

Dàkwània

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011

Kwäk'ü N-zhā (January - Coldest Moon Month)

Dänji N-Zhā (February - Groundhog Month)

CULTURE AND TRADITION IN OUR SCHOOLS

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) students in Haines Junction and Whitehorse are benefitting from extra support and cultural programming in Yukon public schools.

CAFN employs three education support workers (ESWs) who are positioned at the K-12 school in Haines Junction and at elementary and high schools in Whitehorse.

Education support workers focus on tutoring and classroom support, in addition to coordinating cultural and traditional activities for CAFN students and their classmates.

Fresh bannock by Audrey Brown and Daisy O'Brien during Elders in the School Month November 2010



Diane Jenschatz, CAFN

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Elder Fred Brown teaches grade 2/3 students in Haines Junction how to build a brush shelter

Elders in the School Month

A recent initiative at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction was Elders in the School Month. During November 2010, five CAFN Elders shared their knowledge and expertise with students and staff. Audrey Brown and Daisy

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Haines Junction Education Support Worker Diane Jenschatz on the job



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O'Brien taught beading, rabbit snaring and how to make the tastiest bannock.

Fred Brown provided hands-on training in building traditional shelters and winter survival skills. During the final week, Paddy Jim and Lorraine Allen shared their knowledge of traditional tools, including eagle feather snares. The month concluded with a well-attended Elders in the School community potluck lunch.

"Thank you to Elders Audrey Brown, Daisy O'Brien, Fred Brown, Paddy Jim and Lorraine Allen for sharing their knowledge with our St. Elias students," says Diane Jenschatz, CAFN's education support worker at St. Elias Community School (SECS) in Haines Junction. The school is planning a second Elders in the School Month this February.

"SECS is very fortunate to be part of a community that has such rich tradition and history," says Principal Maggie Mann.



Diane Jenschatz, CAFN

Audrey Brown and Daisy O'Brien enjoy preparing some tasty looking bannock together

Whitehorse

CAFN has two ESWs positioned to support our elementary and high school students in Whitehorse.

These workers are actively involved in traditional activities in the classroom, like sewing and making moose skin mittens, and are partnering with staff at their schools to plan for more cultural activities and projects. They also work hard to help students achieve their academic and other important goals.



Diane Jenschatz, CAFN

Elders Lorraine Allen and Paddy Jim taught students about traditional tools, including fish nets



Diane Jenschatz, CAFN

St. Elias Grade 3 student Destiny Pauls sets a rabbit snare

Educators

CAFN is extremely proud of our many First Nations educators. We have an incredible wealth of CAFN people dedicate their lives to helping our young people get a good start in life.

These include Southern Tutchone language instructors, who devote every day to keeping our traditional language alive, as well as our members who are busy creating and delivering ground-breaking programs like the Bi-Cultural Program in Haines Junction.

CAFN thanks our many staff and citizens who work in field of education. We look forward to sharing more about your projects and successes in future issues of Dàkwänia.

To learn more about CAFN education programs, visit www.cafn.ca/education.

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Call for help with tutoring, homework, cultural activities, and much more!

Academic Award Winner

Congratulations
to **SHELBY JACKSON**

on receiving the CAFN Secondary Academic Achievement Award for 2009/2010. Shelby had an overall Grade 11 average of 80 percent. This is the second year in a row that Shelby has won an Academic Award. Keep up the great work, Shelby!

Congratulations, Asia!

Asia Bradasch is the daughter of Bepie Klassen of Saskatchewan and Brent Bradasch of the Yukon. She is currently in grade 12 and attends school at the Individual Learning Centre in Whitehorse.

In preparation for her graduation, Asia wanted to sew a traditional dress for the Native Grad. Asia signed up for the regalia making workshop with the Cultural Expressions Society. Annie, Leslie and Diane Smith were the facilitators of the workshop and their traditional skills were invaluable.

Asia attended this workshop for five days. She learned how to make her moose skin dress from start to finish. She also sewed the whole dress by hand. Asia received class credit for her completion of the dress. Great job, Asia!



Grade 12 student Asia Bradasch designed and sewed her traditional dress for grad

Greetings from the Whitehorse Secondary Education Support Worker

Seasons Greetings to everyone! It has been a great couple of months working as the Education Support Worker here in Whitehorse.

I volunteered at a mini giant bingo to raise funds for the First Nations Graduation. This was a successful event; the committee raised over \$4000 dollars for Grad 2011.

I continue to assist with sewing projects in Ms. Thurmer and Ms. Allison's classes at Porter Creek School. I am slowly getting to know the students.

I spend Friday mornings at Vanier Catholic School. I will be working with Ms. Kyla Greve teaching the students how to make moose skin mittens. I am excited about this project and enjoy being at Vanier School. The principal at Vanier, Mr. Frison, and I are planning a drum making class for the grade 8 art class.

Congratulations to all students who submitted their marks for the program, "Getting good grades pays."

*Ut'ákwädínch'e Dzēnù Söthän Nàkqtth'ät!
I wish the Creator's day to be good when it comes about.*

Sandra Charlie

Dä Kų CULTURAL CENTRE

Building Engineer Fred Chambers

Fred Chambers is on the job in a two-year training position for the Dä Kų Cultural Centre. Fred's position will perform operations and maintenance of the Centre's mechanical systems.

"There's a lot to learn," says Fred. "I'm training working on three buildings for the Yukon Government."

Fred's training includes gaining on-the-job experience in the Yukon Government Property Management Division, combined with on-line course work for certification as a Power Engineer Fourth Class.

"There's lots of high-tech computers these days," says Fred. "I will be starting computer courses at the Yukon College right away too."



*Fred
Chambers
on the job*

CAFN

The Building Engineer Fourth Class training position was developed in partnership with the Yukon Government. The salary and benefits are funded through the First Nations Training Corps (an employment training program for Yukon First Nation citizens through the Yukon Public Service Commission) and CAFN is covering the cost of coursework.

The long term goal is to build capacity so a CAFN citizen is in place to operate and maintain the complex systems of the Dä Kų Cultural Centre.

Fred says he looks forward to being involved as the Cultural Centre is constructed so he will have first-hand knowledge of the building's mechanical systems. Congratulations, Fred!

