trips, day trips, and extra-curricular activities, a reimbursement will not be provided.**

REMINDER TO PARENTS: The 2004/2005 deadline for applications for student support services will be June 30, 2005.

If you would like more clarification on these policies/procedures or for more information, please do not hesitate to call Martie Louis or Kevin Ned at the Education Department at 542-4328 or by email at okibeducation@okanagan.org

ATTENTION GRADE 12 GRADUATES!

If you are living off reserve and you are a Grade 12 graduate, or if you know of someone who will be graduating, please have them contact the Education Department.

All Okanagan Indian Band members who are graduating from Grade 12 in the 2004/2005 school year are entitled to a Graduation Bursary. This bursary is sponsored by the SRI Homes Inc. in the Winfield area. This bursary is offered only one time per student.

The money contributed to this bursary is divided equally amongst all graduating students from the Okanagan Indian Band.

Your contact information is important to get this bursary sent to you. Contact us via email at okibeducation@okanagan.org or by calling toll free at 1-866-542-4328.

Call or email us to check if your name is on the list.

Did You Know?

Submitted by Diane Louis

From 1996 - 2002, almost 500 First Nations people died from motor vehicle crashes. This is related to two First Nations Communities disappearing in a decade from an entirely preventable cause. (From the motor-vehicle stats)

The First Nations infant mortality rate is almost 50% above the national average.

The mortality rate for young First Nations people (20-24) is almost four times the Canadian rate for the same age group.

More than 60% of First Nations smoke and 60% of smokers start before the age of 16 for the on-reserve populations. Smoking begins as early as 6-8 years of age.



Suicides and self-injury account for 38% of deaths involving 10-19 year olds.
For females between the ages of 15-24, the suicide rate is eight times the age-equivalent national rate.
For males between the ages of 15-24 the rate is five times higher.



Stats Canada shows that in British Columbia, families with children at home totaled 445,610.

Single male parents total 31,960 and single female parents total 136,455.

These stats were obtained from Stats Canada, First Nations Youth At-Risk and Motor-Vehicle stats.

Information

Compliments of:

Okanagan Indian Band



Accepting Expressions of Interest for Catering

The Okanagan Indian Band has identified a need to contract "Caterers" for Community Dinners.

If you are interested, please pick up an application package from the Band Administration.

Contractor(s) **must** provide the following:

1. Food Safe Certificate
2. Sample Menus for Lunch and Dinner
(Set rate: \$7.00/Lunch and \$10.00/Dinner)

This Expression of Interest is **ONLY** open to Okanagan Indian Band Members.

Return packages to:

Floyd Oppenheimer
Employment Training Coordinator

c/o Okanagan Indian Band Administration Building
R.R. #7 Site 8 Comp 20
Vernon BC, V1T 7Z3
Telephone: 250-542-4328
Fax: 250-542-4990

Posting Close Date: June 7th, 2005

Application for Catering

Please be advised that the following conditions apply:

1. The Application form must include the following:
 - ~ One (1) Contact/Payee to be identified;
 - ~ Name of all workers and/or assistants;
 - ~ Copy of the Food Safe Certificate(s) attached;
 - ~ Sample menu for lunch/dinner.
2. Menu must be submitted to the OKIB staff member organizing the event for approval; In the event that a "special" menu is required, sufficient notice will be provided to the contractor.
3. The Contract Price will include the following:
 - ~ Condiments;
 - ~ Plates and Utensils;
 - ~ Beverages;
 - ~ Clean-up of Kitchen and Serving Area.
4. Processing of Purchase Orders/Payment Vouchers are in accordance with the current Finance Procedures. Cheque turnaround time is 4 business days.
5. The cheque will be given to the OKIB staff member responsible for the event to distribute. DO NOT contact the finance department.
6. All applications received that meet the requirements will be added to a Rotation List.
7. The contractors rotate to allow equal opportunity for all applicants.
8. In the event that the 'next' contractor on the list is unable to accept the event offered, the next contractor on the list will be contacted. The order of use will NOT be amended at any time - if a contractor is unavailable at the time required - they will have to wait in the next rotation to be considered.
9. Contractors are expected to provide an acceptable level of service - failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the rotation.

Okanagan Indian Band Employees are ineligible to submit an Expression of Interest.

