

Dàkwània

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

Kwäk`ü N-Zhā
Coldest Moon Month
Dänji N-zhā
Groundhog Month

BUILDING SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) is making progress on housing priorities.

First Nations Market Housing Fund

Champagne and Aishihik is the first government in the Yukon to sign an agreement with the First Nations Market Housing Fund (FNMHF) - a big step toward home ownership.

"This is a major step toward building self-reliant Citizens and communities for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN)," said Chief James Allen. "With the Fund's backing, CAFN can realize its long-standing Strategic Plan goal for homeownership by citizens on our Settlement Lands."

Through the agreement, CAFN now has financial backing for home-owner loans totalling up to \$7.125 million.

This agreement will allow CAFN Citizens who want to buy, build or renovate homes on CAFN settlement land, access to banks for loans and mortgages, which will be guaranteed by our Chief and Council. Supporting Citizen home ownership creates a means to build equity and generate wealth, moves away from social housing, and creates pride in individual ownership. It is also an investment in economic activity in the community. The "Fund" (FNMHF) also provides Capacity Development support to build CAFN



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A new CAFN Elders' home under construction in Haines Junction.

government's housing capacity and training for Citizens who will become homeowners.

This program is for Citizens who qualify for bank loans. Please watch for more details as this new opportunity takes shape.

The Fund is an initiative established by the Government of Canada, through Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC), to give First Nation members greater access to housing loans on reserve and on settlement lands, where appropriate. The \$300 million fund became operational in May 2008.

For more details on the First Nation Market Housing Fund, visit www.fnmhf.ca.

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The new CAFN water truck storage garage in Haines Junction.

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Habitat For Humanity

CAFN is also working to help Citizens who want to be homeowners, but don't have the means to qualify for bank loans.

CAFN Housing has proposed a partnership with Habitat for Humanity Canada to build a home in Takhini River Subdivision in 2012 through their Aboriginal Housing Program. This proposal will be presented to Chief and Council this February.

Habitat for Humanity recently joined forces with the Assembly of First Nations and is making renewed effort to increase First Nations' involvement in Habitat projects. They are working to enhance opportunities for First Nations people to further their knowledge and skills for all dimensions of housing, while adding to the housing stock.

CAFN is proposing to be the first Yukon First Nation to collaborate with Habitat. The proposal includes providing land and a small portion of the construction costs to construct a single family Habitat home at Takhini. Discussions with Habitat Yukon may lead to a triplex homeownership unit being constructed to further benefit CAFN families.

The mandate of Habitat is to provide simple, decent, affordable housing to those who would not be able to afford a conventional mortgage. The Habitat program is about home ownership, a long-term solution designed to break the poverty cycle.

We look forward to providing updates on this proposal. For more information on Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.ca or www.habitatyukon.org.

Water Truck Garage

Work on a new water truck garage in Haines Junction is nearly complete. Construction of the garage was through the Building Canada Fund, which provided \$375,000 for the facility. This project has provided additional employment and training opportunities to CAFN members.

CAFN will begin using the garage to store the water truck in March of this year. The garage is required due to new drinking water health and safety regulations, and will prevent possible contamination of CAFN's water delivery truck.

The new water truck shop is built to super green building standards, so it will cost very little to heat and reduce negative impacts to the environment.

Elders Homes in Haines Junction and Takhini

Two Elders homes in Haines Junction, and one in Takhini are nearing completion. These homes are intended to provide comfortable living space for CAFN Elders and their families. They are designed with only one level, two bedrooms, wider door frames, grab bars, and other features to facilitate easy access and independent living. The homes are 768 square feet with a 10 ft. x 12 ft. arctic entry which can be converted to a bedroom if required (for a caretaker or additional family member).

Both homes are built to high standards of energy efficiency and will be very inexpensive to heat, with excellent air quality. The cost of the energy efficient upgrades will be covered by the Gas Tax Funds to reduce the overall construction cost. Kilrich's Truss Plant donated one set of roof trusses to the project, and we would like to thank them for assisting CAFN to help our Elders.

Funding to build the homes was made available through the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's Housing Initiative Funding.



Message from the Chief

Dännc'h'e:

I wish you all a Happy New Year, and hope my fellow-Citizens in the Yukon are enjoying the cold weather and keeping warm!

December was very busy for me. Prior to the Christmas Break, I attended an Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special General Assembly in Ottawa, Ontario. While in Ottawa, I also had the opportunity to meet with Jean Crowder - the NDP Critic, the Northern Pipeline Agency, Yukon MP Ryan Leef, Senator Dan Lang, and Minister John Duncan's aid, Paul Komaromi. We discussed issues such as the stalled negotiations for administration of justice, CAFN's work to be more independent, resource revenue sharing, and pipeline issues. I was also pleased to talk with Minister Leona Agglukkaq during Yukoner's Night at MP Leef's office. I also attended a Special Committee hearing on Lands and Sustainable Development, at which Yukon Grand Chief Ruth Massie presented on land claims implementation issues.

Following this busy trip, the CAFN offices closed for two weeks over the Christmas holidays, to provide staff with much-needed rest and time to visit with loved ones. I took an extra week to run my trapline and continue to practice traditional living.

Back to work in early January, the CAFN Council and I met with staff for an update and to discuss continuing priorities for negotiations. Key continuing negotiations include our Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA), Program and Service Transfer Agreement (PSTA), and administration of justice negotiations.

This January, I attended the BC Mineral Exploration Roundup up in Vancouver with Councillor Mary Jane Jim and Elder Councillor Albert Hume. We lobbied on issues including mining and the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) 5-year review.



Libby Walker

CAFN members living in the Vancouver area gathered for a dinner meeting with Chief Allen, Elder Councillor Albert Hume, and Councillor Mary Jane Jim during their recent visit for the BC Mineral Roundup.

We were also privileged to host a CAFN supper meeting with Citizens who live in the Vancouver region. It was a pleasure to share current CAFN issues with them and to hear their thoughts. We have about 30 Citizens in the Vancouver area, and hope to have future opportunities to meet with CAFN members who live outside the Yukon.

CAFN Council continues to work on a wide range of issues, with a focus on the important priorities of Wellness, Economic Development, and Building on our Vibrant Traditional Culture. For more details, see the Chief and Council update at right.

The Executive Council Office is still busy with staffing. We currently have two vacant positions. Richard Sydney is helping in the executive director position for a term through March 31, 2012. During this time he is also working to recruit a long-term executive director. And Council continues to work toward staffing the Council administrative assistant position.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Richard and Rose Mazur, who were named Mr. and Mrs. Yukon for the 2012 Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, and Rendezvous queen candidate Laurie Strand, who is representing the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council. We are also very proud of our CAFN Youth participating in the Arctic Winter Games this March 4 – 10 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

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Chief James Allen - Jämena

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made during the November and December 2011, and January 2012 regular Chief and Council meetings.

