

Ocean Man First Nation



Who we are and where we come from . . .



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Dedicated to the People of Ocean Man First Nation



This is a wonderful version of our history as told by our own grade school children. They have adapted the story from articles, archives and of course, oral tradition from our Elders. Ocean Man's story is then made even more meaningful by including the beautiful artwork of the authors themselves. This adaptation will incite the reader in thought and curiosity to delve deeper into our history.

I thank everyone involved in this production of Ocean Man's story. The children, Ocean Man School, the Elders, and Treaty 4 Education Alliance, but most of all I thank those who worked so hard to bring us home.

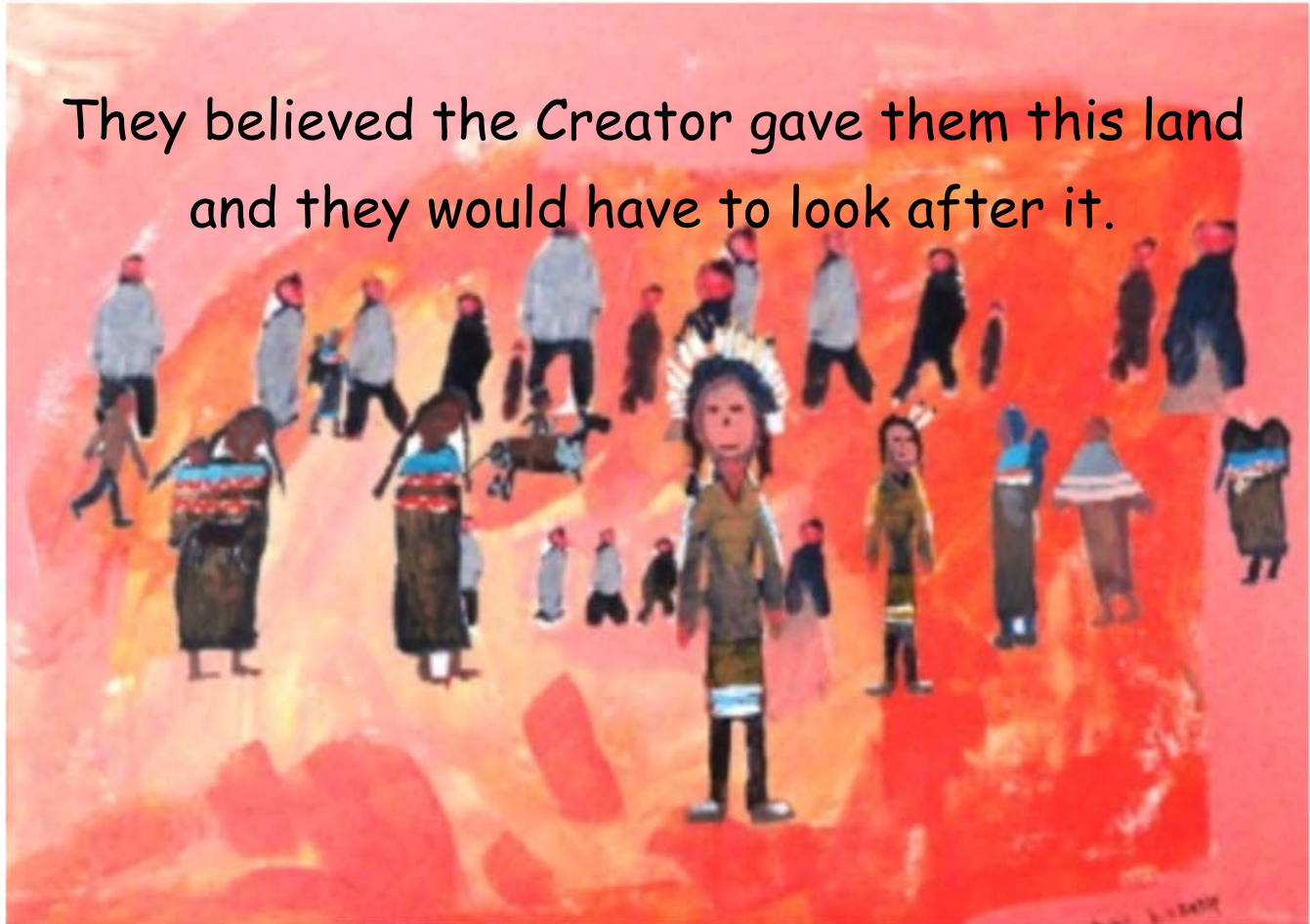
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Chief Connie Big Eagle, Ocean Man First Nation



The people of
Ocean Man were always
on the lands south of the
Moose Mountains. They
lived with the Cree,
Nakota and the Saulteaux
tribes.

