

Dàkwānia

(what they say)

August/September 2009 Newsletter
Nānāthhān N-zhā (August - Fat Animal Month)
Nūchū N-zhā (September - Fall Time)



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK
FIRST NATIONS

2009 General Assembly at Klukshu

The 2009 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations General Assembly (GA) was held July 24-26 at Klukshu Village.

"Thank you to our citizens for pulling together and carrying out the important business of the General Assembly at a difficult time," says Chief Diane Strand.

The GA was well attended, but subdued, due to the passing of respected Elder Mary Shadow. No festivities were held out of respect for Mary's family. Chief and Council look forward to rescheduling an event to honour Dave Joe for his many accomplishments.



Klukshu Lake on a sunny Saturday afternoon at the General Assembly

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"We are proud of our excellent General Assemblies and look forward to the opportunity to make them better every year," says Chief Strand. "It takes a lot of time, money and dedicated staff to host a General Assembly, but it's well worth it when the GA results in a clear vision and guidance from our citizens."

The 2009 Assembly passed 18 resolutions, which can be viewed at www.cafn.ca. Thirty dedicated GA delegates undertook two in-depth training sessions prior to the GA, and held well-informed, respectful discussions throughout the Assembly. Most delegates are serving their third year in a four-year term and bring a great deal of experience and expertise to the GA process.

A highlight of the 2009 GA was the joint announcement of \$14 million in funding for CAFN's cultural centre.

(see page 5 for more details)



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Champagne and Aishihik kids sport their new CAFN toques

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Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC) also released its new logo depicting a high cache, featured on a new DDC t-shirt.

The GA had a tent full of booths and displays, including information on CAFN department activities, the Alaska Highway Aboriginal Pipeline Coalition, the Alek Renewable Resource Council, the Arctic Athabaskan Council, and more.

Many thanks to all who attended and assisted, especially the delegates, who devoted three days on behalf of all CAFN citizens.



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The cooks presented incredible meals and the Gopher Buddies kept everyone comfortable and well-fed

Credit is also owed to GA coordinator Brenda Asp and CAFN staff, who devoted many weeks of their time to prepare for, set up and carry out the event. And thank you to Chair Stephen Mills and co-chairs Nigel Boyle and Youth Councilor Josh Darbyshire for keeping the meetings upbeat and flowing smoothly.

The GA cooks produced many delicious meals. Congratulations and a job well done to first-time head cook Roxanne Burns and her helpers: Dora Kane-Dunphy Lautamus, Judy Brown, Marianne Joe, Collette Catto, and Joan Graham. Sound technician Anna Fraser, minute taker Tina Elias, and maintenance worker Howard Linklater also did a fantastic job.



Photo by Rose Kushniruk

Young entrepreneurs sold cold treats on a warm afternoon

The Employment Opportunities crews from Haines Junction and Takhini helped throughout the General Assembly and are commended for their hard work. Thank you also to the fire crew for chipping in.

And thank you to the many hard-working Gopher Buddies who delivered snacks, coffee and tea, and served meals throughout the GA. It's great to see motivated youth contribute.

Check out more info and photos of the 2009 GA online at www.cafn.ca.



Message from the Chief

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Dǎnnch'e.

I enjoyed my time at Klukshu with citizens at the General Assembly. It's always good to connect. Taking direction from the Assembly helps Council in making decisions. It was a tough GA in terms of dealing with business while many members were grieving with the recent loss of our Elder. Thanks to all the staff and many others who made the GA a success.

Thank you to our special guests, President of the Treasury Board Vic Toews, Premier Dennis Fentie, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor, and Senator Dan Lang, who traveled to Klukshu for the joint announcement of more than \$14 million for our Cultural Centre. This sum is made up of \$4 million from the Yukon Government and \$4 million from Canada through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), \$5 million from Parks Canada, and \$2.5 million from CAFN. We are exploring the best financial options for our portion of the cost. One possibility is to finance our capital contribution through a loan at the current low interest rates. We are also negotiating with Government of Yukon and Parks Canada on their rental space.

Youth Councillor Josh Darbyshire and I attended the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Meeting (AGM). This was an election year and the chiefs elected Shawn Atleo as our new National Chief after a marathon of voting that went into the next morning (about 22 hours). Both Josh and I learned a lot during that process.

The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) General Assembly succeeded in passing the new Yukon First Nations Intergovernmental Accord in principle. There will be a special CYFN general assembly in the fall to ratify the document, which establishes a new organization with a new mandate. If any citizen wants to see and provide comments on the new Intergovernmental Accord, please contact

my Executive Assistant Angie Charlebois for a copy at (867) 634-4234 or acharlebois@cafn.ca.