General Assembly Resolutions

Chief and Council reviewed and endorsed the 2011 GA Resolutions to move forward in the CAFN workplan and budgeting process.

First Nations Market Housing Fund (FNMHF)

Council approved entering into the Fund for the purposes of establishing a home ownership program and authorized the Chief to sign the Indemnity Agreement with FNMHF on behalf of the CAFN.

Baikal Sedge Recovery Strategy

CAFN Chief and Council endorsed the draft Recovery Strategy for Baikal sedge in Canada 2011. Baikal sedge is a small grass considered a species at risk that can be found in CAFN's Traditional Territory.

Shäwshe

Chief and Council support recommendations by families with connections to *Shäwshe* not to designate *Shäwshe*/Dalton Post as a Heritage Site under Yukon Governments Historic Resources Act. Council has concerns with the joint *Shäwshe* Management Planning process.

Christmas

Chief and Council approved a budget of \$5,000 for the 2011 Christmas party.

Deputy Chief Appointment

Chief and Council appointed Leslie James Walker to Deputy Chief for the term of one year from December 2011 to December 2012.

FTA Amendment for Health and Social Funding

Council approved an Amendment Agreement to the Financial Transfer Agreement with Canada through fiscal year 2014-15 for base funding for three health programs and initiatives.

HRWare Payment

Council approved payment of \$22,500 from the 1% contingency budget for the HRWARE personnel database.

2012 Meeting Schedule

Council approved the following regular Chief and Council meeting dates and locations:

February 16-17	Whitehorse
March 15-16	Haines Junction
April 19-20	Whitehorse
May 17-18	Takhini
June 14-15	Champagne Long Ago Peoples' Place
July 19-20	Klukshu
August 2011	No Scheduled Meeting
September 13-14	Whitehorse
October 18-19	Haines Junction
November 15-16	Whitehorse
December 13-14	Haines Junction

Economic Development

Councillor Harold Johnson agreed to sit on the Economic Development Steering Committee. Chief and Council supported the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan presented by CAFN staff and approved requesting funding of \$50,000 from Yukon Government to support the planning process.

Education

Chief and Council approved the proposed mission statement for any Early Childhood Education Facility and Programming: *Provide an environment that is safe, secure, healthy and stimulating, where children can explore, interact with others, learn traditional culture and language, and acquire skills to be school ready.*

Council allocated \$30,000 to Early Childhood Education Facility and Programming.

Council approved making CAFN's Education Support Worker positions full-time, permanent.

Chief and Council agreed to funding up to \$30,000 through the spending policy for a 2012 summer educational/adventure program on the land, linked to the Trailhead Project.

Chief and Council Priorities

1. **Wellness** (by caring for people now and helping to empower them)
2. **Economic Development** (create conditions for everyone to benefit)
3. **Building on a vibrant Traditional Culture** (help people embrace and live their culture)

TĀN GĀ NĀTTHĒ TRAILHEAD PROJECT

By Gary La Chance

*Treat the earth well,
It was not given to you by your parents,
It was loaned to you by your children.
First Nations Proverb*

Councillor Harold Johnson and Chief and Council have set out a bold and determined course to explore new ways to achieve economic, cultural and linguistic advances for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. New technology, new strategies, new relationship building is guiding the thoughts and prayers of Council. And guiding these endeavours is the guidance of the wisdom of our elders.

As Councillor Johnson states, “We once walked everywhere. We walked for pleasure, we walked for food, we walked to visit, and we walked to trade. I would like to see a new and unique cultural experience based upon the traditional values we once shared focused on the land and trails we hold so dearly to our hearts.”

To that end, Chief and Council has embarked on a research and feasibility study to determine the potential of the CAFN traditional trail system for eco-tourism, healing and wellness for its citizens, conservation and protection of its territory and the advancement of language and cultural heritage.

Chief James Allen applies the new strategy to the con-



Gary La Chance

Councillor Harold Johnson met with Dorothea Warren and Stu Whitley of Yukon Health and Social Services this winter to share details on the Trailhead Project.

Gary La Chance



cept of our trail system. “We want our people to be well – let us walk together on our traditional trails; we want to be prosperous – let us consider the richness of our trail system and its potential to increase our economic impact as a Nation; we want to bring to the world our vibrant culture and language – then let us walk the path of our ancestors.”

The research study is focused on other models of trail development including First Nations endeavours like Carcross and Tagish First Nations (CTFN) development of Montana Mountain for mountain biking and hiking. As Justin Ferbey, CEO of the CTFN describes, “From our early days, our people presided over an extensive network of trading, trapping, and hunting trails connecting the Chilkoot and Chilkat Trails with the Yukon interior. We share this common bond with the people of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. Our goal, now, is to capitalize on our traditions to create a better future for our children.”

The research study has now looked at several models of trail development around the world that embody models of conservation and stewardship, fitness and wellness, spirituality, culture and tradition and advancement of language. In the next few months, our goal is to create a model trail – for example Champagne to Klukshu, or Aishihik to Hutchi that allows us to consider all the parameters of tradition, prosperity, independence and stewardship.

As Heritage, Lands and Resources Director Lawrence Joe states, “There are very few younger people that know the land. Let us bring them back to their heritage. The trails are an ever-ending dynamic transition.”

“I walked our trails last year. I felt empowered,” says CAFN citizen Shadelle Chambers.

Our study – *Tān gā Nātthē* (Trailhead) is on-going. If you would like to meet with our research team, please contact Councillor Harold Johnson or Chief and Council.





Steven W. Dengler, Wikipedia Commons

Parliament of Canada

Heads Up: New Crime Law Means More People in Jail, and Longer Jail Terms

I've heard that kids, hearing a news story about the federal government's Omnibus bill, have asked "Mommy, what's the Ominous Bill?"

Good question! What will this new law mean for First Nations communities?

Here are some of the changes coming with the Omnibus Bill, also known as the Safe Streets and Communities Act:

- **Mandatory minimum sentences:** a range of drug, sex, violent and other serious offences will now have longer stipulated jail sentences.
- **Tougher penalties for drug offences,** including a potential doubling of sentences for the production of drugs such as marijuana. This would include small amounts.
- **Tougher penalties for sexual offences against children,** and the creation of two new offences related to the planning or enabling of sex assaults against children.
- **An end to house arrest** (conditional sentences) for a large range of new offences.
- **Elimination or delay in eligibility for pardons for serious crimes,** and higher fees to apply for pardons.
- **Stiffer sentences for violent and repeat young offenders** for serious crimes, to protect the public from "out of control" young offenders.
- **More powers to penalize offenders for bad behaviour** against corrections officer or fellow inmates while in detention; and new powers for the police when parole conditions are broken.

