

Dàkwània

JUNE/JULY 2010

Dà N-Zhā (June - Animals Get Poor Month)

Nadäjèl N-Zhā (July - Red Gophers Month)

HONOURING OUR CITIZENS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Class of 2010

A very special congratulations to our 2010 CAFN graduates.

Our high school graduates for 2010 are:

Shanita Brown
Alaura Bouvier
Lenna Charlie
Erika Herr
Telena Jones
Alexia Nicholas-Workman
Jennifer Orr
Tavis Sturko
Dylan Wabisca
Aaron Workman

The eight Yukon graduates and their families were honoured during a dinner and ceremony hosted by CAFN in Whitehorse.

Congratulations to graduate Shanita Brown, winner of the Skookum Jim Friendship

Centre Award, which goes to a First Nations Grade 12 student who demonstrates initiative in helping First Nations people in their community. Shanita is graduating from St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction. She has devoted much of her time to helping other young people by working at the



Our Yukon high school graduates at the May 28, 2010 Council of Yukon First Nations Graduation Ceremony in Whitehorse. Left to right: Telena Jones, Shanita Brown, Tavis Sturko, Lenna Charlie, Alaura Bouvier, Dylan Wabisca and Aaron Workman (not pictured - Alexia Nicholas-Workman)

community youth centre and tutoring. In past years, she has received the RCMP Award as well as the St. Elias Eagle Pin. She represented her community in Yellowknife for the Activate North Youth Conference, as well as in Dene Games during the 2008 Arctic Winter Games. Her inspiration to stay in school was her mother. This September, Shanita is volunteering for six months in the Ukraine and British Columbia with Canada World Youth.

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Shanita Brown receives a gift and scarf from Chief and Council. Left to right: Councillor Lorraine Stick, Chief Diane Strand, graduate Shanita Brown and Deputy Chief Mary Jane Jim.

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Alaura Bouvier is graduating from Vanier Catholic Secondary School in Whitehorse. She is inspired by her great grandmother, Grace, her papa, Auntie Kluane and her friends. Alaura hopes to attend a semester at Yukon College then travel to South East Asia and Australia then apply to attend university in B.C. Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse in critical care.

Lenna Charlie is graduating from Porter Creek Secondary School in Whitehorse. She has competed in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) for soccer and travelled to Ottawa for Encounters with Canada. Her family and friends have encouraged her to go on with her education. She has been accepted to attend Mount Royal University in Calgary this fall.

Telena Jones is graduating from Porter Creek Secondary School in Whitehorse. Last spring Telena represented the Yukon at the Dream Catchers Conference in Kelowna, B.C. Her inspiration is her mom and dad, who got her out of bed every morning. Telena is going to take a year off to work and travel, then go to school for Licensed Practical Nursing.

Alexia Nicholas-Workman (*Ayedindaya*) is graduating from the Individual Learning Centre Program in Whitehorse. She was inspired by the teachers who told her to stay in school and that nothing is impos-

sible. Alexia plans to attend Yukon College this fall in Whitehorse.

Tavis Dalton Sturko is graduating from Porter Creek Secondary School in Whitehorse. He is a talented marksman and earned four gold medals and the all-around title in rifle shooting at the NAIG Games in Cowichan in 2008. His hope is to study small engine or automotive mechanics. He may also take a year off to travel. He would like to thank CAFN and his grandparents for their support over the years.

Dylan Wabisca is graduating from Porter Creek Secondary School. He grew up in Haines Junction and Whitehorse and likes snowboarding, skidooring, skateboarding and playing guitar. His mom and his family have given him lots of support during high school.

Aaron Workman (*Däkè*) is graduating from the St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction. He is a competitive archer and has represented the Yukon at NAIG both in Denver Colorado in 2006 and in Victoria BC in 2008, where he received a silver medal. Aaron is considering continuing with his education or joining the Canadian Military to begin his career.

We are equally proud of our grade 12 students graduating from high schools outside the Yukon, Erika Herr and Jennifer Orr.



Shandell McCarthy

Our Yukon graduates at the CAFN Grad Dinner at Yukon Inn in Whitehorse. Left to right: Telena Jones, Alaura Bouvier, Tavis Sturko, Alexia Nicholas-Workman, Aaron Workman, Lenna Charlie and Shanita Brown

The CAFN Education Department thanks the many people who helped with the CAFN Grad Dinner, including: Les Walker and his band for providing the entertainment, Rose Kushniruk for her help as MC, Chief Strand and councillors Mary Jane Jim and Lorraine Stick for their presentations, Education Director Shandell McCarthy for taking family portraits, and to education support workers Lindsay Chambers and Diane Jenschatz. And special thanks to all the parents and family members.



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CAFN musician Les Walker and band rocked the house at the 2010 CAFN Grad Dinner on May 14

Congratulations to our 2010 Post Secondary Graduates:

- Andy Pauls – Culinary Arts – Yukon College Certificate
- Jason Jim – Culinary Arts – Yukon College Certificate
- Jennifer Burns – Office Administration – Yukon College Diploma
- Devon Kinney – Journeyman Welder – Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)
- Chance Jessica Hassard – Culinary Arts – Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Diploma
- Warren Strand – Sound Recording and Design – Columbia Academy Diploma

We also wish to recognize the CAFN students who recently graduated from the Heritage Interpretation and Initiatives for Older Workers 2010 program at the Haines Junction campus of Yukon College (pictured above).