CAFN is excited to be hosting the Pursuit of Excellence seminar in Haines Junction Sept 22nd to 25th. Many First Nations have offered this program and received rave reviews. If you're interested in participating, please contact Shadelle Chambers at (867) 667-7825 or schambers@cafn.ca. This session will be held in Haines Junction and a December program is planned for Whitehorse residents.

Council and I are also excited to once again host our annual community consultation meetings. Please watch for dates and details for our visit to your community, or contact Angie Charlebois at (867) 634-4234 for more information. These meetings provide a venue for important input from citizens to help us update our strategic plan for the new fiscal year and budget. An example is that in 2008, we heard from citizens about our recreation programming. As a result, the Strategic Plan called for a review of the recreation program, which is currently underway, and may change the way recreation programs are offered in the future.

I am enjoying some time off this fall, and look forward to being back in the office September 14. I plan on spending time hunting, as well as gathering and preparing for my cousin's upcoming potlatch. Thank you to Deputy Chief Lorraine Stick and Councillor Mary Jane Jim for taking the lead during my time away.

Nǎnuch'i shi (I will see you again).

Sincerely,

Diane Strand - Xíxch'tláa

PS - Congratulations to Natane Primozic, Anthony Primozic and Britney Brown on being accepted to attend the National Aboriginal Science Camp in Yellowknife, NWT.

And congratulations to the CAFN Chiefs softball team on a great season. The Chiefs are currently preparing for and recruiting players to compete in a tournament in Nevada this September 24.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following is a brief summary of decisions made by Chief and Council during their June 18-19 and July 17, 2009 regular meetings.

Fixed Assets Policy

A new policy was passed on Fixed Assets, Acquisitions, Control and Disposal for CAFN. This policy outlines acceptable processes for purchasing and disposing of CAFN's capital assets.

Financial Audit

CAFN approved the audited financial statements for CAFN for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. Copies of the audit were distributed at the 2009 General Assembly at Klukshu.

Community Health and Well Being Policy

Chief and Council approved the revised Community Health and Well Being Policy. Copies of the revised policy and applications are available online at <http://www.cafn.ca/chwb.html> or contact Doreen Williams at drwilliams@cafn.ca or 634-4232.

Promotions and Transfers Policy

Chief and Council approved revisions to the Personnel Policy on promotions and transfers.

Constitution

Council formally approved revised wording of the CAFN Constitution to reflect amendments passed at the 2006 General Assembly.

Health Research Project

Chief and Council agreed to allow a Hebactor Pylori Research Project to move ahead with CAFN citizens, pending resolution of questions related to ethics, ownership and confidentiality.

Chartered Accountants

Council appointed MacKay LLP Chartered Accountant for a three-year term from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012.

Copies of the minutes of regular Chief and Council meetings are available with reception staff at both CAFN offices, or can be requested by contacting Rita Burns, Council Administrative Assistant, at (867) 634-4201 or rburns@cafn.ca.

2009 CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETINGS

August – No regular meeting

September 17-18, 2009

October 15-16, 2009

November 12-13, 2009

December 10-11, 2009



CAFN Heritage

Äthèkal (Ark or Table Mountain)

Äthèkal (meaning "flat topped") is a well known landmark towards the south end of Kusawa Lake. Also known as Ark Mountain and as Table Mountain, Äthèkal can be seen from the Haines Road (area of the northwest corner of Dezadeash Lake), a distance of 60 kilometres. Source for Place Name: Elders Stella Jim, Paddy Jim, and Marge Jackson. Photo Credit: CAFN Heritage.

CAFN CULTURAL CENTRE: Work is Underway

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Cultural Centre is well on its way to being built.

During the 2009 General Assembly at Klukshu, Chief Diane Strand, Deputy Chief Lorraine Stick, President of the Treasury Board Vic Toews, Premier Dennis Fentie, Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor, and Senator Dan Lang announced more than \$14 million in joint funding.

Now that capital funding is confirmed, the construction of our Cultural Centre has begun. The building will be approximately 28,000 square feet and is estimated will cost \$11 million to construct, with a total capital budget of \$15 million. We were successful in our Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) application for \$4 million from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and \$4 million from Yukon Government. Parks Canada has committed \$5 million to the project and CAFN is investing \$2.5 million (as per 2007 GA resolution).

The Building Advisory Committee (made up of representatives of CAFN Council, staff and citizens, Yukon Government and Parks Canada) is working to finalize the architectural design. Charles McLaren has been chosen as the architect.