Paula Banks, CAFN



The Dä Kų Exhibit Design Advisory Committee and support staff at their first meeting this January

Exhibit Design

The Dä Kų Exhibit Design Advisory Committee (Fred Stick Jr., Melina Hougen, Monica Primozic, Ron Chambers, and Sharon Shadow) met for the first time this January to begin their work and to "get their feet wet" as they learn more about the project. The Committee's mandate is to provide advice on the development of exhibits for the Cultural Centre. The Committee will meet again this February to provide input to the exhibit design company (Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram).

DÄ Kų CULTURAL CENTRE IS:

- A cultural and heritage resource centre for citizens with an assembly hall, classroom space, kitchen, meeting room, language lab, and workshop;
- A community cultural centre with displays and exhibits, and space for learning and training opportunities;
- A display venue and repository for artifacts, archeological materials, archives and contemporary art;
- A visitor facility with CAFN orientation exhibits, changing exhibition space, and a retail store; and
- Yukon and Parks Canada visitor information centres.
- The governments of CAFN, Yukon and Canada are funding the project, with each contributing to the \$16 million in project costs. Funding arrangements are through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) and through tenant lease agreements with Parks Canada and Yukon.

Construction

It is exciting to see the shape of Dä Ky emerge as work on the building progresses in Haines Junction.

Progress on the facility is very close to the construction schedule, led by the contractor, Dominion Construction Company Inc. CAFN staff, consultants and the project manager pay regular visits to the site to ensure work is proceeding according to plan. CAFN and our tenants, Parks Canada and the Government of Yukon, have a very capable team of people focused on making sure this important project is a success.

Please note, the cultural centre site is an operating construction site and is not open to the public at present due to health and safety risks. We are looking for opportunities to hold site visits later this year.

Employment

To date, 10 CAFN citizens have been employed by the Contractor and Subcontractors over the course of construction.

Work Opportunities: Citizens seeking work opportunities with the cultural centre construction should contact Vera Owlchild, CAFN Post Secondary, Employment and Training Officer, at (867) 456-6884 or vowlchild@cafn.ca.

Tom Millspaugh, CAFN

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The Dä Ky construction site in January 2011. It's taking shape!

VISION:

Our Cultural Centre is a gathering place that recognizes and celebrates the cultural contributions and way of life of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations peoples - the places we come from, the traditions and languages we carry, and the arts we practice and perform. It is an environment creating lasting memories, where young people will learn the wisdom of our Elders, know our stories and legends, and assume responsibility to carry our values.



A cool day at the job site this January.

CHIEF & COUNCIL UPDATE

Chief and Council held a Planning Retreat December 8-10, 2010 and made the following portfolio assignments:

Chief James Allen

- Secretariat
- Finance

Deputy Chief Mary Jane Jim

- Finance [Deputy Chief Responsibility]
- Education
- Heritage, Lands and Resources

Elder Councilor Albert Hume

- Municipal
- Elders Senate

Councilor Harold Johnson

- Heritage, Lands and Resources
- Housing

Councilor Les Walker

- Health and Social
- Housing

These assignments will continue for the next year and are subject to review.

ELDERS - ASHÄW - SENATE

The Elders of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations gathered in Haines Junction December 13, 2010 for the winter session of the Elders Senate. In addition to the regular order of business, the Elders were asked for advice on how to proceed with issues stemming from the October 2010 CAFN Election. After much discussion, there was general direction for the matter to be addressed by the involved families/clans by way of a meeting. Following this step, Elders recommended holding a community potlatch to celebrate the resolution process and the willingness to work together.

At the end of the Elders meeting, Ashäw James Smith read a prayer in Southern Tutchone with all present forming a circle that filled the entire Grand Hall.

For more information or to suggest ideas for the next meeting, contact:

Michelle Faulkner, Governance Coordinator
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2011 CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 20-21	Whitehorse
February 17-18	Haines Junction
March 17-18	Whitehorse
April 27-28	Haines Junction
May 19-20	Klukshu
June 16-17	Champagne, Long Ago Peoples' Place
July 14-15	Takhini
July 22-24	Annual General Assembly in Champagne
August	No Scheduled Meeting
September 15-16	Haines Junction
October 20-21	Whitehorse
November 17-18	Haines Junction
December 15-16	Whitehorse

Regular Chief and Council meetings are open to the public, with the exception of In Camera portions of the agenda, and members of the community are welcome. For more information please contact:

Council Meeting Coordinator
(867) 634-4242 or executive@cafn.ca

FIRST NATIONS FOCUS

The following editorial was identified by Chief Allen as food for thought and an interesting perspective regarding First Nations.

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Kill the Golden Goose

John Reilly, National Post • Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010
Writing Bad Medicine: A Judge's Struggle for Justice in a First Nations Community, my recently published book, has been an amazing experience for me.

When I started the project, I had very modest expectations. I believed the book would be a good read for me when my memory and mental acuity had so deteriorated with age that I no longer had any direct recollection of the subject matter. I thought I might sell a few copies, give a few to my children and close friends, maybe get a little coverage from the local media. I even hoped that at some point an opposition Indian Affairs critic might use the book to ask a few embarrassing questions of the Minister of Indian Affairs&Northern Development during Question Period in the House of Commons. I did not expect the national media coverage that has resulted.

How did all this come about?

In my 30-year judicial career, I have twice been assigned to the Provincial Court at Cochrane, Alta., where all of the cases arising on the Stoney Indian Reserve at Morley are heard. During my first assignment, from 1981 to 1986, I knew nothing about the Stoney people, and that was how it was supposed to be, because I was to be "objective." My second assignment there began in 1994, and my view was beginning to change.

The 1990s were a time of increasing public awareness of aboriginal affairs. Alberta had the Task Force on the Criminal Justice System and Its Impact on the Indian and Metis People of Alberta. The federal government released the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in 1996. That same year, changes to the Criminal Code directed sentencing judges to pay particular attention to "the circumstances of aboriginal offenders."

I began to see it as my duty to get to know the community that was so disproportionately represented in my courtroom. I was appalled by what I learned and what I saw. I saw people living in poverty and terrible social dysfunction. I knew about the alcoholism and the family violence from the cases I heard, but I knew nothing about the causes. I learned about the history, the residential schools, the Indian Act, and I saw the callous disregard some chiefs had for their people.