Haines Junction Yukon College graduates, left to right: Jeanette Jackson, Richard Anderson, Sheila Kushniruk, John Semple, Louise Jackson, Kim Boss and Kathyleen Darbyshire

Over 15 weeks, these students gained certificates in Foodsafe and Standard First Aid, and gained skills in digital photography, photoshop, heritage interpretation, project and event planning, Southern Tutchone language, college prep English. Congratulations!

CAFN CAREER FAIR



Millie Joe

Students at the 2010 Career Fair

CAFN hosted its third annual Career Fair in Haines Junction this May. Students from Whitehorse and Haines Junction took in information about a wide variety of career opportunities from more than 30 booths on future job opportunities. This was CAFN's largest career fair yet.



Message from the Chief

Dear Fellow Citizens:

It is a difficult time at CAFN. With the unexpected passing of CAFN Councillor Gerald Brown, our government and community are grieving.

However, our work on behalf of CAFN citizens must continue, so we are working to resume "business as normal".

Since my last update, my activities included attending a course on negotiation in Vancouver. The information I learned will help in future discussions with Ministers, Premiers, and other government leaders.

CAFN hosted Open Houses in both Whitehorse and Haines Junction this May. I want to thank all the staff and the organizing committee who worked hard to host the event and to prepare information booths for citizens and the general public. Our annual open houses have been very successful in sharing information about CAFN.

The cultural centre site blessing ceremony this May was very moving. With guidance from Elders, James Allen (Wolf) and Gerald Brown (Crow) worked with CAFN Heritage staff to prepare a traditional ceremony. Our Elders have instructed us to carry out ceremonies like this to ensure things are done in a good manner and sacred manner. Many people witnessed the ceremony and said how significant they felt it was. Our gratitude to the many Elders who helped, including Rosalie Washington, Elder Councillor Moose Jackson, Sadie Brown, Ray Jackson, Paddy Jim, and Fred Brown. Richard Smith (Wolf), Sheila Quock (Crow), and Youth Karrie Brown (Wolf) and Bradley Joe (Wolf) also assisted. The ceremony set the stage for the many people who will be working on the cultural centre.

I attended an informative lecture at the Berengia Centre on Land Use Planning in the North. Regional land use planning is anticipated in our area in the near future.

CAFN is holding a Special Chief and Council Meeting on June 26 at Champagne and invite all citizens to attend to discuss changes underway at the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN). CYFN is going through restructuring and our Council wants to hear from you before the CYFN General Assembly in early July. If you are unable to attend, please call my office at (867) 634-4234 to

share your thoughts on this important issue.

The June 26 Special Chief and Council meeting will also address the Constitution Review. The meeting will be followed by a dinner to honour our General Assembly delegates as part of the Year of Honouring Our Citizens' Accomplishments.

Council and Education staff spent two days working hard to develop our Education and Language Mandate Statements. We believe that we have captured the essence that will allow the department to move forward in a positive and pro-active manner.

I attended the Elders Senate meeting in May. It was good to see the Senate have a full meeting after nearly a year of not coming together. We are grateful for the advice and guidance of our Elders.

I attended the Haines Junction Yukon College graduation ceremony luncheon for graduates of the Heritage Interpretation program. The students displayed their work and treated us to an incredible slide show and lunch.

It was fun to give special congratulations to the grade 12 grads at our CAFN celebration in Whitehorse. Thank you to the parents and family members who have supported these young people during part of their most impressionable years – we should all be proud of their accomplishments. Thank you to the CAFN Education staff for organizing the event, and to the MC of the evening, Rose Kushniruk, who made the night fun and entertaining.

I attended the third CAFN Career Fair in Haines Junction. This function is so useful for our students, including our recent grads, to get ideas for potential careers. Thanks to all the businesses for participating and to our Education staff for hosting this important event.

I look forward to joining citizens this June at the Special Chief and Council meeting in Champagne, and for the 2010 CAFN General Assembly at Kusawa this July 23-25.

Nänuch'i shi.

Diane Strand - Xìxch'tláa

PS - Congratulations to youth Andrew Pauls for participating in the Skills Canada Competition in Ottawa.

And a huge congratulations to Native Language Instructor Martha Smith on her retirement at the conclusion of this school year after 24 years of teaching!

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following is brief summary of decisions made during the March and April 2010 regular Chief and Council meetings.

2010-11 Budget

Chief and Council approved an operating budget of about \$9.5 million for the new fiscal year.

Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA) Continuation

Chief and Council approved a "Continuation Agreement" to provide for the continuation of the financing and other provisions of our expiring Financial Transfer Agreement for one year to March 31, 2011. Provided that a new FTA is concluded prior to that time, it will take effect and the Continuation Agreement shall terminate. The funding for fiscal year 2010-11 is status quo.

Program and Service Transfer Agreement (PSTA) Priorities

CAFN Chief and Council agreed to notify the governments of Canada and Yukon of the following priorities for PSTA negotiations for the new fiscal year: 1) Alcohol and Drug Services programs (excluding detox), 2) An Intergovernmental Agreement for Human Resource Skills Development, 3) Health Canada initiatives, and 4) Service Class.

Constitution Review Committee

Council accepted the Terms of Rules drafted for the Constitution Review Committee.

CAFN Implementation Plan Amendments

Amendments to the CAFN Implementation Plan required to allow funding to flow to the Alsek Renewable Resource Council and the Kluane Park Management Board from the Government of Canada were approved.

Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) Agreement

Chief and Council passed a resolution in support of the formation of the new CYFN organization (not-for-profit) and to CAFN's continued membership in the new organization.

Regional Land Use Planning

Chief and Council agreed to support Regional Land Use Planning that includes CAFN, Teslin Tlingit Council, Carcross-Tagish First Nation and Whitehorse lands.

CMHC Mortgage Transfer

CAFN Council approved the transfer of a CMHC mortgage for \$178,574 to the lowest interest rate bidder, First Nations Bank.

Preferential Hiring/Contracting

Council directed Management Committee to develop and implement procedures to promote preferential hiring of Citizens for CAFN capital works projects contracts.

Cultural Centre

Chief and Council agreed the name of the CAFN Cultural Centre will remain "Dä Kų" when it moves into the new facility.

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

CULTURAL CENTRE SITE BLESSING



Ashes and rose bush thorns were spread around the construction site during the May 5 ceremony. Approximately 100 people witnessed the ceremony, which also included prayers and singing

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WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL?

The 2009-10 school year is coming to a close and students are excited ready for summer break. CAFN students had a fantastic year. We are proud of your many accomplishments!

St. Elias Community School Awards

Brandon Williams RCMP Award
Shanita Brown Citizenship Award
Shelby Jackson Native Language Top Achievement Award

Native Language Awards - Most Improved:

Shania Jackson, Natane Primozic, Azriel Allen, Jenika Jones, Lauren MacKinnon, Jackson Sheardown, Ecko Kirk, Destiny Pauls, Mariah MacDonald and Lakeisha Quock

Native Grad Awards

Shanita Brown Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Award
Elisha Sembsmoen MacKay and Partners Award

Bicultural Program

The Bicultural Kindergarten Program celebrated the conclusion of its first year at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction. Yukon and CAFN staff are busy working with Elders and a curriculum development committee to develop classroom materials to add grade 1 to the program this fall. Congratulations to all who contributed to making the program a great success during its first year, especially teachers Monica Primozic, Martha Smith and Liza Jacobs, and the students!

Congratulations to Ms. Martha!

Congratulations to Martha Smith on her retirement from teaching Southern Tutchone to students in Haines Junction since 1986. Gwānaschis!

Thank you!

A big thank you to the many people who came into St. Elias Community School throughout the year to lend a helping hand: Audrey Brown, Daisy O'Brien, Luke Williams, Chuck Hume, Richard Smith, Karrie Brown, Sheila Greer, Meta Williams, Harold Johnson, Jason Benjamin, Bradley Joe, Candice Boyle, Colin Johnson, David Bunbury, Kelsey Green, Sarina Primozic, Tyrel Green, Natane Primozic, and Nigel Boyle.



Diane Jenschatz

Brandon Williams and his proud family with the RCMP Award at the St. Elias Community School Awards ceremony

Tutors

We had 35 students take part in our after school, lunch hour, and evening tutoring program, which runs from September through May each year. Thank you to all our tutors for this year! Jean Bastien, Merilee Chambers, Kathy Rassmussen, Rea Postoloski, Colin Graham, Kelly Boyd, Christine Drinnan, Monica Primozic, Shanita Brown, and Chloe Godson.

Secondary Academic Achievement Award

Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to receive a cash award if you earned grades averaging 75% or higher during the 2009-10 school year. Please contact the education support workers in Haines Junction or Whitehorse to apply for your award!

School Supplies

School supply funding is available for students in grades K through 12. Forms will be available in August at the Whitehorse and Haines Junction offices. Please be sure to pick yours up for assistance to purchase your child's supplies.

Important date: August 30 - First day back to school (St. Elias Community School)

Thank you to Diane Jenschatz (Haines Junction CAFN Education Support Worker) for details and photos for this and other education stories in this issue of Dàkwānia.



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*Southern Tutchone language instructors
"Miss Martha" and "Miss Lisa"
at the Bicultural Program Year End Celebration this June*

UKWÄNJĒ

Language Classes in Haines Junction, Whitehorse and Takhini, and the Language Nest have wrapped up for the summer. We had another great year learning the Southern Tutchone language and traditional sewing. All the students' sewing projects look wonderful, congratulations to you all. We will have a Language Celebration with tea and cake to honor your language learning and accomplishments in June. Please watch for flyers for the date and time.

There will be a Southern Tutchone Language Immersion Camp this summer! Tentative dates are August 6 to 9 at Äshéyi. This camp will be strictly Immersion with a wonderful line-up of teachers and elders. Bring your family for a wonderful learning experience out on the land. Please watch for posters for more information on the confirmed dates and activities. Please let me know if you are interested in attending or if you have any ideas for the Southern Tutchone Language Immersion Camp 2010!

The following is a daily prayer we have learned in our Staff Language class, and we would like to share it with you to learn as a well:

Prayer

Kwänischis, dátà yat'ay nännje
(Thank you Father)

Ak'än dzēnu sòóthan dāk'anátà je
(keep us safe this day)

Sòthän dats'àn nänḥät je
(Think about us in a good way)

Dádū dák'anḣta
(Keep watch over us all)

Tl'akhḣ ch'e
(Amen)

If you have any ideas or suggestions for Language Programming please feel free to give me a call or e-mail me.