The Yukon Government is providing Kevin Sumner as the construction project manager. This arrangement came about as a direct result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Chief Strand and Premier Fentie at the 2008 General Assembly, which agrees to provide Human Resources and increase CAFN's capacity.



Representatives of CAFN, Canada and Yukon during the July 24 announcement at Klukshu

Since this year's GA, a crew has begun clearing the trees from the site. Soon electricity, sewer, water and other site services will be brought in. The foundation will be poured in the spring and construction will begin next year. CAFN hopes to occupy the space by March 31st, 2011.



Treasury Board President Vic Toews announces the combined \$14 million

Consultation with citizens is ongoing to hear what you want on display in the centre, so get your ideas in to Frances Oles. A community consultation session is planned for Monday, September 21 to ensure we are on the right track with the building design and exhibit themes, and to update citizens on the Cultural Centre (*more details on page 16*). Work is underway to get the archives and collections ready to move to the new facility.

There are many exciting opportunities related to the Cultural Centre. If you are interested in working with CAFN Heritage, please contact our Heritage Resource Officer, Sheila Quock. If citizens are interested in working on the building construction, please contact Mary Anne Carroll in Education right away. We want to ensure as many citizens and community members as possible are employed through this project.

Additionally, CAFN will rent space in the cultural centre to Parks Canada and Yukon Government, who will use the space to provide Visitor Information Services to the public. We welcome this partnership and invite them and their visitors to our Cultural Centre during the summer months.

We are excited that the construction of our Cultural Centre is now a reality for our citizens and look forward to the grand opening in 2011.

For more information:

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SUPPORT FOR CAFN STUDENTS

What an amazing summer we are having. It is hard to believe that school will be starting in a few days. The Education Department is here to support you and your children. We are happy to welcome Lindsay Chambers back from maternity leave. It is great to have her back in the office providing support to our post secondary and elementary students. We are also excited to have Melina Hougen as our summer student through the end of August.

There is a lot to do before school starts and the Education Department has several programs to help your child have a successful year. Remember to submit your School Supply Funding Application. This funding is to help cover some of the costs of school supplies. Students in grades K-7 receive \$50 and students in grades 8-12 receive \$65. You can pick up the applications at either the Whitehorse or Haines Junction office and return them to Lindsay Chambers at the Whitehorse office. School Supply and other applications are also available online at:
www.cafn.ca/education.html.

Parents, remind your secondary students that getting good grades pays. Grade 8-12 students who have at least a 75% overall average are eligible for the Secondary Academic Achievement Award. Students who keep your grades high not only increase your future opportunities, but could also earn \$100 to \$350 this year. For more information contact MaryAnne Carroll at 634-4230.

Tutoring Assistance is available to K-12 students. If your child is struggling or needs extra support, contact the Education Department. We will help you connect with a tutor and work in conjunction with your child's teacher. Tutoring can provide the one on one support to help your child. In Haines Junction you can contact Diane Jenschatz at 634-2231 or in Whitehorse contact Lindsay Chambers at 633-8901 for more information.

The Education Department is currently reviewing our K-12 support for Whitehorse students. We have received feedback from parents at the General Assembly and also through phone interviews. You are your child's first and most important educator. We greatly appreciate those who have taken the time to let us know how we can better support K-12 students. Please contact Melina Hougen by August 31 at 633-8901 for more information or to provide us with your feedback. All information is kept strictly confidential.

On Wednesday August 12, the Education Department held our Picnic in the Park. Nearly 30 parents and more than 15 kids joined us at the playground in Rotary Park for fun, food, and prizes. We received a lot of valuable feedback from parents of how to better support parents and children to succeed in school. If you or anyone you know wasn't able to attend and would like to add their ideas to Educations review of K-12 support please contact Melina, Cai or Lindsay at 633-8903.

We value and appreciate any feedback that you have. We look forward to hearing from you.

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CAFN Student/Education Statistics for Fiscal Year 2008-09:

- Language Nest child participation: 20
- Tutoring program: 29
- Grade 12 graduates: 13
- Post-Secondary students sponsored for full and part-time courses: 50
- Post-secondary graduates: 4
- School supply funding: 139



Photo by Mike Evans

A sunny summer day on the water

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

*Written by Andy Pauls, Summer Youth Leader
Edited and Photographs by Mike Evans,
Youth Programs Coordinator*

Over the summer we set up some fun and amazing activities for youth.

One of the first was the Grad barbecue, and it was a HUGE success! We asked if the local Whitehorse band CHS could come on over and play, and they did. I was stoked I was able to get up on stage and play a few songs.