These crimes are very serious and destructive to society and individuals. Nobody disputes this. The aim - less crime - is appropriate. However, there is a lot of discussion about how the government is going about this. Look at the first line: mandatory minimum sentences. Judges familiar with a specific case will have no ability to apply the best remedy for that case, but instead must rubberstamp the mandated jail term. Mentally ill? Addicted? Suffering from repercussions of residential school and cultural annihilation? Too bad, off to jail.

Here's what people are saying:

From First Nations Drum, September 2011: "Omnibus Crime Bill Bad For Natives"

"What will the Conservatives' Safe Streets and Communities Act mean for Aboriginals? In short, it will mean more Aboriginals in custody for longer. The rate of Aboriginal incarceration is high and going up. This bill will increase the number even more.

Statistics Canada indicates approximately 3% of the population is Aboriginal. The custody statistics are alarming. From 2008-2009, Aboriginal people accounted for 27% of admissions to provincial and territorial custody, as well as 18% in federal custody and 21% to remand. Of all women in custody, 37% are Aboriginal, as are 28% of women in remand. In comparison, 20% of remanded men and 25% of men sentenced to custody are Aboriginal. The bottom line is that the prisons are more and more populated by Aboriginals, and the numbers continue to rise."

Turtle Island Native Network, Wed Nov 16, 2011: "Harper's Crime Bill Will Hit Aboriginals Hard"

"This new legislation will eliminate the provision in the criminal code (Gladue) that recognizes the over-representation of Aboriginal people in jails. Gladue refers to the special consideration given to Aboriginal persons' background and circumstances when a judge is sentencing or setting bail probation. With the new legislation, judges won't have to consider options other than jail. We are already horribly over-represented in Canadian jails, and without Gladue it will only get worse."

Shawn Atleo: Tough-on-crime Bill will hurt First Nations

The National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations says the Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda will be tough on First Nations. He says First Nations have not been consulted on the changes.

The Chief said Ottawa should work with First Nations to ensure they're not caught up in its tough on crime agenda. He says the disproportionate number of aboriginal people in jails can be traced back to govern-

ment education policy. *"That's poverty. That's the underlying trauma of the Indian Residential School system,"* he said. (CBC News. Nov 17, 2011)

The Canadian Bar Association representing the country's lawyers says, *"Bill C-10's proposals will worsen Canada's well documented history of disproportionately incarcerating its Aboriginal people."*

Denis Bracken, Professor of Social Work, University of Manitoba, says *"Aboriginal young people are more likely to be denied bail, more likely to get a custody sentence, and less likely to get a community sentence like probation. Bill C-10 will likely mean even more aboriginal young people in custody."* (CBC, Nov 16, 2011)

Liberal justice critic Irwin Cotler (former Minister of Justice) said the biggest "holes" in the bill include the fact that it contains no protection for the mentally ill. (National Post, Dec 6, 2011)

John Edwards (former commissioner of Correctional Service Canada), Willie Gibbs (former chair of the Parole Board of Canada), and Ed Mclsaac (former executive director of the Office of the Correctional Investigator): *"Jails don't keep people out of jail. The fastest-growing portions of the inmate population continue to be those most marginalized within our society: the mentally ill, women and aboriginals. Decades of reports have detailed our correctional systems' failure to reasonably address the needs of these offenders and limit their numbers. Bill C-10, the Safe Streets and Communities Act will significantly increase the prison population."*

The Canadian Bar Association stated that the bill *"will require new prisons; mandate incarceration for minor, non-violent offences; justify poor treatment of inmates and make their reintegration into society more difficult... These results are inconsistent with our collective concepts of fairness, compassion and equality."* (Globe and Mail, Jan 5, 2012)

Irvin Waller, a leading Canadian criminologist and professor at the University of Ottawa: *"When it comes to sentencing, the bill severely limits community alternatives, such as the use of healing (or sentencing) circles, a traditional way of dealing with criminality in some Aboriginal cultures. Healing circles are only used when a person admits guilt. On the basis of his experience with the RCMP in the North, Ottawa Police Chief Vern White is a great believer in the efficacy of healing circles. 'Prisons can be training grounds for criminal careers, and longer sentences can mean returning prisoners are even more dangerous to the community. We should*



Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo has spoken against the Omnibus Crime Bill.

only rely on incarceration when absolutely necessary." (First Nations Drum, September 2011: "Omnibus Crime Bill Bad for Natives")

The Omnibus Bill has already been passed in the House of Commons. It is now before the Senate. With Senate approval, then Royal Assent from the Governor General, it becomes law. As the Senate and the Governor General are unlikely to present any obstacle to the Bill it is expected to be the new law of the land around March 2012. Everyone, including the Harper government, agrees it will mean more people locked up in jail for longer terms.

If you want to voice concern over this new legislation, there is an on-line petition available at <http://leadnow.ca/keep-canada-safe>

Please share this information with family and friends who may have concerns with the nature of this bill.

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Note: The intent of this article is public information. The views of the commentators quoted here are their own. This article does not in any way purport to represent any political position of the Government of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

NEW FACES



Vanessa Innes Economic Development Manager

Please welcome Economic Development Manager Vanessa Innes. She joined the CAFN team in November 2011 and is based in our Whitehorse office.

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Charlene Hume Governance Coordinator

Please welcome Charlene Hume as CAFN's Governance Coordinator for 2012. Charlene is filling the position during Brenda Asp's maternity leave.

Charlene's work includes providing support and coordinating meetings of the Elders Senate, Youth Council, and General Assembly. She is located at the CAFN offices in Haines Junction.

Charlene Hume
Governance Coordinator
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Will Jones Recreation Coordinator

Since the spring of 2009, I have worked in CAFN's Health and Social Programs Department as the Employment Opportunities Program Coordinator. In January, I was excited to be hired for a three month term as the Recreation Coordinator and am organizing recreation activities in CAFN communities. Please contact me at 634-4014 if you have ideas for recreation activities we could put on or if there are activities going on which I can tell people about.

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Jeannine St. Marie Community Care

I have been living in the Yukon since 2003. I live in Haines Junction with my husband Jim and two boys, Jacob and Noah, Grandma Kathy, and many pets.

I have a background in cooking and cleaning, and have always enjoyed looking after my family and friends.