Nänuchi'l shi, dāk'änntà je
(I will see you again, take care)

*Millie Joe, Language Coordinator
(867) 634-4013 (collect calls welcome)
E-mail: mjoe@cafn.ca*

LANGUAGE MANDATE

The Mandate of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Language Program is to ensure that Southern Tutchone is supported, visible and alive as a fluent first language for the Champagne and Aishihik people.

We are happy to share the new CAFN Language Mandate. This mandate was developed through workshops with Chief and Council and Education staff, along with our language teachers/speakers. With the help of our language resource people, speakers and elders, we will translate the mandate into Southern Tutchone.

Shāw Nithan to all who helped achieve this important milestone!

NEW FACES

**Liz Jim,
Finance Student Trainee**



Liz returned as the CAFN Finance Trainee this May. She is currently attending Yukon College in Business Administration Studies. In the CAFN Finance Department, she is training in the fundamentals of accounts payable, accounts receivable and filing.

Liz Jim, Finance Student Trainee
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Employment Opportunities Program Crew

Please welcome our Employment Opportunities Program crew for 2010!

Will Jones, Coordinator
Earl Darbyshire, Takhini Foreman
Luke Williams, Haines Junction Foreman

CAFN is in the process of hiring more crew members. We look forward to sharing more about the great work of this crew and the other individuals who contribute in the next issue of Dàkwänia.

For more information about the program, please contact:

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**Michelle Faulkner,
Governance Coordinator**



Hi! I am Michelle Faulkner and I was recently hired as the Governance Coordinator in the Secretariat Department. The position is a new one and is primarily responsible for providing support to the Elders Senate, Youth Council and General Assembly and their committees. This includes helping each of these branches of the government with coordination, research, communications and project management. I am excited to be providing assistance in the planning and other processes necessary for this year's General Assembly at Kusawa Lake in July. I look forward to meeting and working with Elders, Youth and other CAFN members!

Michelle Faulkner
Governance Coordinator
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Gwänaschis to:

Megan Moore, who has finished her term as the Human Resources Trainee, and did an excellent job!

Amanda Workman, Education Support Worker, who is now on maternity leave.

PRENATAL NUTRITION & FAMILY WELLNESS

Services We Offer:

- Family Health & Wellness Programming Information
- Nutrition Information Sessions
- Prenatal Support & Supplements
- Postnatal Supports & Supplements
- Parental Support & Referral Services
- Weekly Healthy Cooking Classes
- Birth Announcements contact: Jocelyn @634-4223 or jkinney@cafn.ca

June is "Fresh Water Fish" Month

Please remember to store your fish in clear Ziploc bags not "Garbage Bags". Garbage Bags have a clear powder to control garbage bacteria which can be toxic to anyone who consumes the fish.

Healthy Cooking Whitehorse Group:

3 - 5 p.m. @ #2 Hospital Road every Thursday

Healthy Cooking Haines Junction Group:

5 - 7 p.m. @ St. Elias School every Tuesday



July is "Blueberry" Month

Make blueberries part of the rainbow of colorful fruits and vegetables you eat every day. A diet rich with fruit and vegetables reduces the risk of some types of cancer and other chronic diseases. Blueberries, cranberries, strawberries, and raspberries prevent serious diseases like diabetes, stomach ulcer, cancer and heart disease. The key is to eat them raw and fresh which means right off the bush or straight from the grocery store.

Did you know...

The crust on bread is packed with eight times the amount of cancer fighting antioxidants found in a regular slice of the same bread.

The Facts about Fats:

There are two kinds of bad fats.

1. Saturated fat: It's found in fatty meat, whole milk, ice cream and butter.
2. Trans fat: these are wicked fats found in many cookies, crackers, French fries, margarine, onion rings, donuts and other processed foods. Trans fats can inflame and stiffen your arteries.

Recipe of the Month:

Healthy Blueberry Banana Muffins

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup splenda
- 1/4 cup oat bran
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 3)
- 1/2 cup unflavored soy milk
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries



Preheat oven to 400°F. Line 12 muffin cups with paper liners. Combine flour, splenda, oat bran, baking powder, and salt in medium bowl; whisk to blend.

Place mashed bananas in large bowl. Stir in soy milk, egg, oil, and lemon juice. Mix in dry ingredients, then blueberries. Divide batter among muffin papers. Bake muffins until tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Turn muffins out onto rack and cool 10 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

LETS KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

It's a beautiful day, the sun is shining, the birds are chirping. What could be more perfect than a bike ride? But wait! Before you pull your bike out of the garage, let's find out how to stay safe on two wheels...

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year, kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries. A head injury can mean brain injury. That's why it's so important to wear your bike helmet. Always wear a bike helmet, even if you are going for a short ride. The straps should always be fastened. If the straps are flying, it's likely to fall off your head when you need it most.



Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!



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Participants enjoy the barbecue at the Whitehorse Open House held at the Old Fire Hall on May 6

2010 OPEN HOUSES

CAFN hosted Open Houses in Haines Junction and Whitehorse this spring. Participants were treated to a wide variety of information about CAFN through booths prepared by each department. Everyone was welcome to enjoy great barbecued meals (prepared by staff) and many

lucky winners took home great draw prizes. Both events were very well attended.



Marion Primozic

Health and Social Programs staff at their booth. Left to right: Marion Primozic, Marianne Joe and Lynn Sparks.



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Youth Coordinator Mike Evans and the staff barbecue team served a lot of tasty burgers at the two open house events

GA DELEGATES HOST COMMUNITY MEETINGS

CAFN General Assembly delegates hosted their first ever community meetings for Whitehorse and Takhini this May.

