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A Member Writes

Wigwam at ENSS Brighton

As they say, it takes the community to come together for great things to happen. This was our crew that helped our students build the wigwam. The Outdoor Education Centres in both Port Hope Mark Rupke and Brighton Leeanne Hickerson, along with the Anashnabe Elder from Alderville Jeff Beaver, Teacher Candidate from Trent University Mitch Hugonot, Teachers Deb Kilmer, Pamela Vanderburg, volunteers David, Chris and Radick, students Jillian, Hunter and Liam.

Elder Jeff gave a smudging and a prayer to begin and told how this was the first wigwam to be built in 200 years on this territory. Its made of saplings, with benches incorporated into the frame. The roof is covered in birch bark, and in the spring we will gather more for the sides. Cedar boughs cover the benches.

"The first fall of snow is not only an event, but it is a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of world and wake up in another quite different, and if this is not enchantment, where is it to be found?"

~ J. D. Priestley



Quote Source: *Brainy Quote*

Métis Cookbook and Guide to Healthy Living 2nd Edition

It is our hope that you find this resource as wonderful as we did.

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COOKBOOK

Here will be an authentic teaching space for students, both from ENSS and Brighton Public School. The wigwam will hold about 15-18 students. Both the high school and elementary students come together to share stories and bond. We are so proud of our heritage.



Pamela Vanderburg
Native Studies Teacher

Pamela this is wonderful. Kudos to everyone involved from the Painted Feather Woodland Metis Tribe - OMFRC.

Bannock: A brief history

The Inuit call it 'palauga,' it's 'luskinikn' to the Mi'kmaq, while the Ojibway call it 'ba`weziganag.' Whatever they call it, from north to south and coast to coast, just about every indigenous nation across North America has some version of bannock.

Most indigenous families have their own unique recipes, which are passed down from generation to generation. Yet few, it seems, know where bannock came from.



Light, fluffy and golden brown fried bannock is sometimes called frybread. (Tim Fontaine)

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The Envelope Please! Indigenous Comics Collection Moonshot Among Best Books of

2015



Courtesy AH Comics

School Library Journal has just named Moonshot: The Indigenous Comics Collection to its prestigious list,



Source:
Métis Centre, National Aboriginal Health Organization (2008). *Métis Cookbook and Guide to Healthy Living, Second Edition*.
Ottawa: National Aboriginal Health Organization.

Copies of this publication may be obtained by contacting: Métis Centre National Aboriginal Health Organization

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When Is Finding a Fur Trader is NOT Enough? And Other Facts That Can Cause Uncertainty When Searching for Métis Ancestry



In the search for definitive proof of our Métis roots, we are often frustrated. There is a lot of confusion about what is considered absolute proof. Many of us know, from the stories passed down to us that we have a Métis background - but we aren't sure from where it stems.

In some cases, research will guide us to a link that will surprise us. While we might have been certain that our connection with the Aboriginal community is on one particular side of the family, a researcher may find someone in an entirely different branch of the family. This doesn't mean it is the only person in your family tree that will link you to a Métis heritage.

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The stereotype-smashing graphic novel *Moonshot: The Indigenous Comics Collection* (AH Comics, 2015) has been anointed, taking its place on the School Library Journal's prestigious Best Books list for 2015. It was chosen for its ability not just to entertain, but also enlighten.

"Moonshot is a wonderful teaching tool," said Pamela Vanderberg, Métis, Native Studies teacher at East Northumberland Secondary School, in Brighton, Ontario. "We need more up-to-date resources like this."

This article was featured in two magazines, *Native Country* and *Rural America*, a US magazine.

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Pamela Vanderburg
Native Studies Teacher

Pamela: Congratulations, what an honour. Your students must be so proud of their achievements. Year after year you and your students have inspired us with their accomplishments and continue to be an encouragement to us all.

Carey Price First Goalie Voted Canada's Male Athlete of the Year by CP

Montreal Canadiens goalie is first hockey player to win the honour since Sidney Crosby



Carey Price - a hockey talent honed on frozen creeks in B.C. - has been voted Canada's male athlete of the year. The Montreal Canadiens goaltender won the Lionel Conacher Award in a landslide. The 28-year-old took 53 per cent of the vote in a Canadian Press poll of sports editors and broadcasters across the country.

Montreal Canadiens' goaltender Carey Price also won the Lou Marsh award as Canada's Athlete of the Year earlier in December. (Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press)

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An Introduction to Métis History Rich and Complex Beyond the Red River



"Half Breed" by Dennis J. Weber, commissioned by Richard Gauthier for his album cover.

What if I were to tell you that the sphere of the Métis people was much larger than history allows us to perceive and has a much more complicated history than that ordinarily known? As I have discovered, Métis ethno genesis occurred in many places differing circumstances. We're all taught in school that the Métis were comprised of Cree-French fur trading families out of East-Central Canada and that was it. But this is not the whole picture. Other peoples from across the Atlantic have been busy exploring and establishing trades with Indigenous populations and most having the desire to colonize Turtle Island. As they were doing this they brought not only themselves but also slaves. There is also evidence of pre-European Christian contact with the peoples of North Africa and Muslims from the Iberian Peninsula.

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Our Nation-to-Nation Future



Canadian Rangers Travel More Than 100 Kilometres in Severe Weather to Rescue Fisherman



A Canadian Ranger search and rescue team travelled more than 100 kilometers in severe weather conditions during a 12-hour mission to find and rescue a fisherman whose snowmobile broke through river ice, leaving him stranded near the Hudson Bay coast.

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New Submissions

Our editors are always looking for original submissions that would be of interest to our community. Do you know of any upcoming events that you would like to share either through the Newsletter or Facebook?

If you have something you would like to add to future issues we would be happy to consider it; please call or email putting Facebook or Newsletter material in the subject line!

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Ontario Metis Family Records Center



We're on the web!

See us at:

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As we all know, we now have a new federal Liberal majority government. Last week, I was asked by another student on campus what I thought about that. So, we will take a break from our discussion of the assimilation of Aboriginal Peoples, and look at what our new political future may hold. As usual, before we look to the future, we need to look to the past.

~ Christine Shoniker and Trevor Shoniker

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Educational Funding



There are many members of the OMFRC community who have been successful in obtaining support through several of the programs in this featured in this attachment. Each organization has its own guidelines for qualification. This list is by no mean all of the Metis Bursaries offered and we will be adding to our list as more links become available to us.

Please Note: It has come to our attention that some students have been told that "they do not qualify for a Metis Bursary". Don't give up, you may just be speaking to the wrong person - give us a call at the OMFRC office and we will do our best to clarify your queries.

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The OMFRC would like to thank everyone that is standing with us to support the Ontario Metis Family Records Center Community Facebook Page.....your response is nothing short of incredible!

Stay connected and celebrate your heritage! Share that you're a member of the OMFRC Community with your family members on Facebook. It has never been more important to stand up and be counted!

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