The next thing we got started on was the Fishing Guide program with Dalton Trail Lodge and the first trip on the Dezadeash Lake was awesome. It was a perfect day for fishing and we caught countless fish. The second trip was cancelled due to bad weather and the third trip was kind of a letdown because we were fishing throughout the day. At the end of the day I suddenly caught one as I was sitting there oblivious and not knowing what to do! Mush Lake was absolutely beautiful though!

The next one was the Tatshenshini White Water Rafting. Kids from Faro came out to Pine Lake to camp and we met up with them there and just hung out around the fire with smokies and went fishing with Sean Sheardown. The next day we all headed out from the Youth Centre to Blanchard and got ourselves ready for the water. As we were out on the river, we were having the time of our lives.

The water was high. Everyone was working together and just having a good time. Mike Evans, Thomas Moore and I were jumping from raft-to-raft. Mike did an epic jump from 'Ambush Eddy' and launched into our raft after taking a giant leap of faith from his raft as we were floating by! Later we all came back to the Youth Centre and watched a movie and relaxed from a fun day.

The BIGGEST SUCCESS was the Canoe Camp and Dezadeash River Trip. With the Canoe Camp we learned all the paddle strokes for the river so we were ready to tackle the water. We played a few games, and one of them was a trust game, three people in each boat and the two end people are blind folded and the middle man isn't and he/she has to direct the boat through a course. During the Canoe Camp we spent a night over at the Takhini River and we went through "The Jaws of Death" and everyone had a blast going through it!

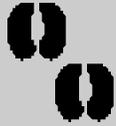
The Dezadeash River Trip was a GREAT experience. We had eight people altogether. We took off from the bridge in Junction and weren't back again till Thursday. We were amazed that all of that land was right in our "front yard". Going on hikes around camp or the big hike we did by Beach View Creek was just simply amazing, it was hard to believe that this land wasn't "touched" and we are here to gaze upon it. After our fun time going down stream it was time to go back UP stream and we SAILED up stream and that was a cool experience.

All and all, we have had a great time and everyone will carry these experiences and cherish them for the rest of their lives.



Photo by Mike Evans

A tranquil break from paddling



Wildlife Watch



CAFN Renewable Resources

Recommendations for the 2009/2010 Bison Hunt

The Yukon Wood Bison Technical Team approved the following recommendations:

- Annual Allowable Harvest Range – 170 to 300 bison
- The regular winter hunt will continue from December to March
- A fall road corridor hunt will start September 1 to November 30
- The bison free zone will start this year, which means certain zones south of the Alaska highway will be open for Bison hunting year round
- The Bison Hunting course will not be mandatory
- All bison hunters are still required to get a permit, report their harvest and to submit the incisor bar

If you have any questions, call Linaya at 634-4211.

2008 Alsek Moose Survey Results

A survey was conducted last November in Zone 7 and part of the Sanctuary near Dalton Post. The results of that survey show that the moose populations in that area are still declining. The population estimate is approximately 806 moose. This is lower than previous years' survey results and in comparison that is well below the overall Yukon average for the number of moose in a determined area.

The bull/cow ratio has dropped from 64 mature bulls per 100 cows in 1997 to 43 mature bulls per 100 cows. The cow/calf ratio has declined from 37 calves per 100 cows to 27 calves per 100 cows. And the yearling/cow ratio is 18 yearlings per 100 cows. This tells us that the bull ratio has decreased dramatically since 1997. Although the calf ratio has declined it is still considered fairly stable, but the yearling ratio could be higher. Over all, the results from the survey in 2008 show one of the lowest recorded levels since the 1980's.

If you have any questions, call Linaya at 634-4211.





CAFN Renewable Resources

2009 Late Winter Aishihik Caribou Survey Results

Population Estimate	2023 (1849-2214)
Calf/Cow ratio	20 calves per 100 cows
Bull/Cow ration	54 bulls per 100 cows

This population estimate is up from the 1997 survey, when the population was estimated at 1148 caribou. From the survey results, the Aishihik caribou herd has been growing at approximately 4.8% per year.