I was particularly galled by the Reverend Dr. Chief John Snow, the long-serving Stoney chief, who did not appear to be the least bit interested in the well-being of his people. What shocked me the most about the reserve was the fear. People were afraid to talk to me, afraid to say anything because of "repercussions."

My education in aboriginal matters has changed me. It has given me a new understanding, not just about the aboriginal people of Canada, but about human nature in general. I now have greater compassion for offenders.

Instead of seeing them as people deliberately choosing to do wrong, I see most of them as victims of their own circumstances. It has made my work as a judge much more difficult because I am no longer able to just sentence people to the prescribed periods of imprisonment without reflecting on the harm it does.

Obviously, I do not recommend more lenient sentences for all offenders. There are some who are dangerous or incorrigible and who should be locked up for as long as can be justified. These are a very small minority.

What I do recommend is effective rehabilitation of offenders. Most of the people I see in my courts are poor and dysfunctional. If they can be helped, this will be a far more effective way of reducing crime, which, in my view, should be the objective of the criminal justice system.

I wrote Bad Medicine to share this new understanding of mine, in the hope that a few of my readers might change their perspective of our aboriginal brothers and sisters and others who come before the courts, that they might see their fellow man with a little more compassion and understanding.

What has been most gratifying, and at the same time most heartbreaking, is the number of people who have said to me: "Thank you for writing this book, and thank you for having the courage to say the things you have said."

That such words would be gratifying to any first-time author is obvious. But the reason they are also heartbreaking is that it does take courage, and I put myself at risk, to talk about the far too many aboriginal people in Canada who are still living in poverty, poorly educated and suffering from addictions and disease, while the rest of us are doing very little to change this.

Every non-native in Canada should be humiliated by these facts. Yet, in my beloved Canada, in our so-called democracy, I lie awake at night wondering what the repercussions will be from speaking out about it. My father taught me that one of the precepts for salvation is to be able to say: "I have never been deaf to words of justice and truth." So why do I have to overcome fear in order to speak words of justice and truth?

The federal government extracts \$7-billion annually from the Canadian taxpayer and dumps it into the black hole of INAC(Indian&Northern Affairs Canada), where it gets sucked up by civil servants, consultants, lawyers and Indian chiefs who squander it with impunity,

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while on-reserve education is usually substandard, medical care and addictions counselling are lacking, child welfare funding is inadequate and everything is subject to the vagaries of political interference.

Why doesn't someone put an end to it? Because dysfunctional Indians are an industry from which too many people make too much money. Actually healing the native population would be like killing the goose that laid the golden egg for all of those civil servants, consultants, lawyers and Indian chiefs who are filling their pockets with their share of the \$7-billion.

What would I do if I had the power? I would dissolve INAC and repeal the Indian Act. I would terminate funding to the Assembly of First Nations. In my view, the AFN is a club that looks after chiefs, many of whom just look after themselves and do very little for the poor and the children of their reserves.

Then I would enact a Canadian First Peoples Enhancement Act, to preserve and maintain the cultures of the descendants of Canada's original inhabitants, to ensure their health and wellbeing and foster the independence and sustainability of their communities. I would create a Department of First Peoples Services. Non-natives and former employees of INAC should be ineligible for employment in this department. INAC was created for the assimilation of Canada's First Peoples and the eventual elimination of their communities. That purpose lives on in the corporate memory of the department and must be changed.

I would spend the \$7-billion on doctors and health-care workers, addictions counsellors and healing lodges, teachers and improved schools, so that our First Peoples could become a healthy and happy part of Canadian society.

Finally, I would amend federal electoral legislation to provide for 10 "virtual" constituencies for native peoples so that they would have a representation in the Parliament of Canada proportional to their population.

Anything less than such sweeping change would just be more band-aids and further window dressing.

*-John Reilly is a retired Alberta Provincial Court judge, and the author of the recently published book *Bad Medicine: A Judge's Struggle for Justice in a First Nations Community**

SPRUCE BARK BEETLE IMPACTS PROJECT

A new three-year Program continues to address the impacts of the Spruce Bark Beetle: 2010 - 2012

The Northern Strategy Trust Fund approved funding for a joint program between CAFN and the Yukon Government Forest Management Branch to address some of the impacts of the spruce bark beetle. Yukon Forest Management Branch provided additional funds. This project aims to achieve three main goals:

1. Continue to reduce the threat of forest fire to communities with fuel abatement projects;
2. Restore heavily impacted traditional foot trails and/ or culturally important sites;
3. Support CAFN citizens or CAFN owned entity for forest-based economic development.

The main focus of the program will be on fuel abatement projects during this and the next two winters. For further information, please contact Roger Brown, Forestry and Environmental Manager, (867) 456-6883 or rbrown@cafn.ca

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AISHIHIK LAKE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

CAFN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 10 a.m.

Dä Kų Building, Haines Junction

Lunch Provided

CAFN Heritage, Lands and Resources department is hosting a community meeting to talk about important topics related to Yukon Energy Corporation and water management of Aishihik Lake. If you have questions, please contact Roger Brown at (867) 456-6883 or rbrown@cafn.ca or Linaya Workman at (867) 634-4211 or lworkman@cafn.ca.

UKWÄNJĒ

Dännch'e? Happy *Ászuq dzēna!* (Sweetheart Day)

We have many exciting language programs currently underway! The Shawkwunlee Daycare Language Nest is running great and the children are learning Southern Tutchone language and culture daily during three hours with Auntie Agnes and Heather Jim. Parents and younger children are always welcome to participate, and we encourage all, as the language starts and strengthens at home.

We are excited to start Youth Center Language. It will be incorporated through different language games and projects. Our mentor student is Natanie Primožic. She is doing a great job and the kids love her! Youth Center Language happens twice weekly.

Language Nest

Shawkwunlee Daycare
Daily: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Haines Junction Language Lunch

Tuesdays 12 – 1 p.m.
Dä Kų classroom

Haines Junction Language Class

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Dä Kų classroom

Haines Junction Youth Center Language

Twice a week per Youth Centre schedule

Takhini Language Class

Monday and Wednesdays
6 - 8 p.m. – Takhini Hall

Whitehorse Language Class

Tuesday and Thursdays
4 p.m – 6 p.m.
CAFN Whitehorse Admin Bldg.