I am really looking forward to working with the Elders and their families doing community care.

Jeannine St. Marie
Community Care Worker
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Diane Strand
Cultural Centre
Manager

Please welcome Diane Strand as the manager for CAFN's brand new Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Diane is busy working

with other Heritage staff to prepare for move-in and the opening of the facility. Her current office is in the administration building in Haines Junction, but she will move into the cultural centre when CAFN takes occupancy.

Diane Strand
Da Ku Cultural Centre Manager
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Candice and John are helping in term positions to prepare for the opening of Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Candice Boyle
Heritage Assistant

Candice is helping the Heritage branch document and catalogue its large collection of cultural items and artefacts in preparation for the move into Da Kų Cultural Centre.

John Finland
Heritage Researcher

John is helping CAFN Heritage collect and identify photos for use in exhibits and displays at the new Da Kų Cultural Centre.

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Collette Catto
Business Development Officer



I would like to reintroduce myself: I recently moved from CAFN Executive Council Office and accepted the position of "Business Development Officer" with CAFN. I bring with me many years of business experience in Business Development as well as two bachelor degrees in Finance and Management and my MBA from the University of Calgary.

The Business Development Office is here for CAFN Citizens. I will be working hard with Citizens to put their business ideas to work for them by providing business support services to those who are interested in starting or expanding their businesses. I will also be assisting with projects based in the CAFN communities that will build entrepreneurial opportunities.

If you have a business idea or operate an existing business I would like to hear from you. You can contact me at:

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CAFN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Program of Study</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>
Jared Hougen	Bachelor's of Kinesiology	Highest GPA in Degree Program - Sciences CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarship
Cody Hougen	Bachelor's of Business Commerce	Field of Study Achievement - Business Management CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarship
Megan McConnell	Juris Doctor, Law	Field of Study Achievement - Social CAFN Priority Fields of Study
Tamara Jim	Business Administration	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Administration
Janet Van Bibber	Bachelor's of Social Work	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Social
Sarah Fromme	Bachelor's of Science	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Science
Brendon Boyko-Bridges	Bachelor's of Science	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Science
Mathew Trotter	Science Psychology	CAFN Priority Fields of Study – Social

SECONDARY STUDENTS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name of School</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>
Kyra Chambers	St Elias School	Grade 8 Academic Achievement Award
Mattea Pilkington	Colunneetza Secondary, BC	Grade 8 Academic Achievement Award
Emily Hume	Robert Service School	Grade 8 Academic Achievement Award
Marion Eckert-Maret	FH Collins Secondary School	Grade 8 Academic Achievement Award
Sandra Jim	Lansdowne Middle School, BC	Grade 8 Academic Achievement Award
Brittany Au	Vanier Catholic Secondary School	Grade 9 Academic Achievement Award
Brandon Long	Fort Nelson Secondary School	Grade 10 Academic Achievement Award
Alexis Hougen	Shawnigan Lake School	Grade 11 Academic Achievement Award
Cherie O'Brien	Porter Creek Secondary	Grade 11 Academic Achievement Award
Cole Pauls	St Elias Community School	Grade 12 Academic Achievement Award
Clinton Patchett	Kwantlen Park Secondary School	Grade 12 Academic Achievement Award
Shelby Jackson	St Elias Community School	Grade 12 Academic Achievement Award
Collin Long	Ft Nelson Secondary School	Grade 12 Academic Achievement Award
Lindsay Chambers	Yukon College - College Prep	Grade 12 Academic Achievement Award Priority Fields of Study - Education

STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE

News from the Whitehorse Elementary Education Support Worker

Hello all,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and holiday break. Now that school is back in session and we are nearing spring break, I know that parents and students are very busy with working on homework and extra-curricular activities. I have been in to many of the elementary schools in the past couple of months, and look forward to seeing more little faces in 2012. If you would like to contact me, you can reach me via e-mail at lcampbell@cafn.ca or give me a call at (867) 456-6892.

I would also like to encourage older youth to look at the various exchange programs which are offered throughout the year and open to Yukon residents. Here is a website list for those of you who are interested;

- www.whitehorse.ca
- www.asse.com
- www.international.gc.ca
- www.twoworldsunite.com
- www.ef-canada.ca

These exchanges are great opportunities to expand your knowledge, learn about new cultures, and meet new and amazing people. If you would like help applying to any of the exchange programs just call or e-mail me.

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CAFN staff in Whitehorse on Stand Up to Bullying Day 2011.

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CAFN staff in Haines Junction on Stand Up to Bullying Day 2011

SAY "NO" TO BULLYING

The CAFN staff in Haines Junction and Whitehorse participated in the International Stand Up to Bullying Day on November 19, 2011.

The staff wore pink to work and made a special commitment to:

1. Send a loud, non-confrontational message of resistance to bullies;
2. Identify themselves to victims as a source of support willing to help and;
3. Draw attention to the effects of bullying, and stimulate passive bystanders into action.

Bullying is a terrible thing and it happens everywhere and can happen to anyone. The next time you see someone getting bullied, be a hero and stand up for what you know is right.

Thank you to CAFN Education Support Worker Luke Campbell for this update and for coordinating Stand Up to Bullying Day at CAFN.

Please watch for more details on a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Anti-Bullying event coming this April 21 in Haines Junction hosted by Yukon MP Ryan Leef and Klwane MLA Wade Istchenko.

YOUTH CENTRE UPDATE



Karrie Brown, CAFN Health

Youth decorated the Youth Centre beautifully for Christmas 2011.

The Youth Center is a busy place! I would like to remind parents and youth to sign up to receive the weekly schedule of Youth Centre activities. Please send your e-mail request to me at smaloney@cafn.ca, or send a Facebook friends request to CAFN Youth Programs – The Youth Junction.

We would like to welcome Jessica Mazur, our Youth Trainee, to the Youth Programs team. And we are also thrilled to have Karrie Brown (Youth Leader & Native Language Teacher) and Gloria MacElheron (Youth Center Worker) on staff.

Wolf Tracks Outdoor After-school Program,

in partnership with Parks Canada, helps children and youth develop outdoor winter living skills. Wolf Tracks began last November for ages 8 to 12 and was a great success.



Karrie Brown, CAFN Health

The program resumes this February for ages 12 and up. Activities will include ice fishing, snowshoeing, traditional trails and building snow shelters.

YOUTH CENTER WINTER HOURS

- Monday to Friday, 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. for ages 6 to 12.
- Closed Monday nights.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 7-10 p.m. for ages 13 & up.
- Saturday 7-11 p.m. ages 13 & up.