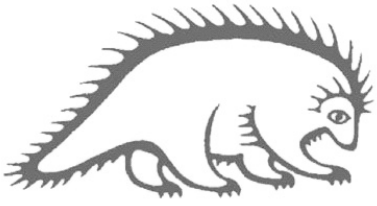
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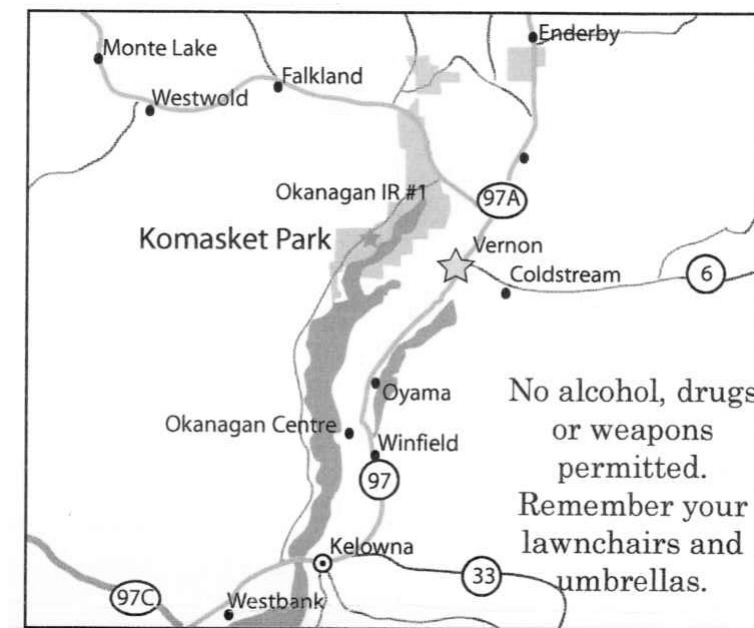
August 19, 20 & 21 2005

Komasket Park
Vernon, BC

- ~ Pow Wow
- ~ Stick Games
- ~ Run For the Drum
- ~ Horseshoe
- ~ Fashion Show -
- ~ Traditional Regalia
- ~ Drop In Bingo
- ~ Softball
- ~ and Much More

NOTE: Activities are being sponsored by individual Bands of the Okanagan Nation and may change. Please contact Okanagan Gathering Coordinator for updated list.

This is a family event, therefore there will be absolutely NO alcohol & drugs permitted at this event, thank you for your cooperation.



Everyone Welcome

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Don't Forget to Bring Your Lawn Chair & Umbrella

Security on Site

There will be a feast along with other events taking place throughout the weekend; vendors and volunteers are needed so please contact us for more information.

Host Hotel(s):

Sandman Inn - 542-4325

Best Western Villager Motor Inn - 542-3321

Price Per Night: \$90.00

Deadline for Special Rate: August 4, 2005

Contact Information:

Okanagan Indian Band
Sharmaine Gregoire,
Gathering Coordinator
Phone 1-866-542-4328
Fax: (250) 542-4990
okibgathering@hotmail.com
www.okib.ca/gathering



OKIB Fire Department Draw

1st place: Vanessa Deboer won 2 tickets to George Thorogood @ The Commodore and \$200.00 cash

2nd place: Cecil Louis won a \$60.00 gift certificate to Squires Four Pub

3rd place: Jenelle Brewer won an auto fire extinguisher

We would like to thank everyone that showed support by purchasing tickets.

The Okanagan Fire Department would like to recognize and thank:

- ~ Lyle Brewer for donating the 2 tickets to George Thorogood
- ~ OKIB Fire Dept. for donating the \$200.00 cash
- ~ Squires Four Pub for donating the \$60.00 Gift Certificate
- ~ Little Kingdom for donating the fire extinguisher

A couple of friendly reminders for the community to take note that it is late in the season and burning at this time of year could easily spread out of control. Also, please give emergency vehicles right of way on the road when responding to calls.

Okanagan Indian Band Presents nk'ma'pel'qs Gathering 2005 "Honoring Our Elders" & Okanagan Nation Alliance Annual General Meeting

Just a little reminder that this years Nk'ma'pel'qs (Inkamuplux) Gathering, August 19, 20 & 21, 2005, will be in conjunction with the Okanagan Nation Alliance's Annual General Meeting with the theme "Honoring our Elders". There are a few changes on this years gathering but will still mainly be community driven.

