

# Belair pleased with Siddon's meeting

*This letter was written by M.P. Reginald Belair to the Honourable Tom Siddon - Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.*

Dear Mr. Minister,  
I was pleased to hear that you met with the senior representatives of the First Nations of Canada. It is a step in the right direction and it may help to defuse the crisis that has mesmerized the country for the last two months.

Over the past twelve years, the

last two as a Member of Parliament, I have had numerous opportunities to meet with the First Nations of Cochrane-Superior and discuss the Native issues. I am in agreement with them concerning their right to be constitutionally recognized as a Founding Nation of this country. I also agree that they are entitled to parcels of land where their culture could be freely expressed in the values and traditions that they and their ancestors have pursued for centuries. The use of force or

other means of pressure from opposing groups is not justifiable or acceptable in our Canadian society.

The Mohawks in Oka have made their point, as did the First Nations of my riding. The blockade of the CN and CP rail lines highlighted their appeal for improvements in each of their communities. Now that the blockades have been dismantled, it is time for you to meet personally with the Chiefs of Cochrane-Superior, especially those who represent communities that are not included in the 1850 Robinson-Superior Treaty. They are currently occupying parcels of land that have not been "treated", and that question remains to be solved. Justice must be rendered.

As you may be aware, there were serious consequences of the three blockades in my riding. Over one thousand railroad workers were prevented from exercising their right to work during a period of two weeks. The result was a loss of wages, the stress on families, the disruption of travel plans of many travelers, and the loss of revenue by the railroad companies. Although the railroad workers were sympathetic to the Natives' claims, their patience should not be tested again. Another protest may result in

retaliation such as the ugly scene that occurred in Kahnawake.

I am therefore strongly urging you to make a commitment to a future date, to meet with both Native and the union leaders of

my riding.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter. Kind regards.

Respectfully yours,  
Reginald Belair, M.P.

## Terrace Bay Library News

The library began winter hours September 15th. We are once again open Saturday's 1-5 p.m.

Registration for Story Time beginning Tuesday, Oct. 16 can be made by calling 825-3819. All children 3 and 4 years of age are welcome to register.

New books: Spy Sinker- Len Deighton, Message from Nam- Danielle Steele, The Women in his Life- Barbara Taylor Bradford, An Inconvenient Woman- Dominick Dunne, Dragon- Clive Cussler, The Financial Post 100 Best Companies to Work for in Canada, The Great Waldo Search- Martin Handford.

New Videos: Best of the Caribbean, Chocolate and other

Divine Desserts, Arthur Rubinstein, Jonathan Livingstone Seagull, Jane Fonda's New Workout, and Jane Fonda's Prime Time Workout.

The "Backpack Your Paperback" reading club held their wind-up party on August 23. Special Guest Danny O'Keefe provided us with a wonderful demonstration of dance steps which was greatly appreciated by the library and members of the reading club.

A fascinating fact: What does a carrot have in common with an oak tree, a tulip or a cactus? To find the answer pick up and read "Discover - Mysteries of the past and present". A Royal Ontario Museum Book. Page 36.



### It's a Girl!

Gerry and Joanne Mikalauskas nee Witkowski are pleased to announce the arrival of Alaya Mary Stephanie

Sept. 2nd

at 9:24 a.m. at Port Arthur General Hospital.

Proud grand parents are Mary Mikalauskas and Emily Kulakowski.

Proud Uncle is Steven Witkoski  
Alaya arrived weighing a healthy 7 pounds 11 1/2 oz.



"Jimmy Shell" and family of Schreiber invite you to attend their

### Grand Opening

on Saturday Sept. 22nd of  
Mill Road Service Centre &  
Confectionary Store

Ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m.  
with Reeve Jim Ziegler

Free Balloons! free hotdogs!  
free donuts & coffee.

Everybody welcome

\* located at Mill Road near the Home Hardware

to 10:00 am  
5:00 pm



### Lake Superior Board of Education

would like to invite interested parents, teachers and professionals to a presentation / information session on

## ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

(A.D.D.)

"COPING WITH AN A.D.D. CHILD AT HOME AND SCHOOL"

at

Marathon Public School  
September 25th, 1990

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Presentation by Dr. Jim Little of Robarts School, London, Ontario

Individual appointments available after presentation.

for more information contact  
Ruth Mitchell at 229-0436

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## The Thunder Bay District Health Council



will be holding its  
ANNUAL MEETING

at the

VALHALLA INN (Icelandic Room)

on Tuesday September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Interested persons may contact the Council office,  
for further information at 623-6131.