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CAFN Students Represent Yukon at National Science Camp

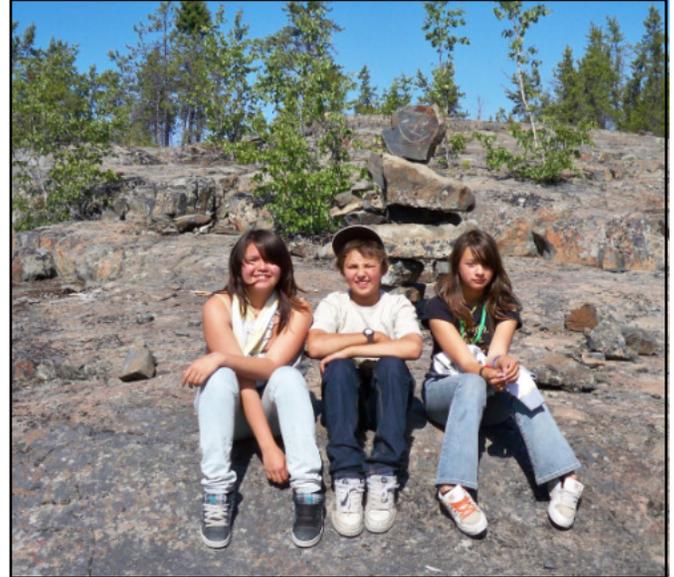


Photo by Monica Primozic

Britney, Anthony and Natane (left to right) at camp

To represent the Yukon at the National Aboriginal Science Camp, Yukon First Nation students were asked to write an essay and poster about a science related topic and why they think it is important to learn. Natane Primozic (Traditional Knowledge), Anthony Primozic (Ice Patch Research/ Archeology) and Britney Brown's (Climate change) submissions were selected. They attended the National Science Camp in Yellowknife, NWT in July 2009 as the Yukon delegates.

They attended the National Science camp with other First Nation youth delegates from across Canada. Some science topics they learned about include permafrost and arctic vegetation, airport technology, anatomy and ambulance, radio and television technology, mining and geology and many other topics! All students became more aware of science career opportunities, and how many different things they can do with a science degree (environmental, medical, traditional, technology, etc). They also formed many friendships with students from across Canada. Natane, Anthony and Britney, congratulations on your excellent work on your winning essays to attend the National Aboriginal Science Camp!!

Thank you to Monica Primozic for this story and photo

LANGUAGE UPDATE



Photo by Millie Joe

Dorothy Bellrose instructs the 2008-09 Whitehorse class

Dännch'e?

The summer is passing quickly and fall language programming will soon be underway!

The *Shawkwunlee Language Nest* will be starting up once again in mid-September. Also starting in September is the *Evening Southern Tutchone Language Classes* for Whitehorse and Haines Junction. I will post exact dates of start up as soon as possible. I am also working on organizing a *Takhini Language Class* this fall. Please spread the word. We will be concentrating on some Southern Tutchone Literacy and will have the opportunity to learn to sew some traditional crafts. If you wish to be one of our language elders or a speaker for any of our wonderful language programs, please let me know.



Donna Campbell sews beadwork during the Whitehorse class

Southern Tutchone Language Kits are available for all CAFN Citizens. If you did not receive your kit at the General Assembly, please call or e-mail me and I can have a kit delivered or mailed to you. The kit consists of: a variety of dry-erase children's placemats that teach numbers,

colors, clothing, and seasons; signs you can put up around your house to learn object names; the Southern Tutchone alphabet chart; feelings and emotions chart; and body parts chart; and a large dry erase Calendar for your wall. Please indicate if you would like either the Aishihik or Klukshu dialect kit. Shāw!

If you are interested in conversing more in your traditional language and would like the opportunity to train in your language, please let me know and I can help you get on the right track. I have information about different language training opportunities and language learning.



"K'ädädlü" (he/she is sewing)

Tina Grant sews and practices her Southern Tutchone.

Shawkwunlee Daycare and Language Nest staff and students are honouring six year olds with a graduation party on Friday, August 28 at 12 p.m., location to be announced. Daycare and Language Nest parents and students are invited to join us for lunch, cake, presents, presentation of certificates, and games.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or want to join our Language teaching team please contact me at any time!

Shāw Nithan (thank you).

Nänuch'i shi, dāk'ännta jè (I will see you again, take care).

Millie Joe

Language Coordinator

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H1N1 Flu Virus Information

CAFN Health Programs staff are preparing for the flu epidemic as best as possible. We are meeting with health care professionals and gathering information and materials for protection in the office and for homes. Please read the following information to better protect yourselves from germs and to prevent the spread of germs.

If you have a cough with fever, then you should not be at work, school, or in public. If you must come to the office, please be sure that you put a mask on and wash your hands upon arrival and departure. CAFN will have masks available at its offices.

A great website for more information is www.fightflu.ca. The following are some facts and tips on how to prevent the spread of the swine flu (H1N1).

Symptoms

Symptoms include **fever**, cough, runny nose, sore throat, body aches, fatigue and lack of appetite.