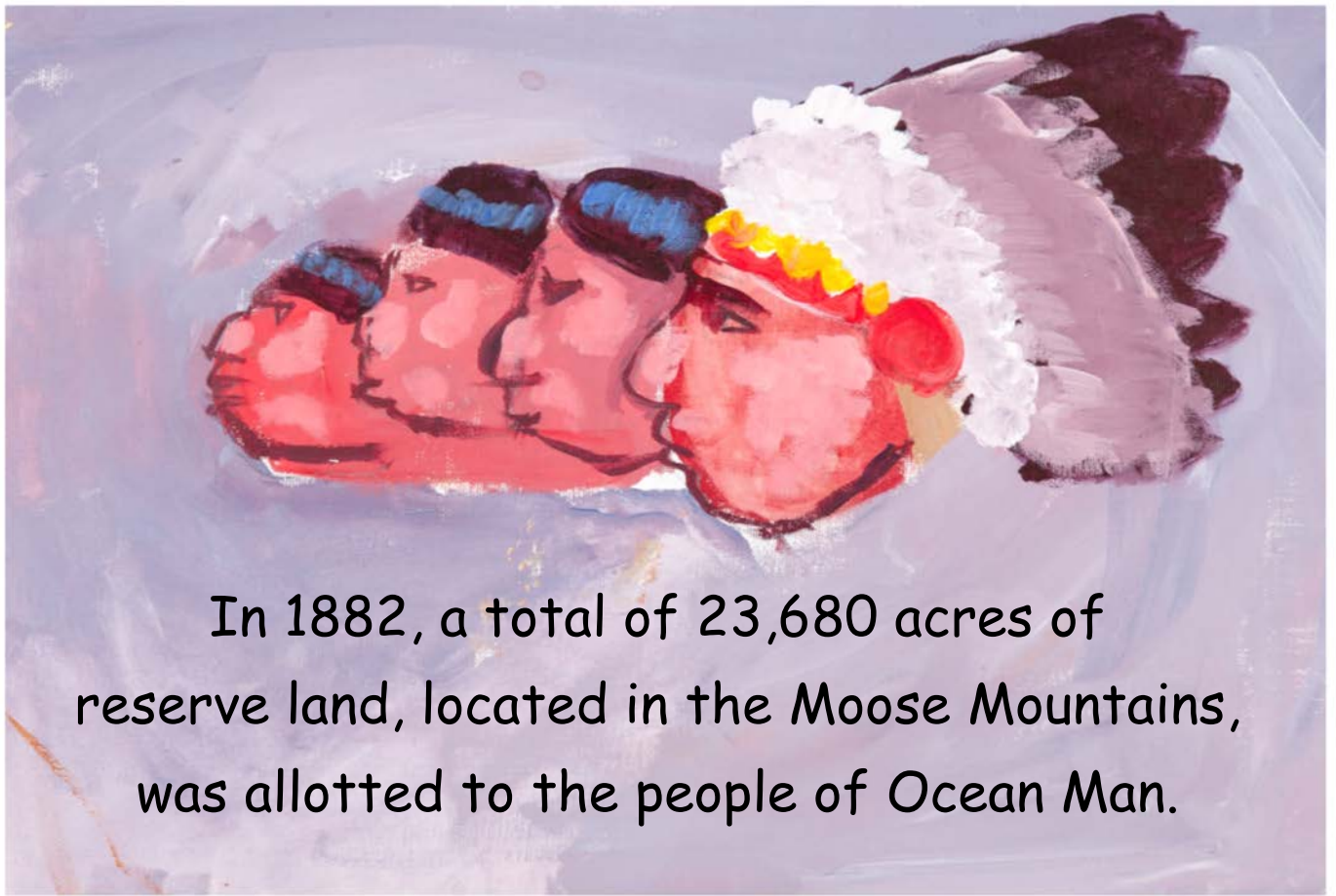
They believed the Creator gave them this land
and they would have to look after it.