CAFN Staff Language and Literacy

Starting January 12, 2011
and every Wednesday thereafter
Dä Kų and via video conference with Whitehorse



For more information on CAFN language programming, please feel free to contact me. If you or someone you know would like to teach, mentor or participate in language programming, I would love to meet with you.

Where do you live? *Jū nìnje?*

I live in Haines Junction. *Dakwàkàda yū nìnje.*

I live in Whitehorse. *Kwänlin yū nìnje.*

I live in the bush. *Kwäta nìnje.*

Nänųch'j shj, dāk'ànuța jè.
(I will see you again, take care).

Nàthätth'ia - Millie Joe
Language Coordinator
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Nätthè Youth Council

Welcome to 2011!

It is sure to be an exciting year for CAFN Youth.

The year 2010 ended on a very positive note with a great workshop by BYTE (Bringing Youth Towards Equality) for youth in Haines Junction at the beginning of December and then a Nätthè Youth Council meeting on December 13th at the Youth Junction. With many thanks to the National Aboriginal Health Organization, William Jones of Ta'an Kwäch'än First Nation came out to Haines Junction and spoke as a youth role-model. As part of his presentation, he did a Capoeira demonstration – check it out on youtube if you have a chance as it is quite remarkable.

Chief James Allen and Youth Councilor Bradley Joe also attended the Youth council meeting. Chief Allen expressed a strong commitment to Youth initiatives in the coming year.

Come out to future Youth Council meetings! Get involved, enjoy some “youth-friendly” food and get paid! For more information about these and other youth initiatives, contact:

youthcenter@cafn.ca

or

mfaulkner@cafn.ca



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

December 13 Youth Council participants enjoyed sushi and other tasty treats

Youth Junction Update

Drumming and Hand Game Practices

There was a drum making workshop December 18-20, 2010. The participants are going to form a drumming group that will have bi-weekly drumming practices to start in January or early February (dates TBA). Thank you to the Shawkwunlee Dunena Sports Society for the purchase of hides for the drums!

Wolf Tracks After-School Program

Wolf Tracks Outdoor After-school Program will be offered to children/youth to develop outdoor winter living skills. Please watch for more details.



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Youth who attended the Nätthè Youth Council meeting in December enjoyed a Capoeira demonstration



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Taking a break from sliding to roast marshmallows



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Happy kids head back to the Youth Centre in the youth van after a fun afternoon of sliding at Tomlin's Hill



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Drum workshop participants show off their finished products

Gathering Our Voices 2011

Prince Rupert, BC - March 21 -24, 2011 - CAFN supports youth in attending the 2011 Gathering Our Voices aboriginal youth conference. A fundraising committee is needed. Only active fundraisers and youth ages 14-24 will be considered.

Southern Tutchone

Natane Primozic has been hired by the Education Department to incorporate Southern Tutchone into the daily activities at the Youth Center by initiating games, talks, posters, etc.

For more information about CAFN Youth Programs or the Youth Centre, please contact:

Shannon Maloney, Youth Coordinator
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Kelly Boyd, Youth Centre Supervisor
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Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Natane Primozic shares Southern Tutchone with other young people at the Youth Junction

Winter Hours & Activities at the Youth Junction:

Hours of Operation

Ages 6 to 12 Monday to Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Closed Monday Nights.
Friday and Saturday 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Ages 12 & up Tuesday to Thursday 7 to 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Monday **Outdoor Activities**
Sliding, games, skating, open gym at the school

Tuesday **Traditional Craft Night & activities**

Wednesday **Wii Challenges**
or Play Station Move Challenges

Thursday **Games**
Board Games, cards, foosball, table tennis or Hoover Hockey

Friday **Movie & popcorn**
Pool Tournaments, Jam Nights

Saturday **Choice of Activity by vote**
Stick Gambling and drumming most Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. Open to all!

Canteen Menu Good prices! Don't feel like cooking?
We have daily specials Monday thru Friday!

This is general schedule of activities. Each week staff will e-mail parents a more detailed weekly schedule of activities. Please email smaloney@cafn.ca if you wish to be added to the weekly e-mail list.

NEW FACES

Shannon Maloney
Youth Coordinator



Dannch'e. My name is Shannon Maloney and I am a member of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. I have lived in Haines Junction for the past 21 years. My work history is primarily in the Social field. For the past three years I worked at the CAFN Shawkwunlee Daycare. I felt a need for change and transferred to become the CAFN Youth Coordinator.

I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of working with youth in our communities and to delivering programming that builds on the philosophies of the Circle of Courage. The Circle of Courage is a model of youth empowerment made up of four quadrants, each standing for a central value - belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. The Circle of Courage encourages youth to have a sense of belonging (attachment), Mastery (achievement), independence (autonomy), and Generosity (altruism).



Building Brighter Futures together!

Feel free to visit us at the Youth Center at any time.

Shannon Maloney
Youth Coordinator
(867) 634-2012
smaloney@cafn.ca

Kim Oakley
Supported Childcare Worker
Shawkwunlee Daycare



On behalf of the Shawkwunlee Daycare, we are pleased to announce that Stephanie MacElheron and Kimberley Oakley have been hired as our new Supported Child Care Workers. We would like to wish Shannon Maloney all the best in her new position. She will be missed by all staff and kids at the daycare.

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Stephanie MacElheron
Supported Childcare Worker
Shawkwunlee Daycare



2010 DIABETES WORKSHOP

CAFN Health Programs hosted a three-day Diabetes Workshop in Haines Junction November 29 through December 1, 2010.

"I will definitely use what I learned in my daily life," says participant and CAFN Elder Phyllis Smith. "I'm considered border-line or pre-diabetes... All of the information has been very valuable."

Despite extremely cold temperatures, there was a great turnout. The workshop, open to anyone with an interest, had 61 registered participants. Many CAFN community members and staff attended, including several with diabetes. We were also pleased to be joined by staff and members of other Yukon First Nations, as well as Yukon Government health care workers.