These events are intended to help delegates gather input from their communities to better prepare for the upcoming General Assembly at Kusawa (see page 18 for more details on the GA).

The delegates were excellent hosts and the meetings resulted in great feedback from the many CAFN community members who attended.

Community meetings for Haines Junction and Champagne are anticipated soon. Please watch for details.



Millie Joe

Delegate Sheila Smith barbecues at the May 13 meeting at Takhini Hot Springs

2010 CAFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Takhini

Elder: Betty Smith-Titus
Sheila Smith
James F. Smith
Winnie Smith
Youth: Larry Fraser

Haines Jct/Kloo Lake

Elder: Phyllis Smith
Mundy Joe
Sheila Kushniruk
Levi Graham
Youth: Candace Boyle

Whitehorse

Elder: Kathy Birckel
Ray Jackson
Donna Smith
Larry Joe
Youth: Fred Stick Jr.

Champagne/Hutchi

Elder: Patt Delaney
Yvonne Joe-Francoeur
Gary Darbyshire
Les Walker
Youth: Luke Campbell

Klukshu/Shawshe/

Haines

Elder: Paul Birckel
Sue Folletti
Carol Buzzell
Doris Allen
Youth: Annika Joe

Aishihik/Canyon

Elder: Fred Brown Sr.
Chuck Hume
James Allen
Debbie Workman
Youth: Chase Smith-Tutin

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Happy belated 1st birthday to Marlee Stick for March 5

With love from your family

Happy belated birthday greetings for April 4 to Patt Delaney and Alex VanBibber of Champagne, and to Wilmonica VanBibber on May 3.

From your family

Happy belated 1st birthday to Madelyn Kate Mock for May 4th

With love from your family

Happy birthday to Wes Kinney on June 7th

From your family

Happy Birthday to Grandma Agnes MacDonald June 7

From Amy, Mariah & Tyler

Happy Birthday to my big cousin Ethan Ferguson for June 8th

From you little cousin K.J.C.J.

*Happy 6th birthday to Ethan Smith on June 8
From Grandma Lilly, Grandpa Harold & Uncle Bob*

*Happy birthday to James 'Cisco' Smith this June 8.
From Harold, Lilly & family*

*Happy 6th Birthday to Ethan Smith on June 8th
Love Mom, Dad and Bree*

*Happy birthday to Linda Stick for June 9th
From Koltun, Sharol and Brad*

*To our Beautiful Princess Tehya Kinney-Johns
Happy 4th Birthday for June 9th
Love Mom, Dad, Tiara and Baby Troy*

*Happy 90th Birthday Greetings to Jenny Moose on June 10th
From the MacDonald family*

*Happy Birthday to Rose Billy on June 19
From Lilly and family*

*Happy 25th Birthday to Kaylea Wabisca June 26!
Love Mom and Dad*

*Happy 25th Birthday Kaylea Sue Frances Wabisca Cook on June 26th!
Love Auntie Sherry and Dylan*

Wishing my daughter, Marlene Smith-Tutin, a very happy birthday this July 1st.

From your mom, Lena

Happy birthday to Dakota Jackson for July 2

From Koltun, Sharol & Brad

Happy 4th birthday to Dakota Samuel Isaac Jackson for July 2

Lots of love from mom and dad grandpa, grandma, aunts, uncles

Happy Belated birthday to Tyler Gladue on May 15th

And a happy 16th birthday to Ashley John on June 7th

Happy birthday to Cheryl Gladue on June 29th and congratulations on your diploma in hairdressing and esthetics!

*Happy birthday to Noah Germain on July 15th
Love Trish, Richard, Bree & Ethan*

Happy birthday to you!

June 27 - Jack Jackson Jr.

June 29 - Roxanne Burns

June 30 - Frederick Jackson

July 7 - Johnny Hume

July 18 - John-John Williams

July 28 - Debbie Williams

July 30 - Chris Williams

From Miranda

Happy Birthday to:

May 07 - Florence Griffith

May 11 - Monica Primozic

June 25 - Carmel Griffith

June 29 - Marion Primozic

July 17 - Tristin Primozic Big birthday wishes coming from his mom and of course Dave

July 18 - Georgina Griffith

July 29 - Natane and Anthony Primozic

July 13 - Happy Birthday to Gordie Joe

July 19 - Nephew Dustin P.A.Titus

August 19 - Patricia Hirsch

*August 22 - Grandma Marge and Katelyn Hirsch
Love from your family*

June 4 – Happy Birthday to Shania Jackson

July 7 – Happy Birthday to John Hume

July 15 – Happy Birthday to Ellie Jackson

July 18 – Happy Birthday to John Williams

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July 28 – Happy Birthday to Deborah Williams

July 30 – Happy Birthday to Chris Williams

From Doreen and family

Happy Birthday to:

Ashley John on June 7

Jenny Moose on June 10 (90th!)

Michele MacDonald on June 12

Bessie Gordon on June 15

Heather Jim on August 10

Dorothy John on August 11

Mary Jane Smith on August 12

Deanne MacDonald on August 14

Liz Jim on August 17

From Agnes, Jim and the MacDonald family

Happy birthday to Frank Billy on August 3

From Harold, Lilly & family

Happy birthday to Frank Billy this August 3rd

From Rose, Roberta, Teresa & Joel, Kim & Will, Darrell, and your grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Birthday greetings to our son Bob Kane for August 9

From your Mom and Dad

Send your special greetings care of:

Amy McKinnon, Communications, phone (867) 634-4237, e-mail to almckinnon@cafn.ca, fax to (867) 634-2760, or drop off with reception staff in Whitehorse or Haines Junction.