Chief Kitchi-Kah-Me-Win
(Great Sea Man/Ocean Man)
signed a union to Treaty 4
on September 9, 1875.

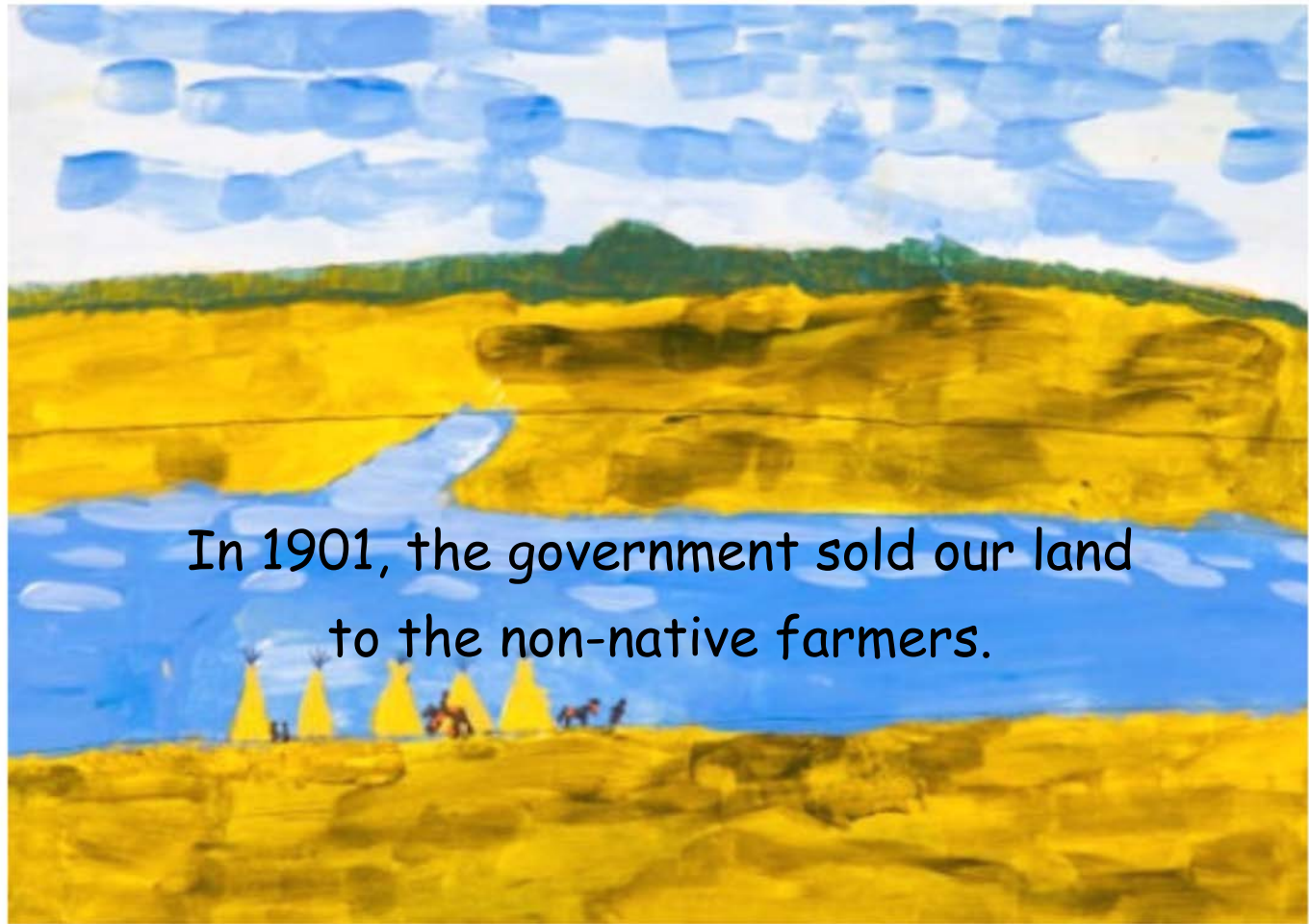
Arlene Shepherd



In 1882, a total of 23,680 acres of reserve land, located in the Moose Mountains, was allotted to the people of Ocean Man.



