

North is ripe for entrepreneurs

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We live in a world of incredible opportunity. Pioneers have explored every corner of the earth, but man has yet to come any closer in satiating his fellow's demands. Each step on that path to discovery only spreads the horizon further.

A career fair in Fort Liard's Echo Dene School gave students in the Deh Cho an idea of what kinds of opportunities they could pursue after high school.

Principal William Gowans said there are few job opportunities in Liard, which doesn't even have a hairdresser.

But there's a job opportunity. And anyone with a pair of scissors and a bit of initiative can corner the hairdressing market there in one fell swoop.

Where there is need, there is opportunity.

Public school needs to place a higher priority on financial and entrepreneurial education.

We are taught to get good grades, get into college, get good grades there and then find a "career" working for somebody else.

Rarely are we taught to grow up to be the employer or learn how to manage expense sheets.

Nothing is wrong with working for someone else, but to create new jobs, we need leaders. And that goes for the Deh Cho, too.

Small communities in this region show incredible entrepreneurial potential. Anything that you want but can't find locally is a future business opportunity.

The unique perspective that

Dene people of the North can bring into the business world offers two advantages: they can cater to their own people's demands better, and that traditional Northern authenticity is much sought-after in the south.

THE ISSUE:
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

WE SAY:
CREATE YOUR OWN

Entrepreneurship aligns with the values of freedom, resourcefulness and using the land that are championed in the North.

It's with entrepreneurship that freedom of lifestyle is achievable and in 2015 we can still dream of being adventurers.

Schools need to focus more on stimulating children's minds in a way that can teach them how they can best serve others and create something out of nothing.

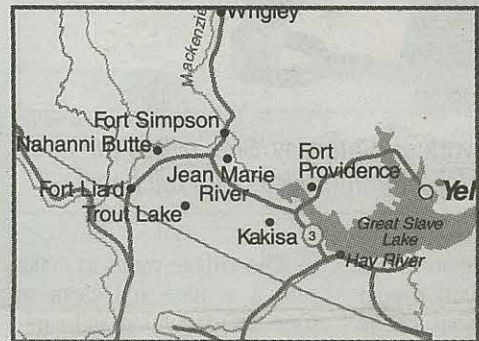
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NNSL WEB POLL

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Yes, we need economic growth and the jobs it could bring.