DIABETES AWARENESS

Community spaghetti suppers were hosted in Takhi- ni and Haines Junction this April to promote awareness of diabetes. The events provided information about the disease and about who is at risk. Everyone in attendance had opportunity to decorate their plate and sign up for exercise equipment that they could take home with them. Participants took home their decorated plates, which show proper portion sizes, to help them choose appropriate portions in the future.

Thank you to Marion Primozic for this update

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER



Timothy Cant

Community members in Haines Junction and Whitehorse pulled together to host two very successful fundraising events for Timothy Cant, who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

In total, more than \$20,000 was raised to assist Tim and his family with medical expenses. Tim travelled to India at the end of May to undergo a new type of surgery (not yet available in Canada). The surgery, discovered by Dr. Paolo Zamboni, repairs drainage of the jugular veins or a large central vein through the chest in order to reduce backup of blood and iron deposits in the brain. This promising experimental treatment was recently featured on the CTV news program *W5*. Details of the program are available on the CTV website at www.ctvbc.ctv.ca.

Updates from his family indicate that Tim is responding very well to the surgery. He returns to the Yukon mid-June, following a two week recovery period in India.

Tim and his wife, Mary Jane Jim, were amazed by the support of community, family and friends. At the Whitehorse event, Tim gave a heartfelt and emotional address thanking all supporters and volunteers.

Tim's family thanks those who stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time to make these events so successful, and sends their deepest appreciation to those who donated items, cash, and time.

Thank you to Barb Hume for her input to this update and to Barb Allen for the photo of Tim

Summer Youth Programs

CAFN Youth Programs are excited to offer these opportunities for the 2010 summer

Weekly Schedule of the Youth Junction at the Sam Williams Youth Center as of June 15th

Summer 2010

Monday

This is an office day for Youth Programs Staff. Contact us by phone 634-2012

Tuesday

*Baseball @ School Field 4:30 - 6 pm
Ages 6 & up*

Wednesday

*Road Hockey in the Youth Center Rink 4:30-6 pm
Ages: 12 & up*

Thursday

Pine Lake Gathering Fire, Beach games, swimming, smokies 4-9 pm

Friday

*Youth Center Open 6-10 pm
Music Jam Sessions
Pizza & Movies*

Saturday

Occasional Events may happen on Saturdays. Look ahead on the event calendar to check upcoming opportunities



Summer Program Calendar

JUNE 14-18

Summer Soccer Camp - Ages 5-15

JUNE 21

Aboriginal Day Celebration – Kathleen Lake

JUNE 22-24

Beach Daze Day Camp - Ages 6-12

JUNE 25

Bike Rodeo - Ages 4-adult

JUNE 28-30

Blast from the Past Day Camp - Ages 6-12

JULY 1

3 vs 3 Hockey Tournament - Ages 13 & up

JULY 6-9

Outdoor Adventure Day Camp - Ages 6-12

Youth Leadership Training - Whitehorse, Ages 13 and up



CAFN Youth Programs have been providing quality and meaningful programming for Champagne & Aishihik First Nations and the community of Haines Junction since the fall of 2006.

Contact CAFN Youth Programs to register or for more info:
(867) 634-2012 or
cafnyouthprograms@yahoo.ca

JULY 13-16

Adventure Day Camp - Ages 12 & up

JULY 19-21

Takhini River Adventure Day Camp - For residents of Takhini & Whitehorse

JULY 27 - AUGUST 6

Kluane National Park Trail Work Crew - Ages 15 & up

JULY 27- AUGUST 2

Klukshu Fish Camp with Chuck Hume - Ages 8-14

AUGUST 2 - 6

Moving Water Clinic & Dezadeash River Journey with George Bahm, Teslin Tlingit First Nation - Ages 13 and up

AUGUST 7 - 15

Pursuit of Excellence at Moosehide Camping at the Tombstones – Ages 16 +

AUGUST 16-20

Aishihik Harvest Camp - Ages 13 & up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cultural Centre Exhibit Design Consultation

June 17th at Dä Kų

This meeting is for all community members to discuss the "Themes and Exhibit Plan Outline" for the upcoming Cultural Centre. We need your input on what will be displayed in the CAFN Exhibits. Supper will be served at 5:00 and the meeting will start immediately after.

For more information:

Sheila Quock, Heritage Resource Officer
(867) 634-4010
squock@cafn.ca

Congratulations to Dylan Wabisca

Congratulations Dylan, you did it!
I am so proud of you.
Love, Mom

A special thank you to Lorraine Allan for making the beautiful vest for Dylan's graduation.



ATTENTION ELDERS

Elders Fuel Program

The Elders Fuel Program has wrapped up for the summer. The Elders Coordinator will contact Elders in September to resume the program. If you have questions, please contact Elders Coordinator Jacquie Chambers at (867) 634-4012 or jchambers@cafn.ca.

St. Elias Seniors Society

Elders age 60 and up living in the Haines Junction area are invited to join the Senior Society. This group enjoys fun activities and outings for seniors, and also assists seniors with some tasks. For more information or to join, please contact Jacquie Chambers at (867) 634-4012, or leave a message for Patti Moore at (867) 634-3863 at the Seniors Drop-In Centre.