Karrie Brown, CAFN Health



Youth perform a skit at the CAFN Alcohol and Drug Awareness Dinner in Haines Junction, December 2011.

Gathering Our Voices - Aboriginal Youth Conference - Nanaimo B.C. March 21 -24th, 2012. Youth have decided to work to attend the conference every second year. Fundraising for 2013 will begin soon. Please forward your name if you are interested. Only active fundraising participants will be considered.

Winter Activities at the Youth Junction:

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| Tuesday | 3:30 – 5:15 p.m. Southern Tutchone Language & Games
7 - 10 p.m. Sewing and Beading, everyone welcome. |
| Wednesday | Wolf Tracks Program 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Wii or Play Station Move Challenges |
| Thursday | 3:30-5:15 p.m. Cross country skiing and open gym at the school, homework help at the Youth Centre.
7-10 p.m. Youth Cooking |
| Friday | Dinner & a Movie \$ 5.00
Pool Tournaments, Jam Nights |
| Saturday | Hand Game Practices for Rendezvous every Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.
& choice of activity by vote. |

Upcoming Events:

- March 5 - Spring Break Fun Days at Takhini
- March 13-14 - Haines Junction Fun Days
- March 4-10 - 2012 Artic Winter Games in Whitehorse

A big congrats to Mathew Brown, Anthony Primozic, Taylor Sembsmoen, Terrance O'Brien, Tora Williams, Brittanie Brown & Sarina Primozic for making the Dene Games team to compete in the 2012 Artic Winter Games.

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CAFN DIABETES NEWS

Happy New Year! Time for new resolutions especially in regards to your health! As First Nations people we are at a higher risk of developing diabetes.



Watching your weight, exercising, and staying informed will help you in the prevention/management of diabetes.

Some new year's resolutions for diabetics or those who have recently been diagnosed should include:

1. Schedule your appointments - check in with your doctor and get your A1C, blood sugar and cholesterol checked. Your eyes, kidneys and feet should be checked as well.
2. Eat more fruits, vegetables, legumes, and whole grains to help increase your fiber intake. This nutrient might be the most important for people with diabetes.
3. Start walking - walking is one of the easiest form of exercise. It's inexpensive and can be done almost anywhere, any time. Exercise is a great way to lower your blood sugar and help to control symptoms of diabetes.
4. Support in coping with your diabetes can be found in your local health centre/hospital, online, friends, and through other people with diabetes.
5. Lose and/or maintain your weight to help manage/prevent diabetes.
6. Keep yourself informed about diabetes. Talk with your health care provider. CAFN has a Diabetes Coordinator, Marianne Joe, who is glad to assist you at: (867) 634-4212. At the Whitehorse General Hospital, there is a Diabetes Resource Centre with an abundance of information and a team of qualified staff that is more than willing to help at (867) 393-8711.

Working together as a team will help in your diabetes management/prevention.

DISCLAIMER: Health articles are provided by CAFN Health Programs as a courtesy for your reference, and are not intended to replace the advice of your doctor or health care professional.

You could have diabetes and not know it. Some of the early and sometimes subtle warning signs include:

- more thirsty than normal,
- gaining (most common) or losing a fair amount of weight (without trying),
- need to urinate more than usual,
- blurred vision,
- cuts and bruises that take a long time to heal,
- itchy skin, and
- pain, numbness or tingling in your hands, legs or feet.

When these signs are associated with diabetes, they are the result of high glucose levels in the body. Some people experience no signs, while others experience all of them. If you notice any of the above signs, schedule an appointment with your doctor.

Left undiagnosed and untreated, diabetes can have scary consequences, some of which may be:

- heart disease, which is closely associated with diabetes,
- macular degeneration, an eye condition that can cause blindness, or
- nerve damage which may lead to amputations and other serious health problems.



And finally...

Quit smoking! The person with diabetes who smokes has at least twice the risk of developing complications.

The test for diabetes is so simple that everyone should have one at least once a year.

The good news is that diabetes is a serious disease, which can also be treated effectively with diet and exercise.

Watch for upcoming diabetes- related events in your community.

For further info contact:

Marianne Joe, Diabetes Coordinator
(867) 634-4212
majoe@cafn.ca

SOUTHERN TUTCHONE TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATE

By Rose Kushniruk, Executive Director

Mandate: *"The Southern Tutchone Nations will preserve, protect and promote our way of life by working together on heritage, language and culture."* We will strive to unite our citizens for learning and fun! We will work with staff from each First Nation to ensure we are working together, combining our resources.

Who is a part of the STTC? Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (Ta'an), Kluane First Nation (KFN), and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN).

The Board of Directors: Marissa Mills, Mary Easterson (KFN), Gayle Anderson and Brittney Telep (Ta'an) Bradley Joe and Albert Hume (CAFN).

Technical Committee: Betsy Jackson and Jason Shorty (Ta'an), George Johnson and Geraldine Pope (KFN), Shandell McCarthy, Lawrence Joe and Shadelle Chambers (CAFN).

Projects Identified by Board of Directors: December 2011 we held the first Board of Directors meeting. At this meeting, the Board identified potential projects. The executive director is now working to bring these projects to reality. There are endless, fun learning opportunities that can bring our Nations together in the name of our heritage, language and culture!

Work plan items include:

- develop a communications strategy for STTC,
- create a strategic plan,
- develop policies and procedures,
- develop an STTC web page and Facebook page,
- promote STTC gatherings and sporting events,
- purchase a mascot for our events,
- establish a Southern Tutchone song data base,
- organize a speakers/teachers workshop,
- work towards a 2013 summer full-immersion camp,
- provide potlatch and funeral planning documents for families,
- establish a language focus group and mentorship program for language,
- collect pictures of our Elders,
- consider creating sports and recreation scholarships,
- host drum making workshops,
- explore aboriginal language scholarships,
- work with First Nation heritage/language officers to coordinate efforts on existing programs,
- host activities associated with our trails, such as on the land camps,
- seek funding for our communities to develop signage in our language,
- learn from other educational institutes on language programs in schools.

Rose Kushniruk, STTC



We are proud of our Southern Tutchone Rendezvous queen candidate, Ms. Southern Tutchone - Laurie Strand - and 2012 Mr. and Mrs. Yukon - Richard and Rose Mazur.

These are some items identified by the Board of Directors, and we are open to your suggestions.

Current Projects!

Aishihik Bison Hunt: March 15-19, 2012 – Pack your bed roll, your sled and head to Aishihik for a Bison Hunt! STTC will be joining up with CAFN Renewable Resources Department for their Annual Community Bison Hunt. We encourage people from our three First Nations to participate. Come hunt with and meet your fellow Southern Tutchone people! Please contact our office for more information and if you need a ride.