The course was instructed by Lorie McLean, a registered dietician from Manitoba. The information Lorie presented was practical, easy to understand, and useful for people from all walks of life. Participants said they would like invite her back to the community again. Lorie was recruited by staff who attended a workshop she delivered a workshop for Taan First Nation in spring 2010. Thank you to Lorie for coming all the way from Winnipeg to facilitate this workshop!

A special guestspeaker was Marcella Jonathan, a CAFN beneficiary who has lived with diabetes for more than a decade. Many thanks to Marcie for travelling to join us from Carmacks to share her experiences and knowledge.

Other highlights included healthy fitness breaks throughout the workshop provided by Lia Fox, our fitness instructor. And the Däkwäkada Dancers put on a great show the second evening of the

workshop. Thank you to Lisa Pauls and Monica Primozic for helping the kids with this great performance.

Amy McKinnon, CAFN



Amy McKinnon, CAFN



Workshop participants, including Phyllis Smith at far left, enjoyed getting moving during fitness breaks

A huge thank you to our poster delivery (little) people for helping spread the word! Thanks to all the participants braving the cold. And thank you to the cook and her staff for helping keep everyone warm with delicious and healthy food. The head cook was Collette Catto, assisted by cook's helpers Marlene Smith-Tutin and Ellie Jackson, and helpers Janette Hume and Glenda Miersch.

Thank you to all the CAFN Health staff who helped organize this event.

Please watch for details on future diabetes programs and activities!

For more information, please contact:
Marianne Joe, CAFN Diabetes Coordinator
(867) 634-4212



Amy McKinnon, CAFN

Instructor McLean, a dietician, talks about ways to prevent diabetes-related issues through diet

HEALTH PROGRAMS

HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL CAFN CITIZENS from CAFN Health Programs

The following programs are available
to CAFN citizens upon request/referral:

Community Care Coordinator

Jacquie Chambers

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Home Care Worker

Dorothy John

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Home Care Worker

Gail Fraser

Whitehorse, Takhini, Canyon & Haines Junction

Elders Program Coordinator

Client appointments, laundry day,
lunches, elder activities

Darline Blair (867) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca

Youth Programs Coordinator

Youth programs and after school activities

Shannon Maloney

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Youth Center Supervisor

Kelly Boyd

(867) 634-2012 or youthcenter@cafn.ca

Youth Center Workers

Cole Pauls & Andy Pauls

Youth Centre Auxiliary Workers

Dixie Smeeton & Monica Primozic

Health Promotion Worker

Health info including: alcohol, drugs, diabetes,
nutrition, H1N1, FASD, attention deficit,
quit smoking tips, STDs, HIV, AIDS, Hep C,
traditional medicines, and cancers.

Marion Primozic

(867) 456-6889 (Whitehorse)
or mprimozic@cafn.ca

Family Health Promotion Worker

Prenatal/postnatal support, weekly cooking classes
Jocelyn Kinney (867) 634-4223 or jkinney@cafn.ca

Diabetes Coordinator

Support in management/prevention of diabetes,
monthly activities

Marianne Joe (867) 634-4212 or majoe@cafn.ca

Fitness Instructor

Elder fitness/diabetes fitness classes

Lia Fox - foxfitness@northwestel.net

HEALTH MANAGER

Tracy Kane (867) 634-4222 or tkane@cafn.ca

*Please watch for upcoming events
in your community!*

24 TOP HEART HEALTHY FOODS

Salmon

Flaxseed (ground)

Oatmeal

Black or Red Kidney Beans

Almonds

Walnuts

Tuna

Tofu

Brown Rice

Soy Milk

Blueberries

Carrots

Spinach

Broccoli

Sweet Potato

Red Bell Peppers

Asparagus

Oranges

Tomatoes

Acorn Squash

Cantaloupe

Papaya

Dark Chocolate

Tea

For more information please contact:

Marion Primozic

Health Promotion Facilitator

(867) 456-6889 or mprimozic@cafn.ca

PRENATAL NUTRITION AND FAMILY WELLNESS

First of all...



Hope you had an enjoyable
and healthy holiday!

January is **Cervical Health Awareness Month**. Cervical cancer is the second most common type of cancer for women worldwide, but because it develops over time, it is also one of the most preventable types of cancer. Most women who have abnormal cervical cell changes that progress to cervical cancer have never had a Pap test or have not had one in the previous three to five years. The Pap Test can determine if cell changes have taken place that may indicate precancerous or cancerous development. Regular Pap testing is the best method to protect against invasive cervical cancer. So if you have not had a Pap Test lately, call your doctor and make an appointment. The sooner the better.

February is **National Children's Dental Health Month**. We all know how important it is to keep our children's teeth healthy. So once your baby's teeth start erupting, you can begin cleaning them by wiping them with a moist washcloth. As your child begins to get more teeth, you can then begin using a soft child's toothbrush. You should just use a pea-sized amount of nonfluoride toothpaste until they are 6 months of age. Make an appointment with your dentist if you have questions or concerns about your child's developing teeth.

Remember:

Healthy Choices for
Life Start When Your
Children Are Young



Healthy Cooking Classes

*** Haines Junction Group***

Classes are every Tuesday
from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mun Ku.
January 11, 18, & 25
February 1, 8, 15 & 22



**Happy
Valentine's
Day**
February
14th

***Whitehorse/ Takhini Group ***

Classes are every Thursday
at #2 Hospital Road from 2 to 4 p.m.
January 6, 13, 20 & 27
February 3, 10, 17 & 24

Cooking classes in Takhini River Subdivision TBA

Reminder: Whitehorseclasses may be cancelled due to winter road conditions. I will let you know if I am not able to make it to class that day.

Health Programs staff are planning a variety of events for the new year, so be sure to watch for announcements and mark your calendars!

↓ **Just wanted to share** ↓

There are many Aboriginal people in the Yukon. All just a little different, but we are all Aboriginal in our own way. Within all cultures there are differences in the way we live and there are differences in the ways we parent our kids.

A long time ago, our Elders helped us to learn things about all there was to know. They taught us how to live properly, to love and respect what was around us, each other and ourselves, so we would grow up to be good people. All the things the old people had to learn to survive, they did by doing, looking and listening.