Actors Wanted

June 28-July 7 (tentative dates) - Summer filming is planned for Kluane National Park & Reserve's new video production. Parks Canada may need community members to be 'actors' for certain scenes in the video shoot. If you wish to have your name on a list of potential candidates, please call Anne Chilibeck at (867) 634-2329 ext. 214.

CYFN General Assembly

July 13 to July 15, 2010 at Brook's Brook

The annual Council of Yukon First Nations General Assembly will be held at Brook's Brook on Teslin Tlingit Council traditional territory.

Elections for the Grand Chief will also be held during the GA. To learn more, visit the CAFN website at www.cafn.ca, or phone (867) 393-9200.



Congratulations to Kyra Chambers, who took second place at the Yukon-wide Heritage Fair this spring. Her presentation was about her father, Frank Chambers. Mathew Brown also competed at the territorial Heritage Fair.

Certificate of Indian Status Cards

Available during the 2010 CAFN General Assembly

Please be advised that employees of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will be at Kusawa Lake on July 24th, 2010 to issue Status Cards. In order to obtain a new Status Card, you must have two pieces of identification. Acceptable pieces of identification include:

- Canadian Passport (= to 2 pieces of ID)
- Birth Certificate
- Driver's License
- Provincial Health Care Card
- Employee ID Card
- Provincial ID Card
- Firearms License
- Student ID Card
- Certificate of Indian Status Card

Please note that these will be the laminated version of the Status Card, and not the new Secure Plastic version.

*Trace Joe
Registration and Estates Officer
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Yukon Region*

ARE YOU DIABETIC? ARE YOU A CAFN CITIZEN?

I have been hired by CAFN Health & Socials Programs/Health Canada as the Diabetes Coordinator.

My main objective is to assist CAFN citizens with one-on-one education and management of their diabetes.

I will assist you in making healthier eating choices combined with physical activity.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me:

MARIANNE JOE
CAFN Diabetes Coordinator
Phone: (867) 634-4212
Email : majoe@cafn.ca



Congratulations to the ALL graduates at St. Elias Community School, including (from left to right): Aaron Workman (CAFN), Elisha Sembsmoen (WRFN), Shanita Brown (CAFN), Samuel Johnson (KFN), Korrel Ronaghan (C/TFN) and Russell Dickson (KFN). CAFN Youth Programs honoured the St. Elias Class of 2010 by hosting a grad barbecue June 8 at the Village Bakery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lake Trout Survey at Kathleen Lake

Parks Canada will be doing a Lake Trout survey on Kathleen Lake in early to mid-August. If you visit the area during this time you may see some increased activity

If you have any questions, please contact either Carmen Wong (Parks Canada) at (867) 393-6747 or Linaya Workman (CAFN Renewable Resources) at (867) 634-4211.

For Sale

The Employment Opportunities Project crew is making three items for sale this year:

Picnic Tables - \$175 (these can be delivered in Haines Junction but for other places there will be a charge)

Outhouses - \$400 (these can be delivered in Haines Junction but for other places there will be a charge)

Screen Doors - \$200 (This includes installation and hardware in Haines Junction and Takhini, but there will be a travel charge to other communities)

For more information, or if you have ideas for other products we could make, please send your suggestions. Thanks for your support.

*Will Jones, EOP Coordinator
(867) 634-4221 (message)
(867) 634-5265 (cell)
wjones@cafn.ca*

Year of Honouring Our Citizens' Accomplishments

Please nominate a CAFN citizen
to be recognized in 2010
for the Year of Honouring Our Citizens'
Accomplishments.

Forms are available with reception staff in Haines
Junction and Whitehorse,
or online at www.cafn.ca.

Thank you!

A great big THANK YOU from Mike, Karin, Erin and Anya Jim for their new kayaks, purchased in part by the CAFN Community Health and Well Being Fund.



Erin and Anya Jim on their maiden voyage



Special Chief and Council Meeting

June 26 at Champagne Hall

Chief and Council invite citizens to this important meeting to discuss the **CAFN Constitution Review** and the **changing role of the Council of Yukon First Nations**.

The meeting will be followed by a community supper to honour our General Assembly delegates.

10 a.m.	Meeting begins
12 p.m.	Lunch served
5 p.m.	Dinner to honour General Assembly delegates

For more information:

*Lilly Smith, Registry and Support Services
(867) 634-4204
lsmith@cafn.ca*

Constitution Review

The Champagne Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Chief and Council have appointed a committee comprised of 5 members and 2 ex-officio elder and youth members, to review the CAFN Constitution (2000). Through consultations with Citizens, the CAFN Government, the First Nations Council, Elders Senate, and Youth Council, the committee is developing recommendations for amendment of the CAFN Constitution to be presented to the General Assembly in 2010 and 2011.

For more details or a copy of the current CAFN Constitution, please contact:

Shadelle Chambers, Project Manager
(867) 456-6879
schambers@cafn.ca

Notice of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The Champagne Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) has received a number of proposed constitutional amendments.

These proposed amendments will be brought forward at the CAFN General Assembly, which is scheduled for July 23-25, 2010 at Kusawa.

If you would like a copy of the proposed amendments prior to the General Assembly, please contact Shadelle Chambers, Projects Manager, 456-6879 or email, schambers@cafn.ca.

The proposed amendments will also be available on the CAFN website: www.cafn.ca

Constitution Committee Member Needed

A new member is needed to fill a vacancy on the Constitution Committee. To apply, please contact Doreen Williams for a Boards and Committees Application Form or get one online at www.cafn.ca.

