

OCN; province enter joint management pact

By Trent Allen
Staff Reporter

On February 15th, the province and OCN entered into an agreement to better co-manage lands and water.

The agreement will set out an area of OCN traditional territory, with that land to be central in

consultations on natural resources management.

"OCN and other First Nations have throughout their history been concerned with and involved in the wise use and careful management of natural resources as part of Aboriginal customs and traditions," said OCN Chief Glen Ross in a press release on the agreement. "Since time immemorial, the land and resources have provided for our liveli-

hoods and it is vital that we maintain them for our future generations."

Attempts to contact Ross for further comment on the agreement were unsuccessful as of press time.

A joint resource management board, comprised of provincial and OCN members, will start work in the next few months.

Tourism board, logo to be decided Monday

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Monday night is the final night for submissions of a new logo idea for the newly formed tourism association.

The group, which was supposed to pick a new logo and a board of directors at their last meeting, failed to do so due to several people unable to

attend the meeting. As such, a decision on a board of directors will be made at the meeting on Monday.

Jeff Stephens, who is temporarily in charge of the tourism association until the selection of a board is made, noted they would like to hold off on selecting a logo and slogan for the group until the new board is in place, as he feels deciding on such matters should be done by the board which will be representing the association.

Stephens added the new board will be selected at the meeting on Monday regardless of who is able to attend, as they are wanting to see the association proceed, not remain in neutral.

The tourism association eagerly encourages anyone interested in attending the meeting or putting their name in for a position of the board to show up at the Monday evening meeting, which will be held at the Wescana Inn.

Carriere retires from competition, but there's no way he can be forgotten

By Lisa Moule
Editor

After 44 years of competing in the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival, King Trapper many times over Franklin Carriere has announced he is retiring from the competition.

Carriere is a well loved and highly respected competitor. And at 62-years-old, gave the spring chickens a real run for their points and money.

In fact, this year, Carrier carried 725 lbs during the flour packing competition, earning him fourth place in the King Trapper event. John Hendrickson carried 900 lbs~not just one way but both ways, turning around at the finish line and carrying back to the starting point. Second place winner, our 2007 King Trapper, Gerald McKenzie, carried 850 lbs and third place winner, Richard Charles carried 750 lbs.

But it was Carriere who seems to ultimately hold the impressive record for carrying the most flour on his back. While his goal was a safe one this year, in Carriere,s younger years he was a powerhouse.

"I vowed in this 60th year I'd pack 700 lbs. My record is 1250 lbs. I did it Meadow Lake in 1978," Carriere explained.

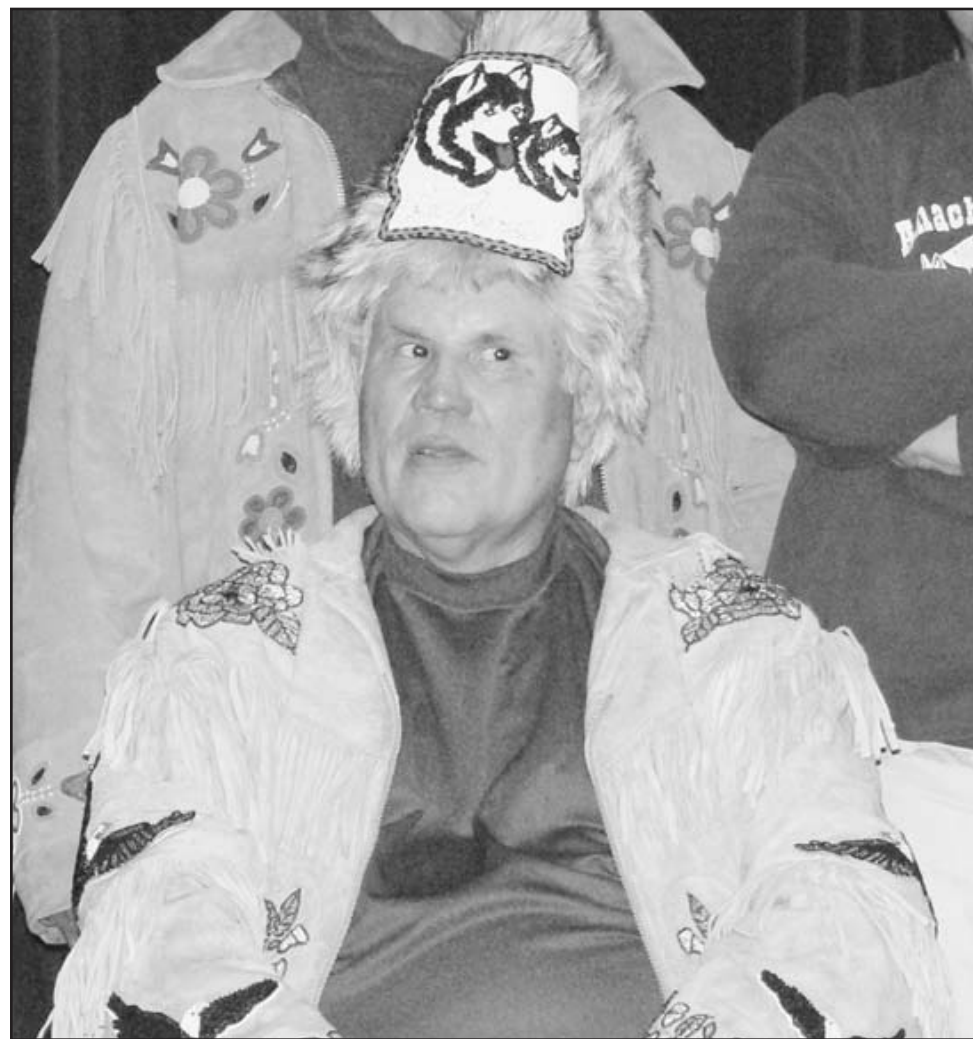
In 1975 the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival made the decision to honor some members of the public for their commitment and dedication to the cause of the annual Trappers' Festival. Those people who have been honored have, for many years, steadfastly been beneficial to the continual operation and development of the festival and its activities.