All 8 Okanagan communities within the Okanagan Nation (Okanagan Indian Band, Westbank First Nation, Penticton Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band, Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Lower Similkameen Indian Band, Upper Nicola Indian Band, and Colville Tribe) will be participating in the coordination of various events. A working group has been formed on a nation level along with community planning group meetings within the Okanagan band, working with suggestions from the Okanagan Elders Group that meet on a monthly basis.

We are seeking volunteers, as they are the backbone to any successful event. We are requiring volunteers for many things such as: berry picking, cooking, hunters for deer (Elders would like traditional foods served at one of the meals), event coordination and running, assistance at fundraising events along with various duties during the gathering.

If anyone would like further information please feel free to contact Sharmaine at the band office at 250-542-4328 and don't forget to attend the planning meetings.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming OKIB Gathering 2005

Please contact Sharmaine Gregoire at the Band Office at 542-4328 for meeting information.

Send your email address or phone number to the attention of Sharmaine Gregoire at the Band Office to receive notification of upcoming planning meeting notices.

NK'MA'PEL'QS GATHERING 2005

Planning/Organizing Committee meetings are being held every other Wednesday until further notice commencing Wednesday, June 1, 2005. The theme for this years gathering is "Honoring Our Elders".

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Six-Mile Training Centre

Everyone Welcome!!! Community input is appreciated.

Senk'lip Newsletter Mail-out List

Please fill out the form and return to the address below or by e-mail to receive your newsletter by mail.

First Name

Last Name

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City/Town

Province

Postal Code

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Community Bulletin



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:



Katie Laverman - June 5th
 Marvel Wilson - June 6th
 Todd Elliot Lewis - June 10th
 Ted Marchand - June 17th
 Lee Anne Cameron - June 21st
 Ronnie McMillan - June 22nd
 Helen Brewer - June 24th
 Martina Lewis - June 27th
 Levi Lewis - June 27th

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Bob & Deb Cole - June 1st

**FROM THE WHOLE
 MARCHAND/BREWER CLAN**



{Cameron, Lewis, Derrickson, Cole,
 McMillan, Miller, Marchand, Louis, Poley,
 Nicholas & Brewer Families}

Eye Exams

June 7th and 8th, 2005

At the OKIB Health Department

With Dr. Ahmed

Please phone the Health Department
 at 542-5094 for an appointment time

Fees for non status will be \$45.00,
 payable upon exam

We are looking at booking at least 35-
 40 clients per day



Turtle Circle

Turtle Circle has begun its Spring Session, Tuesdays at 4:30pm until 6:30 pm for 7-9 yr olds and Thursdays at 4:30pm until 6:30pm for 10-13 year olds at the Infant and Toddler program site (The Picolo Italia building across from Friendship Centre).

Please visit the weblink below for program information. If you have any questions, please contact Mariel Belanger at 542-1287.
www.geocities.com/turtle_circle

Palm Springs Cultural Exchange

If you are interested in participating in and fundraising for a cultural exchange trip to Palm Springs, California in October 2005, please contact Bonnie Lawrence at 542-9860 or Peggy Brewer at 542-2745.



The family of Darien Ottesen would like to congratulate him on achieving student of the week for his excellent reading. Darien attends B.X. Elementary and is in Grade One. Way to go Darien!!!!

We would also like to wish Jason and Tammy Ottesen a Happy 7th Anniversary!

Happy Birthday to:
 Jocelyn (2) on May 1st
 Jason (31) on May 10th
 Kaylan (6) on June 13th



From the Lawrence-Ottesen Family

NOTICE

General Band Meeting

Location: Head of the Lake Hall

Date: Wednesday, June 29th, 2005

Time: 6:00pm

Please provide your written submissions for the Agenda to the attention of the Executive Assistant, no later than June 24th, 2005.

Any questions, contact Sherry Louis, Executive Assistant at (250) 542-4328, or by fax at (250) 542-4990, or by email at okib-council@okanagan.org.

Thank You!

Thanks for all the flowers and chocolates during secretary week to OKIB Managers from Martha Poley.