Facts on H1N1 flu virus

Swine Influenza

Swine influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by the *influenza A* virus.

H1N1 flu virus

Swine influenza viruses do not normally infect humans. From time to time, human infections do occur, resulting in the H1N1 flu virus. H1N1 flu virus is a respiratory illness that causes symptoms similar to those of the regular human seasonal influenza.

Transmission

Sometimes, humans and animals can pass strains of flu back and forth to one another through direct close contact. When a swine influenza virus does affect a human, there is also a risk that the animal influenza can mutate and then spread directly between humans.

More investigation is needed on how easily the virus spreads between people, but it is believed that it is spread the same way as regular seasonal influenza. Influenza and other respiratory infections are transmitted from person to person when germs enter the nose and/or throat.

Protect Yourself and Others

All strains of influenza can be dangerous; however, good infection prevention measures can help protect you and others if this virus begins to spread rapidly in Canada.

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly in warm, soapy water or use hand sanitizer
- **Cough and sneeze in your arm, not your hand**
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected
- Stay home if you're sick, unless directed to seek medical care

Prevent H1N1 flu virus with frequent hand washing

Hand washing, when done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Good hand washing technique is easy to learn and can significantly reduce the spread of infectious diseases among both children and adults.

Cover your cough and sneeze

Sneeze and cough into your elbow or sleeve or use a tissue. After wiping or blowing your nose with a tissue, throw away the tissue and wash your hands. Keep your fingers away from your eyes, nose and mouth

Stay at home and avoid crowds when sick

If you are sick, avoid going to work and being in large crowds as you can spread influenza easily to others. You should also visit those who are sick only if necessary.

Keep common surfaces clean

Keep personal items separate if a household member is sick. Use a disinfectant to clean surfaces around a person who is sick with the influenza. Do not share personal items or drinks.

Does the annual influenza vaccination protect me from H1N1 flu virus?

It is unlikely that the seasonal flu shot will provide protection against H1N1 flu virus.

For more information, call 811 in the Yukon. CAFN Health Programs staff are also available to help.



SPECIAL GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Wishing our granddaughter Zoralena R. Martin a very Happy Birthday on August 17th.

From Grandma Lena and Grampa Kevin

Birthday Wishes for August:

Jagger MacDonald – August 1st

Luke Campbell – August 2nd

Eliza VanBibber-Abel – August 9th

Mickey Beattie – August 17th

Michelle Dawson-Beattie – August 19th

David Chambers – August 21th

Glen Kane – August 20th

Ray “Porky” Hassard – August 22nd

Cherryl Chambers – August 23rd

Tina Grant – August 24th

Rachele Campbell – August 29th

Birthday Wishes for September:

Brendan Au – September 3rd

Susan Knight – September 6th

Roy “Bucky” Wabisca – September 7th

Michael Hassard – September 9th

Dayle MacDonald – September 10th

Polly Fraser – September 12th

Derrick Smith – September 12th

Chelsea Wabisca – September 13th

Shayanne Williams – September 13th

Darrell Bouvier – September 13th

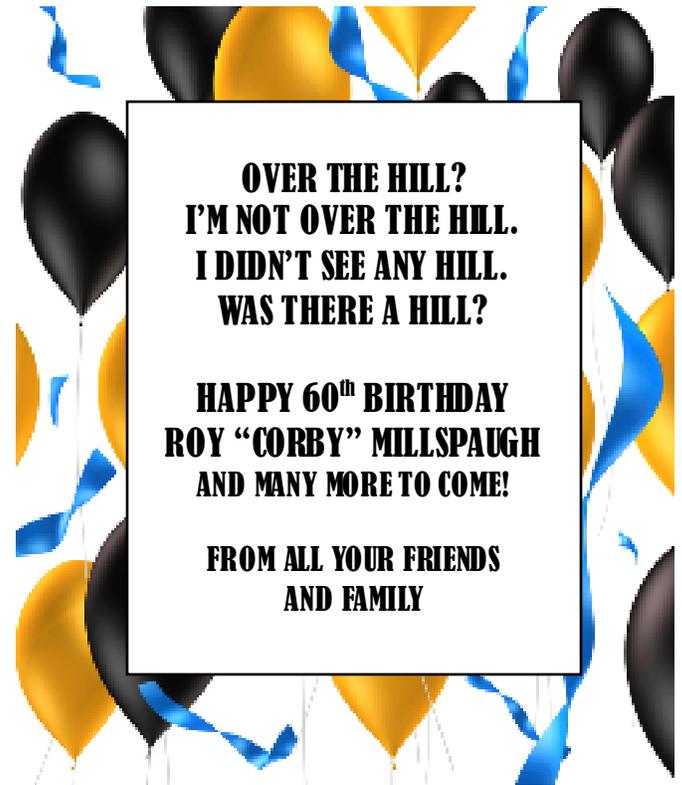
Diane Strand – September 15th

Ron Chambers – September 16th

Richard Sidney – September 21st

Glen Rear – September 24th

The above wishes are from everyone in the Chambers family



BELATED GREETINGS

*A very HAPPY (belated) BIRTHDAY to:
My brother John Hume - July 7th
And sister Frances Petterson - July 26th
To the many nieces and nephews whose birthdays are this month (July), then there is a cousin who celebrates his birthday this month too, along with a anniversary in the family...Love you all...So much happiness, love and laughter this month.
Hope this takes care of everyone - don't want to miss anybody...
Carol Buzzell*

Please send your special greetings to family and friends to the editor at amy mckinnon@northwestel.net. At the direction of Chief and Council, the Dakwānia CAFN newsletter will no longer publish a complete list of citizens' birthdays with the intent of protecting citizens' privacy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SALMON INFORMATION WORKSHOP AT KLUKSHU

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' Renewable Resources department will be hosting an information workshop to talk about salmon in the Tatshenshini/Asek Rivers.

At this workshop, we will discuss:

- Pacific Salmon Treaty – Asek River
- Enhancement – Are we interested in enhancing our salmon stocks?
- Restoration – improve or create spawning and rearing habitat for salmon fry.
- Boat Launch – should we install a proper boat launch?
- Klukshu Village – Water quality and development or activities near Klukshu Creek.

The meeting is on:

Saturday, September 5, 2009
Klukshu Community Hall
At 1:00 PM

If you have any question please call:

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Champagne Aishihik First Nations will be hosting:

“The Pursuit of Excellence”

The Pursuit of Excellence is a seminar that helps you “Live Your Ultimate Life”. It provides steps towards personal and professional development which sets a strong foundation for achieving success in all areas of life. The seminar will be held in Haines Junction on September 22-25, 2009.

You can visit their web site at :
www.ExcellenceSeminars.com for more information.

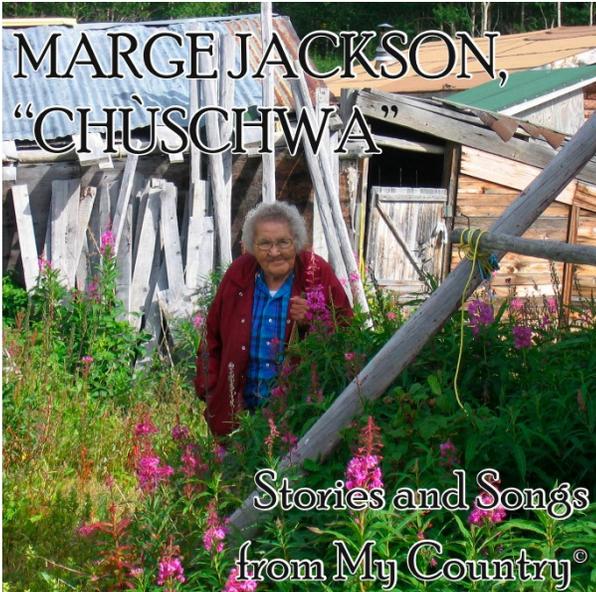
All CAFN community members and staff are welcome to apply. You must be committed to all 4 days. Limited spaces are available. If you are interested in participating, submit a brief statement of why you would like to participate to Shadelle Chambers, Executive Assistant, by September 4 at the phone number or e-mail address below.

“Live Your Ultimate Life”

For more information or to register, please contact:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Grandma Marge Jackson's new CD titled "Stories and Songs from My Country" is now available for sale from Grandma Marge in Haines Junction. To get your copy, contact Marge at 634-2724 .

ELDERS PROGRAMS

Elders Fuel

Jacque Chambers, Community Care Coordinator will be contacting Elders this September regarding your Fuel Allotments. If you have any questions please call: *Jacque Chambers, Community Care Coordinator, (867) 634-4012.*

Elders Tea and Fitness Lunches

- **Haines Junction** - Every Thursday
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dǎ Kų
- **Whitehorse** - First Friday of every month
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the CAFN Whitehorse office boardroom.