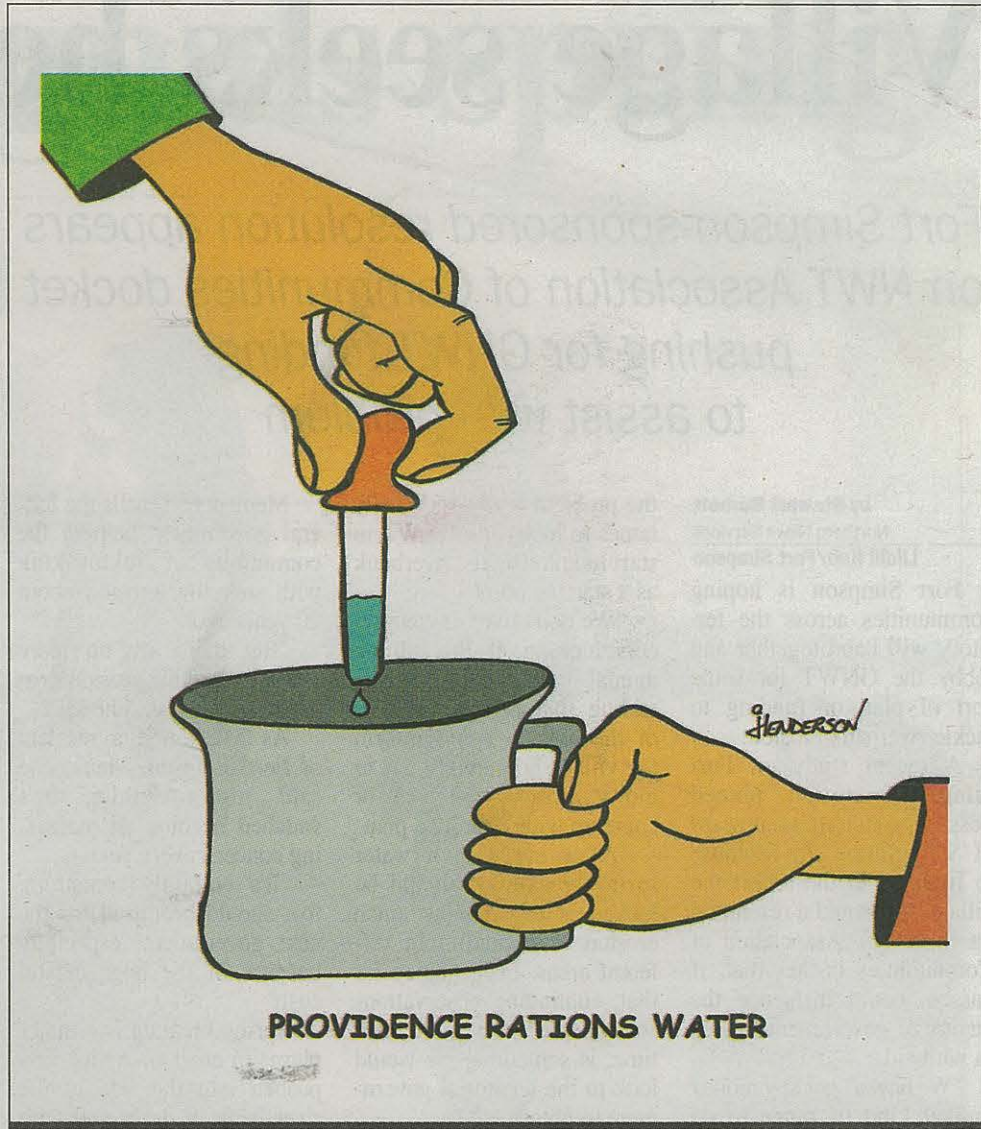


No, potential damage to the environment outweighs any economic benefits.

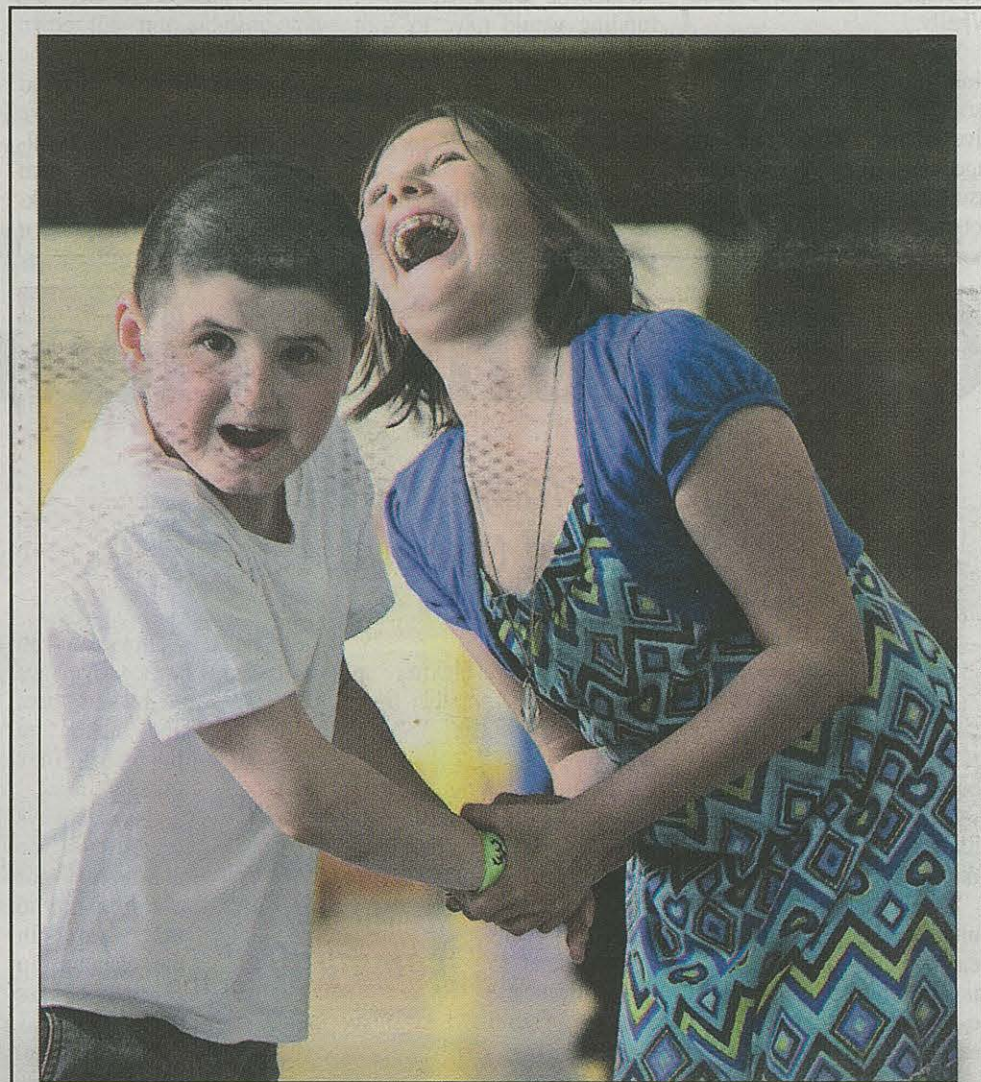


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Do youth in the Deh Cho have a wide variety of job opportunities? Go online to www.nnsl.com/dehcho to vote in this week's poll.



PROVIDENCE RATIONS WATER



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Keirah Simon, right, arrests Grayson Klein with a snap-on bracelet during recess at Bompas Elementary School.

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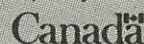
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