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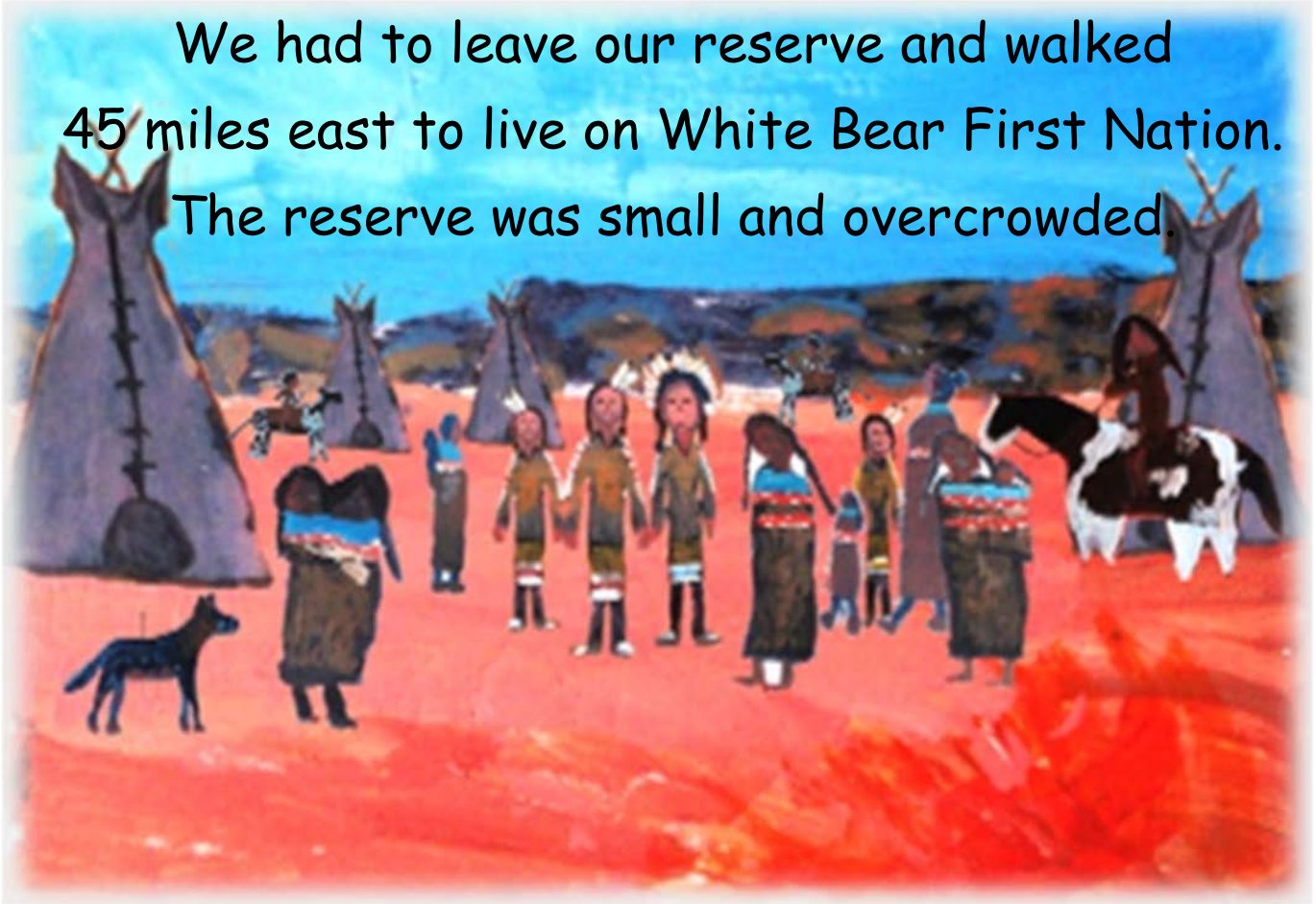


In 1901, the government sold our land
to the non-native farmers.



Abby Shepherd Daniels

We had to leave our reserve and walked
45 miles east to live on White Bear First Nation.
The reserve was small and overcrowded.






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We used our skills
As farmers to make
a living.




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In the 1970's our people launched
a land claim against the government.
After many years of hard work
by our great grandparents,
we were re-established in 1990
as Ocean Man First Nation.



Sage Ackacuk



Today, we have reclaimed
most of our land.
We still have more land to claim.