Today, not much has changed in the way we pass on our beliefs to our kids, but the world around us has changed. The Elders are still here to teach us of the past, as well as the teachings of today.

So we should come to learn and understand these new teachings. Our kids will be better for it, stronger, healthier and happier.

**Keep the old ways strong
in our minds and our hearts**

Jocelyn Kinney, Family Health Promotion Worker
(867) 332-5221
jkinney@cafn.ca



Dänñh'j, Kluane?

What's up, Kluane?

Wishing you all the best for the coming year!

This holiday season, staff decked the halls at the Haines Junction Visitor Reception Centre (VRC) and welcomed guests to its Holiday Open House Occasion (HOHO) on December 21. Was great to see so many CAFN citizens at the event enjoying hot apple cider and freshly baked treats! Thanks for coming out and sharing your holiday cheer!

N'jal Restoration Project

Last spring, an assessment of the n'jals and brush structures around the Park by elder Chuck Hume showed us we need to be maintaining these key cultural resources far more regularly. During the CAFN National Aboriginal Day 2010 event at Mätätana (Kathleen Lake), elder Paddy Jim led a group of CAFN youth and Parks Canada trail crew in restoring the N'jal located near the Day Use shelter. Thank you Paddy and Wayne Jim for coming out and sharing your knowledge and skills with the group!



Kluane National Park and Reserve, in partnership with CAFN Heritage and Special Projects, are developing interpretive signage for the n'jals. These signs will help visitors better understand the nature of the relationship First Nations peoples have with the lands in Kluane.

For more information, please call Nadia Joe at (867)634.2329 ext 241.

Guest Speakers at Kluane

Dendrochronology, the science of dating tree-rings, was used by Dr. Brian Luckman to determine the age of a number of wooden brush structures and a cabin around Ä'äy Chü and Vulcan Creek. Dr. Luckman presented his results during a public presentation at the VRC in November. Like most research, the results led to more questions than answers and a number of CAFN and KFN citizens were in the audience to join the discussion and share their knowledge. *Gwanaschis!*

Keep your eye out for more speakers over the winter!



Winter in Kluane

Looking for information on winter activities in the Park or expecting visitors and want to show them the Visitor Centre? Give us a shout at 634.7207 or drop in *Mon-Fri between 8.30 am to 4 pm*. If you're stopping by, you have to come around the back of the VRC and ask for Pauly or Sarah. We'll be happy to put the Visitor Centre show on for you or your guests and talk about winter activities!



HJ Community Justice Program
Building Unity in CommUNITY

Looking for an Elder and Youth interested in sharing CAFN culture with the RCMP.

The Haines Junction Community Justice program has applied for funding to build a CAFN cross cultural training manual to be offered to every new RCMP member being stationed to Haines Junction. We are looking for a Youth with an interest in Justice and an Elder with the skills to share and teach culture, who could dedicate time to a working group that will develop this training manual, and possibly be part of the team that delivers the training in the future.



**If this sounds like you,
please contact Shawn Allen at:**

HJ Community Justice Program

HJCJC
PO Box 5336
Haines Junction, YT
Y0B 1L0

Phone: 867-634-7020
Fax: 867-634-7022
E-mail: restorativejustice@cafn.ca



SPECIAL GREETINGS

January 17 Happy Birthday to Francis Joe
January 26 Happy Birthday to Klukshu Bobby Joe
January Happy Birthday to Kevin Joe
February 13 Happy Anniversary to Kathy
& Paul Birckel
From the Joe family

Happy 7th Birthday to Braydon Gleason-Frost for January 22, 2010.
From Sheila Smith and family

Happy belated 60th birthday to Barb Hume for December 3rd, with love from your family.

A happy belated birthday to Grandson Nathan Smith.
Love from your grandparents Cisco and Winnie Smith.

This is a Very Special Belated Birthday Greeting To My Wife, "Winnie Smith" of the Takhini River Sub-Division
On December 29th we sang to you....

"Happy Birthday To You
Happy Birthday Dear Winnie
Happy Birthday...Tooooo Youuuu"
Lots of Love
Your Husband, Cisco

December 20 we wish Cherie O'Brien Happy Birthday.
December 22 we would like to wish David Junior Bunberry Happy Birthday.

January 3 we would like to wish Jerry Germaine Happy Birthday.

January 4 we would like to wish Margaret O'Brien Happy Birthday.

January 5th we would like to wish Scott Junior John Happy Birthday.

We would like to wish Shellie MacElheron Happy Birthday.



January 6th we would like to wish Justin O'Brien Happy Birthday.

January 21 we would like to wish Tanner Germaine Happy Birthday.

January 27th we would like to wish Richard Smith Happy Birthday.

January 29 we would like to wish Jacob Happy Birthday.

Coming from Dorothy, Patricia & Ashley

December 10 Happy Anniversary to Gerald and Darlene Albert (Thomas and Rita Joe's daughter) from Northway, Alaska.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Thomas and Rita Joe! We love and miss you both dearly.

Love your alaskan family: Darlene Albert, Gerald Albert, Lilly Albert, Byron Torres, Alando Torres, Kluane Coppa, Joseph Coppa, Katelynn Coppa, Katherine Albert, Todd Demit, Gerald Albert II, and Mariah Albert. Helen Joe, Johnny Baker, Rita Baker. Joyce Johnson Albert, Terry Albert, Chad Albert, Tim Johnson, Jenny Pitka, Tyrese Johnson, Chloe Johnson, Roger Albert, Rayann Albert, Ryan Albert, Rene & George Albert, and Kayli Hildebrand.

January 14 Happy Birthday Father, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa Thomas Joe.

Love,
Darlene, Gerald, and Lilly Albert, Byron and Alando Torres, Kluane, Joseph and Katelynn Coppa, Katherine Albert, Todd Demit, Gerald Albert II, and Mariah Albert.

January 14 Happy Birthday to Rene Rock Albert (Thomas and Rita's granddaughter) from Copper Center, Alaska.

February 7- Happy Birthday Joseph Coppa! (Thomas and Rita's grand son in law) from Palmer, Alaska.

