



Here Are The News

Director: Cathleen Smith, Canada, 2008, 51 minutes

Here Are The News celebrates the accomplishments of Yukon journalist, Miss Edith Josie. Edith Josie is from the Gwitchin group of Athabasca Indians who range from the Northwest Territories, to the Yukon, to Alaska.

Miss Josie captured the imaginations of people around the globe with her unique approach to writing as a correspondent for the *Whitehorse Star* in 1953, a job she held for almost 50 years. Starting out not reading or writing in English, her column was syndicated in the *Edmonton Journal*, the *Fairbanks News Miner*, and the *Indian News* in Vancouver. Over the years, Miss Josie put Old Crow on the map by appearing numerous times on Peter Gzowski's CBC Radio show and television programs such as *Front Page Challenge*. As well, a feature article in *Life Magazine* gave her worldwide acclaim.

Her passion for education and tradition are themes in her life and in the film, which explores more than just the journalistic activity of this member of the Order of Canada. Miss Josie's outlook on life is continuously shared with others as she demonstrates the value of language, stories, education, and faith. She lives these lessons through her interactions with her community, the public, and her family. She also shows us the unique way of life of the Gwitchin people and how modern development threatens their life necessities.

In Edith Josie's world, she simply reported events as she saw them. But, for outsiders, she opened doors to Old Crow, her tiny village of 300 people, 80 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

FILMMAKER IN ATTENDANCE

PRECEDED BY:

Traditional Trappings

Director: Joel Peter, Canada, 2008, 3 minutes

An elder from Old Crow shares his experience living off the land.

Man Who Always Lives In The Bush

Director: Mary Jane Moses, Canada, 2008, 5 minutes

A tribute to the filmmaker's husband who values life on the land and celebrates Gwitchin traditions and culture.