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Jenna Big Eagle

In 1997, Ocean Man First Nation became the only First Nation in Canada to have an all-female Chief and Council. The elected officials were Chief Laura Big Eagle and Councillors Christine Grealey, Tara Parisier, Gloria Shepherd and Charlene Crevier.

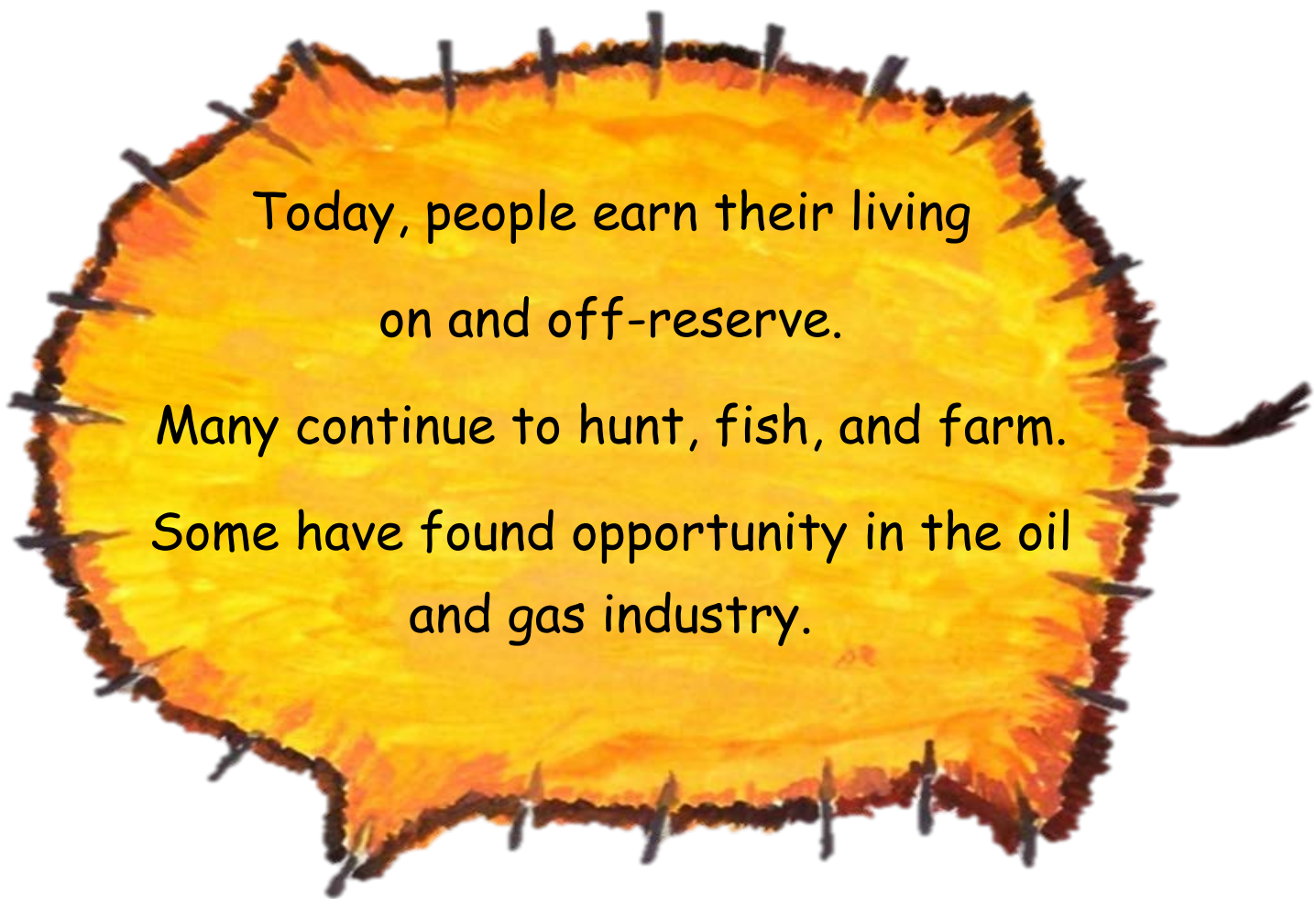
Ocean Man First Nation
continues to grow.
Now, there are 507
registered members with
170 people making their home
on reserve.