February 25- Happy Birthday Gerald Thomas Albert II (Thomas and Rita's grandson) from Northway, Alaska

Happy Birthday to:

Marion Telep December 4

Grace Southwick December 5

Candace Walker December 5

Thomas Dickson December 5

Doris Allen December 7

Glenna Southwick December 11

Nicki Telep December 13

Roy Wabisca December 21

Dick Dickson December 21

Joey Knight December 22

Mike Telep December 25

Fran Oles December 31

*And to Gramma Sue Van Bibber who turned 99 on
Christmas Day!*

From the Wabisca, Cook and Telep families

*Happy Birthday to my dad Fred Chambers for Janu-
ary 5th.*

From Shadelle and family.

*And to my daughter Adrianna Sidney for January
18th.*

From Shadelle and Cameron

*Belated birthday greetings, with apologies from the
editor for forgetting to include these in the Novem-
ber/December 2010 issue:*

*Happy Birthday to Grandma Bertha Moose for De-
cember 10.*

Happy Birthday to Auntie Jina Kirk for December 7.

Happy Birthday to Uncle Greg on December 22.

*Happy Birthday to Auntie Dorothy Moose on Decem-
ber 14.*

*Happy Birthday to Millie Joe from Sharol & Koltun on
December 20.*

Love From Koltun Jim & Sharol

Send your special greetings care of:

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(867) 634-4237

almckinnon@cafn.ca

Fax (867) 634-2760

or deliver to reception staff

in Whitehorse or Haines Junction

Happy New Year!?

By Jenny Jackson, January 2011

Here it is –

another year

starting fast without me!

I'm still tangled

in the wrappings

of the old year round my feet

Not yet ready

For the changes

Racing in with this New Year –

I want to watch

It pass like water

Under summer's lazy bridge...

But, alas,

That doesn't happen –

This New Year has swept me up

Tossed and tumbling

In flood waters

Lost my bearings – nearly drowned!

Panic City!

Where am I?

Relentless Time now carries me

"Happy New Year!"

So they say

While I'm confused and left behind.

Change! It rattles

My foundation,

Leaves me struggling to catch up.



ATTENTION CAFN CITIZENS:

CAFN needs current mailing addresses and contact information for many CAFN members. Please ensure CAFN has your address so you can receive the Dàkwània newsletter and other important CAFN information. Please provide your contact information to:

Lilly Smith

Law Registry Clerk and Support Services

(867) 634-4204 or lsmith@cafn.ca

Gwānaschis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dakwakad Development Corp.

The Champagne Aishihik Trust is seeking interested CAFN youth citizens to sit on the Dakwakada Development Corporation board. Applicants must be at least 18, have an interest in business/economic development, and be able to attend monthly board meetings. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Chair of the Trust as follows:

*Shadelle Chambers, CA Trust Chair
Champagne Aishihik First Nations
100-304 Jarvis Street
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2H2
Phone: (867) 456-6879
Cell: (867) 332-5247
Fax: (867) 667-6202*

Heritage Workshops Coming Soon!

Heritage staff are planning the following workshops:

- **Traditional Moose Skin Sleigh Workshop:** learn how to make a moose skin toboggan from leg skins
- **Canvas High Topped Moccasin Workshop:** create a pair of traditional canvas top moccasins.
- **Moose Hoof Bone Sewing Kit Workshop:** come learn to make and use traditional tools.

Please watch for dates and details!

For more information please contact:

*Richard Smith
(867) 634-4016
rsmith@cafn.ca*

Congratulations to Sheila Quock, CAFN Heritage staff member, who was recently appointed to the Yukon Museums Advisory Committee.

WE NEED YOU!



Citizen Representatives Needed

CAFN Chief and Council are seeking citizens to represent our First Nations through board and committee positions becoming available in February/March 2011. CAFN Self Government is committed to empowering and involving citizens in issues that impact our members and our future. Please apply today!

Alsek Renewable Resource Council

CAFN is seeking one citizen to sit on the Alsek Renewable Resource Council (ARRC). The ARRC is the primary instrument for local Renewable Resources Management in the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory and is made up of CAFN and the Yukon Government community representatives.

Champagne Aishihik Trust

CAFN is seeking two citizens to sit on the Champagne Aishihik Trust. The Trust oversees the management and investment of the First Nations' compensation dollars and business assets. Financial and investment training and experience are essential for applicants to this Board.

CAFN Housing Committee

CAFN is seeking one Elder and one regular member to sit on the CAFN Housing Committee. The Housing Committee reviews all housing applications and makes policy recommendations to the Housing Department and Chief and Council.

TO APPLY: Get your CAFN Boards and Committees application online at www.cafn.ca or at the CAFN office in Haines Junction or Whitehorse. Please attach a current resume to your application.

DEADLINE: Please submit your application by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011

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

Upcoming JAM Events

Luther Wright and the Wrongs

Sunday, January 30th, 7:30pm

Featuring singer/songwriter Luther Wright, Jason Mercer (upright bass & banjo), and Ken Hermanson (lapsteel, banjo, mandolin & guitar), www.lutherwright.com.



The Mighty Uke:

The Amazing Comeback of a Musical Underdog

Monday, February 7th, 7:00pm

Admission by donation. DVDs will be available for sale at the door, www.mightyukemovie.com.

James Hill

Tuesday, February 15th

Solo musical performance by ukulele virtuoso, www.ukulelejames.com.

Brenda Lee Katarenchuk Quartet

Saturday, March 5th, 8:00pm

with Andrew McColeman, Lonnie Powell and Bob Bergman, www.jazzyukon.com.

Radim

Saturday, March 26th

Performance by multi-instrumentalist, Radim Zenkl, www.zenkl.com.

Jorge Miguel Flamenco Ensemble,

Friday, April 1st

www.jorgemiguel.com.

Writers' Festival

Saturday, April 30th

**For more information on JAM events,
please contact hjarts@northwestel.net
or (867) 634-2366.**

Letters of Support

Community members who wish to write letters of support for John Graham, please contact Harold Johnson of Champagne for more information.

Harold Johnson

(867) 634-7047 or indianwayvent@yahoo.ca

Message for Tenants of CAFN Housing

The Housing, Properties and Municipal Services Department would like to pass on the following information to community members residing in CAFN Housing.

