

## CONESTOGA NEWSLETTER

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### NEW NAME FOR NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT-

The school will assume a new name on August 1, 1978. By student vote on October 21, 1977, the name CONESTOGA Public Schools was chosen. Voting was done by the current high school students attending Nehawka High School, the Nehawka Junior High Students and the Murray Junior High Students. The School Board members from the Nehawka and Murray Districts had, prior to the voting by the students, narrowed the 46 previously submitted names to three. The three selected were Conestoga, Great Plains and Murray-Nehawka.

The students also chose a new mascot and school colors. The students' choice of selections for mascot was either cougars, buffaloes or hawks, and for school colors either burgundy/gold, columbian blue/gold, or red, white and blue. The students elected the cougar as their mascot and burgundy and gold as their school colors.

The new high school will be called CONESTOGA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. The Nehawka building will be called the Nehawka Attendance Center and the Murray building will be called the Murray Attendance Center.

### SCHOOL SITE PURCHASED-

The historic day of Friday, November 18, 1977, marked the recording of the deed for the new school site for Conestoga Junior-Senior High School. The site is located two and one-half miles west of Murray on Highway #1 or six miles north and one mile east from Nehawka.

The 37.99 acre site was purchased for \$2,500.00 per acre from Leon and Evelyn Gansemer.

Water will be furnished from the Rural Water District No. 1, Cass County. A sewage lagoon will be constructed on the site. The access roads to the new school site are excellent.

### CONESTOGA ACCEPTED INTO GALAXY CONFERENCE-

Conestoga Junior-Senior High School has been accepted into the Galaxy Conference. Scheduling athletic contests for the fall of 1978 has already begun. Other schools in the conference include: Louisville, Weeping Water, Palmyra, Nebraska City Lourdes, Humboldt, Pawnee City, Stella Southeast and Falls City Sacred Heart.

Sports offered by the Conestoga School include: Football, Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Wrestling and Boys' and Girls' Track. Junior High sports are also included.

Other extra-curricular activities of the Conference include Music, Speech and Drama.

### MURRAY-NEHAWKA BOARDS OPEN BIDS DECEMBER 20TH-

The Construction Documents for Conestoga Junior-Senior High School were issued for bidding on November 21, 1977. Bids were received on December 20, 1977, at the gymnasium of the Murray School.

Completion date for the new Conestoga Junior-Senior High School is scheduled for June, 1979. Construction will begin as soon as weather permits.

Contracts were approved with the following contractors during the last few months: Beall Construction - \$2,445,906.00 - general contractor, Alfred Bloom Company - \$70,000.00 - educational equipment, Baldwin Carpet - \$37,000.00 - carpet contract. Architect for the new building is Zennon - Barringer and Associates.

### CONESTOGA SCHOOLS HIRE NEW SUPERINTENDENT-

The Murray School Board, with input from the Nehawka School Board, has hired Tom Barrett as the new superintendent for the Conestoga School for the 1978-79 school year. Mr. Barrett is presently the superintendent of schools at Wymore Southern Schools. His duties will officially start on July 1, 1978, although Mr. Barrett will be helping with planning the 1978-79 school year in an advisory capacity. We welcome Mr. Barrett to the Conestoga Schools with wishes for a successful 78-79 school year.

**BUILDING UTILIZATION FOR 1978-79-**

The Murray and Nehawka School Boards, with advice and consultation from Tom Barrett, newly appointed superintendent, and the present administrators, have decided on the use of the facilities in the Conestoga School District for 1978-79. The Nehawka Attendance Center will house grades 7-12, plus the Nehawka area kindergarten. The Murray Attendance Center will house grades 1-6, plus the Murray area kindergarten. This decision was made after much thought, discussion, fact-finding, and soul searching were done. It was not an easy decision to make, but both Boards of Education are hoping the patrons will do their utmost to try to put the new district off on the right foot.

A meeting with the public is scheduled for February 26th, 1978, at 2:00 p.m. at the Nehawka School. This meeting is being held to inform the public on progress with the new building and other matters involved with the new Conestoga School. Mr. Tom Barrett, superintendent-elect, and Zennon - Barringer and Associates, architect of the new school, will be present at the meeting.

Upcoming issues include board decisions on principals and teaching staff for the Conestoga School District, curriculum for the new high school, and election of school board members.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH-**

Prosperity makes friends and adversity tries them.

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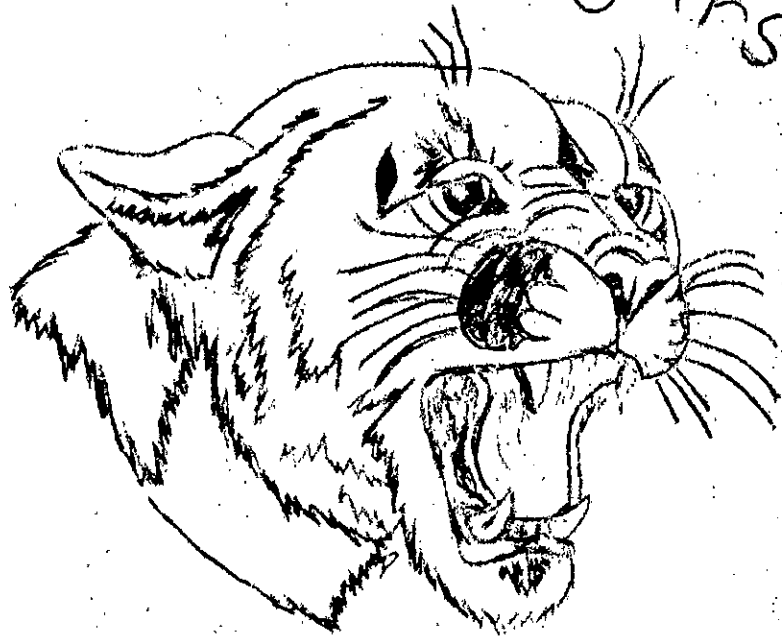
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