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Nicolas Haywahe



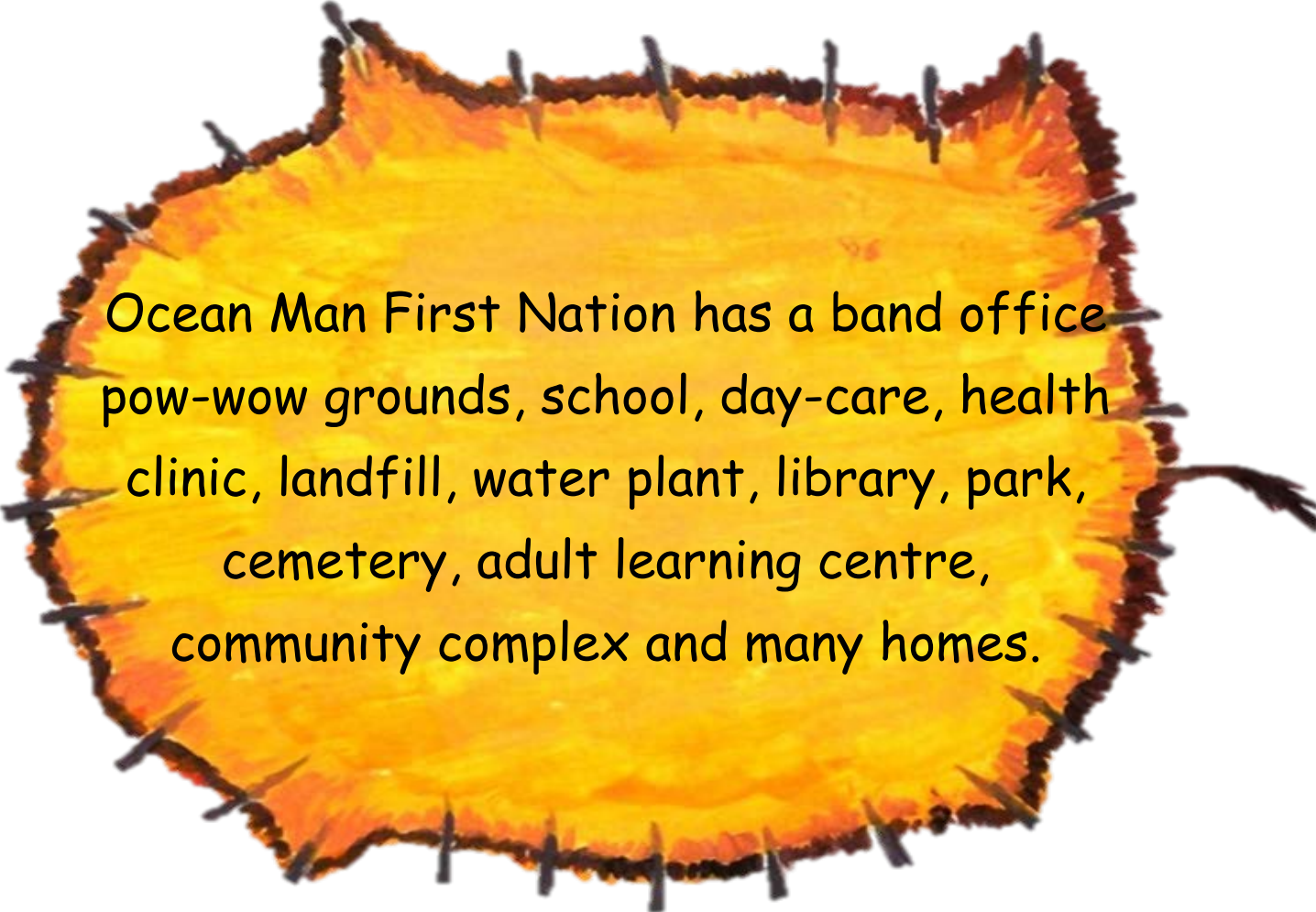
Today, people earn their living
on and off-reserve.

Many continue to hunt, fish, and farm.

Some have found opportunity in the oil
and gas industry.



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Ocean Man First Nation has a band office
pow-wow grounds, school, day-care, health
clinic, landfill, water plant, library, park,
cemetery, adult learning centre,
community complex and many homes.



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