For more information please contact:
Darlene Blair, Elders Activity Coordinator
(867) 634-4212 or dblair@cafn.ca

HEADSTONE POTLATCHES

*Headstone Potlatch for
Frank Moose "Uncle Josh"
~ Jǎnǎehǎta of the Crow Clan
(March 24, 1962 to July 30, 2009)
1 p.m. August 22, 2009
Shakwak Community Hall*

*Headstone Potlatch
For Gary Michael Jim ~ Shǎda Kay
September 11-12, 2009
Begins at 2 p.m.
Champagne Community Hall*

*Headstone Potlatch
For Edward Chambers
2 p.m. Saturday, September 26th
Champagne Community Hall*



Thank you to Jan Hill of Haines, Alaska for donating these herring eggs for Mary DeGuerre's Headstone Potlatch on June 27. They were such a treat to have and everyone enjoyed them.



Madison Allen
would like to say a big
Thank You to the following
businesses for their support

- Capital Helicopters
- Madley's General Store
- Dakwakada Development Corp.
- Champagne & Aishihik First Nations
- Kluane Ridin
- Frosty Freeze



*Congratulations
to Vera Williams
on your retirement*



*After more than 30 years
with Champagne
& Aishihik
First Nations*

*Thank you
and congratulations
from Chief and Council
and all your co-workers.
We'll miss you!*



**BOARD & COMMITTEE
APPLICANTS NEEDED**

CAFN is seeking:

- A Citizen to nominate to the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee.

*Get your application online at
www.cafn.ca, or pick up an applica-
tion form at either CAFN office.*

*Please attach a resume to your appli-
cation.*

*For more information on Boards and
Committees, please contact
Doreen Williams at (867) 634-4232
or drwilliams@cafn.ca.*

Way to Go, Haines Junction Chaos!

The Haines Junction Chaos softball team recently hosted the 3rd Annual Doug Twiss Memorial Tournament in Haines Junction. Seven teams from Haines Junction, Whitehorse and Haines, Alaska participated. Thanks to every one for a great tournament. The Chaos is looking for new players for the coming season and the Nevada tournament.



CALENDAR

Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch, Haines Junction, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. Please contact Darlene for more details at 634-4212 or dblair@cafn.ca.

First Friday of every month - Elders Lunch, Whitehorse, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CAFN Whitehorse office boardroom. Please contact Darlene for more details at 634-4212 or dblair@cafn.ca.

August 24-27 - CAFN Women's Retreat, Healthy Connections Camp in Klukshu. Includes workshops on parenting and self-care, traditional medicines, berry picking, salmon fishing, and boating. All women and their children welcome to attend. Child-care is provided. For more information, please contact Haines Junction Health and Social Programs staff at 634-4221 or Vera Owlchild in Whitehorse at 667-4010.

August 28 - Daycare Graduation Party, Shawkwunlee Daycare and Language Nest parents and students are invited to honour our 6-year-olds. 12 p.m., location TBA. Phone 634-2163 for more info.

August 31 - First Day of School, St. Elias Community School.

September 5 - Salmon Workshop about salmon in the Tatsenshini/Alsek Rivers, 1 p.m., Samay Thia Community Hall in Klukshu. For more information please contact Linaya Workman at 634-4211 or lworkman@cafn.ca.

September 7 - Labour Day Holiday, CAFN offices closed.

September 21 - Cultural Centre Exhibit Design Consultation, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Haines Junction Convention Centre. Meal and travel honoraria will be provided. Please contact Sheila Quock for more information at (867) 634-4010 or squock@cafn.ca.

September 22-25 - Pursuit of Excellence Seminar hosted by CAFN in Haines Junction. Please contact Shadelle Chambers at (867) 667-7825 or schambers@cafn.ca to register by September 4, or for more information.

The Youth Junction

The youth center is open this fall as follows. Some hours are limited hours due to staffing constraints.

*** We will be open SATURDAYS ***
in September!!!

Wednesday, August 19: 5 - 10 p.m.
Thu-Fri, August 20-21: 3 - 10 p.m.
Tuesday, August 25-28: 3 - 10 p.m.
Tues-Fri, September 1-4: 3 - 10 p.m.
Thu-Fri, September 10-11: 5 - 10 p.m.
SATURDAY, September 12: 3 - 10 p.m.
Wed-Thu, September 16-17: 5-10 p.m.
Friday, September 18: 5:30 - 10 p.m.
SATURDAY, September 19: 3 - 10 p.m.
Thu-Fri, September 24-25: 5 - 10 p.m.
SATURDAY, September 26: 3 - 10 p.m.
Friday, October 2: 5:30-10 p.m.
SATURDAY, October 3: 3 - 10 p.m.



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