



Le Métis



It has been an exciting couple of weeks! First I was invited to the opening of the "Hiding in Plain Sight: Discovering the Métis Nation in the Collection of the Library and Archives Canada" event in Ottawa on February 10th. As the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs said, "Experiencing Métis art and culture while showcasing talented Métis artists not only enriches our lives but also provides us with the opportunity to experience the world from a new perspective. Métis art and

President's Message

culture is an important part of Canadian history, and I encourage everyone... to learn more about Métis."

The steps taken at the exhibit go hand in hand with our objective to restore the Métis Nation's rightful place in history - from being Canada's Forgotten People to recognition as the Founders of Manitoba and Canada's Negotiating Partners in Confederation. We are pleased Library and Archives Canada is helping to bring back into our collective memory the history and stories of our people before that knowledge vanishes by the passing of our Métis Elders.

On Louis Riel Day, Métis Elder Ray St. Germain gave a performance at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Manitoba Métis Federation Minister Andrew Carrier brought greetings on behalf of the Métis government and our Métis Citizens. Many of our locals also celebrated the day with their families, participating in traditional Métis activities and cultural events.

This past weekend I was at The Pas for the Northern Manitoba Trappers Festival. On Saturday morning I helped begin the world championship dog race with a shotgun start. Saturday night I was at the Métis Family Night at the Métis Hall. The place was jam packed with people enjoying good food and great Métis entertainment. It was great to see many of our Métis Citizens out enjoying themselves doing what Métis people do best - having fun with family and friends. I want to thank all the volunteers and the entertainers for all their hard work. I also want to thank our Local and Regional elected representatives for their leadership in making the evening a great success.

I invite you to take a look inside this issue of Le Métis



MMF President Chartrand (left) and Manitoba Minister of Justice and Attorney General Gord Mackintosh (right) examine the Coltman Report.

for some pictures of the great celebrations we had over the past couple of weeks. I also invite each Métis Local to get in touch with our communications department so we can share good news and events happening in your Local and throughout our Métis community. Send us some pictures and stories of what's happening! You can reach the MMF communications team at communications@mmf.mb.ca or by calling the Home Office at (204) 586-8474.

In closing, I offer my best wishes for those who are sick or shut-in. May they be blessed with healing, health, and peace. I pray and share my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies for all our neighbours, friends, and families who have lost loved ones.

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∞ *President David Chartrand, LL.D. (hon), O.M.*

Celebrating Métis Heritage





All around the Heart of the Métis Homeland, people celebrated Métis Heritage. From our Métis Elder Ray St. Germain entertaining guests at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to an energetic jig of a time in The Pas - Métis Citizens know how to celebrate their heritage! Believe in Yourself - Believe in Métis!



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15 Successful Years of Celebrating Métis Culture

It's that Métis-time of year again in The Pas! On February 19th and 20th, the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) The Pas Region hosted their 15th Annual Métis Family Day in conjunction with Métis Family Night. This free event coincides with the Northern Manitoba Trappers Festival which takes place every February in The Pas.

Métis Family Day is hosted at The Pas Friendship Centre. The event is set for children and their families to spend time together while participating in a variety of traditional Métis activities. Some of these popular games includes leg wrestling, animal calling, and face painting. The Northern Manitoba Trappers Festival Youth Jigging, and Moose and Goose Calling contest is also a fun part of Métis Family day.

"It's the one venue where kids can be kids," said MMF Vice President Judy Mayer.

The Youth Jigging contest is separated into three age groups with first, second and third ranking for each group. Moose and Goose Calling is a hunting tactic used to imitate the sounds of animals to draw an animal in closer. Some of the calls mimic an animals mating call. Moose and Goose Calling also have a first, second and third ranking for each category based on accuracy of the sound they are imitating.

Métis Family Night takes place in the evening at the Métis Hall in The Pas the day after Métis Family Day. Métis Family Night is planned around local events so visitors to The Pas can also participate in and be introduced to Métis Culture and Tradition. This has led to a growth in the number of participants who attend each year.

"Métis Family Night was first hosted at the Friendship Centre. We've had to move the location to the Métis Hall because it kept getting bigger," said Vice President Mayer. "It's a huge success now."

The event offers a variety of entertainment including live dancers and great food served by local Métis Youth. Guests also enjoy authentic Métis fiddle music, something that isn't currently showcased at the Northern Manitoba Trapper Festival.

Since 2015 the MMF has been raising funds by having bake sales and 50/50 draws throughout the year to offset the cost of hosting the annual Metis Family events. Prior to 2015, HRD provided funds for the event, but due to a change in guidelines funding is no longer available for cultural events and activities. To help support cultural activities, guests are also able to make donations during events. In true Metis Fashion, local citizens continue to band



together to help make sure this event remains a great success in bringing family and friends together to celebrate Métis Culture and Tradition.



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