**Thank you Dennis McKenzie!**

For the past seven years, Dennis McKenzie, owner operator of Stanley Mission Exploration Services has provided Orano’s exploration team with line-cutting services. So, when Dennis announced his upcoming retirement we wanted to recognize his services to Orano. Glenn Lafleur, our Manager Northern Affairs, went to Stanley Mission to present Dennis (left in photo) with a plaque and thank him in person for his excellent contribution to our exploration projects.

Over the years, Dennis and his employees - all indigenous people from northern Saskatchewan - worked on many of our projects including Waterbury Cigar Lake, McClean Lake, Wolly, Getty Russel, Close Lake and Owl Lake to name a few. In the last five years alone Dennis and his staff provided over 30,000 hours of line-cutting work.

It has been a pleasure working with Dennis and his team over the years and we wish him a happy retirement. Thank you for everything Dennis and in particular for contributing to the economic prosperity of the North by providing employment for many others through the years.

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**Welcome back Team Drilling!**

Since January of this year, Team Drilling has been back on site at McClean Lake! They are working hard to support the McClean Lake team on a Research and Development project. The company was selected to mobilize the rig and crew for drilling operations on the project this summer. Welcome back Team Drilling!

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**Rose Brown - A Familiar Face at McClean Lake**

Rose Brown (nee Sayazie) is a familiar and friendly face at McClean Lake. She has worked as a housekeeper with ACLP for almost 12 years, most of which has been spent at the McClean Lake camp. Rose is a mother of five adult children: Susan, Duncan, Allistair, Stuart, and Fiona. Duncan began working for Orano at McClean Lake in 2001 as a mill operator and is now employed as a mill shift supervisor. Allistair also works at McClean Lake as a mill operator. Rose currently has 13 grandchildren ranging in age from three years all the way to 20 years.

Rose loves working at McClean Lake because of the people. To her, it is a second home, and the people there are her second family. When she started working at McClean Lake, C Dorm was not yet built, so she has seen many changes over the years, and met a lot of people. Although Rose was born and raised in Stony Rapids, she is currently living in Saskatoon. Her family moved to Colonsay when Allistair was a baby; however, Duncan, extended family members, and friends are living in Stony Rapids, so Rose tries to go there for visits as much as possible. Rose has travelled a number of times to Scotland, where her ex-husband was originally from. Through happenstance, she later found out that her own father, who had been adopted, also had Scottish ancestry.

In her free time, Rose really enjoys doing crafts, like creating Christmas centerpieces, crocheting, knitting, and sewing. She gets a lot of use out of the sewing room at camp! Rose started to learn beadwork from her mother when she was only 5 years old; this craft has been passed down from generation to generation in her family. Bead working has become a serious hobby for Rose, who has made and decorated moccasins, mukluks, and mittens as gifts and for sale. Rose has started to teach beading classes at McClean Lake, and will continue as long as there is interest. She started students on an easy project - making a key chain. With Rose’s work schedule of two weeks in and two weeks out, she hopes to offer classes to both shifts at least once per month. While Rose is starting to think about retirement plans, she’s happy to continue working for now, and her welcoming smile would surely be missed by all when it is time for her retirement.

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**Orano Canada in our Community**

Orano Canada is committed to help enhance the quality of life in many Saskatchewan communities, particularly in the North. In the past couple of months, Orano visited La Ronge to support Special Olympics Saskatchewan (photo on right). We had a lot of fun meeting the great athletes, volunteers and organizers! While in La Ronge, we also visited the Alex Robertson Public Library and were pleased that our gift of public access computer stations will contribute to the enhancement of services available to all members of the community. We were also happy to be able to support the Buffalo Narrows Kids Fish Derby, the National Aboriginal Curling Championships, the 5th annual curling bonspiel in Ile-a-La-Crosse, the Northern Saskatchewan Regional Science Fair (photo on left) and the Persephone Theatre’s Youth Tour presentation and workshops in Cumberland House, Sandy Bay, Wollaston Lake, Fond du Lac and Black Lake.

See more information and photos about these contributions and more on our Facebook page @oranocanada.

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