Hand games: April 2012 - STTC is organizing a hand games tournament in Haines Junction this April. Please stay posted for exact dates and details.

Annual General Gathering: June 1-3, 2012 - Bring your family to Klukshu for a weekend of fun and learning at this gathering of Southern Tutchone Nations.

Adult Dance Group: Calling all interested adults from the the First Nations! If you are interested in dancing or just helping, please contact our office to sign-up. Dancing will be held once a month beginning this February in Burwash, Haines Junction and Whitehorse.

Queen Candidate: STTC sponsored Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous queen candidate Laurie Strand for 2012.

Traditional Names: We are working on compiling a list of our members' "Indian Names". Please forward us your name if you would like to share it.

Southern Tutchone Tribal Council

Unit #16 – 1114 1st Avenue
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Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1A3
southernutchone@northwestel.net
(867) 633-2186 or 334-5695

SOUTHERN TUTCHONE COUNCIL & Champagne & Aishihik First Nations

We are joining up with the CAFN annual community bison hunt!

All family, friends and citizens of the Ta'an Kwach'an Council, Kluane & Champagne & Aishihik First Nations are encouraged to attend!



Roberta checking out her accuracy

BISON HUNT



A crew heading into Aishihik!

Greg Eikland, Mike Jim, Chuck Hume, Bobby Kane, Dawn & Chantel Smeeton

Bring your pals, your wife, your co-worker, your uncle, your son/daughter...!

AISHIHIK

Where: Aishihik, Yukon

When: March 15-19, 2012 (come in with a group or come in anytime during this time)

Travel: Gather up your hunting pals & head to Aishihik for a weekend of fun! Don't forget to go get your permit! If you need a ride please phone STTC office in Whitehorse, we will try to accommodate you .

Accommodation: There are plenty of cabins in Aishihik for people to stay in. So pack your bed roll, snow machine & come to a hunt where hunters will help each other!

Gas & Food: We will be providing meals and some gas.

Why Should You Come? To hunt as a group, to hang out with your fellow ST Citizens, their friends & family!

If you don't want to hunt: Hang around camp, there will be plenty to do! Bring your stories, sewing and cooking skills!

Info: (867) 633-2186 or
334-5695

*Scott Hume, Clint McQuaig,
Linaya Workman & Dave Grant*

*Tea Time! Dave Grant, Brendan
Au, Natalie Oles & Harry Smith*

The Gals! Sighting in the Guns!

*Team Work! Clint McQuaig,
Tom Buzzel, Scott & Chuck Hume*

Lawrence Joe & Mike Jim



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation at Mun Ku

Craft Afternoons

Wednesdays from 1-4:30 p.m.

Starting on Wednesday, February 8, and every Wednesday until March 28, John Semple will teach carving skills. We have some carving materials and tools for you to use.

Continuing every Wednesday until the end of March, join Marianne Joe, Lia Fox and Elders for a sewing circle. Bring your own crafts to work on or learn new skills from the experts. Some materials available. Snacks will be provided.

Games Nights Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m.

Come on out to play some games and have some fun every Wednesday until March 28. Games include cribbage and other card games as well as board games like scrabble, chess and backgammon. Feel free to bring your own favourite games. We will have moose soup and bannock for supper.

Bingo Fridays from 7-10 p.m.

Starting on Friday, February 10, from 7 p.m. until the last game, we will open the Common Room to people who want to play radio bingo together. We will have snacks and refreshments on hand. No bingos on February 24, March 2 and 9.

For more information: Marianne Joe at 634-4212 or Will Jones at 634-5263.



"Always in our hearts"

Sue Van Bibber

25-12-1911 to 28-02-2011

wife, mother, grandma

*SUE LIVED A VERY HEALTHY LIFESTYLE,
SHE WORKED HARD, CARED FOR HER COMMUNITY,
& LOVED HER FAMILY. A RESPECTED TRUE LEADER.*

*We'll always love you,
Your family*

Not a day goes by that we don't think about you. It feels like yesterday God called you home, and took you from us. We miss your smile, your wisdom and most of all, your laugh.



**Helen Hassard January 1943 - October 2010
Beloved Daughter, Sister, Wife,
Mother, Grandmother
Forever carried in our hearts,
loved and missed**

Mother, a year has passed and not a day gone by,
When it takes all my strength not to cry.

We love and miss you every day,
Given the chance, we simply would say:
We love you, and we hold you in our hearts so dear

When we wish enough, we feel you near.

But what we feel, is all your love,
Reaching down from heaven above.

Denise



In Loving Memory
Patricia "Patt" Delaney
April 4, 1942—January 26, 2011
~Mom "Gramma Patt" ~

Our lives are forever changed without you.

We love and miss you.

Mickey, Denise, Michelle & Amy Beattie



Mom's headstone potlatch will be held June 16th, 2012 at Champagne, Yukon. All are welcome.



*Your Thoughtfulness
Is Greatly Appreciated!*

"The Passing of Our Brother David"

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card
or sat quietly in a chair*

*Perhaps you sent a floral piece
if so we saw it there*

*Perhaps you cooked & brought some food,
if so, it greatly contributed to our strength*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
as any friend could say*

*Perhaps you assisted in our Brother's final journey,
if so, it comforted us to know that you came
in honor of traditions,
with love & care in your hearts*

*Perhaps you piled up chairs & set up the hall,
if so, we're glad you assisted in the comfort of all*

*Perhaps you were not there at all
just thought of us that day*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts
we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!*

*Always, Florence Orr, Gene K, Johnny K, Sheila K,
Diane Strand, Josie Boyle, Stephen K.*



Contest

SOUTHERN TUTCHONE TRIBAL COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A NEW LOGO and NAME!

Our newly established Southern Tutchone Tribal Council is looking for a new logo and name, one that reflects its new focus. "The Southern Tutchone Nations will preserve, protect and promote our way of life by working together on heritage, language and culture."

LOGO CONTEST

Winner will win \$750.00 cash!

Have entry in no later than February 25, 2012

Please submit full logo in color digitally

Judges: Board of Directors for STTC

NAME CHANGE

Previous Name: Southern Tutchone Tribal Council

Winner will win \$200 cash

Judges: Board of Directors for STTC

Deadline for Submissions: February 25, 2012

You can mail your picture (on CD) to:

Southern Tutchone Tribal Council

Unit #16 – 1114 1st Avenue Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1Y3

You can email: southerntutchone@northwestel.net

Or you can drop it off at: Unit #16 – 1114 1st Avenue (Horwoods office building upstairs)

Old logo:



**Please send your stories and photos
to almckinnon@cafn.ca to be included
in future issues of Dàkwänia!**

JAM Upcoming Events

Sizzling Samba with the Paul Lucas Trio, February 24, doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. St. Elias Convention Centre. This is a licensed event, children must be accompanied.



