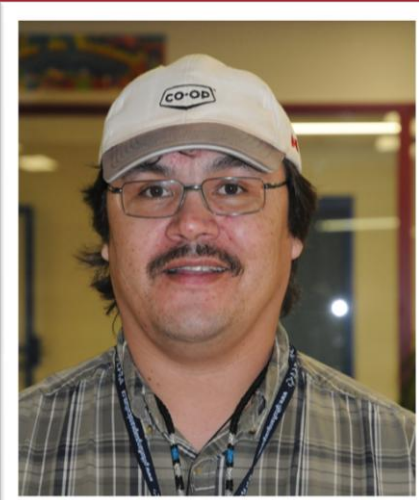


## O. Garry Bear



Music

(Country, Rock, original)

Lead singer

Band Name: "After the Rain"

Box 292

Sandy Bay, SK

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Cree & English

Will Perform

Workshops Available

Will Travel

## Artist Biography/Statement

I came to Sandy Bay from a foster home when I was eleven years old. I started school at Sandy Bay and got a music program at school at age thirteen with Rob Shukin. He still teaches here. I played bass guitar in the school band, progressed to six string guitar and eventually drums. I played locally with different bands from age sixteen to twenty. Then I started to write my own music. I first recorded with 'Young Blood' in the 80ies and in 2000 I started "After the rain", recorded two CD's, all original music. I performed all over Northern Saskatchewan, in Texas and even in Ottawa at the National Aboriginal Day. I put it on hold for now to be a teacher. I teach Cree and culture and promote music to young students. My biggest inspiration to play my own music is my wife Marylee. She changed my life to become more independent and self confident in my abilities.

## Workshops

I could do workshops in raising awareness of the benefits of being a musician and the challenges a musician faces. I could do a presentation and demonstration and do a Q&A period.



## Mona Caribou



“Turtle River Blue Water Dancers”

### Dance

(Line, Hoop, Jig, Pow Wow,  
Square, Cheer Leader)

Box 24

Sandy Bay, SK

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(306) 754 – 4557 (home)

Cree & English

Will Perform

Workshops Available

Will Travel

## Artist Biography/Statement

I started to teach dance, because I wanted to get some self-esteem on the kids. My dream is to help the youth not to let them forget their culture. When I was a teenager I liked dancing (square, jig and pow wow) and singing, but I didn't compete. The kids today really seem to like it, too. They come after school to my door and ask to practise. At home we have a juke box, so my granddaughter brings lots of kids home and we do dance practise. Sometimes I have twenty kids at home. But sometimes I need a break. I am 54 years old! So I tell them to go practise at home.

“1-2-3-heel-toe!” Sometimes I go to parties and make people laugh and dance, instead of arguing. I make pow wow dresses, too. We had a pow wow dance at the Church on Christmas. I learned pow wow dance from Terry Daniels and his family from Sturgeon Lake. They showed me pictures of a pow wow and of where they all go and I thought I had to get it going in Sandy Bay. That's my dream. To teach kids pow wow here.

The Turtle River Blue Water Dancers won first place in their category at the Prince Albert Fine Arts Winter Festival.



## Billy Joe Mercredi



Music

Box 26

Stony Rapids, SK

S0J 2R0

(306) 439 – 2048

Will Perform

Workshops Available

## Artist Biography/Statement

I play fiddle, guitar and keyboard. I also play traditional hand drums, that's how we grew up - to respect the animals and that's what we teach our children. My dad used to play fiddle and harmonica. I played music ever since I can remember. One of my older brothers went to the army and left his fiddle behind. I picked it up. When he came back, he taught me. After I got married, I taught my little boy. So I bought him a violin, guitar and keyboard. I play at weddings and anniversaries and carnivals. There are a lot of young people that are good fiddlers in Fond du Lac, Black Lake and Wollaston Lake. There's no place to go for them, so they meet at the warehouse and learn from each other.