The Honourary Trapper has been awarded only to those people who have contributed many years of loyal service to Trappers' Festival and only awarded during a Trappers' Festival. Carriere was one of those people, honored in 1998~with a tribute spoken about him that explains the man and his enthusiasm for the festival.

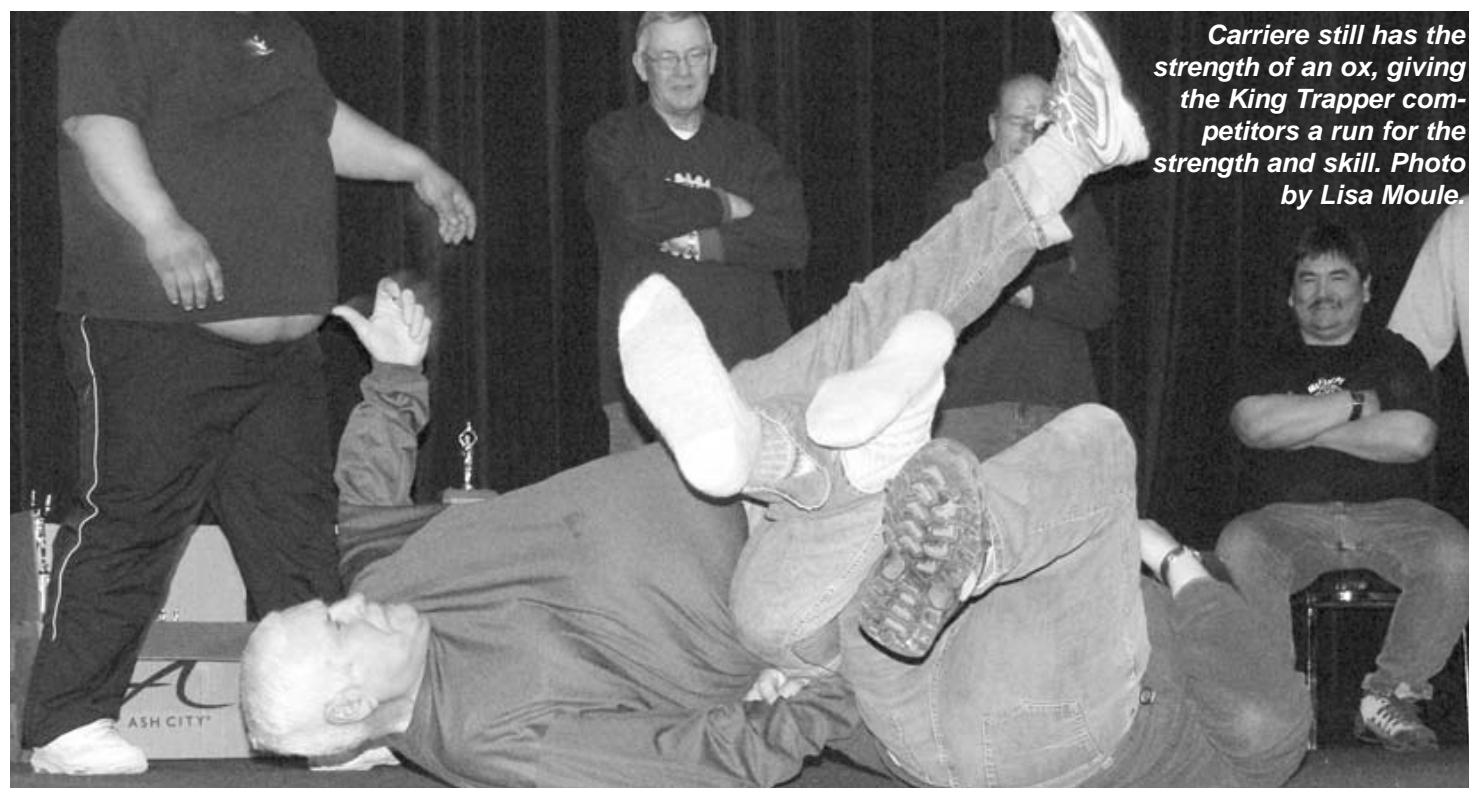
Franklin Carriere is a long time competitor of the King Trapper event at the annual Northern Manitoba

Trappers' Festival. He is an avid and enthusiastic participant and encourages others to compete as well. Franklin promotes the King Trapper competition and the other events of the Trappers' Festival where ever he goes. He is proud of his participation and the skills and abilities that allowed him to claim the title of King Trapper several times. Franklin Carriere epitomizes the spirit of the Northern Pioneer and Trapper. He stimulates excitement about our festival in The Pas and generates interest in the events amongst everyone he meets. He acts as an ambassador for the Trappers' Festival, and fosters attendance and competition. Franklin's interest and zeal as a King Trapper competitor, and former King Trapper title holder, make us proud to include him as an Honorary Trapper of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival — a privilege he well deserves.

While announcing his retirement, there is no doubt Carriere will be around the Trappers, Festival events for many years to come. He has a lot to contribute still, passing on his tricks of the trade, watching the festival evolve and change as it has been since its inception and mingling with the people he has so much in common with.



Carriere has been a big part of the festival, especially the King Trapper competition. He has helped to make a world class event. Photo by Lisa Moule.



Carriere still has the strength of an ox, giving the King Trapper competitors a run for the strength and skill. Photo by Lisa Moule.