Mi Casa Theatre Presents: Countries Shaped Like Stars, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at the St. Elias Convention Centre. Clowning and buffoonery workshop on March 6. Please contact Yvonne at the phone or e-mail below to register.

The Fred Eaglesmith Travelling Show with Gordie Tentrees, May 1, 8:30 p.m. at the St. Elias Convention Centre.

JAM event rates: Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Youth, Children under 12 and Seniors are free.

For more information, please contact Yvonne at (867) 634-4277 or hainesjunctionjam@gmail.com

JAM recognizes the generous support of our sponsors: Arts Operating Funds and Lotteries Yukon.



www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/yt

www.cyfn.ca

www.eco.gov.yk.ca/landclaims

EXCELLENCE SEMINARS

EXCELLENCE SEMINARS WILL BE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS IN WHITEHORSE:

- **The Wall: March 8th - 11th**
- **Advancement of Excellence: March 24th - 25th & April 21st – 22nd**

If you are a CAFN Citizen or staff person interested in attending these courses please contact: Shadelle Chambers at 456-6879 or schambers@cafn.ca

Please check out Excellence Seminars website for more details at: www.excellenceseminars.com

WANTED: Hockey Players

Interested in playing with one of the CAFN Storm teams in the Yukon Native Hockey Tournament this March 30 - April 1? Please sign up for Youth teams with: Trish at tgeorge@cafn.ca. Register for Adult teams with: Lenette at lgraham@cafn.ca.

Free Exercise Classes

**Monday and Wednesday -
5:15 pm Pilates, 5:45 pm Yoga
at the Haines Junction Yukon College Campus**

Note: These classes
are sponsored by RPAY
Drop in - no fee



CAFN Communications



Nq sha t̄an

TRADITIONAL PLACE NAMES

Nq sha t̄an is the bench in the St. Elias Mountains that overlooks the Haines Junction village. Elder Marge Jackson tells us that the name refers to the way the light hits the bench - both the first light of the morning, as well as the last light of the day from the west.

Addictions Support

Kw̄anaschis to the members who came out for the National Addictions Awareness Week dinners held at Takhini and Haines Junction this winter. A very special acknowledgement to the youth who put on a play for us in Haines Junction.

If you need help with issues around addictions or treatment, please contact one of the following CAFN staff members:

Mary Jane Smith, Counselor (867) 634-4225
Kathleen Johnson, Case Manager (867) 634-4203
Laura Nolan, Social Support Worker (867) 456-6890

For members in Whitehorse who want help through counseling, support is available through Alcohol and Drug Services at (867) 667-5777. CAFN staff can also help you set up counselling with Residential School Resolution Health Support.

Mary Jane Smith
Acting Social Manager/Counselor
(867) 634-4225 Cell (867) 634-5244
msmith@cafn.ca

FUTURE LEADERS Scholarship

SUCCESS IS WITHIN YOUR REACH

- ✓ Enrolled in a post-secondary education institution
- ✓ Pursuing an education in Business, Environment or Cultural Education
- ✓ Are a beneficiary of any of the Yukon First Nations or member of Taku River Tlingit First Nation or Dease River First Nation

If yes, then you may be eligible to apply for the YIDC Future Leaders Scholarship.

Get your application

at your First Nation's Administration Offices or online at www.yidc.ca



\$34,000.00 in
scholarships
available!

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Investing in our People

Used Vehicle for Sale

Sale of surplus CAFN vehicle 2005 Chevrolet Impala

213,648 well maintained highway kilometres
Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted

Sealed bids must be received by 4:30 pm
March 15, 2012 at 304 Jarvis St Whitehorse

For more information:

(867) 456-6888

Vehicle may be seen at 304 Jarvis St

Palliative Care Workshop

This February 28-29, the Yukon Palliative Care Program is presenting a 2-day workshop in Haines Junction at the old administration building (Ä Ky). This is geared for people who will be family caregivers and health staff to prepare for potential serious illness and palliative situations. This workshop will cover things such as community resources, practical care giving skills, issues of loss and grief, pain management and more. If you are interested, please let me know.

Snacks and lunch will be provided by CAFN.

Respectfully,

*Jacque Chambers, Community Care Coordinator
(867) 634-4223, Cell (867) 634-5219*

Training Trust Members Needed

Are you interested in working with the Champagne-Aishihik Haines Junction Training Trust Board?

We are looking for two new members. This is a volunteer position. We meet four or five times a year to decide on funding grants for area residents. Our funds support people who want to train for employment. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lawrence at 634-2020.

Coloring Contest Winners!

The winners of the Dàkwänia newsletter Christmas coloring contest are as follows. Thanks to the many children (38 entries) who turned in their fantastic artwork. The judging was very difficult as there were so many excellent pictures. *Shāw nithan* (good job, well done) to all who entered the contest.

- **Kael Epp – Age 2** – Winner of the ages 1-4 category – coloring and activity books
- **Brayden Gleason – Age 7** – Tied as winner of the ages 5-8 category - \$20 gift certificate for Your Dollar Store with More
- **Ecko Kirk – Age 8** – Tied as winner of the ages 5-8 category - \$20 gift certificate for Your Dollar Store with More
- **Tiara Kinney-John – Age 9** – Tied as winner of the ages 9-12 category - \$20 gift certificate for EB Games
- **Nevada Joe – Age 9** – Tied as winner of the ages 9-12 category - \$20 gift certificate for EB Games

WE NEED YOU!

Alsek Renewable Resource Council Alternate Position

CAFN is seeking one citizen to sit on the Alsek Renewable Resource Council (ARRC) as an alternate.

The 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.

DEADLINE: Please submit your application by 4:30 p.m., Friday March 2, 2012.

Get your CAFN Boards and Committees application at www.cafn.ca or pick up an application at either CAFN office. Please attach a resume to you application.

For more information on boards and committees:

*Doreen Williams at (867) 634-4232,
drwilliams@cafn.ca, or fax (867) 634-2760*

SPECIAL GREETINGS

*Happy Birthday to Uncle Chad on January 23rd.
From Denise Damien and Jaccob*

*Happy Belated 40th Anniversary to Grandma Florence & Grandpa Griff on Dec 17th.
From Denise, Damien and Jaccob*

Happy Belated Birthday to our daughter Denise who turned 7 on Dec. 6th.