- **Furnace servicing** – Housing staff will be visiting CAFN homes in the communities to carry out routine furnace servicing this winter.
- **RESPECT Your Neighbors - Loose dogs** – Please respect your neighbours and community by making sure your dogs are tied up or contained.

For more information, please contact:
*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
Housing, Properties and Municipal Services
(867) 634-4215 or 4217.*

Gwānaschis!

Takhini Holiday Celebrations

A FUN AND JOYOUS OCCASION IN TAKHINI!

The Takhini River-Subdivision's community Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 12 was a big success! Our community was awesome! We came together and shared in the Christmas spirit...all in good fun! We would like to thank the many residents for all their support that made this year's Christmas community function a joyous one. We saw community spirit take the front seat in Takhini and we encourage other CAFN communities to do the same now and in the future. We had people volunteer their time to cook, share their talents to decorate, and to keep us on track in our many little duties. We came together for happy times; and we will this holiday season and for the many more seasons to come.

*Shaw Ni Thaw - Thank you - Cisco Smith,
CAFN General Assembly Community Delegate*

Christmas BINGO

*Shawkwunlee Dunena Sports Society
thanks all who participated at our Christmas Bingo.
The funds were used for 10 hides
for the drum making workshop this December
at the Sam Williams Youth Centre.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Youth: ACTIVATE 2011

ACTIVATE 2011 - National Youth Forum

Canadian youth, ages of 16-22, are invited to apply for Motivate Canada's 7th annual ACTIVATE National Youth Leadership Forum on Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity to be held in Ottawa at Carleton University May 11-15, 2011.

Visit www.motivatecanada.ca/en/activate to apply or for more information. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, January 26, 2011.

Gwānaschis

THANK YOU

We would like to express our family's appreciation to all the family and workers involved in the Headstone Potlatch for Grace Jackson and Art Jackson on September 25, 2010. Thank you for agreeing to be a part of the celebration and for helping to make it a reality. Your hard work and generosity with donations will always be remembered.

Donna Thibodeau, Grace Jackson, Patty Old, Dennis McCormick and Louise Jackson

TKFN Salmon Hoodies Fundraiser

"Bring Home Our Yukon River Salmon"

The Ta'an Kwach'an Renewable Resources department has beautiful and unique hoodies we are selling as a fundraiser to help and support Yukon First Nations delegations. As a Nation, we can walk together to bring awareness to governments and organizations throughout the Yukon River Watershed on how important the salmon are to our heritage, culture, and wellbeing, and more importantly to our future generations. The sweatshirts are \$50 each. Please contact Coralee Johns, Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator at Suite 100-204 Black Street, Whitehorse Yukon Y1A 2M9 (867) 668-3444 ext: 231

Gwānaschis

Hawaiin Dolls - Special thanks to Vivian Kokotovich for the dancing Hawaiin dolls for Paddy and Marge.

Takhini Holiday Hosts - A BIG thank you to James and Winnie Smith for putting on the Takhini River Christmas Party and New Years Day Bingo Game from the Community of Takhini River Subdivision.

Thank you to CAFN



Brittney Brown and I would like to give a huge thank you to CAFN for supporting her in her hockey. Brittney was one of the 17 girls chosen to represent the Yukon at Canada Winter Games in Halifax in 2011. If it was not for CAFN supporting her in this adventure,

she would not have been able to go! Thank you so much for supporting your Youth! Brittney has been traveling back and forth to Whitehorse for practices five days every week. It is a huge commitment for her. The team went to Burnaby B.C in November and came home with the GOLD Medal, and then to another tourney in December and they brought home Silver. Yeah, Girls! We are on the count down until the games we will keep you posted. Once again THANK YOU!

Brittney Brown and Stephanie MacElheron



Brittney and the 2011 Yukon Canada Winter Games girls hockey team

IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to Elizabeth F. Smith and Glenn Jim on the birth of their daughter, **Bethany Isabel Kamaira Jim**, on November 4, 2010, weighing 10 pounds 04 oz. Welcome to the family with hugs and kisses to our beautiful granddaughter! From Grandma Vivian, Grandpa Bob and Nevada



Welcome to **Leslie Hannah O'Brien-Jackson**, born October 26, 2010, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces. Congratulations to the O'Brien/John family, especially Martina, Teddy, Margaret, Richard and Trish.

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Congratulations to Trish and Chad Hirsch on the birth of their baby boy, **Cody Richard Hirsch**, on December 12, 2010, weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces, at Whitehorse General Hospital.

Congratulations to Brenda Lee Asp,

who created the stunning fashions at right as her final exam for the Fashion Design program at Blanche MacDonald Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. She completed the program this December. Way to go, Brenda!

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BRENDA LEE ASP



CALENDAR

Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch - Haines Junction, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. Please contact Darlene Blair for more details at (867) 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 Blair for more details at (867) 634-4212 or dblair@cafn.ca.

January 20-21- Regular Chief and Council Meeting, Whitehorse.

January 22 - Haines Junction Cash Bonspiel, hosted by Shawkwunlee Dunena Sports Society. For more info or to register, please call (867) 634-3800.

February 8 - RESCHEDULED - Aishihik Lake/Gladstone Community Meeting, 10 a.m. at Dä Kų in Haines Junction. For more info contact Linaya at (867) 634-4211 or Roger at (867) 456-6883.

February 17-18 - Regular Chief and Council Meeting, Haines Junction.

February 24 - Elders in the School Community Potluck Lunch, St. Elias Community School.

March 11-13 - 29th Annual Yukon Native Bonspiel, with casino night, dance and lots of fun contests. Phone (867) 634-2060 or 7112 to register.

March 25-27 - 34th Annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, Whitehorse. More info available at (867) 456-7294 or info@yiha.ca.

Communications, CAFN



Many thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for joining for joining us from the North Pole for the 2010 CAFN Christmas Bazaar!

CAFN CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all who contributed to CAFN's 2010 holiday fundraising. Donations and funds raised through the Bazaar and Angel Tree helped many CAFN families and children this holiday season.

Christmas gift cards of \$50.00 each were delivered to 84 families from Christmas fundraising! Money to purchase the gift cards was raised by CAFN Staff and local community members.

Shāw Nithān!

Dākwānia

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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