Doreen Williams, Secretariat Executive Assistant
(867) 634-4232
drwilliams@cafn.ca

We need YOUR address!

In preparation for the upcoming CAFN election (anticipated for October 2010) and to keep you informed on CAFN issues, CAFN asks all citizens to update their contact information. Please provide your current mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address to:

Lilly Smith, Registry and Support Services
(867) 634-4204 or lsmith@cafn.ca

You may also provide your contact info to reception staff and they will ensure it is forwarded to Lilly.

Gwānaschis!

Skills Canada Competitor

On May 19th to the 24th, I (Andrew Pauls) went across Canada for a Canadian skills competition in Waterloo, Ontario. Canadians from across Canada compete in an "Olympic" trades competition that I took part in and represented the Yukon and CAFN people. I was competing in the Post-Secondary Culinary Position in the competition. I knew I wasn't going to get any metals or anything, but I did come back with a whole different way of learning, and I hope to go back in 2011 for the Quebec City Skills Canada competition. I came in 9th out of 12 other competitors. They had way more experience and more time cooking than I had in the half a year of cooking I have had at Yukon College. I hope to pursue my Culinary Trade and become a Red Seal Chef someday. I recommend Skills Canada for everyone. It's a HUGE experience, no matter what trade you go for. You do have to play by the rules and everything, but it puts you to the test and keeps your mind going. Feel free to ask me about it.

Andrew Pauls



Andrew Pauls and team Yukon



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Champagne & Aishihik First Nations
General Assembly will be held

July 23, 24, & 25, 2010
At Kusawa Lake Campground

This year we will be
Honouring Citizens' Accomplishments
There will be fun activities for Children, Youth and Adults

Meals will be provided daily!

Citizens are required to bring your
potluck bags with your dishes and cutlery.

Come out for a weekend of camping and visiting with family and friends!!

Please watch the General Assemblies link at www.cafn.ca

For booth set-up information please contact Millie Joe at 634-4013 or mjoe@cafn.ca.
Artists and craftspeople are welcome.

For other GA information please contact
Stephanie Brown, 2010 GA Coordinator, at 335-3890 or CAFN_GA2010@yahoo.com

POTLATCH PAGE

The following headstone potlatches are scheduled for this summer and fall. Please keep your eyes out for more potlatches as they are scheduled.

July 31 - For the late Marie John at the Nakwat'a ku Potlatch House

August 7 - For the late Mary Shadow at Champagne

August 14 - For the late Shirley Mc-Millan (O'Brien) Aug. 14 Carmacks

August 21 - For the late Annie Burns & John Maloney at Nakwat'a ku Potlatch House

August 21 - For the late Janet Joe at Pelly Crossing

August 28 - For the late Billy Sam at Champagne

September 4 - For the late John Maloney at Nakwat'a ku Potlatch House

September 11 - For the late John Charlie at Champagne

September 18 - For the late Stan & Rachel Thompson at Champagne

September 25 - For the late Art & Grace Jackson at Champagne

October 2 - For the late Ed Stick at Champagne

Thank you to the families for forwarding notice of these potlatches to CAFN.



Special thanks to the Dakka Kwaan Dancers for their inspiring performance during the May 15 memorial potlatch for Ken and Marisa Kane at Champagne

DID YOU KNOW...



This small CAFN pin recently sold on e-bay for \$6.99, titled as a "First Nations Canoe Pin"! It was handed out by one of our representatives during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

You can get your own CAFN pin FREE at the June 26 Special Chief and Council meeting in Champagne or by visiting our CAFN office.

CALENDAR

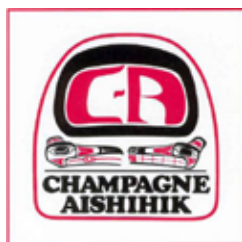
Mondays - Sewing Circle and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. For more information, please contact Tracy Kane at (867) 634-4222 or tkane@cafn.ca.

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.

June 11 - Last day of school (Haines Junction)

June 11-13 - Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival and Music Camp, Convention Centre and St. Christopher's Anglican Church in Haines Junction.



** Please see page 19 for upcoming headstone potlatches*

June 12 - Kids Fiddling Workshops, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for ages 4-7 and 3:45 - 5:15 p.m. for ages 8-12, at the Alsek Renewable Resource Council building. This free event is hosted by JAM. Please e-mail hjarts@northwestel.net or call (867) 634-2366 to register.

June 17 - Exhibit Design Consultation Meeting Dä Kų to discuss the "Themes and Exhibit Plan Outline" for the upcoming Cultural Centre. We need your input as to what is going to go into the CAFN Exhibits. Supper will be served at 5:00 and the meeting will start immediately after. Please contact Sheila Quock at (867) 634-4010 for more information.

June 20 - Father's Day

June 21 - National Aboriginal Day

June 26 - Special Chief and Council Meeting at Champagne, begins at 10 a.m. followed by a dinner to honour our GA delegates at 5 p.m. Please contact Lilly Smith for more info at (867) 634-4204 or lsmith@cafn.ca

July 1 - Canada Day

July 13-15 - Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) General Assembly at Brook's Brook. For more information please visit www.cyfn.ca or phone (867) 393-9200.

July 23-25 - CAFN General Assembly at Kusawa. See page 18 for more details.

August 16 - Discovery Day Holiday

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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