Happy Belated Birthday to our nephew Cody who turned 1 on Dec. 12th.

Happy 6th Birthday to our son Damien on February 21st.

*Happy Birthday to Alvin Griffith - February 21st.
Coming from Victor and Georgina*

January 14: Happy Birthday Grandpa Thomas Joe!! Love allways Katherine Albert, Todd Demit, And Cashis Hunter

January 14: Happy 3rd Birthday Rene Albert!! (Thomas And Rita's Great Grandchild) Copper Center, Alaska



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Thomas And Rita Joe!

We truly love and miss you both. Think lots about you two. Take care & hope to see you soon!!

Love always, Darlene, Gerald, Lilly, Byron, Alando, Kluane, Joseph, Katelynn, Katherine, Todd, Hunter, Gerald, Mariah, Joyce, Terry, Timothy, Jenny, Tyrese, Chloe, Roger, Rayann, Ryan, Rene, Raylee, George Chad, Helen, Johnny, Rita.

Happy Birthday to my one and only Brother Alvin... February 21... Man, you're getting old! Have a good one.

Love Marion, Dave and Tristin.

*Happy Birthday to Marie Martin on January 28.
From Mom and Dad*

We would like to send a huge congratulations and a Happy Anniversary out to John and Sharmane Jones on January 29 - 12 wonderful years filled with joy and happiness.

With Lots of Love xox

Trevor and Jennika

Sheila and Florence

Happy Birthday to my grandson Richard Cote on Dec. 11th

Happy Birthday to my son Patrick Maloney on January 16th

Happy Birthday to my daughter in law Delta Maloney on January 6th

Happy Birthday to my grandson Stephen Cote January 10th

Happy Birthday to my grandson Kyle Maloney January 28th

Hope your day is the best ever. Love you all, from Mom – Grandma

February 15th... Happy 10th Birthday to my most beautiful nieces, Erin & Anya Jim.

With lots of love, Auntie AnnMarie

Birthday greetings to our son Richard J. Smith on January 27.

With all our love from Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to Janus Sturko – January 14

Doreen Williams & Charlene Hume - January 20

My sister Frances Isaac – January 25

My niece Kim Carlick – February 1

My nephew Darrell Billy – February 14

My niece Julie Smith – February 16

Doris Hume- February 26

From Lilly - Lots of love and have a great day!



Happy Belated 50th Birthday Grandma (Elaine Chambers) for November 18!

Love your grandkids, Kael, Brielle and Jayla

Happy Belated 18th Birthday to Larry Fraser on November 7 and William Fraser for November 15.

Happy Birthdays to:

Melissa Radford Cook – January 4th

Doreen Williams – January 20th

Bobby Taylor – February 2

Sylvia “Mozzie” Cook – February 19th

Auntie Kathleen VanBibber – February 21st

Kimiko Clark – February 21st

Sandy Clark – February 23rd

From Angie, Ron and Kaylea

A Very Happy Belated Birthday to Shelby Jackson on Dec.25th From Aunty Deb and Cousins ShyAnn, Brandon and Alex

CONGRATULATIONS!

it's a Boy!



Jerry & Shaoli Boss
Would like to welcome their son
James Boss
Born Dec 29 2011, 7.8 lbs

Karsten Hunter Abel Smith

1 Day old

Born Dec 29th, 2011

A Very Happy Birthday to Doreen Williams on January 20th.

From Deb, Shy, Brandon and Alex

A Very Happy Birthday to Brandon Williams on Feb. 12th. A Very Happy Birthday to Alex Williams And Nicholas Williams on January 15th Love Always... Mom and ShyAnn

A Very Happy Birthday to Grandma/Mom Vera Williams for Feb. 20th.

Love from ShyAnn, Deb, Alex and Brandon

A Very Happy Birthday to Doris Hume for Feb.26th

From Deb, ShyAnn, Brandon and Alex

Happy 16th Birthday to BoDean for February 24th

Happy 21st Birthday to Bradley for March 24th

Happy 13th Birthday to Lakeisha for April 24th With lots of love from your Momma Sheila, Gramma Margaret and Grandpa Bobby, and the rest of the Joe Clan.

Send your special greetings care of:

CAFN Communications

(867) 634-4237

almckinnon@cafn.ca

Fax (867) 634-2760

Kadynce Bobby Roland Smith

9 Days old

Born April 23rd, 2007

Our Boys

CALENDAR

Tuesdays - Haines Junction Language Lunch, 12 to 1 p.m. in the CAFN Council Chambers. For more information, please contact Millie at (867) 634-4013 or mjoe@cafn.ca.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - Whitehorse Evening Language Class, 4 to 6 p.m. CAFN Whitehorse. For more information, please contact Millie at (867) 634-4013 or mjoe@cafn.ca.

Wednesdays - Craft Afternoon and Games Night at Mun Ky, includes activities, healthy meals and good company. For more information call Marianne Joe at 634-4212 or Will Jones at 634-5263.

Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch Haines Junction, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mun Ky. Please contact Darlene for more details at (867) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca.

Thursdays - Haines Junction Evening Language Class, 4 to 6:30 p.m., CAFN Council Chambers. For more information, please contact Millie at (867) 634-4013 or mjoe@cafn.ca.

Fridays - Radio BINGO night at Mun Ky, 7 to 10 p.m. Until radio bingo ends for the season. Please note, no BINGO on Feb. 24, March 2 and 9. For more information call Marianne Joe at 634-4212 or Will Jones at 634-5263.

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) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca.

February 23 - Elders in the School Potluck Lunch, St. Elias Community School at 12 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

February 24 - Heritage Day - CAFN offices closed.



Heritage staff and community stewards repaired old fenceposts and put up new fencing at the graveyards at Hutshi this January.

March 4- 10 - Arctic Winter Games, Whitehorse. See www.awg2012.org for more information.

March 5-16- Spring Break, St. Elias Community School, Haines Junction.

March 13 - Label Reading Workshop, Haines Junction at Mun Ky, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hosted by CAFN Diabetes Program and RPAY.

March 15-16, Chief and Council Meeting, Haines Junction.

March 15-19 - CAFN and STTC Community Bison Hunt, Aishihik. All friends, family and citizens of CAFN, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kluane First Nation are encouraged to come out. For more information, please contact Rose at southerntutchone@northwestel.net, (867) 633-2186 or 334-5695.

March 20 - Label Reading Workshop, Takhini River Sudi-vision Community Hall, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Hosted by CAFN Diabetes Program and RPAY.

March 30 - April 1 - 35th Annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, Whitehorse. Visit www.yiha.ca for more details.

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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